

Report of Gagauzian Youth Leadership Program (GYLP)

Spring School: Project Writing

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One of the most pressing and exciting topics for young people from Gagauzia is project writing. The topic has become relevant in the Gagauzia in recent years, which leads to the great desire of participants to be able to write the project plan correctly and be able to apply to the donors.

For two days the GYLP team tried to understand what project writing is and how it will be useful for them in the future. But before they start to do the project, they started to learn such skills as:

- Creative thinking
- Planning
- Responsibility division

Team of experts, Tomas Findra и Veniamin Sazonov, created a working platform for our leaders.

First of all, a lot of attention was paid to the creative thinking process. The exercise “creating a common product” helped the GYLP team to choose the right strategy and concept for developing a common product. This exercise helped to improve skills acquired at previous topic on critical thinking and teamwork. The practical task of “creating a common product” provided invaluable experience for creating your own product, for which they created a project plan.

Secondly, the GYLPs got the opportunity, using the example of the windmill exercise, to make their own project and construct the mill, while at the same time making a plan and calculating the budget.

Participants divided on two teams, each of which had a project owner and project manager, the others were team members. On a concrete example, they were faced with the task of creating a project for a tourist windmill. Each of them specifically knew his tasks and goals. This exercise is the key to the implementation of theoretical knowledge in practice.

Inspired by the previous game, participants shared their emotions and impressions about the two days passed on the subject of project writing.

“Two days turned out to be very productive for me, because I learned a cool thing — proper planning, which requires a clear definition of time. I don’t have my own idea for the project yet, but I hope for the next session I will come with my own ideas, which I develop with support of Tomas Findra and Veniamin Sazonov”, said Mark Panaitov

“I am impressed with the last two days, since project writing is something I need to know at the moment. Thanks to trainers’ charisma and their accessible explanation, I learned how important it is to follow the plan clearly and take into account the details of my activities. Our organization already has a project that is associated with the Institute for Assistance to Local Initiatives from Chisinau, it will be implemented in the summer, so it is important for me to learn as much as possible about this area”, shared Maxim Kol.