

## Cooperation between theatrical and social formation "Flower Theatre" and National Police Chief Directorate

Theatre "Flower" and National Police Chief Directorate are jointly conducting a preventive initiative among children from seven to ten years old on the territory of Sofia Municipality, in implementation of an educational project called "Puppets against Violence".

The project "Puppets against Violence" aims to conduct violence prevention among elementary school pupils in areas with large Roma population by distributing a puppet theatre show "The flying knight".

This show aims to provoke children, parents and teachers to understanding the personal responsibility in this huge issue - violence in school. The puppet show "The flying knight" will support the personal development of children and youngsters and encourage their positive involvement in public activities. Its main objective is to develop in children (age group 7-10 years old) skills and preventive behavioural skills on how to recognize violence in its various forms, mutual protection, how to behave in society, how to react in certain situations, how to resolve conflicts on the street. The project experiments with forms of communication and presents its content through the active participation of its audience - children.

The project aims to break the traditional form of "educational theatre" and to create a new interactive form for activities with children that rely on the dialogue, direct communication, in order to present important information, making it easily accessible and memorable.

The project will be implemented on the territory of Sofia Municipality and will cover 15 schools in areas inhabited by minority groups.

As a partner, the Ministry of Interior will get involved in the following activities:

- Participation in a briefing to promote the interactive form of working with children (age group 7-10 years old).
- Involvement of a uniformed police officer, supplying information on the aid that the police can offer in order to prevent violence in schools; the uniformed police officer has to be present during the stage performance and to be in close reach to the children;
- Consultations, tips and information on the topics recreated by the project;
- Development of scripts for preventive and informational materials on the aggression in schools by National Police Chief Directorate, which will be distributed in the schools, where the shows will be performed.