A year has passed since my first annual „Be etikečių“ conference – in spring of 2020 I became a coordinator of *Socialiai pažeidžiamos grupės*. I believe I have achieved the goals I had set for myself back then. After my first term I now have much more experience and knowledge that can be beneficial when organizing events and helping new coordinators achieve their goals. And although I have only been in this organization for a year, I can be helpful to the new team by sharing what is called institutional memory. In general, for the new term, I hope to be more consistent and organized as I sometimes struggle with finding motivation to organize events and contribute to our work by writing articles. But that doesn‘t mean I wasn‘t active in the organization – I believe I have fulfilled my duties as a coordinator.

I wrote an article which presented the situation of LGBTQ+ refugees in Europe and Lithuania and specifically focused on the human rights violations that have occured in our country. I organized a trivia event which I am quite proud of as it was a fun event for members of the queer community. Organizing this event taught me a lot and forced me to come out of my shell, especially because I had to find sponsors for the winners‘ prizes. I also edited several articles written by other members. My latest project has been arranging a list of LGBT+ friendly psychologists – this is something that has taken a lot of time but will hopefully be beneficial for queer people as the community goes through a difficult period of time. In all of my work I have tried to involve as many members of the organization as possible because I consider team work to be really important as it allows people to feel included and useful. I have also done many tasks that would be considered minor, including representing our organization at the Clubs & Societies fair and cleaning up and decorating our organization’s room.

However, I am most proud of another thing. I have initiated a lot of discussions within our organization. I believe that many of them have been productive and useful, especially those related to the vision and goals of our programme. I have also focused on educating our team about human rights issues and political news by sharing articles and encouraging people to share their thoughts about various topics. A big goal of mine has been to encourage a democratic environment in which people feel free to share their opinions and engage in healthy debates. I plan to carry on with this goal in my next term.

Overall, I hope to contribute more to making our organization better known for its work in educating people and spreading liberal values within and outside the university. And by liberal values I don‘t mean only championing the rights of minorities – I think we should focus a lot more on encouraging free and open debate, tolerance and respect for differences of opinion.

I am grateful for the opportunities this position has provided me with so far - thank you for your support. I hope to be able to give back to our organization and team.

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