



+++ Newsletter - First trimester 2017 +++

Dear friends, colleagues and supporters,

This is Mosaik's first trimestral newsletter, in which we want to update you on some things that have happened since the beginning of the year.

To begin with, we are very proud to announce that Mosaik was awarded the Association of Young Lawyers in Spain (CEAJ) Human Rights Award. The ceremony took place in Valencia in the beginning of March. We were deeply honored to receive the prize and to be given such recognition for everyone's work and dedication at Mosaik. We thank CEAJ for the invitation to Valencia and for their generous support!



We are also very happy to note that since our opening in mid-August 2016, Mosaik has welcomed over 1300 students of which 700 are currently participating in classes, workshops and activities. This means that classes are usually filled to capacity. An additional 500 people are registered and waiting to start their classes or activities at the center.

More than 30 people are either employed or volunteer to support the center as teachers in classes, in workshops and activities, as interpreters or in the coordination team.

Since February, new classes have been added to Mosaik's schedule in addition to already existing ones. IT computer classes, for instance, are given by Nikos Athanasis, a professor from the University of the Aegean. In them, participants learn how to use basic office programs such as word and excel together with gaining general knowledge about the world wide web.



The 'Storytelling as resistance' workshop is another addition. Lead by Vonne, a volunteer, the group uses collage, photography, drawing and writing to tell their stories with the goal of collecting all their work into a book.

Two or three field trips are organized every month with around 30 - 50 students each time. Excursions have included horseback riding, mountain biking, museum visits, soccer games and theater visits. These field trips are organized on the basis of the students' interests.

Finally, two new handicraft workshops recently began in the garden.

Most of these new classes and activities were started with the support of Mercy Corps. We want to thank them for their generous sponsorship.

Aside from these regular activities, Mosaik has also organized and co-organized several events such as Opera Babel, performances featuring the Polyphonica children's choir together with Mosaik's younger students. They have taken up stages in theaters in Mytilini and in Plomari, and their performances have been attended by locals and refugees of all ages.



Mosaik also hosted workshops in collaboration with a special needs school, and has hosted several events and shows in the garden. These included a clown show and a traditional Greek New Year's celebration.

Though some students – especially families – are sometimes allowed to leave the island and therefore Mosaik, new registrations come in daily, with people expressing particular interest in English classes, Greek classes and guitar lessons.

For an overview of all classes and activities at Mosaik and more information about the project please visit our newly designed homepage lesvosmosaik.org.

Last but not least, Mosaik supports political activities such as the pro-refugee panel on March 15th and the demonstration on March 18th, co-organized by members of our cooperation

partner Legal Centre Lesbos (legalcentrelesbos.org), which offered a public political platform to refugees and locals. Members of Mosaik will participate in other political networking panels throughout the summer because we strongly believe that our work must always remain anchored in broader political goals.



Please spread the word about Mosaik and feel free to forward this mail and the address of our homepage to friends and colleagues. If you have questions or you want to visit please write an email to lesvosmosaik@gmail.com.

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Mosaik is a project of solidarity and receives its energy of the passion and love of numerous people from all over Europe and the world. Many people and groups have supported and taken part in the creation of this place in the past and still do so today. Mosaik would also not be possible without the support of those people. Thank you all!

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