

Company Profile

The Albanian American Development Foundation (AADF) in partnership with the Municipality of Tirana and TUMO Yerevan Center for Creative Technologies (TUMO) will establish TUMO Tirana Center for Creative Technologies (TUMO Tirana). TUMO Tirana will be ready to begin its operations in the Arena Center in October 2020 and in the fall of 2022 the center will transition to the newly renovated space in the Pyramid of Tirana. TUMO Tirana will offer a state-of-the-art center with various workshop rooms, learning laboratory, auditorium, music room and an open study area.

The establishment of TUMO Tirana stems as an initiative of AADF's education strategy. AADF's goal is to improve the quality of education in Albania and to enable youth to acquire the 21st century, pivotal skills for the evolving job market. AADF has handpicked the most innovative international afterschool center to bring to Albania, a learning center where technology and art merge to provide teens a competitive edge in a digital world. TUMO Tirana will enable Albanian youth to gain the set of skills imperatives for success in the 21st century and allow them to broaden their horizons in the technological sector. The Center will promote and create a place for Albanian teens to explore an innovative path and diversify their future skills.

The TUMO Center for Creative Technologies is a new non-formal learning environment where young people of 12-18 age carry out their own individual study plan under the guidance of experienced coaches, mentors and media professionals. TUMO was founded and is primarily financed by Sam Simonian of "The Simonian Educational Foundation". It first started operations in Yerevan, Armenia in 2011 and from then it has expanded in other cities in Armenia and abroad. In recent years, TUMO has received a lot of international attention due to its unique philosophy in offering a new kind of education experience that puts the students in focus enabling them with all the tools and assistance to reach their maximum potential.

TUMO Tirana offers this exceptional educational program for teens aged 12 – 18 years old. They are able to create their own personalized learning plans utilizing a virtual environment designed to facilitate the multifaceted curriculum. At TUMO, teens are given the tools and knowhow they need to reach their maximum potential, and they chart their own learning path through hands-on activities, workshops and projects.

At TUMO Tirana, students find a hands-on learning approach, a unique learning path based on their interests while developing their skills in eight different fields: Animation, Graphic Design, Game Development, Filmmaking, Programming, 3D Modelling, Music and Robotics. Learning is independent, delivered through a platform allowing students to create their personalized learning plan, and is assisted by 'coaches'. Outside these eight focus areas but adjacent to those, students attend workshops, led by workshop leaders who are industry pros in Albania and abroad. TUMO is an experimental place where the idea is not to give classes, but to make students feel comfortable and build a very strong foundation for their future careers.