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Children from Kosovo and Serbia mark International Children’s Rights Day
All different, All equal

Following the success of the three previous events organised in Kumanovo, Gjilan/Gnjilane and Presevo last year, the GPKT Women’s Working Group brought together nearly one hundred and fifty children and students from the Gjilan/Gnjilane area and a mixed group of children from 8 Marsi kindergarten from Presevo, along with their parents and educators for a day of enjoyable activities to mark the International Children’s Rights Day with the motto *GPKT Children’s Day: All different, All equal*, in Gjilan/Gnjilane on 1st of June. The cross-border, multi-ethnic event for children, school students, parents, and municipal officials was the first organised event by the GPKT Women’s Working Group in collaboration with the Department of Education and Culture and the Municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane.



The day began with a visit to Mr. Qemajl Mustafa at the Mayor’s office. The Mayor welcomed the audience, strongly encouraging joint initiatives and co-operation between local government and local organisations. He then joined the group in a procession to the city theatre square where kindergarten children from Ardhmeria II from Gjilan/Gnjilane and 8 Marsi from Presevo entertained the audience with dancing, ballet performances and Turkish dancing. A group of young

students read several Children’s Rights articles in all local languages including English. An independent group of young artists performed a short drama and the event concluded with the release of 200 balloons and participants singing ‘We are the world, we are the children’. T-shirts and refreshments were provided for the participants and contributors. The EastWest Institute GPKT Project received a certificate of appreciation for support and co-operation from the Municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane.

Information about the event was disseminated by RTK in the morning news and TV Vali, a local TV station, provided coverage of the event