



Neighbours - day
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City of Uzice
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1. Introduction

Neighbors-day is an event that is not a “fashion hit” or some kind of a requirement. It is a part of our tradition and culture of communication between people who lives in the same city, street, building, and yard.

Neighbors-day has a history and it is celebrated for 10 years all over Europe in 29 countries in more than a thousand cities and over 9 million participants. Its aim is to help strengthening social ties between people in the same community in order to develop solidarity, mutual respect and tolerance.

City of Uzice is the first city in Serbia who reported its participation in this international action.

Citizens of Uzice from 0 to 100 years took a part in this action, and all together showed that they can be good neighbors. You could hear music all over the city, children’s laughter, alders were singing and like in old days they gather around in parks, squares, streets.

‘Ere’ as we are called in Serbia, showed that they can be and are good neighbors and with a huge interest are more than happy to celebrate Neighbors-day in years to come...

After presentation in local media citizens and institutions who didn't participated at this Neighbours-day, have reported their participation on the following Neighbours-day like Local authority, Ministry of Internal Affairs, private companies.

2. Book for a neighbour



For the purpose of celebrating the Neighbours-day, The National Library of Uzice organised gathering for its neighbours and all passers-by during the whole day, in one of the most beautiful and very busy location in the city , at a courtyard of the library.

Over 150 neighbors read newspapers, exchanged quotations from the books over coffee, tea and sweets in a pleasant atmosphere in the shade of conifers.

This neighborly atmosphere joined the patronage of the Health Service from Uzice, measuring pressure, sugar and triglycerides. So in addition to art, citizens got medical treatment.



Corner in front of the National Library

2. Help a neighbour in need is the best thing indeed

In order to promote fire prevention and improvement of knowledge and skills in the field of fire protection in the Central City square was organized several activities performed by the Municipal Fire Union Uzice, Voluntary Fire organization, The Red Cross and Secondary Medical schools.

City square was crowded with people. More than 500 people watched this spectacle either from their buildings, or they were in the middle of the performances.



Activity 1: Presentation of the Law on Protection from fire at the Hall of the fire station

With the rights and obligations relevant to crisis prevention and emergency, representatives of companies, institutions and other entities have participated in this presentation.

The holder of activity: Municipal Fire Union



Activity 2: Technical day - presentation of vehicles and equipment

The holder of activities: Fire Rescue Battalion Uzice - Municipal fire-fighting alliance



Activity 3: Making rescue simulation of vulnerable persons from high buildings

The holder of activity: Extreme sports club "OLIMPIX" Uzice



Activity 4: Exercise first aid
Participants: Team for providing first aid

The holder of activities: Red Cross Uzice



Activity 5: Competitive exercise by the offspring (from 6 to 12)

The holder of activities: Volunteer fire brigade Uzice



Activity 6: promotional race '100 meters in the air

The holder of activities: Fire Rescue Battalion Uzice



3. Neighbors passing by



Association 'Kingdom of Serbia' for this occasion had its booth, where they were handing out promotional materials, balloons for 30 children, candies and refreshment. In the relaxed atmosphere neighbours who were passing by listened to the nice music, chatting and had a lovely time.

Association 'Kingdom of Serbia'



4. Pensioner corner



Assosiation of pensioners“Club 3”

Gathered around on their favourite corner in the city, the Assosiation 'Club 3' were redy as usual to show their good spirite to be a good neighbours and took a part in this manifestation.

The brought thier hand made works, cakes and juices. In a plesant atmosphere with music 50 citizens enjoyed.

5. One can live well and satisfied with disease



Multiple Sclerosis Association and the Association of diabetes mellitus

May was the month of celebrating a World Day of multiple sclerosis. The goal of MS's Day is among other to raise public awareness. On the Neighbours-day the association emphasize that one can live well and satisfied with disease. On that day as a gesture of a good neighbours they were giving very beautiful and unique hand made presents.



Helter Center was busy measuring blood pressure and triglyceride. They suggested that citizens should check their health more often.

Health Center – Patronage and Preventive Service

6. Yang doctors in the action



Students from the Secondary Medical School from 11:00am till 12:30pm measured the pressure to the fellow citizens, as well as to their teachers and classmates.

At the same time in the town square section of the first students to help members with members of the fire association and the Red Cross demonstrated the skills of first aid during fire and evacuation.

"We are glad that we took part in the event "Neighbors -day" because our City is the first in Serbia who registered with the aim to promote tolerance, solidarity and respectfulness. The goal is to improve and strengthen good neighborly relations in the local community".



7. Being neighbourly in Vidovdanska Street



Vidovdanska Street looked like the busiest street that day. Over 100 neighbours brought cakes, cookies, pita breads, sweets, refreshment and good will to be neighbourly.

Was it successful?! Will they do it again???

Yes, definitely. Neighbours will organise themselves, apart from this manifestation, at least once in a month.



9. «Cristal clear» for the neighbour☺



Fiserman Assosiaton at a City beach



Despite of fact that they didnt catch no fish that day, they made a good atmosphere with a barbicue and enjoy thamselves, together with passer by.

10. Children are the ornament of the world

Nice and successful actions of the Association 'Parent' who took a part in the celebration of Neighborhood-day. They were promoting friendship, tolerance, solidarity and connection of elders and youngsters.

Association 'Parent' chooses location at the City beach from 17:00 pm till 19.30 pm.

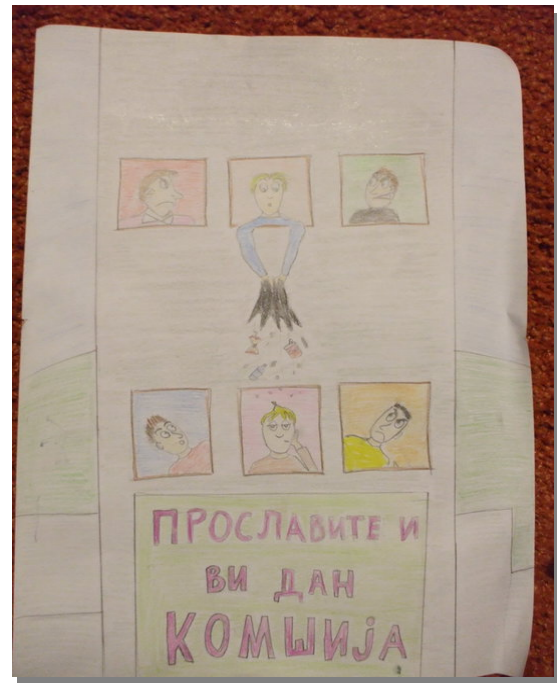


Except of handed out promotional material they organized two corners for children and for the older ones. Over 30 children played, almost forgotten games like: 'hula-hop', 'viljaca' and 'lastis'. As well, some of them took a part in drawing on a subject: How the good neighbor should look like? Prizes were organized by the Creative Center. Children were very inspirational, creative and full of beautiful ideas and messages.





Bad neighbour Lena/ Good neighbour Ana



You should celebrate Neighbours-day!!



TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR MEANS:

- TO BE A GOOD FRIEND
- TO HELP OTHERS
- TO PROTECT WEAK
- TO BE A GOOD MAN



Another corner was reserved for senior citizens, who played chess, cards and dominoes. In the spontaneous and relax atmosphere, with juice and coffee they stayed till 8:00pm.

11. Recycle neighbour, please!!!



Members of the Women center from Uzice together with Women Association displaced from Kosovo, "Zavicaj" organized a campaign to collect usable and unusable clothes and other household textile.

Through the media and promotional material fellow citizens were called to be good neighbors, to socialize and to take part in this action.

Women center organized its activity within the complex of fabric 'Froteks' , near by the City beach from 11:00 am till 16:00 pm.

They wanted to test the mood of citizens to donate clothing as an introduction to the project of collecting and recycling of textile. This action was joined by Women's Forum from LDP, NES, PC Civil Engineering, Health Center and General Hospital. More than 100 citizens mostly neighbors as well as children bring about 500-600 kg of clothing and footwear. They gather around, and in nice atmosphere spent a lovely day.

13. Learning how to become neighbourly

Courtyard of Regional Training Center for teachers on May 28th 2010 started at 12:30 pm was the marked place for celebrating the event Neighbors-day. The guests were their neighbors and associates of the Joint Technical Secretariat for the CBC program Serbia - Bosnia and Herzegovina and employees from the Home for Children and Youth "Peter Radovanovic", director of the Business Incubator Mr. Milos Colic and Brankica Jeremic - Deputy Mayor for Social Policy visited them as well.



'RCU provided facilities, refreshments and snacks, and our dear neighbors took care of the food and dessert'.

Some of the food, candy and refreshments were selected for children with special needs.

This event was covered by the local media: TV "Uzice" marked an atmosphere as very pleasant and joyful.

'Because the Neighbors-day was for the first time celebrated in our beautiful city we want to experience the atmosphere next year and to take part as well in this human event'.



