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## Public Discussion on Religious Associations Organized by GYLA's Foundation for Promotion of Legal Education

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Education was held on February 28, 2012. The event featured discussion of religious associations in Georgia as well as problems that they are facing.

Facts of prosecuting and oppressing religious minorities in Georgia, their underlying causes and the role of the state and the Georgian Orthodox Church in tackling the problem were discussed.

Among the invited experts at the public discussion were Head of the inter-religious council within the office of the Public Defender of Georgia Beka Mindiashvili, Rector of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani Teaching University, doctor of theology Vazha Vardidze and representative of GYLA's strategic litigation center Giorgi Gotsiridze.

Representatives of civil sector and law students from higher education institutions in Tbilisi actively participated in the discussions.