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The purpose of activities

The Institute for Culture of Diversity Open is a non-profit organisation founded in 2009 to promote anti-discrimination, diversity and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It achieves its goal by carrying out various activities such as education, publishing, creating and distributing media content, promoting the activities and self-organisation of marginalised groups, organising awareness-raising actions, events, lectures, round tables and performances in different fields of science and art.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Institute´s core activity is scientific research and development in the social sciences and humanities. In addition, the Institute carries out research on discrimination, the rule of law, human rights, family and labour relations, conducts promotional campaigns and organises cultural events and a festival. In 2024, the Institute carried out these activities:

- **organisation and implementation of a cultural programme in the Pritličje bar** - the Institute organised and co-organised a social science and music programme in the Pritličje bar, Mestni trg 2, Ljubljana, http://www.pritlicje.si/dogo/,

- **10 years of Pritličje** – in 2024, the venue celebrated its 10th anniversary and between May and November organized 10 concerts: Sewage System, Neomi, Alya Elouissi, Sheby, SBO, Nejc Pipp, Živa, Juneshelen, It's Everyone Else, and on the 10th anniversary, November 20, 2024, we organized a concert evening with several performers http://www.pritlicje.si/selekcija/:

- on the 10th anniversary, we also organized discussions and round tables:
  - Space for self-organized spaces | discussion with the co-founders of authonomous spaces,
  - Nuclear power plant unit (JEK2) and (non)nuclear future | discussion with NGOs and
  - RTV Slovenija and the media | two years later

- **40th anniversary of the Slovenian LGBT+ movement** - The Open Institute joined in celebrating the 40th anniversary of the LGBT+ movement in Slovenia and organized a series of events entitled "What can the LGBT+ community do for ...":
    - "What can the LGBTIQ+ community do to end the genocide in Palestine?"
    - "What can the LGBTIQ+ community do for the democratic use of public (LGBT+) spaces?"
    - "What can the LGBTIQ+ community do for a legal, democratic, and just Slovenia?"
    - "What can the LGBTIQ+ community do to regulate legal gender recognition?"

- **Selekcija concert series** - as part of the summer outdoor concert series of contemporary electronic music, the institute performed six concerts (SEWAGE SYSTEM, ALYA ELOUISSI, Aka Neomi, SHEBY, SBO, Nejc Pipp; https://www.pritlicje.si/selekcija/selekcija_2024/:

- **Grounded festival of electronic music, critical thought and activism** – In August 2024, we organized the eighth edition of the highly acclaimed Grounded festival, dedicated to the theme of “Racism,” with the subtitle: “Anti-Palestinian racism and decolonial resistance.” www.grounded.si; in October 2024, in cooperation with Amnesty Slovenia (AIS), we held a large symposium entitled “Anti-Palestinian racism and decolonial resistance” for students of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

- **The Legal Network for the Protection of Democracy (PMVD) project** - together with the Legal Centre for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (PIC), Amnesty International Slovenia (AI) and Today is a New Day (DJND), the PMVD co-founded the Legal Network for the Protection of Democracy (PMVD), an initiative that provides legal support to those who find themselves in legal proceedings as a result of their non-violent public actions and protects democratic, open, free and solidarity societies through legal opinions, positions and appeals, which was awarded the Citizen of Europe Prize in 2022; https://pravna-mreza.si,

- **PatFox project** – in 2024, we completed a European project with 11 other non-governmental organizations from various EU member states entitled PatFox – Pioneering anti-SLAPP Training for Freedom of Expression, which deals with monitoring European and national regulations and education in the field of strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP lawsuits), https://www.antislapp.eu/

- **Legal Walks for informed and active high school students** - a project for 3rd year students of Slovenian high schools was designed together with various legal experts and legal institutions. The project aims to bring legal content closer to pupils through visits to legal institutions and walking tours of legally significant points of regional centres. This fills a gap in the educational process that does not introduce young people to the legal field, legal institutions and related professions. . In 2024, we implemented the project in Ljubljana and Maribor with five different legal themes, and in the future we will expand it to 11 judicial districts. https://pravna-mreza.si/projekti/pravne-sprehajanice/.

- **Strengthening the team of legal experts** – in 2024, the Institute was successful in a public tender for strengthening the professionalization of the non-governmental sector, where it obtained co-financing for two legal advisor positions for 24 months, namely for the project “Legal Network for the Protection of Democracy” and the “LGBT Radar” project.

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