

Partners Albania opens the Call for Applications in the **GIVING CIRCLE** event



#GivingCircle
Albania

Do you have an innovative idea that can improve the quality of life of a community but you have no money?
Are you implementing a concrete initiative in the community but do not have enough resources?



This is the right opportunity to put your idea into practice!

Partners Albania opens the call for applications for all CSOs that have a concrete idea or initiative in implementation to bring social change in a community, through support from the community itself. **The three best ideas will be selected for support gaining financial and in-kind support through a live crowdfunding event which will be organized in June 2022.**

What is the “GivingCircle” event

Giving Circle is an event that takes place in 24 countries around the world, that brings together individuals from different fields, offering their expertise, time and financial resources to support initiatives which bring about a positive and sustainable transformation for specific individuals and communities targeted by these initiatives. This event will enable the support of three concrete community initiatives.

The components of the process:

- 1. Opening a call for applications** for NPOs that have an innovative idea or initiative in place to contribute to or influence specific communities;
- 2. Information session** with interested NPOs on April 13, 2022, at 10.00. Register at this link to participate in the information session: <https://bit.ly/3r5jxTe>
- 3. Selection** of the 3 best ideas which aim to bring changes in the targeted communities;
- 4. Training** of representatives of the winning ideas to make a successful presentation during the event;
- 5. Presentation** of the idea - each idea will be presented to the wider audience during the event. The representative of the NPO will have 12 minutes to present it and respond to the questions from the audience. The supporter of each idea will present the purpose of the support and motivate the audience to join this cause. The event moderator will invite the audience to donate to each of the selected ideas. Donations will be calculated live. The minimum target amount for each idea is 300,000 ALL.
- 6. Promotion** of the supported ideas. The three supported ideas will be widely promoted through all communication channels before and after the implementation of the action.



Why you should apply

- Opportunity to attract new supporters and create new partnerships;
- There are fewer financial resources available for community projects;
- **Unity is strength!** If everyone gets together and donates even a little, the impact is greater.



Application Process

- The call is open to all NPOs that have an innovative idea or initiative in implementation that aims to improve the lives of specific communities;
- Interested candidates are invited to apply by filling out the **Application Form** and the **Supporter Statement**;
- The deadline for submitting the applications is **April 29, 2022**, by email at kkeruti@partnersalbania.org



Selection

- The three ideas that will participate in the live crowdfunding event "Giving Circles" will be selected by a jury of professionals, representatives of different sectors.
- The idea/project must address a concrete need and have a significant impact on a particular community or communities;
 - The idea must have the support of the community and involve it;
 - Each applicant should provide a key supporter as part of the application process, who believes in the initiative and contributes financially or in-kind (regardless of the amount).
 - The selected initiatives should be engaged in providing other supporters, who should be part of the event.

Giving Circle events over the years

During the two previous Giving Circle events organised in Albania (in 2018 and 2021), thanks to the contribution of individuals, businesses, and civil society organisations, the amount of 4,920,024 ALL raised contributed to the support of six community initiatives in the field of education, promotion of human rights, youth activism, sports, and culture by bringing on sustainable change in the targeted communities.



Initiatives supported through Giving Circle 2021

Little Steps

An initiative of ARSIS organization

Through the raised support it was made possible the building of a playground in Lana Bregas, Tirana, contributing to the creation of an entertainment environment for 126 children of this community. Also, the initiative has raised the awareness of parents and the local community members on the importance of such investment by contributing to increasing the socialization of children through recreational activities.



Thumanë Multifunctional Center

An initiative of New Vision organization

Thumanë Multifunctional Center is already a established and suitable environment for children and young people not only from the Thumana area but also the nearby cities. Thanks to the support raised through Giving Circle, the Center has expanded the range of activities for young people by contributing to the increase of youth activism through volunteering, development of youth leadership, etc.



The Study Corner

An initiative of Tek Ura organization

Thanks to the support raised through Giving Circle, 14 families in the area of Tufina, Tirana, which have 3-5 children attending elementary school were equipped with a study corner and the necessary school equipment, thus enabling the basic conditions for studying and learning. Also, a joint study corner on the premises of Tek Ura serves over 250 children and other young people in need from this community.

