



Dear Friends,

It's easy to criticize, dismiss, or complain that the country is "falling apart" and "there's no solution." What's harder is rolling up your sleeves and actually working to fix the problems. The ones who truly bear the weight of these challenges aren't always the loudest—they're the ones who quietly, persistently, and patiently chip away at solutions, day by day.

For the past eight years, we've been sharing stories about these people and organizations in our newsletter. It's inspiring to see more of these dedicated individuals stepping up, finding their voice, and starting real conversations about the future of their communities.

We're proud to continue shining a light on those whose work makes a difference. If you believe in what they do, please share their stories. They deserve to be seen and celebrated.

This month, we're turning up the excitement with several opportunities! Our Science with a Future request for proposals is calling all innovators to bring game-changing ideas to life. Don't miss the *Fake (f)or Real* exhibition for a deep dive into the history of disinformation. And for those looking to boost their nonprofit skills, our fundraising training is the perfect opportunity to learn how to make a bigger impact with your mission.

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They are the future



Young People Aren't Waiting for Adults to Fix the Planet

Bulgarian youth are embracing environmental activism and sustainable living through initiatives like WWF Bulgaria's Panda Labs, not only making small, eco-friendly changes in their daily lives but also driving innovative solutions to bigger environmental challenges.

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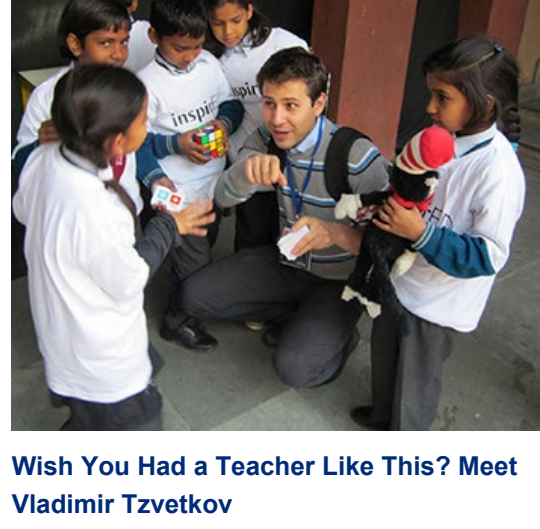
Faces of civil society



Dilyana Maneva: Advocating for Bulgaria's Vulnerable Children

In Dilyana's vision for the future, no child is ever abandoned, and every family has the support they need to raise healthy, happy, and thriving offspring.

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Wish You Had a Teacher Like This? Meet Vladimir Tzvetkov

Vladimir Tzvetkov champions practical, interdisciplinary learning to prepare Bulgarian students for real-world challenges in a rapidly changing world.

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Blazhka Dimitrova: A Recipe for a (Yummy) Zero Waste Revolution

Thanks to Blazhka's inspiring leadership, hundreds of people worldwide are discovering that living sustainably can be both delicious and fulfilling.

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Don't miss out on these opportunities!



Calling Young Innovators: The Foundation's Science with a Future RFP Is Back!

Get ready to bring your groundbreaking ideas to life! The America for Bulgaria Foundation is excited to announce the fourth edition of its Science with a Future request for proposals, focused on social impact, sustainable development, and environmental science. If you're a researcher, scientist, or engineer aged 18–40 with a project that can make a real difference, this is your chance to secure funding between 5,000 and 25,000 BGN. Don't miss out—applications open September 16 and close on October 30, 2024!

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Four Weeks Left to See Fake (f)or Real at Sofia's National Ethnographic Museum

Only four weeks remain until the closing of the thought-provoking *Fake (f)or Real* exhibition at the National Ethnographic Museum in Sofia!

Propaganda, falsification of truth, and distortion of reality have a long history, vividly narrated in *Fake (f)or Real*. In an era where disinformation continues to shape public opinion, this timely exhibition offers valuable insights into the history of deception—from ancient ruses like the Trojan Horse to modern-day manipulations. With over 100 artifacts and stories from across Europe and Bulgaria, visitors will discover how disinformation manipulates human emotions and beliefs. Don't miss this important exhibition, brought to Sofia with the support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation.

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New and Innovative Approaches to Fundraising with Jim Langley

Fundraising 101: Don't Ask for Money, Foster Connections Instead

In this training with renowned US fundraising expert Jim Langley, you'll discover that successful fundraising is about more than just asking for money—it's about building lasting relationships based on shared values. Langley reveals his key insights on how to engage donors by listening to their motivations and creating deep connections.

If you're looking to foster a true community of support, this session offers invaluable tips and tricks that will transform the way you approach fundraising and partnerships. Don't miss out on the opportunity to learn practical strategies for cultivating a network of dedicated supporters who believe in your mission as much as you do.

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Sending warmest regards,

Your friends at the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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