



NEWS #8



EDITORIAL

Matej's visiting our partners in Balkans in January

At the beginning of January, Matej went to visit our partner home in the Croatia as well as the group of our Alumni in Croatia. He met with Nives Radojevic, the representative of our partner in Croatia, with whom he discussed plans for the 2023. Nives declared the commitment of the Dječji dom to continue our partnerships in years to come and to further develop it on other homes in Croatia that also other organizations can take the advantage of the Speechless Reconciliation program.



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First of all, with our first newsletter of the year 2023, we would like to wish you a happy new year! We hope that the year 2023 will be filled with positivity and excitement!

This 2023 will be filled with even more exciting events as we are currently planning to organize two camps in one year. One will take place in April of 2023 and will be solely focused on the Ukrainian youngsters, that were displaced due to the war in Ukraine to surrounding countries. We would also like to introduce our new reunion concept for the Alumni of the Speechless Reconciliation, but most importantly we are planning on launching our most recent version of the online opportunity matching platform. Finally, the whole year 2023 will be dedicated to working on the finalization of the concept of Speechless Reconciliation.

As you can see, there is a lot to come in 2023, but the whole team is determined to make this year yet another successful year full of development, opportunities and great memories for our Alumni and newcomers to our Speechless Reconciliation community. One of the biggest news for 2023 so far is that our CZ developmental camp has founded a new home!

Your Speechless Reconciliation team

Meet our team

Eva Buydens

Who is Eva Buydens? Tell us something about yourself.

Hi! I am 48 years old, born in Antwerp and have been living in Cologne (Germany) for almost 6 years, together with my lovely German husband Martin. By the way he is also part of the Speechless project team.

Making others successful is my mission: individuals, teams and organizations. As a business coach I support them in their growth and achieving their goals.

I am enthusiastic about a lot of things: travelling, nature, good cuisine and of course Speechless Reconciliation.

How long have you been part of the Speechless Reconciliation community and in what way?

In 2022, Joke and Tim totally inspired me with their stories that I immediately felt like joining. So, the summer camp in August last year was my first participation. Together with Tim, I was responsible for the back-office management; making sure everything in the camp is planned, coming up with plan B if something cannot happen, etc...

What first inspired you to get involved?

As I said before, the stories of Joke and Tim, but also the fact of being able to do something good for others, making others happy and grow. That gives me real satisfaction.

I still follow the stories of some of the youngsters after the summer camp, and I love to see what they have all undertaken in the meantime and still plan to do. That's the reason why I want to be part of this wonderful family.

What is your best memory of this program so far?

There was something magical about the summer camp. An amazing experience. For myself, going back to the basics for a while, remembering simply how good we have it. Giving 35 youngsters from 6 different countries "the best week of their lives", those are their words, words that touch me. Most memorable moment for me, definitely the dance night. Total fun, singing, dancing, only smiling faces. Just wonderful to experience!



Do you have any advice for people interested in volunteering or otherwise contributing to the Speechless Reconciliation?

We cannot do it alone. All help is welcome. If we want to continue to make an impact on these youngsters, we can use all the help we can get.

So don't hesitate to join us. It not only gives meaning to the lives of these youngsters, but also to your own. You feel part of a real community, meet new people, you discover new things that make you grow in life and give you a sense of purpose. Doesn't that sound like a cool thing?

If you could describe Speechless Reconciliation in one sentence, what would that be?

New friends made for life, memories made for life, never to be forgotten.



Focus on



The 1st camp of the year "Ukraine Special"

We are extremely happy to announce that in the April we will be organizing our first developmental camp of the 2023.

The aim of this particular edition is to offer the opportunity to join our alumni group to 18 youngsters in the age of 16-22. Those participants will participate in activities such as business planning and pitching, skills, talents identification, storytelling, creativity and future planning. The alumni of this particular edition will become part of our bigger network of alumni and will be able to take the advantage of everything that our program offers.

You can find more information about how you can get involved and support our effort on the link below:

<https://www.speechlessreconciliation.org/ukraine-special-edition-2023.html>



The Speechless Reconciliation program has received three donations in kind from private companies



Coca-Cola Czech Republic

Coca-Cola Czech Republic already donated extensive amount of its beverages last year and we are extremely grateful that we renewed this partnership also for this year.

<https://www.coca-cola.cz/>



Crocodile Czech Republic

Crocodile Czech Republic donated delicious sandwiches and baguettes for our participants. Crocodile Czech Republic is a Czech company focused mainly on the production and sale of packaged baguettes, sandwiches, panini and wraps. The company is supplying and selling its products all over the Europe.

<https://www.crocodile.com/en>



Kiwi.com

We have received a donation in kind in the form of vouchers but also office space in Karlín that we will use as a location for our camps Job Fair.

Kiwi.com is a Czech Internet search engine for air tickets around the world, enabling their reservation and purchase. The search engine focuses on connecting flights of airlines that do not normally cooperate with each other. Thanks to a unique algorithm, the company allows the combination of transport of more than 750 carriers. <https://www.kiwi.com/>

New location for our Developmental Camps in 2023

After the two years we have decided to change the location where the 1st phase of the program, the developmental camp, is taking place.

The new place, is in the south of the Czech Republic in the city of Písek. The main reason, why have we decided to change the location, is the fact that our new venue offers us big possibilities in terms of adjustments in our program but also on the other hand we will be closely collaborating with the owner of the farm Jaroslav Chroňák, serial entrepreneur, who is right now mostly focusing on the development of teams and young people with talent. For the Speechless Reconciliation program this is a perfect match.

If, you would like to know more about our new location. Have a look on the website <https://www.rodinnafarmahurka.cz/>



If you like what we do and you would like to support our cause do not hesitate to donate on the following button

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Always in motion...

Take a look behind the scenes of the project team and immerse yourself in the world of Speechless Reconciliation.

Tim and Matej in Písek

On Monday, 23rd of January Tim Belon and Matej Keka went to the city of Písek, which is around 1 and half hour south from Prague to visit our newest location where the Ukraine Special edition of the developmental camp will take place. They met with the owner of the farm Jaroslav Chronák, with whom they discussed the program for the April Ukraine Special edition



In the evening they have met with the local Rotary Club Písek, where they had the opportunity to discuss possible partnership with our Speechless Reconciliation program and also they have met Mr. Tomáš Fiala, who is the director of the hospital in the city of Strakonice as well as senator in the Senate of the Czech Republic. With the senator, they have discussed some possibilities of cooperation.



At Rotary Club Písek

Our Catalans colleagues Frans & Andrea helping us to spread the word throughout Spain

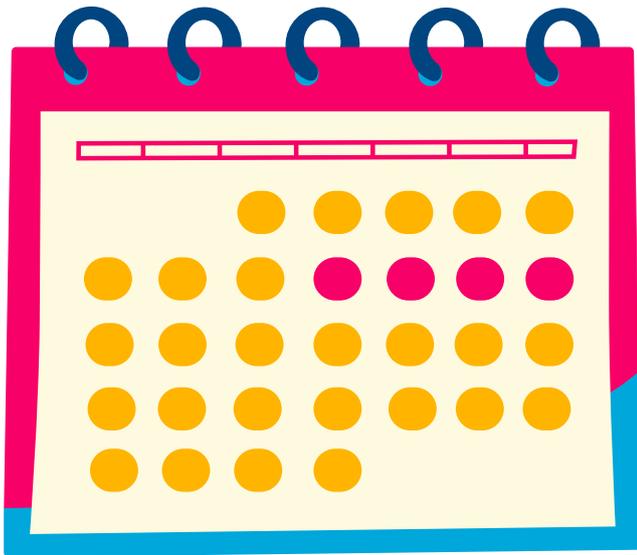


Frans and Andrea went to their 7 years old son's school and had the chance to present to all his classmates the importance of having a family while explaining the importance of doing what they do for the Speechless Reconciliation project by encouraging them support on this kind of initiatives.

Frans and Andrea visited the local Rotary Club in Vilassar de Mar (Barcelona) which whom they are studying possible collaborations to support us with several fundraising events in their own town.

In this meeting Matej joined online to share some ideas about how we are rolling with other Rotary Clubs throughout the world.





SAVE THE DATE

Upcoming Events

22nd February

Annual meeting of the Speechless Reconciliation supporters on *Worklounge in Prague*

MAY

Wine tasting Fundraiser event will be taking place in *Spain (To Be Confirmed)*

3rd June

Annual fundraiser event for the Speechless Reconciliation program *Prague (To Be Confirmed)*

Stay connected and follow our activities



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Ideas, questions, suggestions, contact us at hello@speechlessreconciliation.org



You can always support us in organizing the next unforgettable summer camp 2023



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Special thanks to our partners who are creating opportunities together with us...

