

DEMOCRACY WITHIN ALL POLICIES

nurturing democracy ecosystems through public libraries

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

- Press and media freedom**
- providing access to media outlets
 - organising media literacy events
 - starting a local newspaper

Freedom of ordinary people to discuss political matters at home and in the public sphere

- organising debates of candidates in local elections
- inviting the candidates in local elections to present their programs to the citizens
- live transmissions (or recordings) of the local council gatherings
- civic hub
- providing information on how democracy functions, the role and history of political parties, the voting process

Freedom of academic and cultural expression

- loaning curriculum books to students
- offering the space for students, professors and other scholars to work and/or organise events
- inviting students, professors and other scholars to make research at local level
- designing and organising cultural events inside and outside the library
- book launching events
- promoting the local, national and world heritage
- starting and hosting various clubs (theatre, music, dancing, literature, arts)
- curating online cultural events (local, regional, national, international)

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Women political empowerment and participation

- workshops on key studies of women in politics, including women from minority and vulnerable groups
- access to online and printed resources on the topic

Women civil liberties

- workshops on key studies of women fighting for civil liberties, including women from minority and vulnerable groups
- entrepreneurship and vocational courses for women
- workshops on financial independence
- personal management & development workshops (personal financial education, legal education, personal growth, hygiene)
- access to online and printed resources on the topic

Women civil society participation

- creating safe contexts for women to gather, share experiences, ideas, and to grow projects
- workshops on key studies of women being involved in the civil society
- access to online and printed resources on the topic
- connect women in the community with various NGOs (e.g. community foundations etc.)

EXCLUSION

Power distributed by urban-rural location

- workshops on accessing local assets and available resources from EU/governmental and other international agencies for funding entrepreneurial initiatives
- access to consultants on writing projects on EU / governmental and other international funds
- best practices from other communities / guest speakers

Gender equality in respect for civil liberties

- workshops on key studies of women fighting for civil liberties, including women from minority and vulnerable groups
- personal management & development workshops (personal financial education, legal education, personal growth, hygiene)
- access to online and printed resources on the topic

Access to public services distributed by social groups, gender, socio-economic position, urban-rural location

- support on social assistance and unemployment aid

Access to jobs

- training on how to write a curriculum vitae & letter of intent
- training on how to prepare for an interview / recruiting process
- access to lists of career websites
- information on employment records for residents
- database of local craftsmen and craftswomen
- promoting local and regional job openings
- hosting vocational training courses

Institutions & professionals that will engage the communities through the libraries

- NGOs
- Academics
- Legal professionals
- Embassies
- Psychologists
- HR professionals
- Journalists
- Arts & culture professionals
- Professional associations
- International Agencies
- Health professionals
- Cultural Heritage Professionals
- Political parties
- Writers
- Clergy
- Schools
- Emergency management and disaster preparedness agencies
- Public administration
- Publishing Houses
- Private companies
- Social workers
- European institutions

FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION

To what extent are parties, including opposition parties, allowed to form and to participate in elections

- offering expertise for forming and operating political parties, HR systems for political parties

To what extent are civil society organizations able to form and to operate

- offering the space and resources for NGOs to organise gatherings, events
- promoting NGOs and their activity (inhouse or online events)
- NGO physical corner within the library (books, magazines, brochures)

CLEAN ELECTIONS

To what extent are elections free and fair?

- campaigns for encouraging participation to voting and as observers (inhouse, social media etc.)
- workshops on the history of voting
- corner for registering election observers
- offering the space for training the electoral committee

CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION

CSOs routinely consulted by policymaker

- meeting place for the local policy makers to interact with the citizens, CSOs

Involvement of people in CSOs

- availability of the space for CSOs

Are women prevented from participating?

- creating safe contexts for women to gather, share experiences, ideas, and to grow projects
- linking women in local communities with NGOs on women's rights
- workshops and other types of mixed events

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Freedom of foreign movement

- access to info and events on travelling and studying abroad

Freedom from forced labor

- workshops and other events tackling prostitution / trafficking / forced labor
- resources on minority rights

Social class and group equality in respect for civil liberties

- workshops on minority rights
- resources on minority rights

EQUALITY BEFORE THE LAW AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

To what extent are laws transparent and rigorously enforced and public administration impartial

- printing and scanning services
- informing the citizens about the public acquisitions and ongoing projects
- providing access to legislation

Access to justice

- providing access to networks of justice related professionals and information sources (official platforms/portals, data bases, partnerships with law firms)
- events on justice related subjects
- toolkits and guides on access to justice

Secure property rights

- promoting the importance of having cadastral documents
- helping filling in various requests and forms for financial aid
- contact lists with specialists: selling properties, successions, notary etc.
- events on intellectual property and its operationalization for citizens and legal entities
- promoting the importance of settling succession rights

Freedom from forced labor

- thematic events with forced labor professionals, movie & documentary screenings
- online and offline info resources available

Freedom of movement

- printing travel documents, assisting the online process of buying travel documents
- workshops on informing citizens on the freedom of movement

Physical integrity rights

- thematic events, movie & documentary screenings
- exchange of best practices
- online and offline resources

Freedom of religion

- literature on various religions

CIVIL SOCIETY

CSO entry and exit

- providing info on how to start and dissolve an NGO
- contact list with consultants on starting and dissolving NGOs

Consultation

- hosting public consultation for various institutions

Women's participation

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EQUAL PROTECTION

How equal is the protection of rights and freedoms across social groups by the state

- literature on equal rights and freedoms
- toolkits and guidelines for various social groups (e.g. the process of getting access to free higher education dedicated to minorities; more groups: disabilities, socially disadvantaged, LGBT, women, children etc.)

EQUAL ACCESS

How equal is access to power?

- organising sessions to present positive examples on accessing power positions in private and state organisations; meetings with influencers from various areas of activity
- info sessions on legality: the importance of making IDs, property documents



POLITICAL EQUALITY

Power distribution by social group

- access to literature on the subject, on human rights / tackling human rights
- events / workshops on human rights

Power distribution by gender and sexual orientation

- access to literature on gender equality
- events / workshops on gender equality

Educational equality

- literacy workshops
- reading clubs
- center for extra-curricular activities
- after-school function

Health equality

- telemedicine services
- health campaigns on sanitary issues in areas with little or no access to health infrastructure (family doctors, hospitals, dentists etc.)

DELIBERATION

Reasoned justification

- workshops on logic, communication, debate clubs

Respect counterarguments

- debate clubs

Range of consultation

- organising consultations on various subjects of interest for the community

Engaged society

- match-making between local communities and NGOs, private companies or other entities working with volunteers
- courses on attracting and managing volunteers
- courses, workshops on active citizenship

Particularistic or public goods

- hosting community deliberation events on public goods

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