



AGENDA

"Textilijada 7, an annual event, will be held for the seventh consecutive year. Its primary objective is to initiate discussions at the local and national levels, employing culture, art, and debates to establish partnerships and kickstart a social dialogue addressing pressing issues that impact everyone, particularly workers and young individuals.

The events, which encompass both social and artistic aspects, are designed to motivate young people and workers to actively engage in decision-making processes that affect ordinary citizens. We aim to raise awareness about the importance of advocating for workers' rights and encourage participants to move beyond their comfort zones, embracing social responsibility. Let us collaborate for essential changes that lead to a brighter future and decent living conditions.

In the past, workers were central to cultural events, shaping culture within their workplaces. Unfortunately, they now find themselves marginalized, culturally and socially disconnected.

The theme of Textiliada 2023 is "Textile Justice - Reflecting on the Past, Envisioning the Future." This year, Textilijada 7 seeks to underscore the necessity of achieving justice for workers while inspiring fresh ideas to guide us forward, drawing valuable lessons from past mistakes.

Let's take pride in Shtip's heritage as a textile city and use positive examples to shift our focus towards the future. Our goal is not only to modernize all facets of the textile industry but also to engage in a social dialogue aimed at securing a better future and elevating workers' rights.

The erosion of trust in the judicial system is a significant concern. Establishing a transparent and accountable judiciary system is crucial for upholding workers' rights and ensuring fair access to justice. Encouragingly, global fashion conglomerates are increasingly acknowledging their responsibility in championing labor rights and improving workers' quality of life throughout their supply chains.

Yet, all these efforts will be in vain if we fail to appreciate and honor our textile city's heritage. Shtip's future, along with its textile industry, hinges on a modernized approach across all aspects, starting with rebranding the city itself. Success will also depend on the engagement of all stakeholders in a constructive social dialogue if we are to preserve our identity as a textile city.

By learning from positive examples and collaborating with friends willing to share solutions that have led them from failure to success, we can chart a prosperous path forward.



Our ultimate goal, facilitated through the Cultural and Artistic Center Textile - Shtip, is to foster active civic participation. We aim to bring discussions to the forefront at both the local and regional levels, fostering partnerships and initiating a social dialogue on the most pressing issues in our society, all with the overarching aim of ensuring the dignified lives of our citizens.

<https://tekstilijada2023.glasentekstilec.mk>



Textilijada 7, 2023				
"Textile Justice - Reflecting on the Past, Envisioning the Future"				
Thursday 05.10.2023				
1	12.00 Presentation	<p>Educational presentation:</p> <p>Welcoming guests from Borås and educational presentation (<i>walk troughs Shtip</i>), as a Textile Center of Macedonia.</p> <p>Reception of the guests from Borås. A short walk through the old factories left over from socialism and a walk through the new, more modern factories that are the carriers of industry (past and future).</p>	<p>Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasen Tekstilec, • Mayor of the Municipality of Stip; • Employers. 	<p>Location: Municipality of Shtip</p> 
2	15.00 Unveiling of a mural	<p>Unveiling of a mural by guests from Borås:</p> <p>Topic: "A textile worker in the past or the future"</p> <p>Mural by art group FORMA</p>	<p>Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasen Tekstilec; <p>Co-host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipality of Shtip; <p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests from Borås; • Workers and public. 	<p>Location: Building in the center of Shtip</p> 
3	16.00 Panel Discussion:	<p>Topic: „Discrimination at work place, Commission for Protection and Prevention of Discrimination“</p> <p>Activities/topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation of the work of the Commission, and open debate and questions from public; • ways to report discrimination; • what is discrimination; • providing positive examples of resolved discrimination in workplaces. 	<p>Host: Glasen Tekstilec</p> <p>Co-host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission for Protection and Prevention of Discrimination. <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara Resavska Mancheski. <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from State labor inspectorate, Ministry of labor; • Kristina Ampeva, Glasen Tekstilec; • Dejan Zdravkov, Commission for equal opportunities between men and women; 	<p>Location: Hotel Oaza</p> 






			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aleksandra Cvetanovska, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA); • Igor Jadrovski, CPAAD; • Magdalena Stojmanovikj Konstantinov – journalist. 	
Lunch Break Hotel Oaza				
4.	19.00 A joint dinner	<p>Joint dinner with the delegations of Borås and Shtip, exchange of experiences and getting to know each other.</p> <p>Joint dinner and acquaintance and socializing of the two delegations from Borås and Shtip, represented by representatives of the Shtip and Borås municipalities, Employers, Fashion Center, High Schools, Faculties, Associations, Olof Palme Center, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Skopje Office.</p>	<p>Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Jordanov, Major of Municipality of Shtip; <p>Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations from Borås and Shtip. 	<p>Location:</p> <p>Hotel Restaurant (TBC)</p> 
Friday 06.10.2023				
1.	10:00 Opening of Textilijada 7	<p>Unveiling of Artwork on the topic:</p> <p>“Roots of Tradition“</p> <p>“Sculpture“ by sculptor Andrej Minevski.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Ami Larsson Jain, Ambassador of Embassy of Sweden in Skopje, North Macedonia; • Ivan Jordanov, Mayor of Municipality of Shtip; • Kristina Ampeva, Glasen Tekstilec; • Andrej Minevski, sculptor. 	<p>Location:</p> <p>Central city area - Argach</p> 
2.	10.30 International forum	<p>Activity/topic:</p> <p>Presentation of the fall and rise of textile industry in the city of Borås, Sweden.</p> <p>Textile Industry today in Shtip and Borås, and</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viktor Mitevski. <p>Welcome speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Ami Larsson Jain, Ambassador of Sweden in Skopje; 	<p>Translation will be provided on English language.</p> <p>Location: Hotel Oaza</p>






		<p>possibilities for building network and cooperation.</p> <p>A short presentation of the guests from Borås about the policies and collaborations, social dialogue and opportunities for solutions, the history of Borås and how they managed to turn a failed industry into a successful business model.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Jordanov, Mayor of Shtip; • Dr. Peter Hurrelbrink, Resident representative for North Macedonia and Kosovo, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Lundell, "Nordiska Textilakademin" Borås; • Sara Andersson, elected member of the city council of Borås; • Vishna Shorova Angelova, General Secretary at the Municipality of Stip • Marijana Perkovska, President of TTA Textile cluster; 	
Lunch Break <u>Hotel Oaza</u>				
3.	13:30 International forum	<p>Activity/topic:</p> <p>„Sustainable fashion through the prism of brands and the concept of Borås as a positive example “</p>	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biljana Solakovska Mihajlovska Fear Wear foundation; <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thommesen Linda, Albiro brand (ZOOM); • Christian Lundell, "Nordiska Textilakademin", Borås; • Sara Andersson, elected member of the city council of Borås; • Alessandra Mezzatesta, Workfashion (ZOOM); • Marina Varadinovska, Director of the High Textile School in Shtip; 	<p>Translation will be provided on English language.</p> <p>Location: Hotel Oaza</p>



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nelly Hayek, ACTE, Sweden; • Nikola Buleski, Designer; • Aleksandar Patrikliski, EAM. 	
Coffee break <u>Hotel Oaza</u>				
4.	16:00 Literary competition	<p>Topic: “What is justice?!” Activity: Literary competition from students from elementary and high schools in Shtip.</p>	<p>Participants: Students from elementary and high schools in the Municipality of Shtip For sixth years in a row, a literary competition is held within the Textilijada, where young people from elementary and high schools participate. This year the topic of the competition will be “What is justice”</p>	<p>Location: library “Goce Delchev” - Shtip</p> 
5.	19.00 ART Exhibition: AI (artificial intelligence) and textile justise	<p>Activity/topic: Art exhibition of a renowned artist from Macedonia. The theme of the exhibition is justice and textile workers.</p>	<p>Workers in textile industry and Glasen Tekstilec (Cultural art center textile) with cooperation SCS center JADRO with Gorgje Jovanovic using AI will make ART from testimonies from workers.</p>	<p>Location: House of Youth</p> 
Saturday 07.10.2022				
1.	11 .00 Debate	<p>Activity/topic: "Justice, judiciary and labor rights"</p> <p>Debate on the current situation, obstacles, and problems we face as legal representatives in the court labyrinths and whether justice for workers is possible.</p> <p>Problems we face and how to find a solution for a more efficient judiciary and equal rights for all.</p>	<p>Moderator: Viktor Vukanovski.</p> <p>Participants and panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawyers: Donce Stamenkov and Antonio Sazdov; • Vesna Tomevska, director of the state labor inspectorate; • Gjorgji Andonov, President of the Basic Court Shtip; • Biljana Ivanovska, president of State Commission for Prevention of Corruption. 	<p>Location: Hotel Oaza</p> 
Lunch break <u>Hotel Oaza</u>				



2.	<p>14.00 Panel discussion</p>	<p>Topic: "Open Balkans and labor rights-Race to the bottom"</p> <p>Topic Open Balkans, which is an economic and political alliance and how it affects labor rights and the valuation of labor in the race to sell cheaper labor and increase foreign investment. Possibilities for joint action and regional protection of labor rights.</p>	<p>Moderator: Viktor Mitevski.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jugoslav Ristić, Association of citizens "New light", Serbia; • Brikena Berisha; • Brikene Hoxha; Coalition for Social Justice, Kosovo; • Dragan Tevdovski, Representative from ZMAI. 	<p>Translation will be provided on English language.</p> <p>Location: Hotel Oaza</p> 
Coffee break <u>Hotel Oaza</u>				
3.	<p>15.00 Newspaper promotion and Mural promotion</p>	<p>Activity/topic: Promotion of yearly newspaper "TEKSTILEC" (textile worker) unveiling of a mural by guests from Boros.</p> <p>As part of this year's project supported by the OPC, a sixth edition edition of the newspaper Tekstilec was prepared. It will be promoted and distributed to the citizens of Stip by young volunteers from Glasen Tekstilec.</p>	<p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers of Glasen Tekstilec. 	<p>Location: Center of Shtip</p> 
4.	<p>16.30 Picnic</p>	<p>Activity/topic: Short visit to an ancient city and short educations through a picnic to workers' rights.</p> <p>A two-hour excursion to the ancient city of Bargala, where the workers will be able to enjoy nature and at the same time socialize and talk with unionization experts. There will be short lectures on unionization at the site and examples from Borås.</p>	<p>Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasen Tekstilec; <p>Co-host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ivan Jordanov, Mayor of Municipality of Shtip. 	<p>Location: Ancient city of Bargala</p> 
5.	<p>19:00 Art exhibition</p>	<p>Activity/topic: "Super Worker", comic book exhibition.</p> <p>Art exhibition of comic book "Super Woman Worker" with woman hero who will</p>	<p>Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikola Kostovski, Designer; • Denis Ampev, Glasen Tekstilec. 	<p>Location: House of Youth</p>



		<p>help the workers to fight for their rights. This superhero is not a classic hero who is saving the world but will show that the workers can fight for their rights at the workplace without waiting for some superhero to do it, they only need solidarity and unionization. The comic book is drawn by the artist Nikola Kostovski.</p>		
4.	21.00 Party	<p>Closing Party</p> <p>Socializing with participants and guests in a pleasant atmosphere and good music</p>	DJ	<p>Location: House of Youth</p>

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