

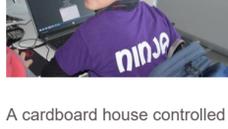
# American optimism meets Bulgarian potential

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## Many Reasons for Optimism



**Imagination + Computer Code => Anything Is Possible**



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## Bulgaria Gives on March 22-31. Make a Difference. Join Us!

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## Extraordinary Women: Remembering the Shumen 15

On March 25, a century and a half ago, fifteen of Shumen's most distinguished women met at the home of one of their circle. Yet, this was not just another neighborly gathering of nineteenth-century socialites.



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## Save the Date

<p><b>07 MAR 31 DEC</b> Sofia</p>		<p><b>Give Making a Try at Maker Space</b></p> <p>Education</p> <p>Makers Space invites children to try and build their own glider, experiment with different materials.</p> <p><a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>
<p><b>07 MAR 31 MAR</b> Vratsa</p>		<p><b>Open Call for Community Engagement Projects in Vratsa</b></p> <p>Event</p> <p>On March 7, the Vratsa Community Fund will host an information day for organizations applying for funding.</p> <p><a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>
<p><b>13 MAR</b> Sofia</p>		<p><b>Mexican Tenor Javier Camarena Starring in La Fille du Régiment by...</b></p> <p>Opera</p> <p>The charismatic South African soprano Pretty Yende will sing the part of "the regiment's daughter."</p> <p><a href="#">READ MORE</a></p>

To go to the ABF event calendar, [click here](#).

## Bulgaria's Everyday Superheroes Revealed



Bulgaria's everyday superheroes aren't of the cape-wearing, building-leaping kind. Their attire is modest, and their physical abilities are limited. Their superpower is surmounting challenges and working every day to make a difference. Teachers, doctors, researchers, entrepreneurs, artists—thank you for all you do!



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