

## Report

### Organisations applying for membership in YEE at the Annual Meeting 2017

This year there are **three organisations applying for membership** in Youth and Environment Europe, one is applying for full membership and two for associate membership.

#### **Full membership:**

- *Blejan NGO (Armenia)*

#### **Associate membership:**

- *Public Awareness and Monitoring Centre NGO (Armenia)*

- *Umbrella (Georgia)*

#### **1. Blejan – ecological, social, business support NGO**

The environmental, social, business support non-governmental organisation “Blejan” is a non-profit organisation founded in 2007 in Gavar, Armenia.

<b>Country:</b>	Armenia
<b>Applies for:</b>	Full membership
<b>Website:</b>	www.blejan.org
<b>Number of members:</b>	27 members
<b>Age limit:</b>	Over 16 years old
<b>Aims:</b>	To support the implementation of projects in the environmental, social and agricultural fields. To support local and international cooperation connected with environmental protection and youth development. To support solutions connected with human ecology, health and local tourism.
<b>Activities:</b>	- Project “Support to the implementation of the Aarhus Convention, capacity building and strengthening of civil society structures of the Aarhus Centres and environmental public organizations” (to promote transparent and democratic management system at local level in the town of Gavar). - “Transparent local self-government” project.

- “Mission of creation” project (to promote changes in discriminatory attitude towards women and girls in Gavar and decrease gender inequalities in family and society).

*Blejan NGO applies for full membership. Since the organisation is not completely run by young people or have a youth section, we recommend the General Assembly to postpone their acceptance as full members and consider accepting them as associate members.*

## **2. Public Awareness and Monitoring Centre NGO**

Public awareness and Monitoring Centre is a non-governmental organisation founded on 14 March 2016, in Yerevan, Armenia.

<b>Country:</b>	Armenia
<b>Applies for:</b>	Associate membership
<b>Website:</b>	-
<b>Number of members:</b>	37 members
<b>Age limit:</b>	No age limit
<b>Aims:</b>	To unite the efforts of all those individuals and organizations who are interested to invest their skills and abilities to solve problems with regard to the state of surrounding environment and raising citizens’ legal awareness to live in healthy environment.
<b>Activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- National and international projects aimed at solving problems related to environmental monitoring and protection.</li><li>- Public environmental monitoring in collaboration with state and local authorities.</li><li>- Public events aimed at environmental monitoring.</li><li>- Promotion of public participation in environmental decision-making.</li><li>- Education and training of youth.</li></ul>

*Public Awareness and Monitoring Centre NGO applies for associate membership. The organisation shared some of their latest activities and although PA&MC is not run by young people, their activities are focused on environmental issues, so we recommend the General Assembly to consider accepting them as associate members.*

### 3. Umbrella

Umbrella is a non-governmental youth Organisation from Georgia founded in September 2016.

<b>Country:</b>	Georgia
<b>Applies for:</b>	Associate membership
<b>Website:</b>	-
<b>Number of members:</b>	up to 20 members
<b>Age limit:</b>	14 to 35 years old
<b>Aims:</b>	To promote the establishment of a modern, healthy, tolerant, inclusive and educated society. Some of their objectives are: preservation of rights of minorities, settlement of environmental issues, protection of human rights, establishment of peace, promotion of European and democratic values and cultural diversity, etc.
<b>Activities:</b>	The association has been implementing the educational and youth development programs. Environmental issues are among the top priorities of the organisation. Main activities are trainings, awareness raising campaigns, exhibitions, etc. The youth project “Belated friendships” took place on 28-30.04. 2017 in Tsalka municipality. Young people from two villages in Georgia and Armenia met for cultural, environmental and educational activities.

*Umbrella applies for associate membership. As they fulfil all the criteria necessary (youth organisation, dealing with environmental topics) we recommend the General Assembly to accept their application for associate membership.*