

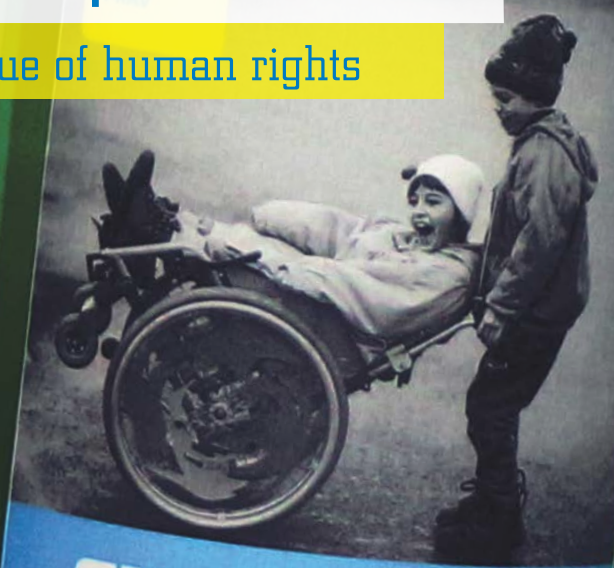
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The background image shows two women in a meeting. The woman on the left is speaking, and the woman on the right is listening. Behind them is a whiteboard with handwritten text in Czech. The text on the whiteboard includes 'RE PREZENTANT', 'KOMUNIKATIVNÍ', 'OTEVŘENÍ', 'PŘEHLED', 'INOVATIVNÍ', 'PŘÍSTUP', 'ZNAČNOSTI', 'DARCI', 'PES', 'HODNOT', 'A', 'BRANDU', 'NETWORKER', 'STRATEG', 'A', 'SYSTEMATIK', 'ZUZANA', and 'ZUZANA G'.

introduction

freer and more committed league

We start the year 2014 with a new organization structure, which according to our point of view more accurately reflects our vision of a free, fair and committed society for everyone.

The decision of a long term chairman and later director of the League of human rights David Záhumenský to give up the leading position of the organization was a new impulse to set our work environment in a novel way. Following the all staff debates through the year, together we decided to apply the principles of „**freedom at work**“

in a wider way and the prior more hierarchized structure of management presented by executive and regional directors to be replaced by **leadership**.

From management to self - management, from hierarchy to companionship or from strict rules to principles more and more companies and associati-

ons transfer. They realize that in 21st century it is possible to survive only if people at work do the things they are the best at and which they truly enjoy. The principle of freedom at work is not a path from hierarchy to anarchy, on the contrary, with the help of the leaders it is based on commitment and responsibility of the employees. This particular way is the way, approved by the superior body – the general assembly of the League members, we decided to follow.

The leadership of the League consists of four members of the statutory committee, whose position is not superior to anyone, it is more of a support instead. Each and every one of them represents

and leads one of four key departments of the present strategic period and is responsible for meeting the targets – as well as the employees are responsible for the aims within their own projects.

I believe that we have set off the right way and that we will find the power and determination in the process of **openness, transparency** and **wider involvement** of the employees into a decision making involving the future of the League.

We still closely cooperate with David Záhumenský and his law firm – he represents some of our clients in courts.

Dan Petrucha – communication leader

the league of human rights

Our vision is a fair, free and committed society for everyone. We are a NGO, which helps people to know their rights and to enforce them actively. We win the disputes in courts defending the weaker parties, issue expert analyses and systematic recommendations, moreover, we also issue easily understandable legal brochures for the public. We enforce the changes of the system, which improve the quality of life in the Czech Republic.



patients' rights

Our free legal consulting for the patients on www.ferovanemocnice.cz has been visited daily on average by 1700 people, during the whole past year we register 225 thousand of particular users.

We have achieved a public hearing at the European Court of Human Rights in a case regarding a right of a woman to give birth at home with an assistance of a medical professional. This type of hearing is rare at ECHR level and it means that the court considers the topic of a high importance.

We cooperated on the creation of new methodical instructions of the Ministry of Health according to which a mother can freely leave the hospital facility right after the delivery. Beforehand the ministry claimed the opposite and mothers were reported to social workers, which could have led to a police intervention as actually happened in one our case.

We have started to cooperate with the Czech Helsinki committee on enumeration of the amount of sterilized women in the Czech Republic. We do have a reasonable concern that except of Roma women the involuntary victims were also among the patients in facilities for mentally disabled individuals.

In June, we filed an application to the European court of Human Rights in the name of a woman, whose son has been excluded from a kindergarten, due to not being vaccinated against all demanded illnesses.

We have filed two applications to the European Court of Human Rights in the cases of involuntary placement of Mr. Červenka in a facility with a special regime and a breach of Mr. Dvořáček's right of adequate adjustments in the mental hospital and against a forced treatment. In Mr. Dvořáček's case we achieved a repeal of an unlawful decision regarding restriction of the legal capacity and damages for wrong treatment in custody.

Following the landmark decision of the European Court of Human Rights in 2012, we moreover represented Mr. Bureš in a case of lawsuit against wrongful treatment in a mental hospital. After the facility repeatedly refused our offer of settlement, we have succeeded with an appeal and the case is currently still being dealt with in a first instance court.

In March and April together with Budapest Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC) we performed moni-

toring of a certain amount of mental hospitals with an emphasis on using of restrictive measures. The report from the visits will be published in 2014. Together with other organizations, we have prepared an amendment to the Social Services Act regarding the use of restrictive measures.

We have finished our long term project focused on sharing the good practice in employment of people with health disability. We have organized workshops for representatives of social services, administrative authorities and non-profit organizations in all of the 14 regions. In addition, in Prague we have hosted an international conference It can be done! with guests from England, Finland and Netherlands.

A part of our comments on the prepared act of guardianship was accepted after our meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Justice and should be implemented into the new norm.



the rights of disabled people



fair school

We have cooperated with eight elementary schools on strengthening of the openness towards all children and the effort to adjust themselves to their specific needs regarding education – four of them were rewarded with our Certificate of Fair School at the end of the year. Thereby we reward the schools, which create a fair environment for all children without any differences. Overall, in the form of consultations and supervision, we have supported 227 pedagogues – which will in long term projection positively affect about 3000 pupils of these schools.

We activated our new website mapaferovychskol.cz, where we collect the stories of disabled pupils, either by health or socially, who are lucky enough to attend at a regular elementary school together with other children from their surroundings. By the end of the year we have processed 43 examples of a good practice from 39 schools. The

aim of this project is to connect the schools, introduce mutual support and sharing, exchange and transfer of the experience.

We continue to represent the parents of Erik, who is being discriminated due to his disability. The school is unable to ensure reasonable conditions, because of lack of funds to pay the wage of a pedagogical assistant, without whom Erik cannot attend the lessons. The situation is out of all the standards dealt with in a way that his parents fund a part of the assistant's wage in a form of a financial donation to the school.

In January we have organized a round table regarding the problems of the procedural status of children younger than 15 years of age suspected of an unlawful action (so called juvenile justice). The aim was to reveal the unequal status (the right of legal aid, access to the case file etc.) of these children compared to criminally liable minors older than 15 years of age.

Following our personal demand in Geneva the Human Rights Council of UN in its recommendations has referred to the Czech Republic to ensure the children under 15 years of age the same procedural rights as the minors have.

We organized five seminars for the curators of minors, where we trained more than 45 curators. The seminars were focused on enforcing the procedural rights of suspected children during their interrogation, the measures to allow solving the ca-

ses without the necessity of the court hearing as well as the suitability of cooperation of curator and Probation and mediation services. The manual for curators is accessible for download on our website.

We participated in the project of Mental Disability Advocacy Center (MDAC) the aim of which was to ensure the children with mental disabilities with access to justice. Its specific goal is to form a methodology and standards of data collection all over the European Union and to create training and education materials.

The project contains three parts/issues: with whom and where the child with mental disability should live, where and how should the child be educated and whether any crime has been committed (irrelevant whether the child is a victim or the alleged perpetrator).



children's rights



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justice and police

Within the cooperation with a pro bono advocate we have achieved the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in which the Czech Republic has for the first time been sentenced for the inhuman and humiliating treatment in police custody.

Mr. Kummer has been arrested by the police while he was returning from a bar. The reason of the arrest was that he did not have any ID with him at that time. Afterwards, he was unreasonably closed to a cell and painfully handcuffed, moreover beaten. The police inspection did not investigate the accusation of a wrongful treatment properly. At the end of the year, the government had to pay the man 100.000 CZK in damages.

We learnt that the General inspection of security forces (GIBS) does not work in a transparent manner and we have published our conclusions in a form of a shadow annual report.

The inspection repeatedly refused to answer to our requests of information regarding their activities. In the report,

we describe the main problems associated with the Inspection – non-efficient investigation of complaints against the police, non-transparent system of financial incentives of the head of Inspection as well as personal assignment of the key positions in the Inspection.

Our findings about GIBS and their (non)investigation of the crimes committed by policemen have been introduced at the round table organized in Senate – in cooperation with the constitutional – legal committee and the member of the Senate Eliška Wágnerová.

The issue of independent monitoring of police has been introduced at the event of Human Rights School to the students of law faculties.

We commenced with the preparation of a web application in a form of an interactive map, which is intended to illustrate the effectivity of work of the General inspection of security forces (GIBS) in particular regions.

people of the league

People of the League is a club of people supporting the League of Human Rights, who help us with their regular support to defend human rights and to improve the quality of life in the Czech Republic.

The work of the League would not be possible without the kind support from our donors. That is why also in 2013 we tried to develop our activities in the field of fundraising with the aim of fostering our donor base.

In the middle of the year, we launched new crowdfunding website **lidiligy.cz**, which enables anyone to start their own campaign to support a chosen project of the League (usually connected with some personal challenge) and to dare their friends to support them in this effort.

As an example, the campaign of **Tomáš Veselý** from the company KPMG, who has decided to dance the pole-dance if together with his colleagues he manages to collect the amount higher than **25 thousand CZK** for our counselling. It happened and Tomáš found himself on a dance floor in September.

The next unusual campaign with the title of **Férabelka** has been organized by the end of the year, in December. The aim of this campaign was to collect beautiful handbags from the donors and sell or auction them in support of the project **Fair school**. And the result? 59 people have donated more than 200 great handbags, which were sold and auctioned on a soiree in Two faces bar in Brno with the total gain of **35 thousand CZK**! Both the League and the author of this campaign, Monika Tannenbergerová, were thrilled.

Since the launch of the webpage **lidiligy.cz** we have managed to go through with **10 campaigns**, which were supported by **235 donors** with the total amount of **319 thousand CZK**. The success of this method has pleased us and gained the attention of media as well. Because of that, we were able to introduce our project in December on a livestream broadcast **@online** in Česká televize.

cooperation with companies

In June, we have organized an already traditional tournament of companies in soccer and beach-volleyball under the name of **League Cup**. We succeeded in increasing the amount of attendees distinctly, as well as we have almost doubled the total gain to support the project Fair hospital, which was **470 thousand CZK**. The event was endorsed by the Austrian Embassy and except of the financial gain

we have also promoted the projects of the League on television and in press.

An enormous acknowledgement belongs to the company **ČSOB**, which subsidized our project Férová škola focused on integration of disadvantaged children into regular classes of elementary schools with the amount of **200 thousand CZK**. We truly appreciate the support of our donors, both companies and public, as well as our regular donors – the members of the club **People of the League** (Lidi Ligy). Thanks to you we can continue in helping the disabled people, harmed patients or families in distress to seek the justice and live a quality life.

Our supporters have also attended the awarding ceremony of our student contests **Lidskoprávní diplomka** and **Lidskoprávní Moot Court**. They could have talked not only to us but also to the senator **Eliška Wágnerová** or the judge of the Supreme administrative court **Kateřina Šimáčková**.

We have published a manual **How to proceed in crisis situations: Alimony, debts, law enforcement, free legal aid**. It brings the basic orientation and answers to the frequently asked questions in the field of alimony, insolvency and law enforcement for the laymen public.

We issued a manual **It can be done! How to employ disabled people**. It contains practical tools inspired by tested experience from the foreign countries in order to overcome institutional and social barriers to integrate the people who suffer from health disablement into the free work market.

In December, we issued **Shadow annual report of the General inspection of security forces** (GIBS). In it, we

bring information on the non-efficient interrogation or policemen faults and the untrustworthiness incompetence and uncontrollability of the employees of the inspection.

In cooperation with Deník, we issued a publication **Ordinary heroes** – containing stories of 105 people, who actively stood up to injustice.

On our webpage, since the end of the year, there is a couple of brochures available to be downloaded – **I am accused of an unlawful action. What are my rights? What can I further do?** Children and parents will find basic information about the rights of children interrogated due to unlawful actions.

leadership / statutory committee

Kateřina Červená – strategist € project leader

Zuzana Durajová – supervisor § human rights leader

Monika Tannenbergerová – coach :) relations leader

Dan Petrucha – creative officer @ communication leader

members' council

The League of Human Rights association had six members at the end of 2013: The statutory representative **Monika Tannenbergerová**, employee **Magda Kucharičová**, advocate **David Zahumenský**, former employee **Michaela Kopalová**, **Michal Vašečka** from academic sphere and **Tomáš Mitáček** from commercial sphere.

heroes

In October, we finished a two years lasting project **Everyone can be a hero**, the aim of which was to inspire the public with the examples of good practice and to motivate for a higher level of civic engagement. The project mapped the Czech civic society and offered a legal, media and other professional aid to the Czech activists and culminated with the announcement of the results of a survey regarding the most interesting civic case. **In total, almost ten thousand votes were collected within the internet poll regarding the biggest hero.** Among three of the poll winners are:

Radka a Miloslav Lubovi – who have defended children, who were complaining about alleged aggressive treatment of them by the director of an orphanage in Nový Jičín. Paradoxica-

lly, they were sued by the director due to a defamation, which was, however, later decided by the court in favor of the married couple.

Ondřej Závodský – ministry officer, who refused to tolerate unfavorable contract for the state. The reaction to his notice of malpractice was a deposition of him to a lower work position. At the end, he got his job back and his subordinates are prosecuted.

Věra Ježková – who has for many years been bringing into public attention the malpractice of ČEZ company: sharing untrue information about the brown coal stock and the cases of its illegal mining. Although she has evidence in her hands proving her allegations, the management of the company refuses to react.

social business

llp vision

LLP Vision is a **social business** of the League of Human Rights focused on education, preparation of expert methodics, analyses and studies. We have founded it in 2012 with the aim to apply our knowledge and experience on free market while organizing seminars and other educational events in order to make the gain of the business help to ensure **publicly beneficial activity** of the League.

Our lecturers will help you understand even the complex topics in a human, understandable and joyful way. We do not intend to make you remember all the theory, we rather focus on application of the **theoretical knowledge in your practice.**

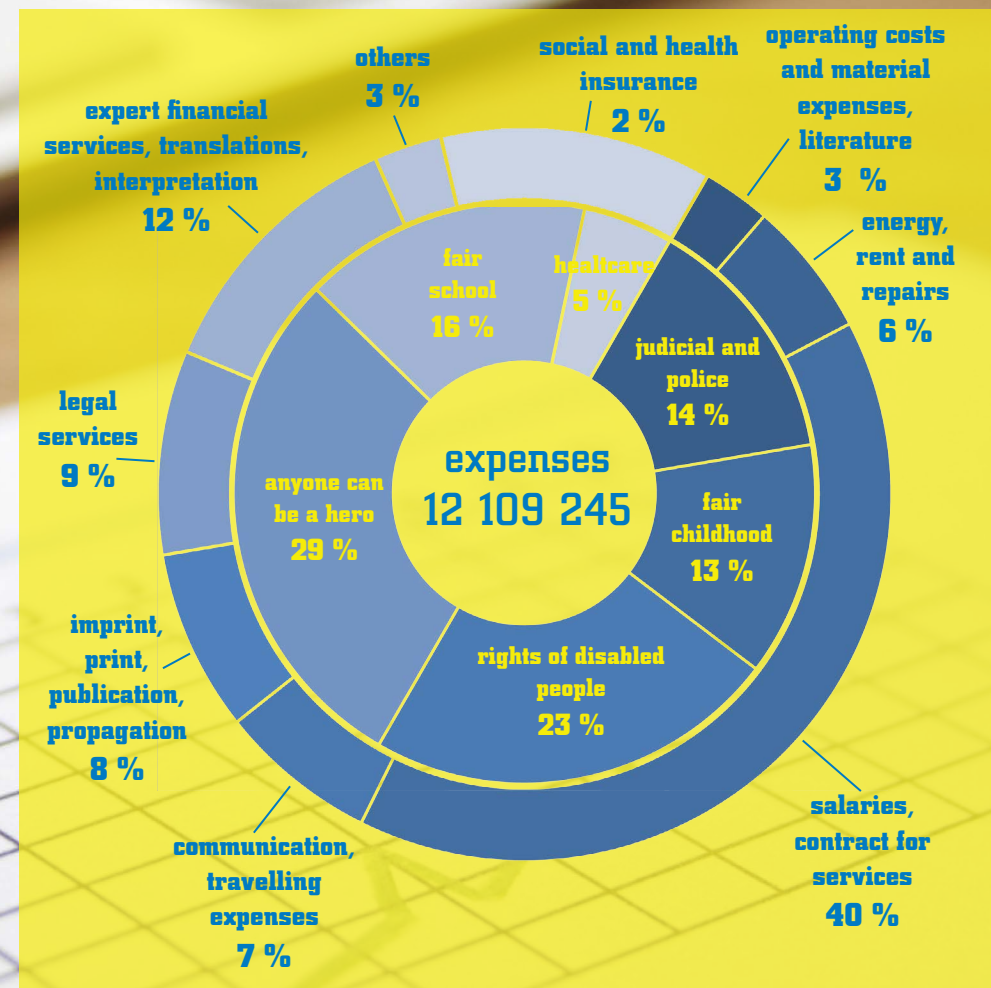
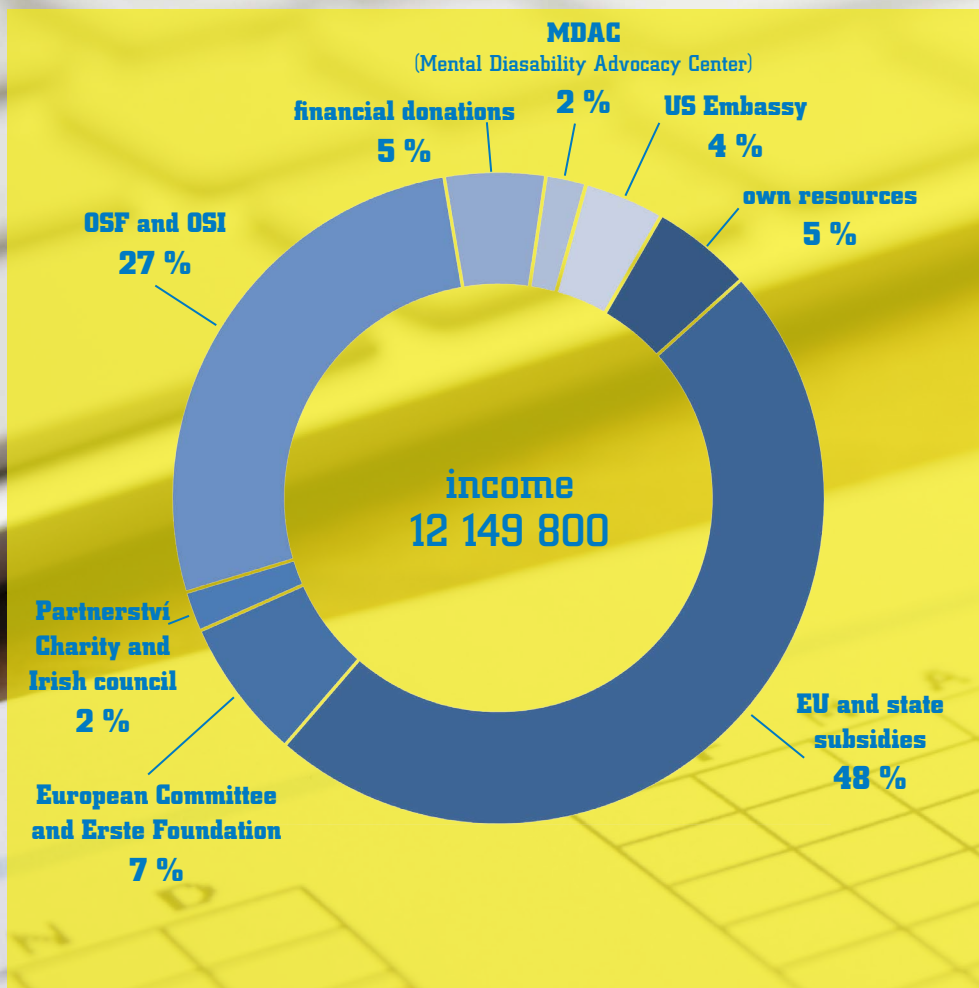


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