Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction

We heard about this through the faculty. We were immediately interested, because it is a win-win situation for the development of a more inclusive society.

Significant changes have occurred during the past seven years in domestic statistical practice, enabling, for example, the introduction of gender equality indicators in monitoring the progress of implementation of the National Strategy for Gender Equality (2016-2018). This makes the monitoring of social inclusion more effective.

A major goal of the training was to improve the knowledge of civil servants regarding key international standards regarding social inclusion, as well as to introduce the concept of intersectional discrimination and gender discrimination. The training took place on 20 September at Fružica Street, in the Municipal venue of the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, in cooperation with the Coordination Body for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

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The 39th Belgrade Ignite “Get Involved No 5” was held on 17 September at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy. The event was organised by the Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia in cooperation with the Coordination Body for Gender Equality of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. The aim of the event was to involve civil society organisations and the media in the implementation of the SDGs, with a focus on the achievement of the goal of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all (SDG 4). The event was attended by representatives of civil society organisations, media representatives, and students from the University of Belgrade.

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SUCCESS STORY

Lieutenant colonel Svetlana Janković started playing tennis at the age of 52, while at 53 she enrolled in PhD studies. The topic of her dissertation is in the field of security, and the research examines changes in the perspective and understanding of security over the years, with a particular focus on how security policies and practices have evolved.

Svetlana started her career in the army at the age of 16, completing the Faculty of General People’s Defence and Social Self-Protection. She then went on to complete the Faculty for General People’s Defence and Social Self-Protection (author’s note: today’s Faculty of Security). She always passed all her exams in June because, as she says, she had no intention of being the only female student in the class. She also says that she had no intention of being the only student who got bad grades.

Thirty-four years after taking her oath and putting on the uniform, Svetlana is still a lieutenant colonel in reserve in the territorial defence headquarters of the city of Čačak and Gornji Milanovac. “That’s when I realized there are differences in the approach. And the fact that five of us worked together transformed into decision making quality. Therefore, we should all start acting in a preventive manner, getting united and realizing that only united can they make this synergy an engine of change.”

For Svetlana, the most important thing for her was to be a good professional soldier, meaning: good organization, physical fitness, and a high level of self-motivation. The professional soldier was precisely the professionalism that she used, along with her experience, to move into leadership positions. “If something needs to be done, it should not be done in a superficial manner, but with professionalism and dedication. For example, you cannot give a lecture that a young fire protection instructor should be leading, so that this young person does not become the owner of the lecture.”

Svetlana says that the fact that she is a woman, and as of 24 years ago, a mother, helped her a lot to see her colleagues, the soldiers, as brothers and sons, particularly during the time she was in command and in the role of gifting her summers to the faculty and studying. (…)

With all this experience, the message the lieutenant colonel has for other women is: “Women must stop to believe in the myth that only men have the potential to lead in positions of responsibility. Women should believe in their potential and try to utilize it.…”

“According to my experience, women possess and apply skills that are usually not evident, but that are very important for work in leadership positions. I said, ‘There are many professional and capable people in the category of women. If something needs to be done, it cannot be done by someone who is not dedicated and professional.’”

Svetlana is the only high-ranked woman in the Morava County. (…) After completing her term of service, Svetlana became a lieutenant colonel in reserve in the territorial defence. (…) After her graduation, Svetlana spent three years applying without success to every open post in the army. However, she believes that no one wanted to hire her, because she is a woman. In the end, it was her courage and determination that led her to success.

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