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## CONSULTATIVE MIGRANT FORUM

**PROMISE:** Protecting Unaccompanied Migrant Minors

Training for Consultative Immigrant Forum

Kick-off meeting

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WELCOME! **سَلَامٌ لَّيْكُمْ**

**السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ**

**Kumusta!**

**Soyez les bien venus!**

**Добрий день!**

**Привіт!**

**Bine ați venit!**



# PROMISE PROJECT

PROTECTING UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT MINORS

The PROMISE project aims to enhance the access for migrant minors and young people to their fundamental rights and to public services. We will achieve this through advocacy services, free legal assistance, information, training and increasing the capacity of vulnerable groups to be involved in decision making and consultative process. Also, we seek to support collaboration between institutions and between the institutions and the foreigners to ensure that the best interest of the child is respected and to improve the policies, legislation, practices, and attitudes.

# PROMISE PROJECT - Protecting the Unaccompanied Migrant Minors

- Organizations: Terre des Hommes Romania + Jesuite Refugee Service Romania (JRS)
- Creating an Migrants' Consultative Forum
  - Train the participants to have the skills to represent their community (February – March 2023)
  - Organize 8 thematic round tables with other NGOs and with public institutions to raise awareness on various issues faced by immigrants in their daily life (April – October)

## BEING PART OF IMMIGRANT CONSULTATIVE FORUM MEANS...

- To participate in the training
- To participate at minimum 6 of the 8 roundtables
- To be open to other ideas and messages from your community
- To keep a regular contact with the project team (respond to requests, announce when you can't participate or do something you said you will, ask for help if needed etc.)

## WHAT DOES "ADVOCACY" MEAN?

Asking a public official to do something that you want and that brings something good to more people

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While asking, you are involving the community itself, you are not doing this alone

## THE ROOTS OF THE WORD "ADVOCACY"

To advocate = to publicly recommend or support

To advocate = to support or argue for (a cause, policy, etc.) : to plead in favour of

Advocate = a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy

Advocate = one who supports or promotes the interests of a cause or group

Advocate = one who pleads the cause of another

Sources: Merriam Webster Dictionary and Oxford Dictionary

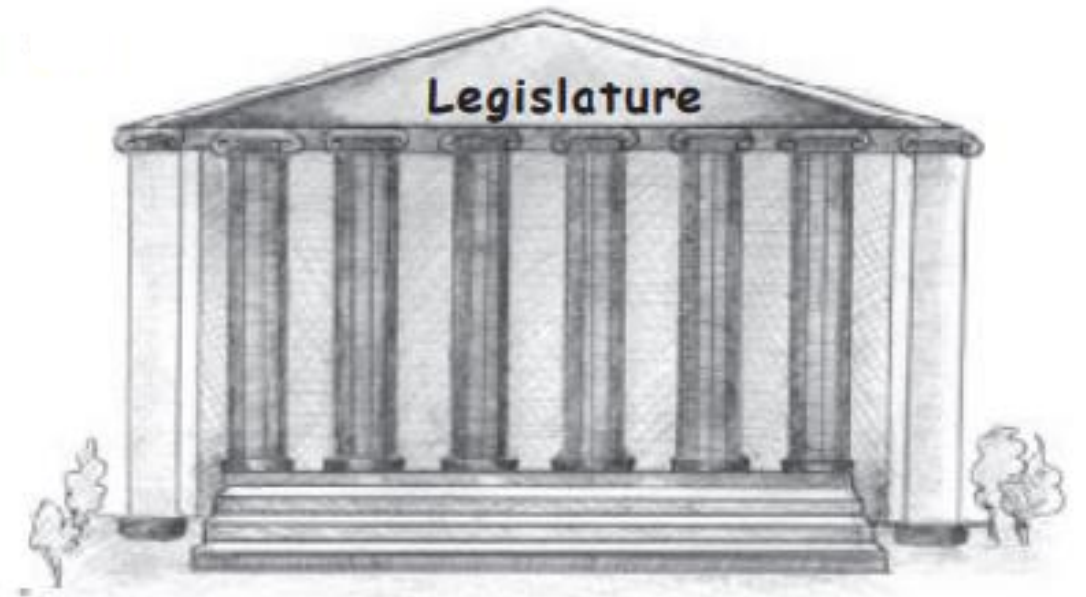
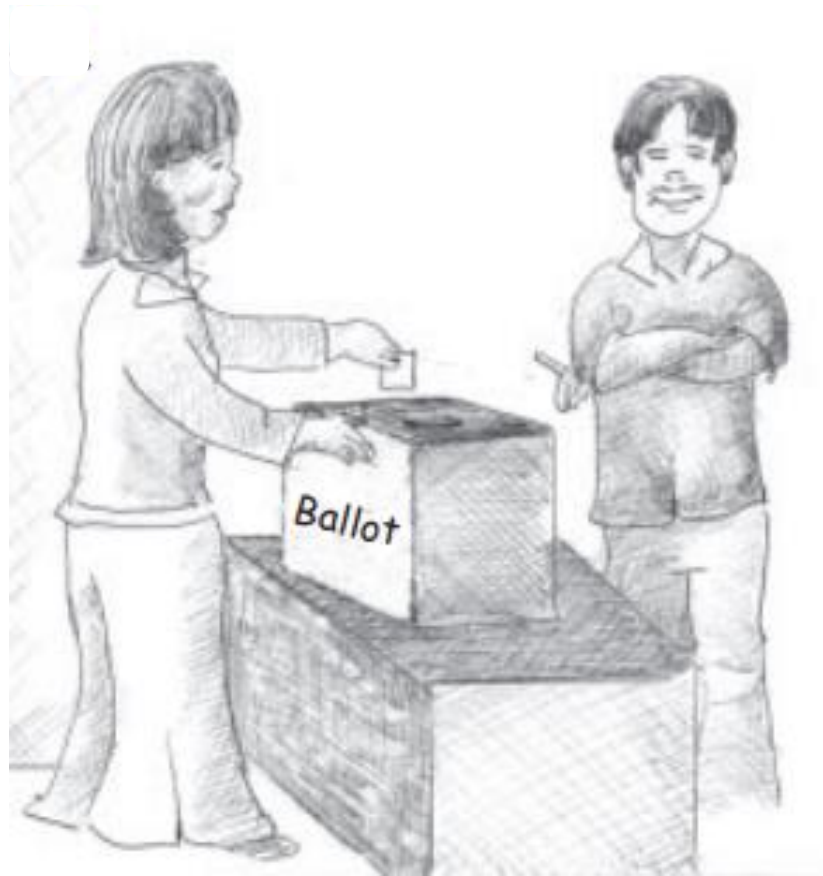
## NOT ONE, BUT MANY UNDERSTANDINGS OF ADVOCACY

Advocacy means efforts and organized action that take care of "invisible" problems, neglected ones, trying to influence public opinion and political decision. These efforts are starting from "what it is" and are trying to build "what it should be". Through advocacy one raises the access of people to the decisions that influence their lives. Therefore, advocacy means that people take something from the power of the institutions that govern their lives.

Adaptation from *Advocacy for Social Justice*, David Cohen

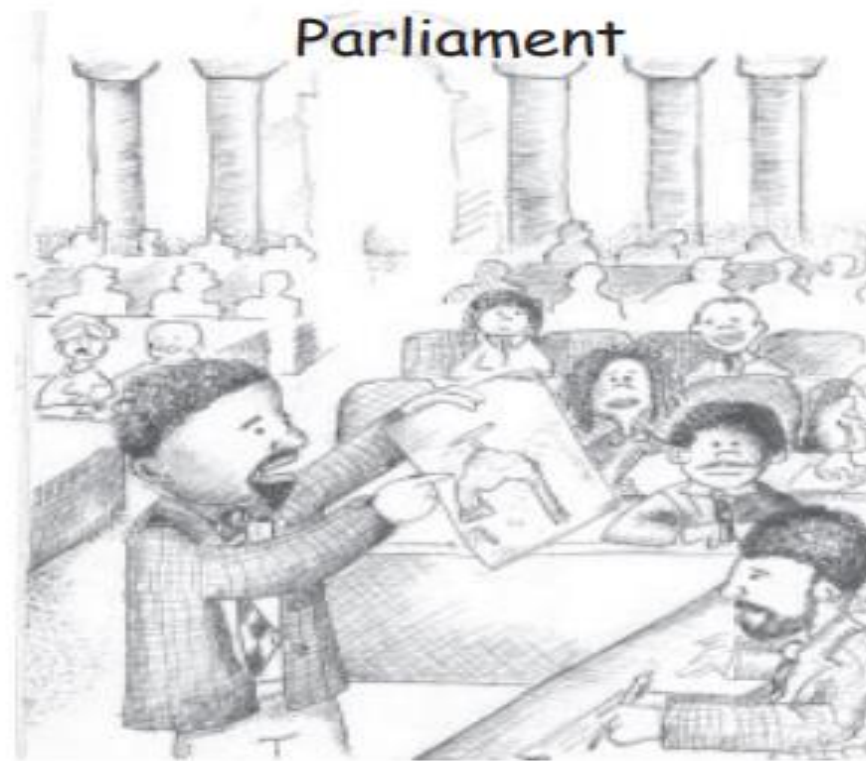


# POLITICS MEANS.....



Source: "A New Weave of Power, People & Politics"

# ADVOCACY MEANS....



"Experts" bring people's issues (the water problem) to policymakers

# ADVOCACY MEANS...



People organize to bring their own issues to policymakers



WHO MAKES ADVOCACY?



## NOT ONE, BUT MANY UNDERSTANDINGS OF ADVOCACY

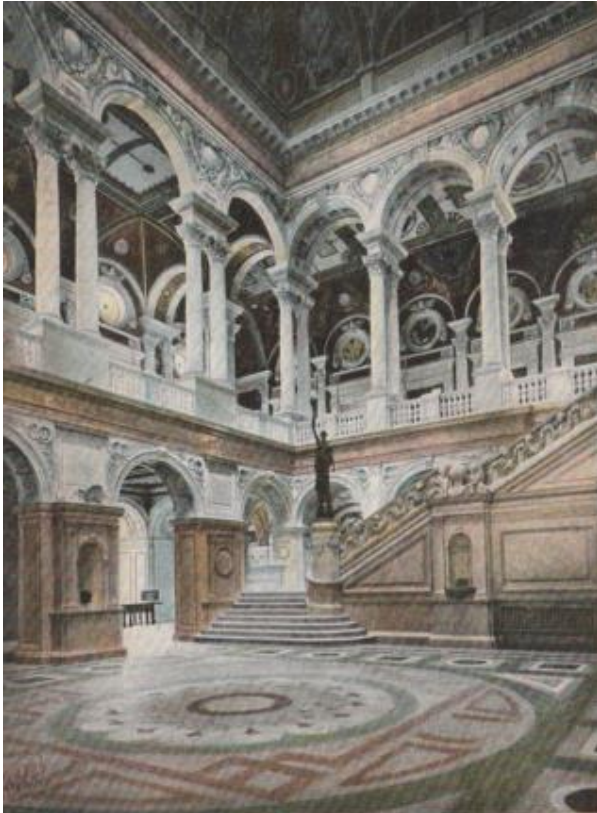
”Advocacy is not just about getting to the table with a new set of interests, it’s about changing the size and configuration of the table to accommodate a whole new set of actors. Effective advocacy challenges imbalances of power and changes thinking.”

”Citizen-centered advocacy is an organized political process that involves the coordinated efforts of people to change policies, practices, ideas, and values that perpetuate inequality, intolerance, and exclusion. It strengthens citizens’ capacity as decisionmakers and builds more accountable and equitable institutions of power.”

Adaptation from ”A New Weave of Power, People & Politics”, Lisa VeneKlasen, Valerie Miller



# COMPARED TO LOBBY - LOBBY MEANS....



Grand Entrance Hall, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

To lobby = seek to influence (a legislator) on an issue

To lobby = to conduct activities aimed at influencing public officials and especially members of a legislative body on legislation

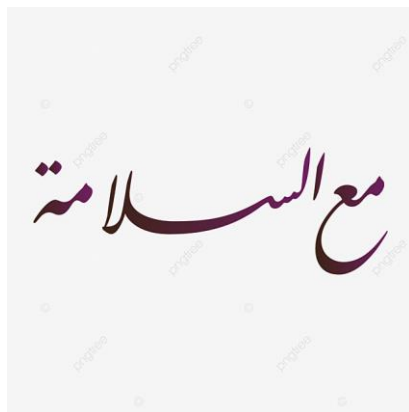
To lobby = to attempt to influence or sway (someone, such as a public official) toward a desired action

Lobby = a corridor or hall

Lobbyist = a person who takes part in an organized attempt to influence legislators.



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Au revoir!

Palaam na po!

до побачення!

La revedere!