

YOUTH EDUCATION

Outreach Programme launches third round of its Youth Education Project

On 6 March, the ICTY's Outreach Programme launched its third round of high school and university presentations in the countries of the former Yugoslavia. The project forms part of the ICTY's continuing efforts to contact the younger generations across the region and stimulate their interest in the Tribunal's mandate and the wider issues of transitional justice and post-conflict recovery.

More than 60 students of the Fifth Gymnasium in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) attended the launch presentation of this third phase of the project. Among other things, the students were given information regarding the prosecution of individuals accused of committing crimes during the siege of Sarajevo and encouraged to discuss the importance of the rule of law in dealing with the past.

Deputy school director Islam Zulović said: "We are very pleased with the cooperation initiated between our school and the Tribunal's Outreach Programme. The numerous questions asked by our students and the genuine interest they have shown confirm that the presentation was especially well received. We would be happy to continue our cooperation in the future."

Throughout this academic year the Outreach Programme will visit a number of high schools across the former Yugoslavia. A separate pilot event in BiH will build the capacity of teachers there to introduce elements of these presentations into their own work. A regional series of university presentations is also scheduled to commence in the spring.



"This is one of the most gratifying projects implemented by Outreach. We have seen great interest among the young generation in the work of the Tribunal, especially its achievements in bringing to light facts about the crimes and holding high-level individuals accountable. Building respect for the rule of law among the young generation is crucial for the fulfillment of the Tribunal's mandate of contributing to peace and security in the region," said the ICTY's Deputy Registrar, Kate Mackintosh.

As many as 6,000 students from across the region have already benefited from these events since the Youth Education Project was launched in December 2011.

The Outreach Programme benefits from the support of the European Union and its work with young people in the former Yugoslavia is generously supported by the Finnish government.

DOCUMENTARIES



Outreach documentary *Through their Eyes: Witnesses to Justice* screened in Belgrade, Sarajevo and Zagreb

The third feature-length documentary produced by the Tribunal's Outreach Programme - Through their Eyes: Witnesses to Justice - was screened recently in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia. The screenings attracted a total of 150 guests, including NGO representatives, academics, government officials, diplomats, students and journalists. The documentary focuses on the role played by survivors of crimes in the work of the ICTY, using the stories of five victims of wartime crimes from the former Yugoslavia who share their personal experiences of giving testimony before the Tribunal. All three screenings were followed by Q&A sessions with filmmakers Petar Finci and Steve Coulson.

Commenting on the value of the documentary, a former ICTY witness and one of the protagonists in the film, Ms Minka Čehajić said: "I felt it was my moral duty to come before the court and testify and I felt deep satisfaction for having done so. I have no doubt that I would do it again, if required."

The documentary, which is available in English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), will be distributed to victim organisations, schools and partner NGOs in the former Yugoslavia and beyond.

The first of the Outreach-produced documentaries - Sexual Violence and the Triumph of Justice, which presents the Tribunal's historic role in the prosecution and adjudication of wartime sexual violence - premiered in 2012. That film was followed in 2013 by Crimes Before the ICTY: Prijedor, which looks at the cases heard before the Tribunal concerning crimes that occurred in the Prijedor area of BiH. Both films are now available on the Tribunal's YouTube channel: <u>Sexual Violence and the Triumph of Justice and Crimes Before the ICTY: Prijedor</u>.