



„Bosnia and Herzegovina: enhancing social cohesion in communities hosting people on the move”

(International Grace United)

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The Association “Ujedinjene žene / Women United” has started the implementation of the project “International Grace United (United through cultures)” in cooperation with the IOM B&H and the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać. The aim of this project is to acquaint migrants with the cultural heritage of B&H as well as to acquaint the local population with the cultural heritage of the countries from which migrants come. The beneficiaries are women accommodated in the temporary reception center “Borići”, as well as women and the youth from the local community.

Within the project, twelve workshops on “CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL DIVERSITIES AS A FOUNDATION OF COEXISTENCE AND TOLERANCE” are planned. The first has already taken place: the workshop “Storytelling – story creation” led by Nermina Delić, MA – who is a Senior Teaching Assistant at the Department of Bosnian Language and Literature at the Pedagogical Faculty of the University of Bihać.

The model of making up stories – a three-part scheme consisting of “metaphor”, “journey” and “unfolding” – was explained at the workshop, with the aim to encourage users to start telling their own stories, thus contributing to continuing and developing the ancient tradition of storytelling. The activities resulted in stories that convey the folklore of the Arab world, specifically Syria, as well as the authorial story of Cuban beneficiaries about the fears, hopes and desires of these brave women on their way to a better future. The stories are told using the kamishibai technique.

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