

# iRoDi Festival

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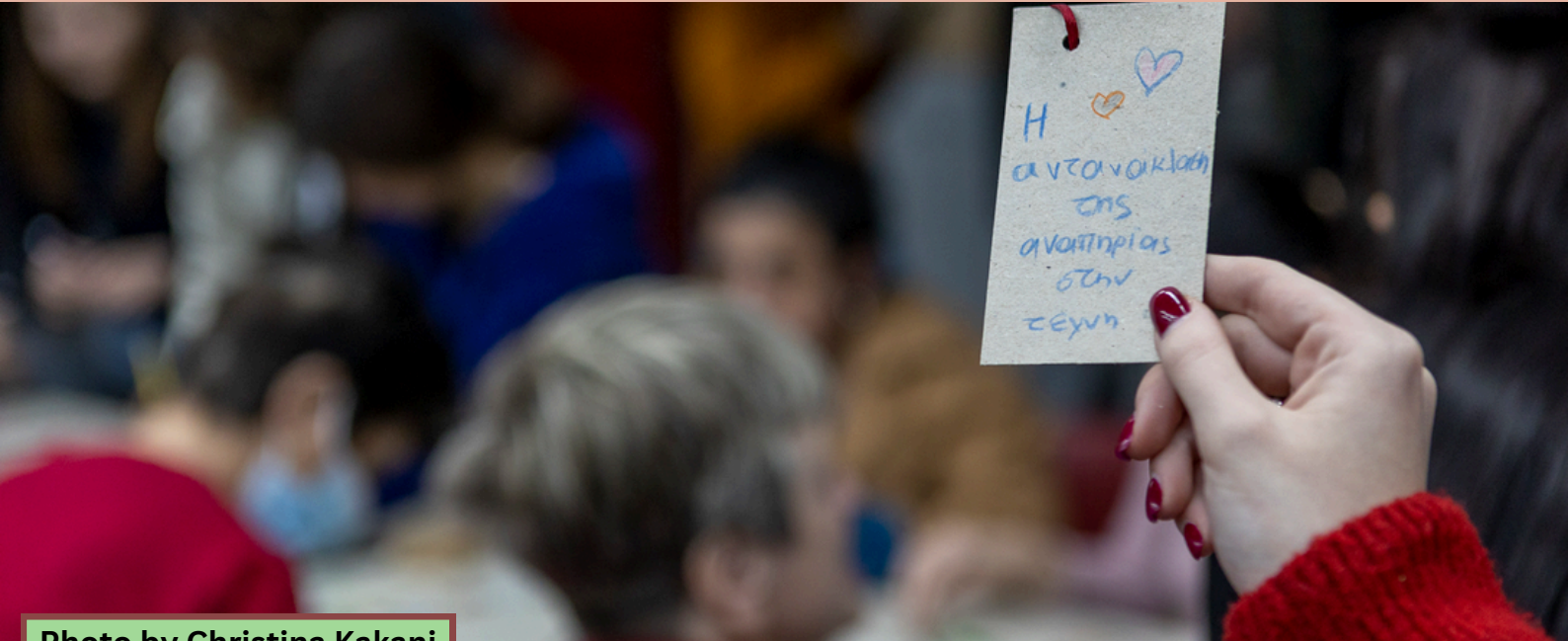


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The International Festival «**Reflection of Disability in Art - iRoDi Festival**» is a festival that takes place every December at the University of Macedonia.

The iRodi Festival is part of the Laboratory of Applications for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Individuals with Learning and Behaviour Difficulties (LAESI).



**JOIN OUR**  
**TEAM!**

The purpose of the Festival is to highlight the Arts through the perspective of disability.

The ultimate goal of the Festival is to contribute in the creation of an inclusive world.

# 6th International Reflection of Disability in Art Festival



## OPEN CALL

30/11-  
07/12/2024

In May, an open call for art groups was announced. The purpose of the call was for all those interested to participate in the 6th iRoDi Festival. Their performance could be done either with their physical presence or remotely.

The proposals have to derive from the content of the Festival and establish the active role and participation of the disabled as actors/actresses, directors, dancers, etc.

For more information click [here](#).

In March, the open call for film submissions was announced. These films would participate in the Festival's film competition. All in all, 760 films were submitted, through the online platform FilmFreeway. During the first phase of screening, 99 films were selected. These films will be sent to the judges for secondhand evaluation.

 For more information click [here](#).

In February, the open call regarding an inclusive photography competition was issued. The theme of the competition was: "My moments are...".

The Festival received a total of 50 entries from participants with and without disabilities. The photography exhibition will be open to the public til the 20th of December 2024, at the Library of the University of Macedonia.

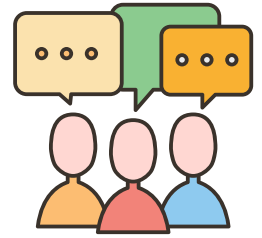
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## CONFERENCE

*"Disability, Violence, Youth: Intersecting Paths of Support and Prevention"*



## KEK AMEA LAKKIAS

Students of the KEK AMEA Lakkias (Center of Vocational Training for People with Disabilities) presented a video entitled the "ENVI" (Against Violence) project regarding gender-based violence. Some participants shared experiences that they gained from participating in the project.

### HELLENIC POLICE

Ms. Gondolia, Police Department Against Racist Violence, presented, via Zoom, an investigative and recording program that monitors hate crimes and reports racist behaviors. It also monitors and reports crimes against disabled people. Ms. Patsi, Deputy Police Director and Head of the Police Department of Innovative Actions and Strategies, informed the public about safe internet navigation and cyberspace dangers.

### SPEECHES

Ms. Hainoglou, Associate Professor of the Department of International and European Studies, presented EU policies and practices for addressing gender-based violence and the new relevant legislative framework. Ms. Psalti, Professor of the Department of Educational and Social Policy, underlined the importance of cooperation between all parties involved for a holistic approach to tackling the phenomenon of gender-based violence.

## WORKSHOPS

- **"Be assertive:** neither aggressive nor passive": Dr. Hatzinikolaou and Ms. Michaloudi - Social Institute of Active Citizens of Greece (Non-Profit Organization).
- **"He loves me! He loves me not!"** - Violence in intimate relationships amongst young people: Ms. Kyriakidou - Psychologist/Psychotherapist, Scientific Director of the Prevention Center "PYXIDA".
- **"Meeting Life: Enhancing Social Skills for People with Disabilities and Caregivers"**: Ms. Diamanti - Co-founder of SHE, Life Coach - Society for Help & Empowerment.
- **"People's Power"**: Ms. Vlachou and Ms. Doudoumi - Northern Greece Cerebral Palsy Society Psychologists.

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# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION AWARDS



**Vizandis  
Christos**



**Kazamias  
Alexandros**

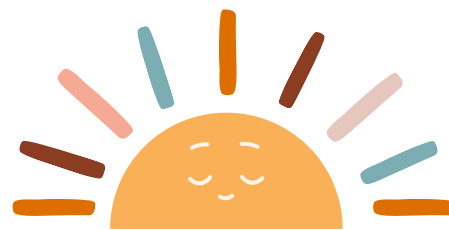


**Alivanoglou  
Nikoleta**



**Kioridis  
Nikolas**

# WE WERE THERE...



2024



## Sunday 2/15

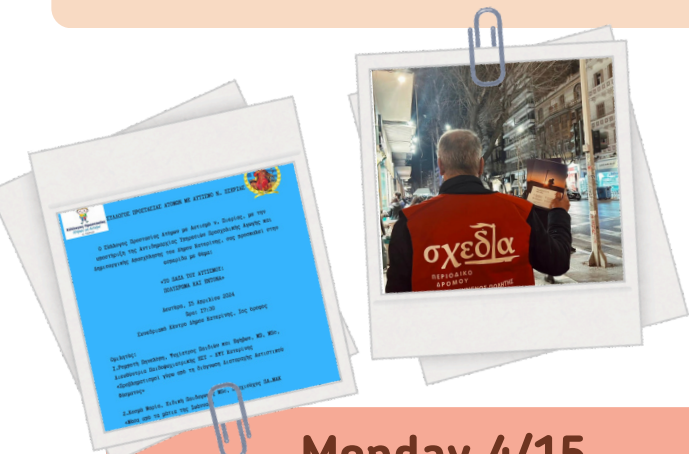
Members of the Organizing Committee (O.C.) and other festival volunteers became "Saleswomen for an hour" at Thessaloniki! Our collaboration with "Shedia" magazine began during the 5th iRoDi Festival. We promised them that we would continue supporting their efforts!

For more information click [here](#).

## Sunday 3/10

During the "Mousikotropo" Festival, the 1st prize winner film of the 5th iRoDi Festival's film competition, "A Sonorous Melody", was screened. Afterward, Ms. Kartasidou and Ms. Antonia Trikalioti participated in a discussion about an inclusive society without limitations.

For more information click [here](#).



## Monday 4/15

The president of the O.C. of the iRoDi Festival, Ms. Kartasidou, participated in the event organized by the Autism Protection Association of Pieria.

For more information click [here](#).

## Friday 5/17

Ms. Kartasidou, along with Ms. Kyriakidou, Ms. Trokana, and Ms. Barsaki -members of the O.C.- and volunteers of the MUS.E.S. project participated at the WISE scientific event by the Applied Psychology Lab of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. They spoke about creative volunteering, the festival's artistic volunteer groups, and their activities.

For more information click [here](#).



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## Friday 5/31

Volunteers of the iRoDi Festival team supported the 4th KDAPmeA (Centers for disabled people) Festival. Their work was part of the collaboration between the Department of Educational and Social Policy of the University of Macedonia and the Municipality of Neapoli-Sykies.

For more information click [here](#).



## Saturday 8/24

Members of the O.C. attended the 9th Educational Program "Alli Ophi" ("Another Perspective"). The program is part of the "Peer Training of Women with Spinal Cord Iperments – SUPPORT". This project is implemented under the BUILD (Building a robust and democratic civic space) program.

For more information click [here](#).



## Saturday 9/14

Ms. Kartasidou, along with Ms. Barsaki (member of O.C.) and volunteers from the iRoDi Festival team attended the Thessaloniki International Fair to answer questions and provide information about the festival's activities.

For more information click [here](#).

## The whole year

For the 2nd consecutive year, the Musical and Educational Ensemble (MUS.E.S.) organized and conducted a musical-educational program free of charge. The participants were 6 teenagers and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ms. Kartasidou was the supervisor of the program. Ms. Trokana coordinated and implemented the meetings. The program is expected to continue into the next year.

For more information click [here](#).

