

Project Update: April 2015

In April 2015, we organised a trip to Borjomi district. The seminars were given to the pupils of Borjomi N1, N3, N6 and Akhaldaba public schools. Most pupils were members of “eco club” and expressed a high interest about our presentations and project. The presentations were about the importance of threatened ants from *Formica* group, which are good bio-indicators of the forest ecosystems simultaneously. We talked about the ecological parameters of *Phengaris* butterflies (*Phengaris alcon*, *Ph. arion*) as bio-indicators for assessment of ecological conditions in fragmented meadow habitats. After the presentations the quizzes were performed and the winners were rewarded with cups with Rufford Foundation logo. During this trip we distributed booklets to the public schools and local people. The booklet was about the importance of the threatened insects and necessity of their protection.



Left: During the seminar. Middle: Seminar in Borjomi N6 Public School. Right: Present for active pupils



Left: Rewarded pupil. Middle: Rewarded pupils. Right: Discussion after the presentation. Far Right; Conversation with eco club members