



REPORT

**on the Results of the Study
of Local Youth Policy Programs
Based on Current Needs and
Opportunities**

**Basthanka City Territorial Community
of the Bashtanskyi Raion of Mykolaivska Oblast**

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TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CTC – City Territorial Community
LSGs – local self-government bodies
RLA – regulatory and legal act
IDPs – internally displaced persons
ME – municipal enterprise
ME – municipal establishment
MI – municipal institution
YC – youth council
YC – youth center
YS – youth space
NGO – non-governmental organization

INTRODUCTION

Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine has been a major disturbance for Ukrainian society. The war has affected the emotional state, everyday life, public opinion, interpersonal relations, socio-economic situation, employment, general civic activity, life, and civic position of young people. The consequences of these unprecedented changes will affect the development of social institutions in Ukraine for a long time to come.

This study analyzes local programs, regulations, local youth structures, youth civic associations, and relevant structures of local self-government and civil society organizations that work in the community and support youth. The study will help identify shortcomings and obstacles and develop appropriate recommendations on possible ways to address them, which will help to activate the youth movement.

The team of the Charity Foundation "Stabilization Support Services" as part of the "Vidnova" – Towards a Locally Led, Inclusive and Transparent Reconstruction Process in Ukraine project, which is being implemented with the support of the international humanitarian organization "People in Need", conducted a study of local youth policy programs based on the current needs and capacities of the Bashtanska City Territorial Community.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CTC

Name: Bashtanka City Territorial Community of the Bashtanskyi Raion of Mykolaivska Oblast

Composition: Bashtanka city (administrative center), villages: Dobre, Novoyehorivka, Novopavlivka (Zelenyi Klyn), Novoivanivka (Starosoldatske, Kyivske), Nososerhiyivka (Zelenyi Hai, Novohorozhene, Horozhene, tarasivka, Trudove, Shevchenko, Zelenyi Yar, Andriyivka), Plyushchivka (Odradne, Shliakhove, Novoheorhiyivka), Pisky (Kostiantynivka), Khrystoforivka, Yavkyne (Kranyi Stav).

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Website: <https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/>

Head of the community: Oleksandr Anatoliyovych Berehovyi

Total area: 773 square kilometers

Population: 22,422 people

Destination to the oblast center (Mykolaiv) – 66 kilometers

Youth policy structural units: Department of Education, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanka City Council as a legal entity

Advisory and consultative bodies: Youth Council under the Bashtanka City Council and the IDP Council under the Bashtanka City Council

Network of educational institutions: 12 general educational institutions, 13 pre-school educational institutions, 2 vocational educational institutions, Bashtanka City Inclusive Resource Center, Bashtanka Children’s Music School, Bashtanka Children’s Youth Sports School.

Medical facilities: MNE Bashtanka Multidisciplinary Hospital

Network of cultural institutions: House of Children and Youth Creativity, Bashtanka Local History Museum, Museum of History and Fine Arts of Khrystoforivka Village, a branch of the Bashtanka Local History Museum, Novoivanivka Village Library, Novoivanivka Village House of Culture, Novopavlivka Village House of Culture, Dobre Village House of Culture, Bashtanka City House of Culture, Khrystoforivka Village Library, Dobre Village Library, Zelenyi Yar Village Club, Novoyehorivka Village Library, Plyushchivska village library, Yavkyne village library, Pisky village library, Plyushchivska village house of culture, Bashtanka city cultural center, Novoyehorivka village house of culture, Novopavlivka village library, Novoserhiyivka village library, Bashtanka Public Library, Novoheorhiyivka village club, Pisky village house of culture, Khrystoforivka village house of culture, Yavkyne village cultural center, Zelenyi Klyn village club.

Youth centers and spaces: The Creative House youth center, the Bashtanka Central District Library, and I’m at the Movies at the Yavkyne Cultural Center.

Sports infrastructure: 1 stadium, 64 sports grounds, 18 playgrounds, a municipal institution “Bashtanka Children and Youth Sports School of the Bashtanka City Council of the Bashtanskyi Raion of Mykolaivska Oblast”, which provides development of students’ abilities in four Olympic sports: Greco-Roman wrestling, football, canoeing, and weightlifting.

STATISTICS DATA

The population of the Bashtanska TC is 22,422 people, of whom 8,251 are young people aged 14 to 35 (37% of the total population).

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Purpose of the study

- identify key barriers and limitations faced by youth councils, IDP Councils and youth organizations in the creation, participation in the recovery and prioritization of local community-level activities;
- assess the availability and impact of local programs and policies in the youth sector, identification of strengths and weaknesses, opportunities for involving young people in consultative decision-making, and prioritization of local changes in the community.

Subject of the study

- local policies and programs in the youth sector, with a focus on analyzing mechanisms that promote active youth participation in consultative decision-making and implementation of recovery initiatives;
- executive structural subdivisions of local authorities involved in the formation and implementation of youth policy; youth NGOs and advisory bodies; NGOs and associations whose work is aimed at supporting youth in the local community.

Focus of the study

- Existing local targeted programs for the development and implementation of youth policy.
- Current local regulations (decisions, orders, etc.) aimed at developing and implementing youth policy.
- Reports on the implementation of programs/activities at the local level aimed at the development and implementation of youth policy.
- Other local/regional regulations and documents (and their drafts) directly or indirectly aimed at developing and implementing youth policy.
- Institutional support for local youth policy. Presence of structural units of local authorities in the field of youth policy. Advisory and consultative bodies and youth centers with a focus on youth engagement.
- Civic engagement in the youth sector. Youth public associations and activities of other civil society organizations in support of youth.

Objectives of the study

1. Analyze local youth policy programs, determine whether the implementation of local targeted programs aimed at supporting young people is provided with adequate financial and organizational resources.
2. Analyze regional and local targeted programs (draft programs, events) on youth involvement in local self-government.
3. Analyze local legal acts that provide for measures aimed at integrating young IDPs into the community; in particular, the inclusion of IDPs and consideration of their needs.
4. Identify possible shortcomings in the targeted programs and regulations to ensure the implementation of youth policy.
5. Identify the need for amendments to targeted programs and regulations on youth policy implementation.
6. Research barriers and challenges to engaging young people in decision-making at the local level.
7. To analyze the factors that facilitate youth involvement in decision-making at the local level and the level of youth participation in these decisions.
8. Develop methods and tools for involving young people in decision-making at the local level.
9. Develop policy and practice recommendations to improve youth engagement in local decision-making.

Methods and tools of the study

Stage 1: Collecting primary data

Analysis of open sources: In-depth analysis of the information available on the official websites of local authorities and local institutions that ensure the implementation of youth policy.

Submitting official requests to the relevant institutions, obtaining additional data necessary for the study.

Stage 2: Analysis of the collected information

Critical analysis and synthesis: processing and analyzing the collected information to identify key aspects, problems, and gaps in youth programs and policies. Use of analytical methods to synthesize data, identify trends, and identify promising areas for further action.

Stage 3: Preparation of recommendations

The final stage of the study focuses on the development of specific, evidence-based recommendations aimed at improving existing programs and policies in the youth sector to meet the current needs of young people and develop their capacities.

Research period: August – September 2024.

RESULTS OF THE REVIEW OF LOCAL YOUTH POLICY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Information on Open Sources

During the preparation of the report, open sources and documents on community websites were analyzed, and requests were sent to the local authorities of the Bashtanska CTC regarding the development and implementation of targeted programs in the youth sector and regulations at the local level, which are approved by local self-government (in accordance with Articles 26, 43 of the Law of Ukraine “On Local Self-Government in Ukraine”).

Sources of Information:

1. Website of the Bashtanska CTC.
2. Official responses to requests in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On Access to Public Information”.
4. Statistical information on youth in the community.
5. Local regulations (regulations, programs, decisions, orders, action plans, etc.).
6. Reports on the implementation of social programs.

Official website of the Bashtanska CTC (<https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/>) is largely informative, well-structured and user-friendly.

The programs of the Bashtanska CTC are posted on the official website of the community in the open access section “Documents” (<https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents?types=%5B%22cjk1f5j09004w0a28tetpgx64%22%5D>). There is a separate tab for “Programs” and the documents are arranged in chronological order.

There are no separate sections with information on youth policy on the official website of the Bashtanska CTC.

Information on the Department of Education, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanska City Council (local self-government department), which is responsible for implementing the state youth policy at the local level, is available on the community website in the section “Enterprises, Institutions and Facilities” among the information on communal institutions, enterprises and facilities of the community. The information is rather limited: there is only information about the head of the department and its work schedule, location and a brief description. There is no access to the Regulation on Local Self-Government Department or information on the number of employees of the department, nor is there any understanding of whether this department employs officials who are supposed to implement youth policy at the community level.

[Department of Education, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanska City Council | Enterprises, institutions and organizations | Bashtanska City Territorial Community](#)

All programs and regulations related to youth policy and advisory bodies of the Bashtanska CTC are scattered across the community website, and it is impossible to draw a holistic picture of youth support, formation and development of the youth sphere in the community.

Summary Table on the Analysis of Open Sources

Oblast/ settlement, community	Name of the local authority or institution that ensures the implementation of the local policy link to the website (name of the authority, link to the website)	Is there a separate section on the website for youth? (yes/no)	Does the website have a separate section on youth policy programs		Does the website have a separate section on regulations that facilitate the implementation of youth policy?		Availability of information on programs that support the implementation of youth policy		Accessibility of information on legal acts related to the implementation of youth policy	
			Local (yes/no)	IDPs (yes/no)	Local (yes/no)	IDPs (yes/no)	Indicate(easy, medium difficulty, high difficulty, no information available	Available for download (yes/no)	Indicate (easy, medium difficulty, high difficulty, no information available	Available for download (yes/no)
Mykolaivska Oblast, Bashtanska CTC	Bashtanka City Council https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/	No	No	No	No	No	Medium difficulty	Yes	Medium difficulty	Yes

Information on Existing Local Programs in the Field of Youth Policy

The Bashtanska CTC is implementing four programs that include activities to support young people.

1. “Program to support youth policy in the territory of the Bashtanska TC for 2024” (Approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council of December 22, 2023 No. 7) <https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/storage/documents/documents/9494e419bc2491f9c9cea14f9771853d.pdf>

Strategic vision of the future of the Bashtanska TC:

Promoting the sustainable development of youth policy through ongoing analysis of the situation in the community, region and Ukraine, supporting young people and their initiatives, developing equal partnerships between community youth, local authorities and other sectors of society within and outside the community based on the principles of openness, transparency, professionalism and efficiency.

The purpose of the program is the creation of appropriate conditions for self-realization and comprehensive creative development of each young person, realization of the innovative potential of young people in all spheres of public life, formation of their civic position and national-patriotic identity, active involvement in the social and public life of the city community, taking into account age, individual, social, creative, intellectual needs and requests by supporting and developing priority areas and forms and formats of work relevant to young people.

The program will focus on the following priority areas:

1. Development of active social and civic competencies

- strengthening of patriotic identity and active citizenship of young people;
- fostering a sense of personal and national dignity in young people;
- popularization of national culture;
- popularization of the volunteer movement as a form of involving young people in socially significant activities.

2. Increasing the attractiveness of the community for young people

- development of modern youth infrastructure in the community;
- introducing innovative methods and forms of organizing youth leisure activities.

3. Economic competitiveness of young people, integration of young people into the labor market, development of non-formal education, promotion of healthy lifestyles.

- promoting youth entrepreneurship, self-employment and effective promotion of young people in the business environment;
- development of informal education and secondary employment;
- assisting young people in acquiring knowledge and skills that will contribute to their social and professional competence outside the education system;
- motivation for lifelong learning.

Expected results of the Program implementation:

- increasing the number of young people involved in developing, organizing, and participating in events and projects aimed at national and patriotic education and raising civic awareness;
- diversification and introduction of new forms of work with youth;
- increasing the number of young people covered by all types of cultural, human rights, educational and other activities;
- increasing the number of young people involved in the promotion and establishment of a healthy and safe lifestyle and health culture;
- development of old and creation of new infrastructure facilities to ensure appropriate conditions for the comprehensive development of youth;
- providing support for youth in employment and promoting the creation of new jobs for them;
- increasing the level of youth involvement in volunteering as a form of socially significant secondary employment;
- increasing the level of youth activity in community settlements;
- creating conditions for the development of youth creativity.

Estimated funding for the Youth Policy Development Program in the Bashtanska TC for 2024 is UAH 89,000.

2. “Cultural development program on the territory of the Bashtanka City Council for 2024–2026” (Approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council of December 22, 2023 No. 11) <https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents/clu6wu7a0vud708801dву5dtm>

Purpose of the program:

- ensuring the implementation of state policy in the field of culture;
- development and sustainable functioning of the network of cultural institutions in the Bashtanska community;
- ensuring appropriate conditions for the development of Ukrainian culture and cultures of ethnic communities, harmonious combination of interests of Ukrainian people and national minorities, which will contribute to the consolidation of society;

Elements related to youth:

- aesthetic and spiritual education of children and youth, support for gifted youth and development of modern cultural services that meet the needs and interests of adolescents;
- identifying gifted youth and sending them to cultural and artistic institutions of all accreditation levels;

One of the main areas of the program is youth support:

Aesthetic and spiritual education of youth

- ensuring the preservation and development of the children's music school in accordance with the needs, interests and requests of girls and boys, and creating the appropriate material and technical base for this purpose;
- promoting the opening of branches and classes of children's music schools in rural areas to increase the accessibility of cultural services for rural young men and women, boys and girls;
- holding festivals and competitions to identify and support gifted girls and boys with proportional involvement of rural youth;
- providing funding for the participation of the best performers and groups of children's music schools, choreographic and community choirs in international, national and regional competitions, reviews and festivals.

Support for creative youth

- systematic research of the needs of girls and boys of different age groups regarding the services of aesthetic education schools and taking into account their results in the work of institutions;
- promoting the creation of conditions for the implementation of creative initiatives of young people, in accordance with the needs, interests and cultural demands;
- promoting the participation of young art lovers in the organization and holding of international, national, oblast, and raion art exhibitions, theater festivals, competitions, and concerts;
- promoting participation of gifted young people in regional literary competitions;
- promoting the creation of conditions for the comprehensive development of the individual, education of gifted girls and boys, young women and men, and expanding opportunities for rural youth;
- production of badges, medals and certificates to recognize gifted girls and boys, young women and men, middle-aged and elderly women and men;
- awarding winners of the annual Constellation of Talents competition.

Expected results in the field of youth policy:

- improvement of the quality of aesthetic education and art education for girls and boys, young women and men, taking into account individual abilities and personal needs.

3. Program for the development of physical culture and sports of the Bashtanka City Council for 2024–2026 (Approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council of December 22, 2023 No. 6) <https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents/clu6wxp8hvuqh0880g0i93b8o>

Some of the priority objectives include:

1. Increase the level of coverage of children, youth, women, middle-aged and elderly men who are not engaged in professional sports by expanding their access to physical culture and sports services.
2. Development of physical culture in general secondary education institutions by creating conditions for physical education and sports for boys and girls in educational institutions of the Bashtanka City Council.

4. Education Development Program of the Bashtanka City Council for 2022-2025

(Approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council of December 02, 2021 No. 8)

<https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents/clu6w97jpvrr40880nyzrufw8>

The purpose of the program is to provide conditions for the development of a community education system graduate who is a fully developed personality capable of critical thinking; a patriot with an active position, acting in accordance with moral and ethical principles, able to make responsible decisions, respecting human dignity and rights; an innovator capable of changing the world around them, developing the economy on the principles of sustainable development, competing in the labor market, and lifelong learning.

The priority objectives of youth support include:

- promotion of vocational education and training among youth, students, and adults, as well as professional development and career planning;
- support for gifted youth of the Bashtanska community.

Measures envisaged by the Program to support youth policy:

- Organizing and conducting patriotic events in community educational institutions with the participation of students and involving representatives of civil society organizations, military units, combatants, cultural and artistic figures.
- Organizing and holding youth, children's mass entertainment and sports events dedicated to holidays and significant dates.
- Ensuring participation of the community's students in student competitions, tournaments, contests, festivals, selection and training camps, competitions at the regional, national and international levels.

INFORMATION ON CURRENT LEGAL AND REGULATORY ACTS ON YOUTH INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

1. Order of the Mayor on the establishment of the IDP Council under the Bashtanka City Council

(Approved by the Order of the Mayor of September 03, 2024 No. 167-p in the new version.)

<https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents/cm0us9c025u300880326vuw4x>

Excerpts:

1. Establish a Council for Internally Displaced Persons under the Bashtanka City Council in a new version and approve:

1.1. Regulation on the Council for Internally Displaced Persons under the Bashtanka City Council.

1.2. Composition of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Bashtanka City Council.

In accordance with clause 4.2, part IV of this Order, the composition of the Council is 18 people.

According to clause 7 of the Model Regulation on the Council for Internally Displaced Persons, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on August 04, 2023, No. 812, representatives of the body under which the Council is established should make up no more than one third of its members, and IDPs – no less than 50%. The Council also includes representatives of non-governmental organizations and charitable foundations whose work is aimed at ensuring and protecting the rights of IDPs within the administrative-territorial unit.

According to the Resolution, members of the IDP Council under the Bashtanka City Council number 17, of whom only 8 are IDPs, and the rest of the IDP Council members are representatives of the body under which the Council was established (officials of local self-government, municipal institutions and deputies of the Bashtanka City Council). There is no representative of the civil society sector in the IDP Council.

According to clause 6.7 of Section VI of the Resolution, the Council shall inform the body under which it is established and the public about its work by posting on the official website and publishing in another acceptable way the regulations, work plan, minutes of meetings on approved proposals and recommendations, information on their implementation, annual reports on activities, etc. as well as information on the management, composition of working groups, commissions with the contact details of the Council (phone, address for correspondence, e-mail, etc.) for communication with the public.

The community website lacks a separate section for the IDP Council and any information on its work, contacts and document flow.

2. Regulation on the Youth Community Council under the Mayor of Bashtanka

(Approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council dated December 22, 2017 No. 24) **Not available on the community website (copy attached).**

In accordance with the regulations:

The Youth Community Council under the Bashtanka Mayor is an advisory body on youth policy.

The main tasks of the Youth Council are:

- development of a mechanism for interaction between executive authorities and the youth movement on the basis of partnership, openness, and transparency;
- studying, analyzing and forecasting socio-economic and socio-political processes in the youth environment of the community;
- involvement of youth in the social, cultural, economic and spiritual development of the Bashtanka City Council;
- identification and justification of priority areas of youth policy on the territory of the the Bashtanka City Council.

1.3 The Youth Council systematically informs the public about its activities and decisions.

1.4. Youth Council does not belong to religious associations and political parties and movements.

1.5. Members of the Youth Council work on a voluntary basis.

1.6. In its activities, the Youth Council is accountable to the Mayor of Bashtanka.

1.7. The Youth Council does not have the status of a legal entity.

The CMU Resolution No. 1198 of December 18, 2018, approved the Model Regulation on the Local Level Youth Council, according to which the local level youth council is established as a youth advisory body under the village, town, city, city district council (if established) in order to involve young people in the development and implementation of youth policy at the local level.

The current Regulation on the Youth Community Council under the Bashtanka City Mayor generally does not meet the norms, conditions, and tasks provided for in the Model Regulation on the Local Level Youth Council, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1198 of December 18, 2018.

3. Composition of the Youth Community Council under the Mayor of Bashtanka

The community's website contains a resolution of the mayor of December 22, 2023. No. 255-p "On Approval of the Youth Community Council under the Bashtanka City Mayor in the new composition"

<https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/documents/clqov5k9o0xod0824eg3b0ca4>

The personal composition of the Youth Council was approved in accordance with the Regulation on the Youth Community Council under the Bashtanka City Mayor, which was approved by the Decision of the Bashtanka City Council of December 22, 2017 No. 24. Рішенням Баштанської міської ради від 22.12.2017 № 24.

Institutional support for local youth policy

(Structural units of local authorities in the field of youth policy. Advisory and consultative bodies, youth centers, spaces, youth civic associations, etc.)

1. Department of Education, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanka City Council (Local self-government department)

The department is established and operates as a legal entity. There is no regulation on the department in the public domain. <https://bashtanskaotg.gov.ua/enterprises-registry/viddil-osviti-molodi-ta-sportu-vikonavchogo-komitetu-bashtanskoi-miskoi-radi>

Main tasks of the Department of Education, Youth and Sports

- Implementation of the state policy in the field of education, youth policy and sports on the territory of the Bashtanka City Council, taking into account the peculiarities of its social and cultural environment. Coordination of educational, sports and physical culture and sports institutions under the jurisdiction of the city council, organization of their regulatory, programmatic, personnel, logistical, scientific and methodological support.
- Analyzing the state of education, youth and sports on the territory of the Bashtanka City Council, projecting the development of preschool, general secondary and extracurricular education, youth policy and sports, improving the network of relevant educational institutions regardless of type and form of ownership in accordance with the educational needs of the community; developing and organizing the implementation of city programs for the development of education, youth and sports.
- Assistance to non-governmental organizations with a physical culture and sports focus, youth, children's and other non-governmental organizations. Promoting the development of self-government in general education, preschool, and out-of-school educational institutions.
- Organizing (within the limits of its powers) health improvement and recreation of children in educational institutions, as well as leisure of children and youth, development of physical culture and sports.
- Ensuring (within the limits of authority) the development of various forms of out-of-school education, including at the place of residence of children, the formation of programs for the development of out-of-school education aimed at creative development, identification and support of gifted children and talented youth, and educational and methodological guidance in these areas.

2. Youth Council

The Youth Council consists of 15 people – 2 boys and 13 girls.

The Head of the Youth Council is a teacher from Bashtanka Lyceum No. 2; the Secretary of the Youth Council is a chief specialist of the Department of Education, Youth and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanka City Council. 7 members of the council are students, the rest are representatives of young people living in the community, a teacher and the starosta of the Yavkynskyi starosta district.

The Youth Council has a page on social media:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6996952193719240/about>

The community website does not have a special section or heading dedicated to the Youth Council. There is also no information about its decisions, meetings and work in general in the information space.

3. Youth centers and spaces

There is no youth center in the community. However, there is a youth space called “Creative House,” the Bashtanka Central District Library, and “I’m in the Movies” at the Yavkyne Cultural Center.

Summary Table of the Analyzed Local Legal and Regulatory Acts

Oblast/ settlement, community	Total regulations (including draft regulations)		Of these, by topic		
	Regional and local programs	Local regulations	Programs to support youth policy	Regulations aimed at supporting youth policy	Draft regulations to support youth policy
Mykolaivska Oblast, Bashtanska CTC	4	3	4	2	0

Summary Table on the Inclusion of IDPs in Programs and Local Regulatory and Legal Acts, Consideration of Their Needs and Interests

Oblast/ settlement, community	Programs and regulations to support the population			Programs (including drafts) and regulations to support IDPs	
	Total	of which containing measures and provisions to support IDPs	of which require changes or additions	Total	of which require changes or additions
Mykolaivska Oblast, Bashtanska CTC	7	1	1	0	0

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE ANALYSIS OF LOCAL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY

The analysis of targeted programs and regulations in the field of youth policy of the Bashtanska CTC, which are publicly available on the community website, and the responses to official requests received during the project implementation proves that community residents are generally engaged in youth policy.

1. There are local self-government institutions that ensure the implementation of the state youth policy at the community level.
2. The Youth Community Council is in operation.
3. The Program to Support Youth Policy in the Territory of the Bashtanska TC for 2024 has been developed and approved.
4. Targeted programs have been developed and approved, which include specific measures aimed at developing and supporting youth.
5. There are 2 youth spaces in the community (Bashtanka and Yavkyne).

However, an analysis of the current situation indicates the absence in the Bashtanska CTC of:

- Events in targeted local programs aimed at active involvement of young IDPs in social activities and integration into the community.
- Youth center.
- Youth NGOs and associations.
- Civil society organizations working with youth.

Recommendations Based on the Analysis of Local Youth Policies and Programs

- Establish a working group to develop a sound strategy for the development of youth policy in the Bashtanska CTC with the mandatory involvement of young people.
- Develop and approve a targeted Program to Support Youth Policy in the Territory of the Bashtanska CTC for 2025-2030.
- Establish the Youth Council and approve the Regulation on the Youth Council under the Bashtanka City Council in accordance with the Model Regulation on the Youth Council of the local level, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1198 of December 18, 2018.
- Amend the Order of the Mayor on the establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Bashtanka City Council No. 167-p dated September 03, 2024 in terms of the personal composition of the IDP Council, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 7 of the Model Regulation on the Council on Internally Displaced Persons, approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated August 04, 2023 No. 812 (“the number of representatives of the body under which the Council is established is no more than one third. The number of IDPs is not less than 50% of the members of the Council. The Council also includes representatives of public organizations and charitable foundations whose work is aimed at ensuring and protecting the rights of IDPs within the administrative-territorial unit”).
- Consider including young IDPs living in the Bashtanska CTC in the IDP Council.
- The main tasks of the Department of Education, Youth, and Sports of the Executive Committee of the Bashtanka City Council include to provide for tasks specifically in the field of implementation of the state youth policy at the territorial community level, taking into account the provisions of Article 9 of the Law of Ukraine “On the Basic Principles of Youth Policy” (April 27, 2021, No. 1414-IX).

- Take into account in the Program of support of youth policy on the territory of the Bashtanska TC the planning of activities approved and envisaged for implementation by the regional Program of support and development of youth of Mykolaivska Oblast. (See Annex 1 for proposals for amendments).
- Consider the possibility of establishing a Youth Center and expanding the network of youth spaces in different settlements of the Bashtanska CTC.
- Pay attention to popularization of public associations and charitable foundations among young people to create youth NGOs in the Bashtanska CTC.

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