

First Competition of Human Rights Intellectual Games was won by team “Holmes” from Tighina



On 27 June 2013, the Promo-LEX Association, in partnership with the Moldovan *Intellectual Games Club*, organized the first competition of intellectual games in the field of human Rights. The event brought together 37 high school students

from the Transnistrian region studying in Latin script high schools in Tiraspol, Ribnita, Grigoriopol, Dubasari and Tighina.

The contest focused on the theme of human rights and, in particular, the prohibition of torture. The event was organized in the context of the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, which is marked on 26 June.

The students, divided in nine teams, played three games: “Match”, “Brain Ring” and “What? Where? When?”. The competition turned out to be an interesting and challenging event for all the participants because the questions asked during the games required both good general knowledge and specific knowledge of human rights.

Nevertheless, the participants did well and answered most questions correctly. The competition also had its winners; these were: team “Holmes” from Tighina, which won the first place, team “Tiragaş” from Tiraspol, which got the second place, and team “Evrika” from Ribnita, which occupied the

third place in the contest.

At the end of the competition, the participants said that such events were highly appreciated because they employ a unique and exciting method of interactive learning, which is completely different from the methods used in the formal education system. "This intellectual game competition allowed every participant to show their erudition as well as to gain new knowledge. The opportunity to compete with intelligent young people was very uplifting for us," said one of the participants.

The competition is part of the "Human Rights Starts with Education" project, implemented with the financial support of the U.S. Embassy in Chisinau. Twenty-two young people from the region attended a Training of Trainers course "Learning to Teach Human Rights Through Intellectual Games", held on 12-14 April in Chisinau, and then organized 13 multiplying activities in five high schools from the Transnistrian region, which involved over 100 students.

The main objective of the project is to publicize intellectual games as a method of learning and promoting human rights among youth in the Transnistrian region of Moldova.

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