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Evangelischer
Entwicklungsdienst

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IT WAS A TIME FOR ANOTHER
ADVENTURE WITHIN THE ROOTS
FOR RECONCILIATION INITIATIVE!



36 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE BALKANS CAME
TOGETHER IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF PRISHTINA
TO FIGHT AGAINST STEREOTYPES - AND ALSO TO
DELIVER A POWERFULL MESSAGE AGAINST IT...

...AND DELIVER IT THROUGH
THE SOCIAL MEDIA!

HOTEL PRISHTINA

AND ON 6TH OF SEPTEMBER 2014,
ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS ARRIVED
AND THE SEMINAR BEGAN.



Sophia



Time for a little
adventure in **Kosovo**

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HOW WE APPROACH CREATING THE MESSAGE WE WANT TO SEND TO THE WORLD IS IMPORTANT.

AT THE ROOT OF STEREOTYPES AND PREJUDICES IS JUDGMENT, AND WE MUST UNDERSTAND THIS BEFORE WE WANT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS THEY ARE CREATING.

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"Be a voice, not an echo!"

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FIVE COUNTRIES
HELD PRESENTATIONS
ON ISSUES RELEVANT TO
THE TOPICS IN THEIR OWN
COUNTRIES: MACEDONIA,
KOSOVO, SERBIA,
CYPRUS AND IRELAND.

THESE COUNTRIES STILL HAVE ISSUES
ON A LARGE SCALE BASED ON
STEREOTYPES AND PREJUDICES
THAT ARE LEADING TO
CONFLICTS.

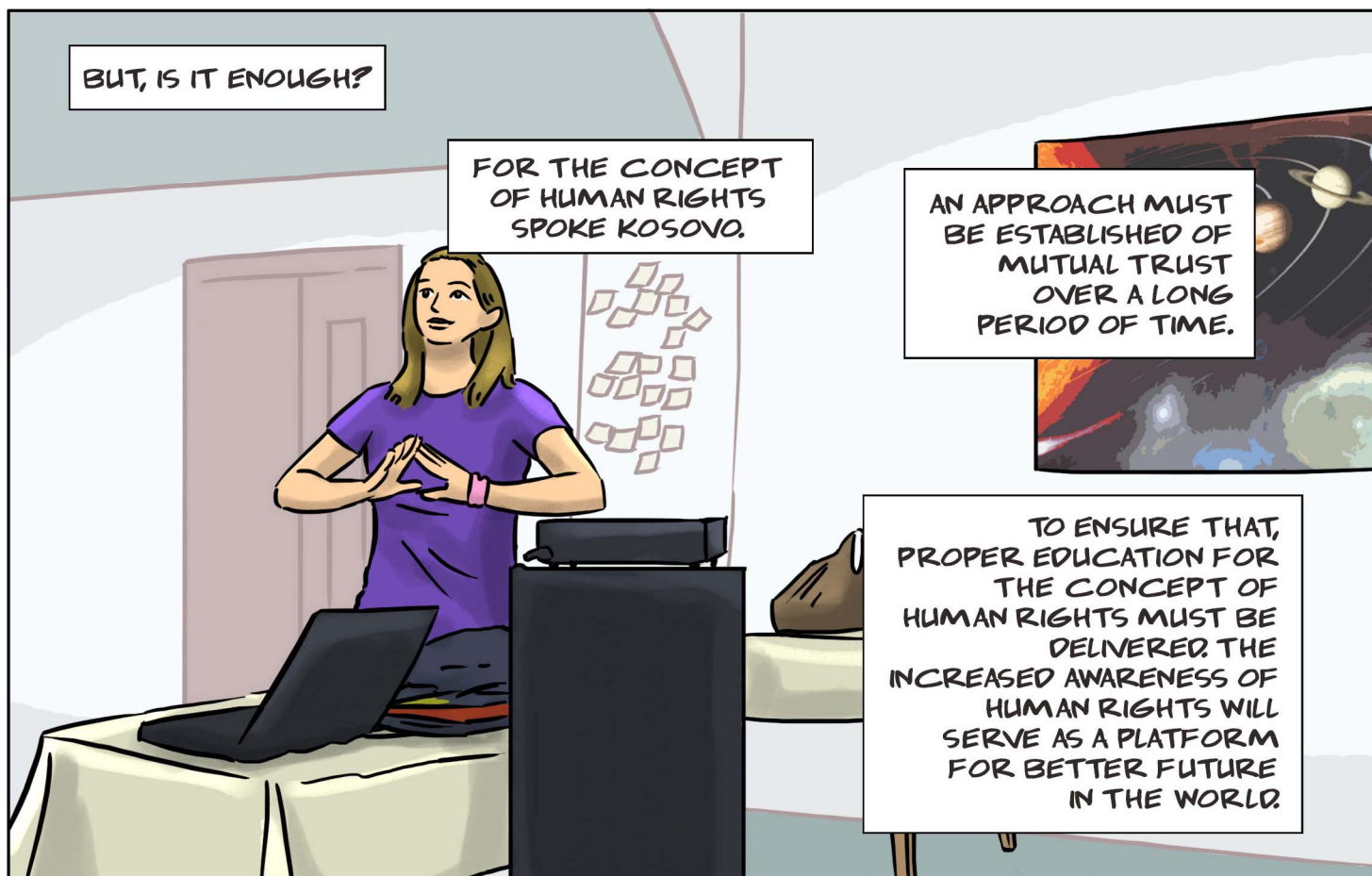
AND WHILE ADI AND DORINA WERE THE HOSTS...

...SAMUEL WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING
WITH THE SOCIAL MEDIA.

THERE WAS AN EXPLANATION OF THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND, WERE STILL UNTIL TODAY THERE ARE CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND - OVER THE QUESTION WHETHER NORTHERN IRELAND SHOULD BE UNITED WITH IRELAND OR STAY UNDER BRITISH RULE.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO RECONCILE TWO PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SAME STATE, WHO HAVE HURT EACH OTHER SO BADLY?

ONE WAY IS TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP IT CONVEYS, AS IT IS DONE IN THE MUSIC FESTIVALS "EXIT", "GUCA" AND "LOVEFEST" - ALL HELD IN SERBIA.

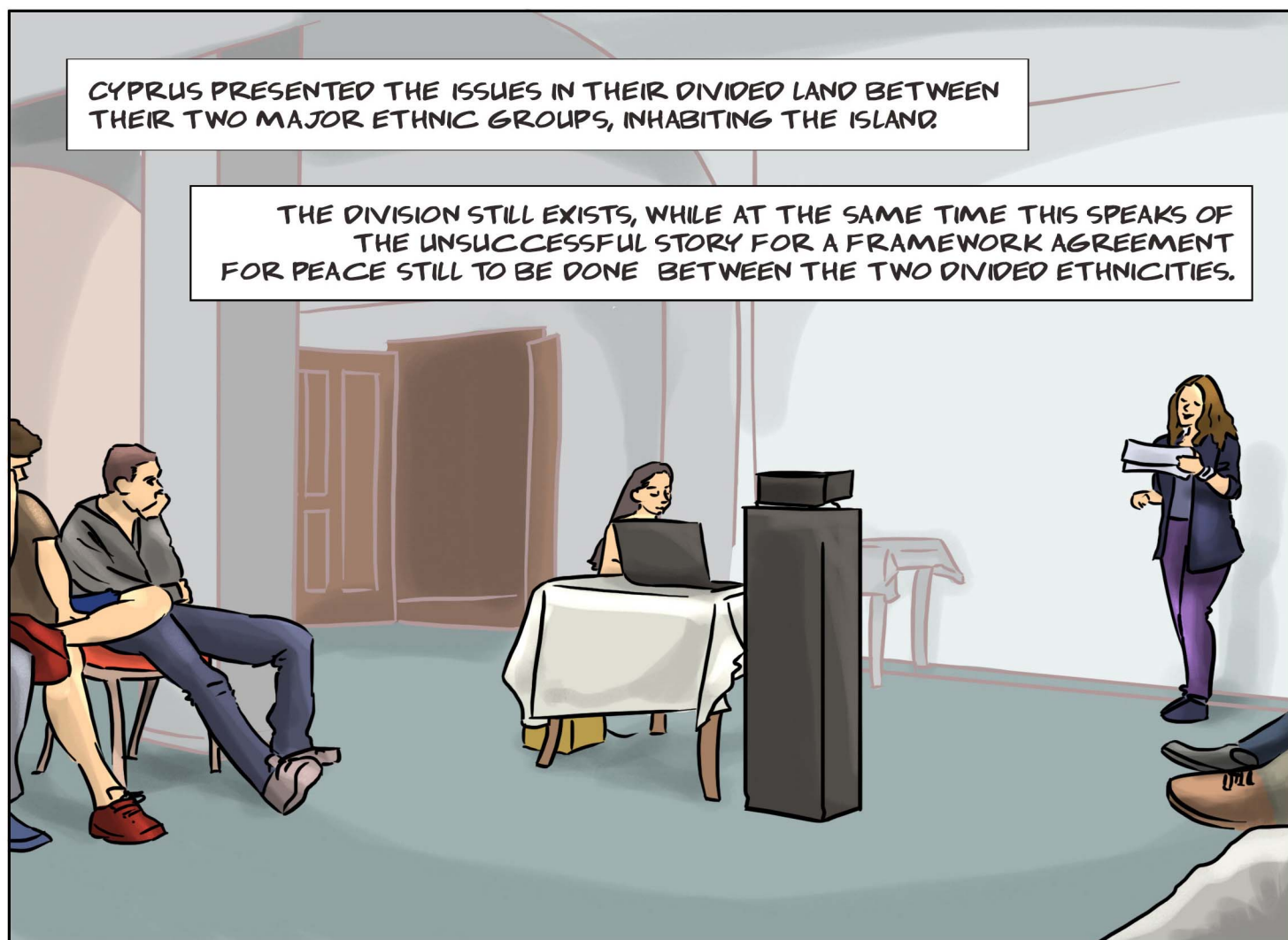


BUT, IS IT ENOUGH?

FOR THE CONCEPT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS
SPOKE KOSOVO.

AN APPROACH MUST
BE ESTABLISHED OF
MUTUAL TRUST
OVER A LONG
PERIOD OF TIME.

TO ENSURE THAT,
PROPER EDUCATION FOR
THE CONCEPT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE
DELIVERED. THE
INCREASED AWARENESS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS WILL
SERVE AS A PLATFORM
FOR BETTER FUTURE
IN THE WORLD.



CYPRUS PRESENTED THE ISSUES IN THEIR DIVIDED LAND BETWEEN
THEIR TWO MAJOR ETHNIC GROUPS, INHABITING THE ISLAND.

THE DIVISION STILL EXISTS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THIS SPEAKS OF
THE UNSUCCESSFUL STORY FOR A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT
FOR PEACE STILL TO BE DONE BETWEEN THE TWO DIVIDED ETHNICITIES.

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THE RECOGNITION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS MADE BASED ON THEM MUST BE RESPECTED, IN ORDER TO CREATE COMMON FUTURE.

THIS MEANS MEETING THE DEMANDS FROM BOTH CONFLICTING SIDES, AS WAS DONE IN MACEDONIA AFTER THE TURBULENT CONFLICTS BETWEEN MILITANT MINORITY GROUPS WITH THE STATE INSTITUTIONS.

WITH THIS FRAMEWOK AGREEMENT, THE PEACE WAS WON.

FOR THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL THIS WAS MATERIAL FOR WORK - REAL PROBLEMS, REAL MATERIAL!

AND THE SOCIAL MEDIA AS A MEDIUM FOR CONVEYING STORIES IS ALMOST WITH UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES!

BUT BEFORE THAT, ONE MORE ASIGNMENT...

DEALING WITH
STEREOTYPES,
WHICH IS NOT
AN EASY TASK!

PREJUDICES MUST BE
OVERCOME INTERNALLY IN
ORDER TO REALY SEE OUR
FELLOW MEN
AS THEY REALLY ARE.

AND THE BEST METHODS TO START DOING
THAT ARE THE "TRUST GAMES"!

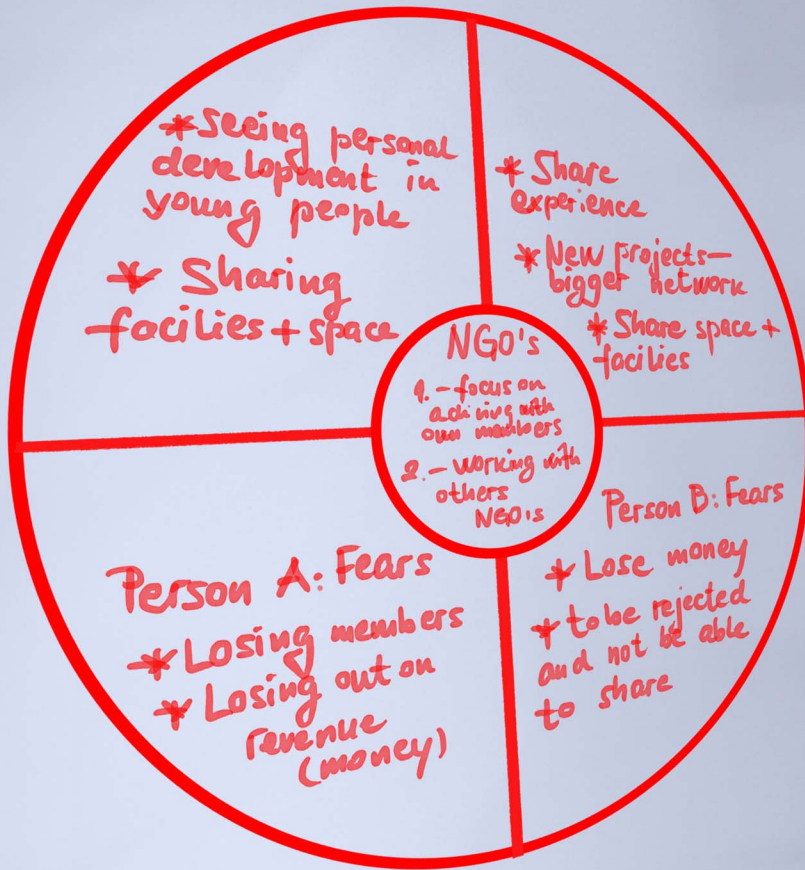
BUILDING BASIC TRUST IS ANOTHER COMMON GROUND. WE MUST
REVIVE THE POSITIVE ENERGY IN THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HUMANS.

BUILDING TRUST WILL HEAL
THE WOUNDS THAT CORRUPT
THE UNITY OF MANKIND.

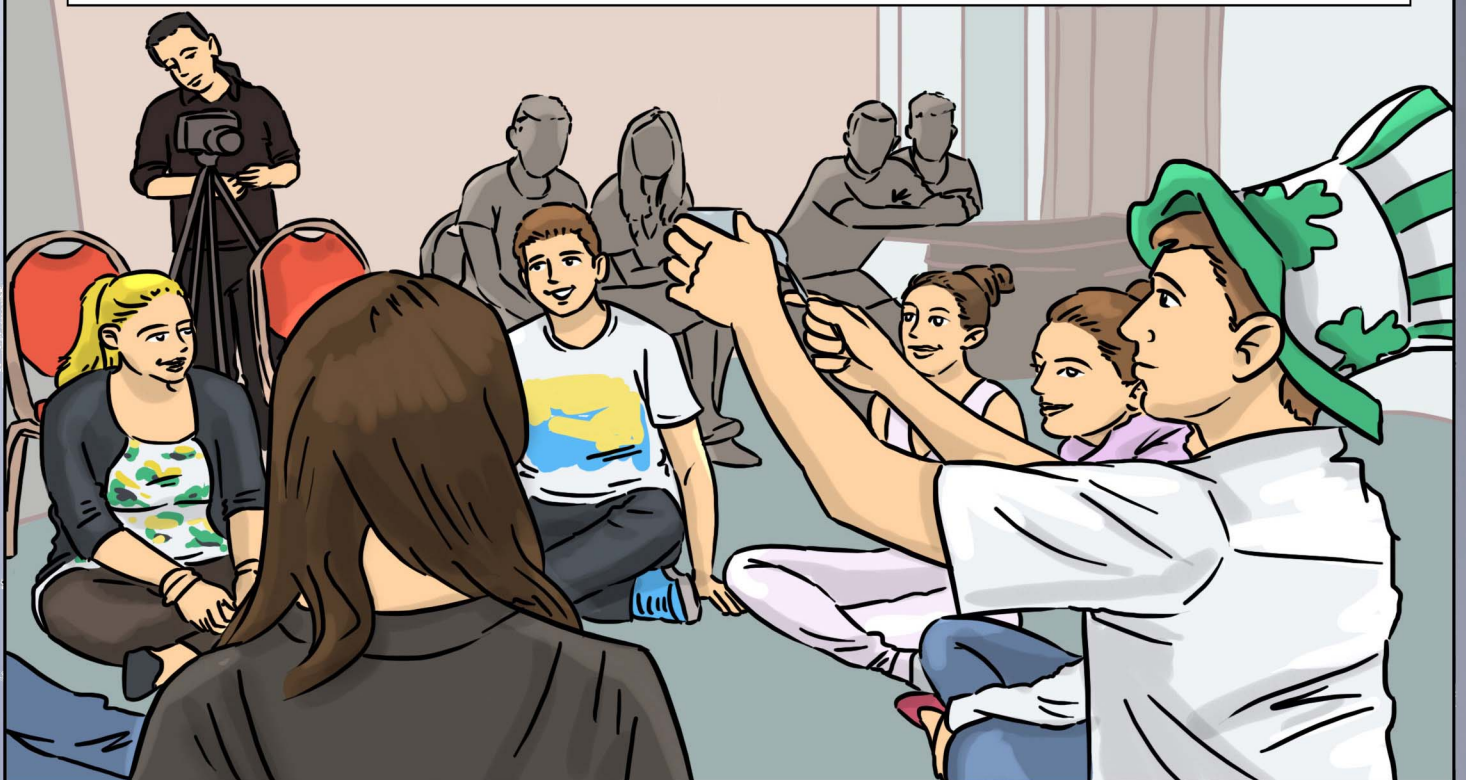
THERE ARE
MANY USEFUL TOOLS
FOR ANALYSING
WHAT REALLY HAPPENS
IN A CONFLICT.

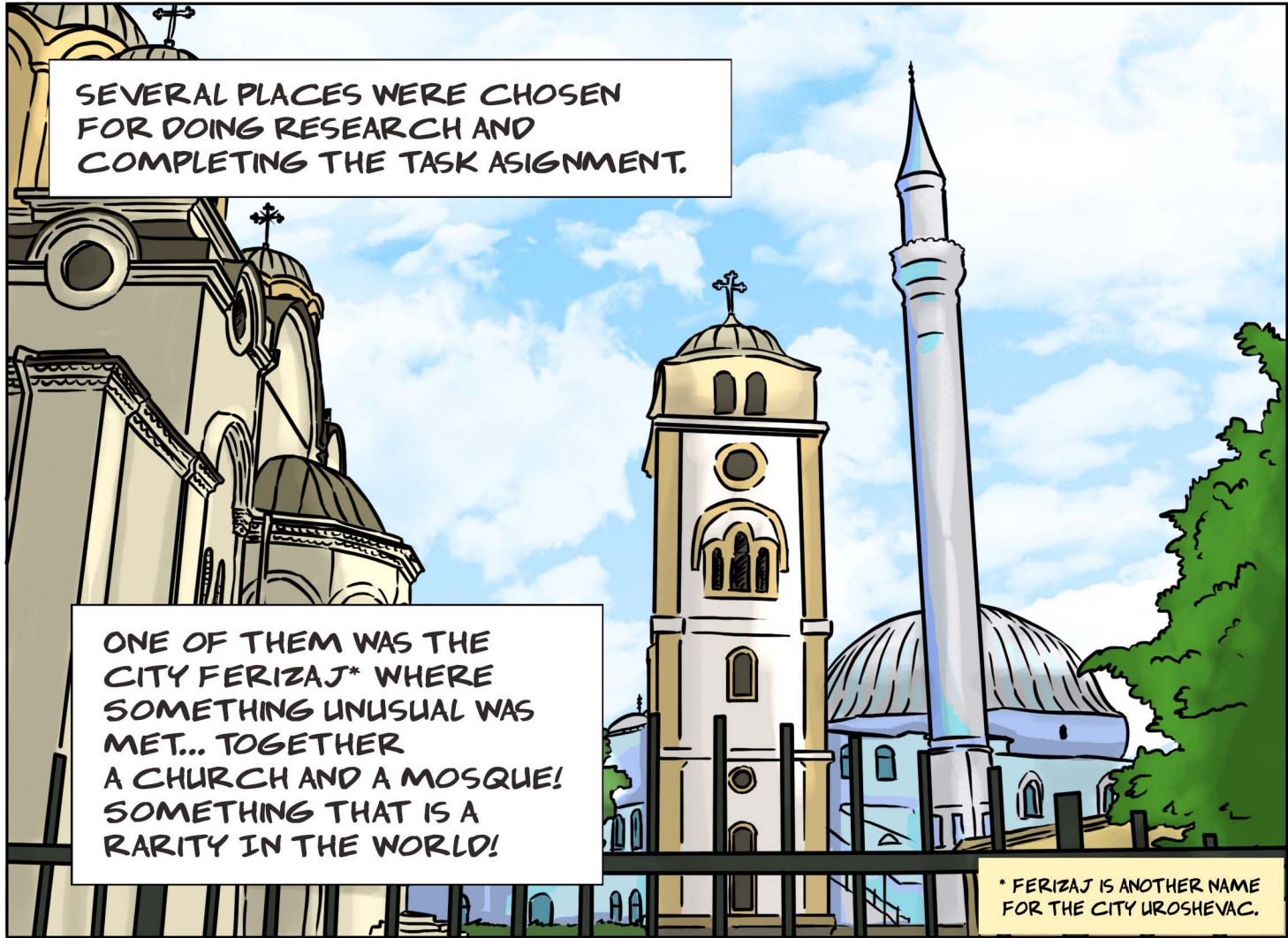
IN ALMOST ALL OF
THEM, IN ORDER TO HAVE
EFFICIENT CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, DISCUSSIONS
ARE MADE FROM
THE VIEWPOINT OF
WHAT HAPPENED
RATHER THAN
WHAT ARE THE DEMANDS
FROM THE
OPPOSING SIDES.

THIS METHOD IS HELPFUL
BECAUSE CLARIFIES THE
NEEDS AND THE FEARS,
WHICH HELPS IN FINDING
EASIER SOLUTIONS TO THE
CONFLICT
BETWEEN THE
WARRING PARTIES.



AND AFTER THIS IMPORTANT WORK, THE SECOND STEP OF THE SEMINAR FOLLOWED: HOW TO ADDRESS THIS COMPLEX ISSUES AND WHAT MEDIUM TO CHOOSE TO CONVEY THEM? THE PARTICIPANTS WERE DIVIDED IN SIX GROUPS, EACH CHOOSE A THEME AND A SOCIAL MEDIUM TO WORK AND EXPLORE IT.





SEVERAL PLACES WERE CHOSEN
FOR DOING RESEARCH AND
COMPLETING THE TASK ASSIGNMENT.

ONE OF THEM WAS THE
CITY FERIZAJ* WHERE
SOMETHING UNUSUAL WAS
MET... TOGETHER
A CHURCH AND A MOSQUE!
SOMETHING THAT IS A
RARITY IN THE WORLD!

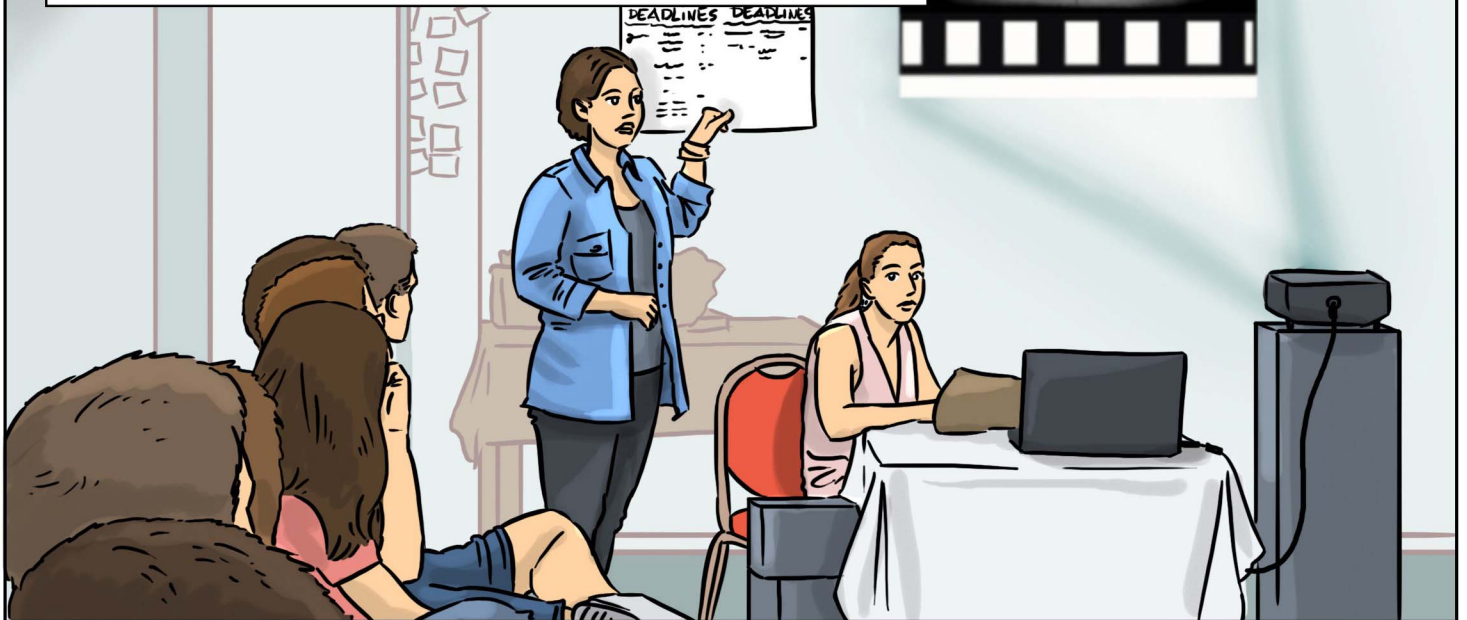
* FERIZAJ IS ANOTHER NAME
FOR THE CITY UROSHEVAC.



ALSO PRIZREN WAS VISITED, WHICH IS HELD
AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN KOSOVO,
WITH OLD ARCHITECTURE AND LONG HISTORY...
A PLACE FOR REST WITH
COFFEE AND A TURKISH DELIGHT!

AND WHEN ALL WAS DONE...

... A SCREENING WAS HELD.
THE RESULTS FROM ALL GROUPS WERE
DISCUSSED AND EVERYBODY
CONTRIBUTED WITH INSIGHTFUL
COMMENTS ON IMPROVEMENT AND
SUPPORT IN WORKING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA.



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AND THUS, ON 11TH SEPTEMBER
WE FINISHED ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL PEACE CHAPTER.

WITH THE FRIENDSHIPS CREATED, THE
WORK DONE AND UNDERSTOOD - THIS
WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE THAT
EVERYBODY WILL REMEMBER...

... HOPING THIS WILL BE THE SEED PLANTED IN
THE HEARTS OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
WILL BLOOM ONE DAY AS FIGHTERS FOR
THE BROTHERHOOD AMONG HUMANITY!

THE END



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