



## Hairdressing Students in Lyon

CEPFA students from the Hairdressers department spent their summer holidays with benefits. As a part of the capacity building, the hairdressing students had a two-week training in the city of Lyon, France in July. The goal was to improve their French language as an essential component of their professional skills.



The four French-speaking students of CEPFA had a great opportunity to improve both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, as they practiced in well-known beauty salons in Lyon. The students and teaching staff of the Center spent two intense weeks at the CEPR: they had an introductory visit around the campus, practical classes, experience exchange with French colleagues, plenty of information and a lot of new friends. Our "ambassadors" had

also an opportunity to have a city tour and admire the views of old Lyon.



## War Participants in Marseille

Another visit was scheduled to the south of France. On August 15, a group of CEPFA students flew to Marseille to visit the Septèmes-les-Vallons community as a part of the international solidarity program implemented by ACFOA (Cultural Association of French People of Armenian Origin from Septèmes-les-Vallons and its surroundings).

The group members were participants of the 44-day Artsakh War or their family members. During their



two-week's stay, our students saw the sights, met with representatives of various organizations, and had the opportunity to get in touch with the local Armenian community.

## How to Bridge Education and Labor Market

On July 3 and 4, Anush Stepanyan, responsible for the Career Guidance, took part in a career guidance training arranged by CareerLab. It is a platform for developing career skills. It has a website [careerlab.am](http://careerlab.am) where visitors have the opportunity to access basic online career guidance and career services and plan their careers. The topic was "Bridging Education and Labor Market". The course aimed to enrich the knowledge and develop the skills of career guidance specialists in VET institutions to make them able to facilitate the employment of VET graduates.



## CEPFA in EfVET Annual Conference

On October 25-28, the 32nd annual EfVET (European Forum for Vocational Education & Training) conference was held on the Greek island of Rhodes. The conference was attended by SEPR and CEPFA. CEPFA was represented by Deputy Pedagogical Director Yelena Martirosyan. The topic was "Future Skills for Green Transition". During productive and inspiring seminars, the best practices and further actions of green initiatives were discussed.



The conference addressed three main questions: what challenges will trainers encounter when encompassing skills for green transitions in training? what capacity do we need for that? what role will governments and employers play in this context?

## Diploma Awarding Ceremony

The Center hosted a solemn ceremony of awarding diplomas to graduates of the 2022-2023 academic year. We hope that the knowledge and skills acquired at CEPFA will help our graduates become competitive specialists in the labor market.

## Opening Academic Year 2023-2024

On the first of September, Deputy Pedagogical Director Yelena Martirosyan, Responsible for Quality Assurance Aida Dabagyan, Responsible for Career Guidance Anush Stepanyan delivered a welcoming speech. The official opening was followed by an interesting game. The 2nd and 3rd-year students of the Center tried to find out how familiar the freshmen are with the activities of CEPFA. The most active participants received nice gifts.

We are certain, that 1st-year students will graduate from CEPFA as proactive, civic-minded and ambitious young specialists who think of life as continuous progress.



## Students Council Meeting

The first meeting of the Students Council was held at CEPFA in September.

The audience was presented with the charter of the Students Council, and the members of the Student Commission for quality assurance were selected.

The program of events for the 2023-2024 academic year was

approved. They discussed the Teacher's Day planning among other organizational issues.

## Teacher's Day in CEPFA

On October 5, Teacher's Day, the members of the Student Council of CEPFA warmly welcomed their favorite teachers. Students warmly addressed their teachers and noted the role that teachers had assumed to help young generation realize their national identity and strive for the perfection of mind, soul and body. Everyone understands that our tomorrow, hope and dreams depend on the teacher's work.

The students from the pastry department treated teachers with hand-made biscuits. This was followed by another surprise: the first lesson of the day was conducted by students instead of teachers.

## Nature is Welcoming. Hiking Festival -2

On September 9 and 10, the City of Sevan hosted participants of a hiking festival Fest-Camp. Teachers and students of CEPFA were happy to attend that exciting event.





They had a great time and gained a lot of experience.

Within two days, there were arranged meetings with youth clubs and specialists in hiking, mountain tourism and ecotourism.

The purpose of the festival was to involve young people in the promotion of hiking tourism, recruit them as trainees in hiking and exchange programs, and ensure networking of the regional communities. It will allow them to master hiking skills and discover the region.

## Safety Instructions for Hiking

The seminar for tourist clubs and youth associations was also attended by CEPFA Responsible for Career Guidance Anush Stepanyan. The first seminar on the safe organization of mountain hiking for groups for the benefit of ecotourism development in Armenia is already a fact. The participants will be able to draw



appropriate walking routes, organize, lead, supervise the group during the hiking and ensure safety.

The training was full of video materials and interactive communication.

## Terminal Point: Hiking towards Aparan Reservoir

Thus, AFRAT has been completing a 7-month mission in Armenia. AFRAT hike leaders finalized their task by leading a hiking trip together with the students and teachers of CEPFA. 31 students and 4 teachers of CEPFA enjoyed a wonderful sunny day in late autumn in the open air.



The hikers crossed the 7 km long way around Aparan Reservoir.

The leader Viktor Nikolay shared his knowledge about wildlife with the participants. The end of the day was colored with interesting games.



## Artsakh People Support Initiative. Career City Fest

Career City Fest is a platform that unites the best employers in Armenia.

During festival days, the country's leading employers conduct interviews and search for new teammates in the direct interview area. It is a place where visitors can apply for and get an offer for their dream job.

This year Career City Fest was held in an extraordinary format. First of all, the goal was to support our compatriots displaced from Artsakh and help them navigate the Armenian labor market correctly.

CEPFA students and the responsible for the Career Guidance A. Stepanyan took part in the Career City Fest special arrangement and presented CEPFA activities in a separate pavilion.



Our delegates presented the Center and talked about the employment strategy, challenges and opportunities for the Artsakh people.

Career management skills development allows citizens to manage their individual life path in training and work throughout their life.