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Jure Hederih *is the last year student at II. gimnazija Maribor. In his future studies he aspires to be a scientist with professional expertise in the field of medicine. Despite his keenness for natural sciences, he, in many aspects, engages in human sciences as well. As a member of WSDC team of Slovenia in 2013 he reaffirmed his status as a debater, while also engaging in other projects of non-competitive nature, such as volunteering. Majority of his studies and work are driven by the feeling of moral obligation to at least try to change the world for the better.*

Zoran Fijavž *is the last year student at Gimnazija Franca Miklošiča Ljutomer, one of the best debater in Slovenia, active member of Leo club Murska Sobota.*

Gregorc Tomaž (1981) holds a bachelor degree in cultural studies and social anthropology. In the years 2007 to 2010 he was a teaching assistant and researcher in the field of social anthropology on the University of Primorska, Faculty for humanistic studies and the Institute for inter-cultural studies, University of Primorska. In years 2006-2010 he was organizer, facilitator and workshop leader of different international seminars, summer schools and workshops held by different universities in Europe. From the year 2011 (till June 2013) he works at the Public institute Maribor 2012 – European capital of culture (ECOC) as program producer and coordinator for the field of migration in Urban Furrows, an socio-ecological strand of ECOC.

Recently he co-authored the booklet "The compass of civil and workers' rights for migrants in Maribor or How can you become integrated with your own rights?", the handbook "Za-nič kišta [Zero dollar laptop]" and the book "Prihodnost znanosti: neoliberalizem, univerza in politika sodobnega znanstvenega raziskovanja [The future of science: neoliberalism, University and contemporary scientific research policies]". In 2011 and 2012 he facilitated and leaded more than 90 workshops in migrants and workers' rights and digital literacy on open-source software. His primary filed of action and researches are radical education, critical thinking, theoretic psychoanalysis, militant research, autonomous social action and the topic of social exclusion/inclusion with a specialization in migration questions/policies, worker's rights, precarious work and formation of collective processes. In his free time he endeavours the path of experimental sound art and writes articles about noise/glitch/experimental electronic music.

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Public Assemblies Initiative (Iniciativa mestni zbor) is a grass root movement of politically engaged individuals, interest groups and other formal or informal organizations, who wants to co-create and facilitate the development of positive practices for a better Maribor and, through this, a better Slovenia. Despite the fact that the group is highly political (politically engaged), we have no ambitions to participate in the system of parties but to build a grass-root politically engaged movement. Our work is based on the bottom up perspective, involving all interested and active citizens, because we believe this is the only way to achieve long-term (sustainable) positive political change. Workshop facilitators will be: Maja, Aljoša and Tomaž.

Tamara Atanasoska, civil rights activist based in Skopje, Macedonia. She's been part (and still is) and an initiator of many grass-roots movements and civil initiatives in the last few years. She is mostly known for "Stop police brutality movement. She is also a columnist for the Youth Online Column project of Radio Free Europe for over a year.Tamara currently works as a web developer in Reactor - Research in Action, creating web solutions for awareness and advocacy of different questions, for the needs of Reactor itself and other NGOs (like React - Be safe! http://www.reagiraj-bidibezbedna.mk/). She is also an active member of Free Software Macedonia, and she is contributing in the free software wold trough advocacy and code for a few years.Tamara is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Software Engineering.

Simona Ognenovska works as junior project officer in the Department for Civil Society and Democratization. Born on 14.7.1987 in Skopje, she graduated from the Faculty of Economics, department marketing management, at the European University - Skopje, where she continues her master studies in the field of marketing management. Currently preparing her master thesis and researching the effect of social responsibility of small and medium sized businesses upon the consumer buying behavior in Republic of Macedonia. Her focus is mainly to support the activities for development of a strong civil society actively involved in public policy creation.

Julia Mikić has been active in parliamentary debate since 2001, and has since competed at Worlds, Euros, and more than 30 international competitions (speaking as well as adjudicating), given numerous BP workshops and lectures (most recently at IDAS), run tournaments, translated debating material, and preached debate as a religion (or a social activism tool at least). She's notorious for giving long feedback - debater beware. Currently she's running HERMES (Croatian education and development network for the evolution of communication), using knowledge and skills learned in debate to help improve the world, one project at a time.

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Antonio Tokić -A student, programmer, and a philosopher-theologian, Antonio has always seen himself in the IT-sector, while maintaining an interest in all things transcendental. Firm in his belief that there is too little real dialogue among people out there, he has decided to start an initiative that could help spread the debating virus, using the internet of course

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