

Professional profile: Merima Salihbegović

Fields of expertise:

- Psychology
- Psychotherapy
- Art-therapy
- Pedagogy and raising children
- Mental health of youth and adults
- Psychoeducative work with children and youth
- Adult education and adult education curriculum development
- Personal and business skills, soft skills
- Socio-economical empowerment, employability
- Education, facilitation and program development for personal and professional growth

Organizational and managerial capacities:

- Program and project coordination and administration
- Development and writing of project proposals (fundraising)
- Budgeting and program activity monitoring
- Partnership development and cross-sectoral collaboration with institutions and organizations

Formal education:

- Gestalt psychotherapist, Psiho-Integrum, Sarajevo, EAPTI GPTIM Network
- Degree in pedagogy-psychology, Philosophic Faculty, Department of Education and Psychology, Tuzla University

Certifications/trainings:

- Certificirana trenerica Pozitivne discipline (Positive Discipline Association, Sjedinjene Američke države)
- EMDR - Eye Movement and Desensitization and Processing, praktikantica u superviziji (HAP UK & Ireland, Udruženje EMDR terapeuta u BiH)
- Master trener za lične vještine, vještine zapošljivosti i savjetovanje, Aflayouth Curriculum, Aflatoon International
- Professional training for working with adults, Basic Andrological Training (DVV International, Pedagogical Institute of Tuzla Canton)

Profesionalne mreže:

- European Association for Gestalt Therapy (EAGT) – European Association for Gestalt Psychotherapy
- Association of EMDR therapists in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Experience in Facilitation and Education (selected recent trainings, workshops, lectures):

2025

- Art Therapy and Personal Empowerment – Workshop series for unemployed women
- Personal Skills – Training and counseling for young girls based on the Aflatoun methodology
- Lectures for students, course *Psychotherapy Schools and Approaches*, Department of Psychology, University of Tuzla (UNTZ)

2024

- Personal Skills and Psychological Empowerment – Workshop series for unemployed women
- Personal Skills and Employability Skills – Training and counseling for young girls based on the Aflatoun methodology
- Positive Discipline in Parenting – Training for parents and professionals
- Workshop Development and Implementation Methodology – Training for volunteers on the project
- Art Therapy Workshops – Series of workshops for children and mothers
- Art Therapy Advanced Module – Assistant role
- Lectures for students, course *Psychotherapy Schools and Approaches*, Department of Psychology, UNTZ

2023

- Personal Skills and Psychological Empowerment – Workshop series for unemployed women
- Positive Discipline in Parenting – Training for parents and professionals
- Workshop Preparation and Implementation – Training for youth peer educators
- Workshop Development and Implementation Methodology – Training for project volunteers
- Art Therapy Workshops – Series of workshops for children
- Art Therapy Module – Assistant role
- Team Building – Training for employees of the Tuzla Community Foundation, Konjic
- Lectures for students, course *Psychotherapy Schools and Approaches*, Department of Psychology, UNTZ

2022

- Team Building – Workshop for employees of the Ministry of Trade, Tourism, and Transport of Tuzla Canton
- Personal Skills and Psychological Empowerment – Workshop series for unemployed women
- Positive Discipline in Parenting – Training for parents and professionals
- Workshop Development and Implementation Methodology – Training for project volunteers

2021

- Personal Skills and Psychological Empowerment – Workshop series for unemployed women, Tuzla
- Personal and Employability Skills – Training and counseling for at-risk youth based on the Aflatoun methodology
- Youth Mental Health – Series of workshops for youth
- Positive Discipline in Parenting – Training for parents and professionals
- Workshop Development and Implementation Methodology – Training for project volunteers

- Youth Career Guidance – Preparation for entering the labor market – Workshop for World Vision beneficiaries, Kalesija

2020

- Basics of Art Therapy – Workshop for adults
- Trainer Training on the Nex Economy Methodology – Training for professionals working with children and youth, Tuzla
- Personal and Employability Skills – Training and counseling for at-risk youth based on the Aflatoun methodology
- Workshop Development and Implementation Methodology – Training for project volunteers

Publication and articles:

- Malkić V, Salihbegović M (2016). *"Art Therapy as a Therapeutic Approach in Working with Children with Intellectual Disabilities"*, Journal of Educational, Corrective, Rehabilitative, Psychological, Social, and Medical Theory and Practice, No. 5, pp. 23–25
- Erdeljac I, Salihbegović M, Aličić S, Selimović S (2016). *Amica Educa Monograph – 20 Years*, Amica Educa, Tuzla (Articles: *Positive Discipline in Child-Rearing and Art Therapy*)
- *Art Therapy* – Article in the Monograph of the Association Amica Educa (2016)