

Lezha Youth Parliament

1 December 2009

WORLD AIDS DAY



Members of Lezha Youth Parliament (YP) came together to spread HIV/AIDS and global health awareness in honor of World AIDS Day. YP members focused on the 2009 theme “Universal Access and Human Rights” in Albania’s Roma and Egyptian communities, where access to information and services for HIV/AIDS is extremely scarce. YP prepared a poster that demanded those living with HIV/AIDS be accepted within the community.

They also handed out fliers that explained how the HIV/AIDS virus is sexually transmitted – and is not spread through casual contact. Meanwhile, other YP groups read messages about ways of preventing HIV and about understanding that human solidarity is fundamental in the fight against HIV, while others distributed red ribbons as a symbol of solidarity against HIV/AIDS – which were sometimes rejected by passersby.



YP activity was joined by the “Romet e Veriut” association. Local media interviewed YP members and helped create a bigger audience on the topic. YP leader Gjon explained the importance of YP’s demonstration, and their appeal to the community. The YP activity called for HIV/AIDS awareness to continue beyond the World Aids Day. Finally all YPM got a picture together saying: STOP AIDS

