

HOPE Fellowships

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The NAAC Hope Fellowship Program is a women's leadership program. It is created and administered by the National Albanian American Council and sponsored by USAID.

Hope Fellowship Upcoming Events

February 2010: Group I Hope Fellows start training in Kosova

April 9th 2010: Group I Hope Fellows arrive in DC for trainings

Staff Updates



Shqipe Breznica
Program Officer

Hope Fellowship Kosova

Shqipe has joined the Hope Fellowship DC staff to assist with the implementation of the Washington Leadership Program. She will be in DC until May 2010.

Shqipe has been with Hope Fellowship Kosova since 2002 and has her Masters in Journalism & Communications.

Afrora Striniqi

Intern

Afrora began interning with Hope Fellowship DC in February 2010. She is currently a graduate student at George Washington University getting a dual degree: Global MBA/MA International Trade & Investment Policy.

U.S. Congressman Earl Pomeroy Visits Hope Fellows in Prishtina, Kosova



Reception in Kosova for Congressman Pomeroy

Hope Fellowship hosted a reception in honor of Congressman Earl Pomeroy on February 16th 2010, in Prishtina. The event was attended by over seventy guests including USAID staff, U.S. Embassy representatives, and Hope Fellows. Cong. Pomeroy has been one of the biggest supporters of the Hope Fellowship program since its inception in September 2001.

Hope Fellowship Trains Women on Leadership

On Friday, February 19th, 2010 Hope Fellowship conducted a two day workshop in Prishtina on the topic of leadership. The participants were Hope Fellows who are selected to come to Washington, DC at the beginning of April to attend skill-building sessions and practice in real life settings. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Shaun Cleaver Hughes. Mr. Hughes is engaged in many projects in Kosova including youth training schemes supported by the European Commission and Victory College. The Fellows engaged in personal, active and participatory leadership exercises. At the end of the training, they came up with



Hope Fellows in Training Prishtina, Kosova

a personal and collective vision to make a difference in their communities.

Washington Leadership Program Rule of Law Group

The *Washington Leadership Program* provides six weeks of intensive leadership training, education, and networking opportunities here in the United States to women leaders from Kosova. The first group who is coming to Washington DC in April will focus on the Rule of Law and learn more about the legal system in the U.S.

The following eight individuals will attend the Leadership Program in Washington, DC from April 9 - May 22, 2010:

- **Fortuna Haxhikadrija** – Property Tax Director, Ministry of Economy and Finance
- **Suzana Krasniqi** – Director of Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Meliza Haradinaj** – Council Member, Prishtina Municipality
- **Merita Behluli** – Architectural Consultant, M Studio
- **Ariana Qosaj-Mustafa** – Director of Special Research, Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development
- **Evljana Berani** – Executive Director, NGO INFO – Globi
- **Alma Lama** – Political Analyst, Kosova Sot Newspaper
- **Flutër Hoxha** – Head of Law Development Division, Ministry of Local Government