



ARVESTARAN

Creative Development Center

YEREVAN ARMENIA

brief report of a visit to the arvestaran creative development center on behalf of rotary club gilze-rijen and donge valley the netherlands, by jan doms 29/09/2021

hostess: hasmik tangyan, founder



During Jan Doms' stay in Armenia for the realization of his new art project MOSKVICH PRIVAT CINEMA at the Museum 'The Gallery of Mariam and Eranuhi Aslamazyan Sisters' in Gyumri, there was also the opportunity to visit the ARVESTARAN Creative Development Center in Yerevan afterwards. The center which is initiated by the dancer and choreographer Hasmik Tangyan.

Jan Doms became acquainted with Hasmik Tangyan (and the poet-performer Lilit Petrosyan) in 2019 during an artistic collaboration that led to the multidisciplinary performance 'Talking Gliders' and 'Ai Ai Ai' (dance, visual arts and poetry aloud) in the monumental project space of the Armenian Center for Contemporary and Experimental Art (ACCEA / NPAK) in Yerevan.

Hasmik Tangyan is a performer, choreographer and dance therapist based in Yerevan, Armenia. In 2011 she founded the ARVESTARAN Creative Development Center in Yerevan, where she works as a dance therapist with children and adults with different abilities (Autism, CP, ADHD). Together with Harutyun Alpetyan, in 2018 Hasmik co-founded the Contemporary Choreography Lab (CoChoLab Armenia), where she is currently running the Contemporary Dance School.

The ARVESTARAN Creative Development Center, offers therapeutic, developmental and rehabilitation services for people of all ages and abilities in Yerevan, Armenia. The center has extensive training and experience providing well rounded care with an ethos centered on improving mental and physical health, building self-awareness and encouraging confidence.

The work includes people with autism, mental health issues and difficulties with social inclusion and more recently those affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic and the 2020 war in Artsakh.

Hasmik Tangyan received Jan Doms - who came to visit, also on behalf of his Rotary Club Gilze-Rijen and Dongen Valley The Netherlands - on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 and showed him around the new housing near the center of Yerevan. First of all, it was striking that the building and the various work spaces and service areas were designed with simple means and with great care. It exudes both a homely and pleasant working atmosphere. Without a doubt an invitation for everyone who visits the center as a 'club member', as a helper and as a guest.

In addition to the various practice rooms and service areas, such as the kitchen, there is the large room on the first floor where everything comes together. A truly beautiful space where you can dance, act, make music, present and come together.

A special spatial element is formed by the recently completed greenhouse on the large terrace on the first floor, where flowers and plants can grow luxuriantly.

Jan Doms could also witness the bakery in operation on the ground floor. Pupils there, together with their mothers, were baking the bread typical of Armenia for a restaurant. It tasted delicious.

Many thanks and good luck for the future, Jan Doms (www.lefdynamics.nl)