CREATIVE MENTORSHIP

# *Creative Mentorship* Conference – With a Mentor, It's Easier!

**Date:** November 26, 2024
**Duration:** One-day conference, 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
**Location:** Artget Gallery (Cultural Center of Belgrade, (Republic Square 5)

## Conference Agenda

- **Registration, coffee, and light snack:** 9:30 - 10:00 AM
- **Welcome by *Creative Mentorship*:** 10:00 - 10:15 AM
- **Mentoring Stories by Mentees and Mentors - Get Inspired:** 10:15 - 10:45 AM
- **Experience Mentoring First Hand - Come to our Speed Dating:** 10:45 - 11:30 AM
- **Coffee break:** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- **First Panel: What Can Mentorship "Accomplish" in Culture?** 12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Description:** The short answer to this question is: a lot! We will address the longer and more complex answers in this panel and discuss how mentorship contributes to the cultural sector. What specific types of support and solidarity are nurtured through mentorship? What kind of development and learning does mentorship open up that does not occur through formal education or long-term work experience? What bridges does it create among different fields in culture? How does mentorship foster understanding among sectors in a given society? In what ways does mentorship serve as a boost for important yet seemingly impossible professional leaps?

*This panel will be conducted in English.

**Panelist:** Representatives from the civil sector, universities, private sector, and diplomacy - **Ivana Jovanović Arsić**, Culture worker; **Milena Dragićević Šešić**, Emeritus Professor; **Helene Larsson Pousette**, Curator and facilitator; **Nela Tonkovć**, Art historian, curator at the Contemporary Gallery in Subotica

**Panel Moderator: Višnja Kisić**, founder of *Creative Mentorship*, art historian, master of cultural policy and management, and a doctor of museology science and management of cultural heritage

- **Lunch Break:** 1:00 - 2:00 PM
- **New Opportunities, New Possibilities:** Presentation of Projects by Embassies and Foreign Cultural Centers (Relevant projects related to informal education and support in culture, arts, and beyond) 2:00 - 3:00 PM

**Moderator: Dragana Jevtić,** founder and director of *Creative Mentorship*

- **Coffee break:** 3:00 - 3:15 PM
- **"Unpacking" New Opportunities:** 3:15 - 4:00 PM

  **Description:** After the segment "New Opportunities, New Possibilities," there will be a part where conference attendees will have the chance to meet representatives from foreign cultural centers, embassies, other mentoring programs, and international organizations. In this section, participants will be able to gather more information about the projects, competitions, and opportunities that will be presented in the "New Opportunities, New Possibilities" segment. Designed as interactive short sessions, this format will enable participants to communicate directly with key stakeholders, fostering discussions focused on potential collaboration and identifying ways for further partnership, empowerment, and support.

- **Coffee Break:** 4:00 - 4:15 PM
- **Second Panel: Mentorship as a Valuable Tool for Personal and Professional Empowerment of Women** 4:15 - 5:15 PM

**Description:** We believe that mentorship can be a transformative tool for the personal and professional empowerment of women, which is why we are initiating a conversation about how it can contribute to the development of women entering the world of culture, arts, entrepreneurship, and business. In our search for answers, we draw on the experiences of panelists from various sectors, who will share their perspectives on the mentoring process, along with advice and guidance for those who see mentorship as their next opportunity for growth.

**Panelists: Kristina Janković Obućina**, Executive Manager, Serbian Video Game Industry Association; **Svetlana Stefanović,** Executive Director, BFPE for Responsible Society; **Tisa Čaušević**, Public & Regulatory Affairs Manager, Coca-Cola HBC

**Moderator: Lana Nikolić**, media professional and activist

- **<u>Closing remarks: 5:15-5:30 PM</u>**

**All participants speaking at the conference are alumni of the Creative Mentorship program.*

** Due to international participants, part of the conference will be conducted in English, which will be indicated in the agenda.*