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# Can Law Students, Teachers, Volunteers, And Your Neighbors Change Bulgaria? Surprise! They Did.

## Who's Making A Big Difference In Bulgaria This Month?



How To Make your  
NGO Sustainable...  
Hint: By Fundraising!



At the beginning of April 2017, nine specialists from Bulgarian NGOs took part in a one-week trip to Denver, capital city of Colorado. During their visit, the fundraisers met with representatives of various American organizations and examined local examples of fundraising campaigns.

Who Are The  
Real Bulgarian  
Heroes?



Those who help others and make the world a better place! THE HEROES were recognized at TimeHeroes' first annual awards. But these are not about personalities, but about stories. Who are THE HEROES and why?

Ellis Scope  
To The Rescue!  
Who Is She?



Have you ever heard of Ellis Scope? If you're not a teacher, it's nothing to worry about. But if you work in the field of education and you have not heard of her, we are here to remedy this lapse. What does it mean to be the teacher of the teachers?

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## Have A Dispute To Resolve? This Might Be The Best Way.

Meditation or mediation?

That's the question that mediators in Bulgaria most often get asked when they talk about their work.

Mediation is a method of dispute resolution that is facilitated by an impartial expert called a mediator. The best thing about mediation is that it helps to avoid court action (and all the costs and problems associated with that) and, in addition, to maintain normal human relationships. Promoting this alternative dispute resolution method is one of the main tasks of the Centre for Dispute Resolution, which the America for Bulgaria Foundation has been supporting since 2015.

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# Can The Legal Profession Be This Much Fun...



## Laws, Rules, And The Courts... Can It Be A Day Of Fun?

How do you teach a complicated subject like Rule of Law to children and keep their attention? In Denver, Colorado, they do this with interactive games. Explaining how the U.S. judicial system works is made entertaining and educational through a center with a host of computer games, short films, and role playing while wearing judicial robes.

In 2013, the Supreme and Appellate judges at the local court decided they should do something to better educate citizens about the work they do. The solution became the [Colorado Judicial Training Center](#).

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## The Essential When, Where, And What For The Next Month...

With the approach of summer, more events move to the seaside and the mood turns to the arts. That's really clear in our calendar for May and June.

**May 26 to June 24** - For the second year, the LocalFood.bg Foundation's "business workshop" about local foods will support the the development of new and active micro-businesses in agriculture and food. The training program will be held in Plovdiv, Sofia, Montana, Rousse, Varna and Bourgas. Follow the site for more information.

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**June 1** - The Varna Summer festival starts in Varna and the city becomes the capital of theater. Don't miss it!

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**June 5 to 11** - We will host lecturers from Columbia University for the training program for educational technology specialists in Bulgarian schools. The training will take place from June 5 to 11 in Sofia, Varna and Vurshets.

**June 8** - In Stara Zagora, you can enjoy the open-air Jazz Festival featuring Ventsi Blagoev.

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For more about upcoming events, regularly visit the Facebook page of the America for Bulgaria Foundation.



## Quick... Pick Three Cities. We Did! Guess Which Ones And Why...

Vratsa, Gabrovo and Razgrad were the focus of the regular spring visit by the members of the Board of Directors of America for Bulgaria Foundation. ABF will focus its efforts in these cities in 2018 as we partner with local government, businesses and the non-governmental sector working in our six priority areas.

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## How Is Your Money Being Spent? Does Anyone Know?

How is your 20 percent VAT used by governmental institutions? How is your 10 percent income tax spent? It's your money and you should know. Nearly 80 percent of Bulgarian governmental institutions do not publish their financial statements on their official websites as shown by the Access to Information Program, whose team reviewed and evaluated 566 websites of institutions. Are we really aware of how the government spends the money it takes from our pockets?



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## How Can We Arm Our Children To Change The World?



An internationally recognized visionary, speaker, writer and consultant in the field of education - we present Mark Prensky, one of the world's leading experts on the relationship between learning and technology.

"The first thing we think about is asking our children what their grades are. But we really have to provoke them to want to change the world."

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