



STAY ENGAGED: Upcoming events

THE FIRST DELEGATION 10 years GLC Pro Fellows Program
ReConnect series

WEDNESDAY, OCT 12TH 2022 ONLINE ON ZOOM
1 PM US EASTERN / 6 PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN

LUKE ALLEN
Ypsilanti, MICHIGAN

MARYANA BORISOVA
Sofia, BULGARIA

MARTON GOSZTONYI
Budapest, HUNGARY

AND OTHERS...

VERONIKA STRELKOVA
Banska Bystrica, SLOVAKIA

TAMAS AVAR
Budapest, HUNGARY

ReConnect is a GLC alumni engagement series which enhances peer-to-peer sharing and connects alumni and mentors with identical interests.

GLC Professional Fellows alumni activities supported by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of the Educational and Cultural Affairs, Global Leaders Division.

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October 12th 2022, 6 pm CET / 12 pm EST

ReConnect: Meet the First Delegation

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the GLC Professional Fellows Program, we wanted to come back to the pioneers of the program who first travelled to the US and Europe, respectively, back in 2012.

We would like to hear where are they now, what are their memories from the program 10 years later and how it impacted their personal and professional paths. Please join us for this up to 90 minutes event and MEET THE FIRST DELEGATION.

[Join Facebook event *](#)

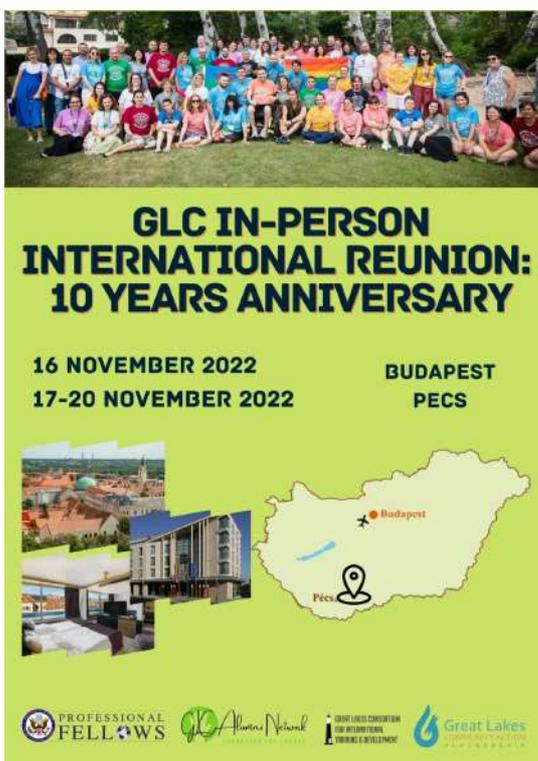
[Zoom link for the event](#)



* As we strive to keep our gatherings safe, please note we are only creating private Facebook events. If you can't access the events on Facebook, but would like to mark your participation there, please reach Elizabeth Balint or any country director.

Please don't share publicly the Zoom link to these events. You are however welcome to invite trusted colleagues and friends who might be interested.

16-20 November 2022, Pecs (Hungary)



GLC IN-PERSON INTERNATIONAL REUNION: 10 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

16 NOVEMBER 2022
17-20 NOVEMBER 2022

BUDAPEST
PECS

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GLC In-person International Reunion: 10 Years Anniversary

Our first international in-person reunion since the pandemic, is in the making! Celebrating the 10th anniversary of the GLC Professional Fellows program, the event will include a series of events in Budapest (November 16th 2022) and Pecs (between November 17th and 20th 2022)!

The registration for the international reunion is now closed!

Stay tuned for news.



STAY INFORMED: News Bites

A Decade of Success



GLCAP / GLC FALL 2022 PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS
SEPTEMBER 22ND - NOVEMBER 4TH 2022

ALBANIA
Anila Salianji, Briseida Gjoza, Enkeleda Sako, Livia Kreko

HUNGARY
Riges Begiri, Brigitta Mira Lajos, Tibor Tarcsay

ROMANIA
Una-Clara Sigheti, Nicoleta-Mariana Orlea, Viviana-Maria Hutuleac

SLOVAKIA
Beata Fekiacova

BULGARIA
Krasimir Zlatinov, Shirin Hodzheva, Simeon Vasilev, Theodora Ivanova-Valeva

Our Fall 2022 delegation is now in the US!

The GLC Professional Fellows Fall 2022 delegation has arrived in the US on September 22nd. The 15-members delegation from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia has started its six-week fellowship on governance and society in the United States as part of a U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Program managed by GLCAP/GLC.

The delegation arrived in Toledo, Ohio and stayed there for 4 days, learning from and sharing experience with local leaders as well as non-profit

organization partners.

From Ohio the fellows traveled to Chicago where they had a number of meetings with local partners and had the chance to explore the city. They are now heading to their placements across the U.S. (see below).

While organizing in-person exchanges during COVID-19 is more challenging, we believe that building people-to-people relationships needs in-person activities and we put extra efforts to mitigate the risk of getting sick or exposed to COVID-19.

Read more about the program, our 15 fellows and their US hosting organizations in our [special newsletter](#).

Access Fall 2022 Delegation Special Newsletter



13 organizations from 10 states host our fellows in October

On September 30th, our 15 fellows from Fall 2022 GLC Professional Fellows Delegation head out to their placements in 10 different states across the U.S. They will be hosted by altogether 13 organizations: some long-time partners like Action NC, Massachusetts Communities Action Network and Step by Step; and newcomers like San Francisco Aids Foundation, Muslim Women's Resource Center and White Ribbon Alliance. We are grateful to all mentors, supporters and host families who we be involved in the professional and cultural program of our fellows!



With the end of October, the delegation will come back together in Washington, D.C., for sharing of learning and reflection. In early November, at the conclusion of the program, they will meet with exchange programs' participants from around the world at the Professional Fellows Congress.

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Five U.S. mentors completed their trips to Europe in September

Six more U.S. mentors completed their outbound trips to Europe, visiting fellows from the Spring 2022 delegation.

Gabriel Silva (Citizen Action of New York), Ellen Macauley (Environmental League of Massachusetts) and Maria Degillo (Communities United) traveled to Romania, supporting their mentees Gabriela Anghel, Loredana Pana and Bogdan Tomozii respectively.



Albanian fellows Ardit Vranici and Gertjana Hasalla also welcomed their mentors Blanca Surgeon (Rural Community Assistance Corporation) and Nina Corder (Women of Toledo).

Before visiting Albania, Nina Corder worked in Hungary with her other mentee Nora Kiss. Mackenzie Munro (Ecology Center) was also in Hungary working with fellow Eva Toth-Kallo.

Long-time U.S. mentor Hector Vaca (Action NC), who hosted two European fellows in the spring, had the chance to visit both Slovakia (fellow Andrej Navojski) and Albania (fellow Kaludio Hyseini).

More U.S. mentors' visits to Europe are coming up in October, November and December.





We have resumed our alumni virtual events

After a short summer break, we have resumed our virtual alumni events, sustaining networking and relationships across our GLC community.

On September 20th we had a short, but inspiring Happy Hour meeting, sharing stories of our summer. We heard from U.S. mentor Gabriel Silva about his trip to Romania and from the fellow that hosted him - Gabriel Anghel. Bulgarian alumna Nevena Pashova-Proycheva shared about her trip to Uganda. Stories about their summer trips and achievements were also shared by the rest of the 11 people on the call. Recording is available upon request to v.petkov@proeuropean.net.

Our next event is planned for October 12th. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the GLC Professional Fellows Program, we wanted to hear from the pioneers of the program who first travelled to the US and Europe, respectively, back in 2012.

To warm up for the event, please check these 10-years old posters of the first European and US delegations travelling on our program for the first time in 2012:



WSOS Community Action Commission / Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development

“Citizen Legislative Advocacy in Minority Communities” Professional Fellows from Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia in the United States on March 26 - May 5, 2012



Lavinia Chiburte



Mihaela Carstea



Ana-Maria Suci



Emil Metodiev



Maryana Borisova



Ognyan Isaev



Miglena Yordanova



Peter Lazarov

Romania

Bulgaria



Eszter Nagy



Marton Gosztonyi



Boglarka Janoskuti



Tamas Avar



Judit Szollar



Veronika Strelcova



Martin Micek



Zuzana Bargerova

Hungary

Slovakia



“Citizen Legislative Advocacy in Minority Communities” U.S. Mentors visit Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia from July 8 to July 29, 2012



Deb Martin
Fremont, OH



Maria Trejo
Chicago, IL



Mary Tarullo
Chicago, IL



Kirsten Dunham
St. Louis, MO



Cathy Woodson
Charlottesville, VA



Julia Bertalan
Toledo, OH



Monique George
New York, NY



Luke Allen
Detroit, MI



Janice Johnson
Hampton, VA

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Citizen Exchanges, Professional Fellows Division

STAY INSPIRED: Alumni stories



Photo exhibition 'Los Silenciados' by U.S. mentor Hector Vaca in Dures, Albania

A Photo Exhibition, featuring photographs of the citizens of Charlotte, North Carolina, facing the everyday life was shown in Dures, Albania. Titled 'Los Silenciados - The Silenced', the exhibiton featured



U.S. mentor and Bulgarian alumna meet in Argentina for Equal Rights Coalition Meeting

Bulgarian alumna Denitsa Lyubenova (Spring 2017) took part in the Equal Rights Coalition Conference 2022, which was held in Buenos Aires in September. There she spoke about the rollback of LGBTQ

photographies of our long-term U.S. mentor and organizer in Action NC Hector Vaca Cruz. The message of the Artist is: "Open your mouth, if you want to be heard." The exhibition was organized with a small grant from our GLC Professional Fellows program. Check more about Hector's photography projects on his [website](#).

rights in Bulgaria and the region. During the event, Denitsa also met her U.S. mentor Jay Gilliam. Jay currently serves as a senior LGBTQ Coordinator at USAID. The Equal Rights Coalition (ERC) is an intergovernmental body of 42 Member States dedicated to the protection of the rights of LGBTI persons.



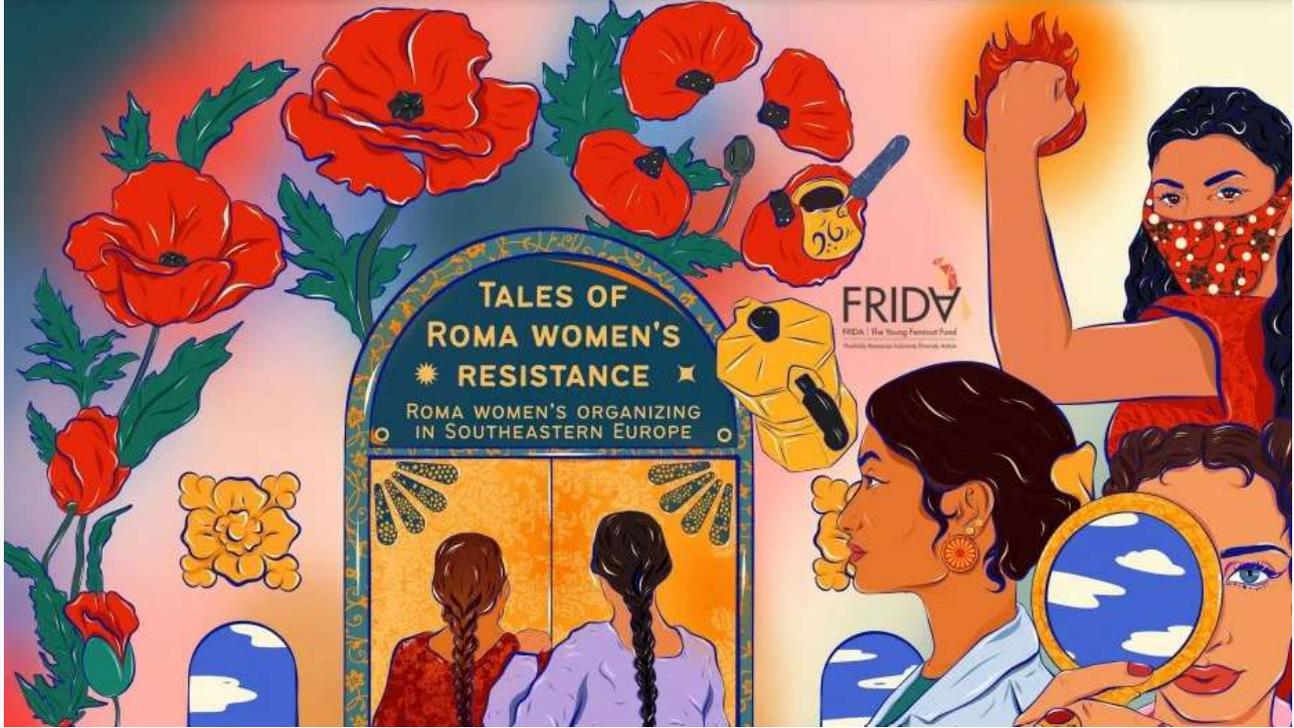
Our alumni on a map of social innovators in Slovakia

A map of social innovators in Slovakia, compiled by Pontis Foundation and Ashoka, was presented in September. The map includes Slovak alumni, including those on the photo: Andrej Navojsky (Spring 2022), Jozef Kakos (Spring 2017), Karina Andrasikova (Spring 2017) and Maros Chmelik (Spring 2013). More about the map [here](#).

Three Bulgarian alumni got married in September

Not one, not two, but three Bulgarian alumni had wedding ceremonies in September. Tsvetomir Nenov (Spring 2016, on the photo), Denitsa Lyubenova (Spring 2017) and Radoslav Atanasov (Spring 2022) were the ones that said 'I do' this month. We wish their families a happy life together! And we would like to know if organizing a wedding is more challenging than organizing communities!

STAY RESOURCEFUL: Roma Women's Organizing in Southeastern Europe



By FRIDA | THE YOUNG FEMINIST FUND

"This research honors Roma feminist organizers' stories of resistance, struggle and survival of the interconnected systems of oppression that confront Roma people in the societies, institutions and in many cases the very social justice movements they are a part of. Roma wisdom and alternatives to how we build community with one another is braided into each generation. While this culture has been historically appropriated and extracted from, it is not respected and credited when practiced by Roma people. Roma communities are diverse and resourceful; with a rich culture of community building and quite often unrecognized contributions across science, technology, the arts and culture.

However, Roma face an ongoing discrimination and exploitation from the societies and institutions that systematically deny access to safety, resources, education and justice.

This collection of stories has emerged from a collective process to draw visibility towards Roma feminist organizers, especially young women, girls, trans and non-binary people in Southeast Europe. Roma feminist movements are continuously creating ways to support their communities and often take the role of the institutions that should be creating these conditions of protection and support."

[Download this resource](#)

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