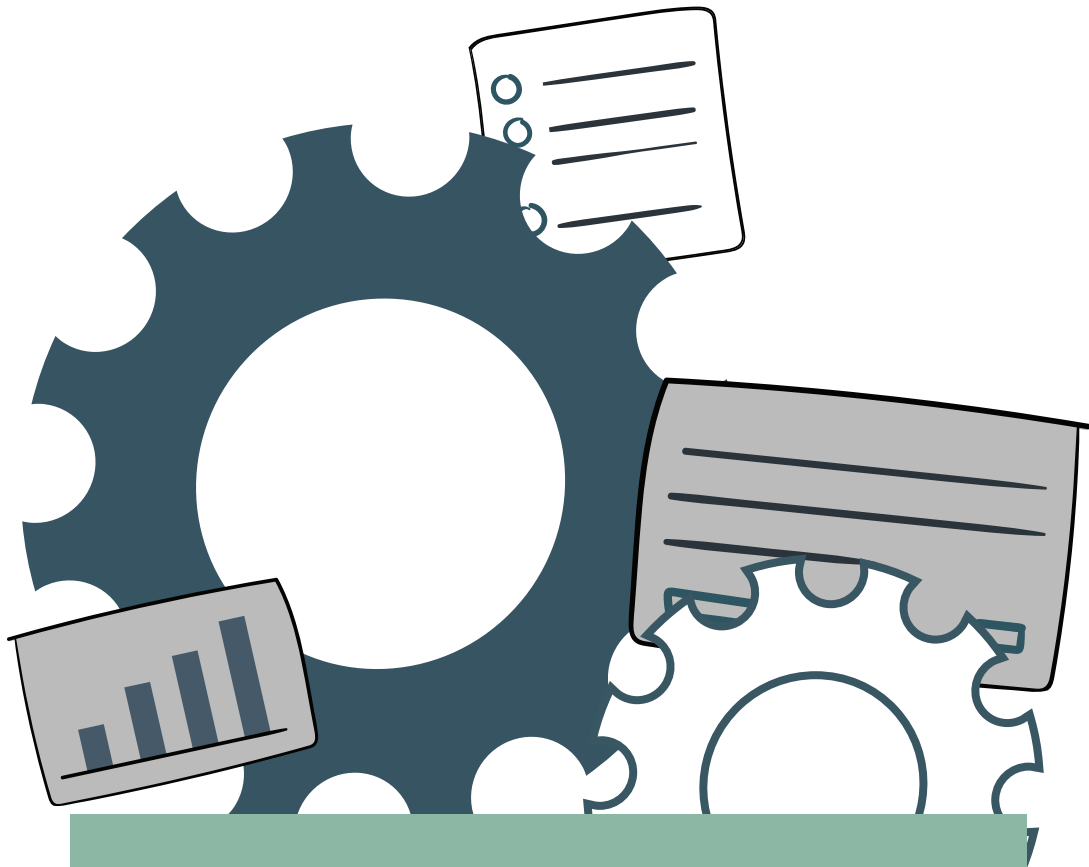




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REPORT

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

Halytsynove Village Territorial Community
of the Mykolaivskyi 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 Halytsynivska Settlement Territorial Community.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CTC

Name: Halytsynove Village Territorial Community of the Mykolaivskyi Raion of Mykolaivska Oblast

Composition: Halytsynove village – administrative center; villages of Lymany, Lupareve, Prybuzke, Stepova Dolyna, Ukrayinka.

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Email address: otggalitsinovo@gmail.com

Website: <https://galycynivska.dosvit.org.ua/>

Head of the community: Ivan Vasylovych Nazar

Total area: 312 square kilometers

Population: 9,070 people

Destination to the oblast center (Mykolaiv) – 19 kilometers

Youth policy structural units: Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council as a legal entity.

Advisory and consultative bodies: Youth Council under the Halytsynove Village Council. There is no IDP council.

Network of educational institutions: 5 general education institutions, 5 pre-school education institutions, the Center for Extracurricular Activities, and the Halytsynivka Town School, MI “Inclusive Resource Center”.

Medical facilities: Municipal Enterprise “Halytsynove Primary Health Care Center”.

Network of cultural institutions: Halytsynove Village Council Public Library, Halytsynove Village Club, Lymany House of Culture, Luparivka Village Club, Prybuzke Village Club, Ukrayinka House of Culture.

Youth centers and spaces: The Cinema Arts Club and the Youth Resource Center at the Halytsynove Village Council Public Library.

Sports infrastructure: 18 sports grounds, 8 football fields, 5 gymnasiums, 1 room for physical education and fitness classes, 2 rooms with exercise equipment, 5 gymnasiums with exercise equipment, 1 athletics center, 3 shooting ranges, 7 areas for training on simulators.

In general, we can conclude that there are favorable conditions for the development of youth policy in Halytsynivska STC.

STATISTICS DATA

There are 9,070 people living in Halytsynivska STC. Young people aged 14 to 35 are 2,663 people, or 29% of the total population.

As of June 01, 2024, there were 320 young people aged 16-19 and 425 people aged 20-25.

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 POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH POLICY

Information on Open Sources

In preparing the report, we analyzed open sources and documents on the community website, and sent relevant requests to local authorities of the Halytsynivska STC regarding the development and implementation of targeted programs in the youth sector and regulations at the local level, which are adopted by local self-government bodies (in accordance with Articles 26, 43 of the Law of Ukraine “On Local Self-Government in Ukraine”).

Sources of Information:

1. Website of the Halytsynivska STC.
2. Website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council.
3. 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.

The official websites of the Halytsyniv City Council and the Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports are accessible and easy to use.

The official website of Halytsyniv city council does not have separate sections with information on youth policy. There is a separate section on “Youth” on the official website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council (<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/>).

The programs of the Halytsynivska STC are partially available on the official website of the community in the public domain (<https://galycynivska.dosvit.org.ua/>). The website contains the Youth Policy Support Program on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2019-2023.

The programs of the Halytsynivska STC, which include measures to support and develop the youth sector, are posted on the official website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council (<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/>).

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, Halytsynivska STC	Halytsynove Village Council https://galycynivska.dosvit.org.ua/	No	Yes	No	No	No	Easy	Yes	Easy	Yes
Mykolaivska Oblast, Halytsynivska STC	Department of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council https://okms.gov.ua/docs/	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Easy	Yes	Easy	Yes

Information on Existing Local Programs in the Field of Youth Policy

The Halytsynivska STC has adopted and implemented 7 programs that provide support measures for young people.

1. Program to support youth policy on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2024-2028

(Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 7, 2023 No. 10)
<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/1022/>

Purpose

The program defines a strategy for implementing youth policy in the Halytsynivska Community for 2024-2028.

The purpose of the program is to create conditions for the development and self-realization of young boys and girls in the community, the formation of an active civic position and mentality.

The program is based on the results of a sociological survey conducted from July 18 to September 30, 2018.

Main objectives

- developing an active civic position: raising legal awareness, measures to support young men and women's access to positions of responsibility in professional life, associations, politics and local authorities; promoting volunteerism, non-formal education and secondary employment;
- promoting healthy lifestyles among young people;
- introducing new forms of organizing meaningful leisure activities for young people;
- developing an ecological culture;
- developing informal education;
- integration of young people into the labor market.

The program is financed at the expense of the local budget funds allocated for the implementation of programs and activities within the framework of youth policy, as well as other sources not prohibited by law, taking into account the needs and interests of young people of the Halytsynivska Community, enterprises and organizations of various forms of ownership, investors, sponsors, and citizens' own funds.

Estimated volumes and sources of funding for the Comprehensive Local Program to Support Youth Policy on the Territory of the Halytsynove Village Council (ATC) for 2024-2028:

Sources of funding	Amount of funding	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Local budget (UAH thousand)	450	50	70	90	110	130

Expected results

- introduce/improve innovative mechanisms of youth participation (participatory budget, micro-project competitions, youth advisory bodies);
- increase the number of young people covered by all types of physical education, cultural, human rights, educational and other activities;
- support young people in finding employment, promote the creation of new jobs;

- raise the level of environmental awareness among young people;
- create conditions for developing the creative potential of young people.

2. Program for the development of physical culture and sports on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2024-2028

(Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 7, 2023 No. 11)
<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/7963/>

The Program for the development of physical culture and sports on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2024-2028 is a set of measures to promote the effective implementation of state policy in the field of providing physical culture and sports services on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council.

Most of the program's objectives are aimed at children and youth in the community:

- maximizing the involvement of children, adolescents and young people in sports, creating conditions for the realization of their abilities in sports;
- involvement of the general population in systematic physical education and mass sports, popularization of a healthy lifestyle and promotion of physical education and sports rehabilitation through various information and educational tools;
- maximizing the potential of gifted youth, including youth with disabilities.

The program will be funded by the budget of the Halytsynove Village Council and other sources not prohibited by the current legislation.

3. Target program "Teacher" of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2022-2025

(Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 29, 2021 No. 31)
<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/783/>

The purpose of the program is to identify urgent and promising measures to implement the main directions of modernization of the education system in line with the requirements of the modern information and technological society, to provide economic and social guarantees for the professional self-realization of teachers and to establish their high social status in society, and to develop and implement a new mechanism for selecting gifted young people to obtain a teaching profession.

4. The program of health improvement and recreation of children and pupils of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2022-2025

(Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 21, 2022 No. 33)

The goal of the program is to create favorable conditions and realize the right to quality health improvement and recreation for children and students, especially those in need of special social attention and support.

5. Target program "Giftedness" of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2022-2025

(Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 21, 2022 No. 32)
<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/3143/>

The goal of the program is to systematically support talented children and gifted youth, create a system for identifying, educating and raising gifted youth, create conditions for self-realization and expand social and legal guarantees.

Main objectives: Identification of gifted children and creation of conditions for their development and participation of gifted youth in international projects, programs, scientific and practical conferences, competitions; exchange of delegations of gifted students, children and youth creative teams of the community with other regions of the country and foreign partners; payment of scholarships to gifted students, one-time payments for high achievements at the national and international level.

The program is funded by the budget of the Halytsynove Village Council and other sources not prohibited by the legislation of Ukraine.

6. Cultural development program on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council for 2021-2025 (Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of December 23, 2020 No. 36) <https://okms.gov.ua/docs/3142/>

The goal of the program is to create appropriate conditions for meeting cultural needs, enriching and developing culture and art, preserving, popularizing and updating the national cultural heritage, improving the material, technical and financial support of cultural institutions; promoting creative activity.

7. Program for the development of adult education on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council (Hromada) for 2020-2026 (Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of July 03, 2020 No. 4) <https://okms.gov.ua/docs/1373/>

The program defines the strategy for the development of adult education on the territory of the Halytsynove Village Council (ATC) for 2020-2026.

The purpose of the program is to create conditions for the development of adult education in the community and to establish constructive activities of the Adult Education Center and its branches to meet the educational needs of the ATC adult population in learning, development, self-realization and building their own business.

Main objectives: organizing staffing of the Adult Education Center and its branches on the territory of the ATC; developing a network of Adult Education Center branches in each community settlement in accordance with the requests of the adult population; providing funding for the Adult Education Center and its branches; organizing a systematic study of the needs of the adult population; conducting various educational programs, courses, trainings on topics relevant to the adult population; popularizing the Adult Education Center and involving the maximum number of people in adult education; developing partnerships with local authorities;

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

1. Order of the Head of the Halytsynivska STC “On establishing a quota for young people in advisory bodies under the Halytsynove Village Council” of December 22, 2018 No. 84-r <https://galycynivska.dosvit.org.ua/documents/ckb0udjuiq1xy0763mwccas06>

According to the order, a 15 percent quota for youth in the advisory bodies of the Halytsynove Village Council was established.

2. Regulation on the Youth Council under the Halytsynove Village Council (Approved by the decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of March 07, 2019 No. 7) <https://galycynivska.dosvit.org.ua/documents/cju0x233py7ex0611tnoxontl>

The youth advisory body at the local level is established as the Youth Council under the Halytsynove Village Council. The main tasks are to promote youth participation in the process of developing and adopting acts of the Halytsynove Village Council and its officials to address issues of local importance in the youth sector and to monitor their implementation; involvement of youth in addressing issues of socio-economic, political and cultural life of the territorial community through participation in the development and implementation of local programs in the youth sector; consolidation of the youth movement on the territory of the relevant administrative-territorial unit, etc.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL YOUTH POLICY

1. Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports of the Halytsynove Village Council (Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports)

The department is established and operates as a legal entity. (Regulation on the department. Decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of April 21, 2017 No. 8
<https://okms.gov.ua/docs/616/>)

The purpose of the department is to create conditions for personal development and creative self-realization through a system of multidisciplinary, multi-level preschool, general secondary and out-of-school education, to ensure accessibility and compulsory education for all who need it, to form a quality information and educational space, to ensure, within the limits determined by law, the rights of community members in the field of culture and tourism, to preserve and popularize national and cultural heritage, to create a competitive artistic environment for the development of cultural and tourist space and providing the population with quality services in the field of physical culture and sports through the implementation of relevant state and local programs, through a network of communal enterprises, institutions and establishments to meet the needs and interests of the Halytsynove Village Council.

Tasks of the department in the field of youth policy:

- implementation of the state policy and the policy of Halytsynivka village council in the areas of education, culture, tourism, youth and sports
- facilitating the expansion of children’s and youth organizations, creative associations, and societies.

Since 2018, a new position of “Methodologist of the Methodological Cabinet for the Organization of Work on Youth Affairs of the Halytsynove Village Council” has been introduced in the methodological cabinet of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports (Order No. 221 of the ECYS Department dated December 29, 2018). The methodologist is responsible for the implementation of youth policy in the community.

Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports has an official website <https://okms.gov.ua/docs/>. The site is easy to use and has enough information.

2. Youth Council

As of March 2024, the Youth Council consists of 24 people (6 boys and 18 girls) representing different settlements of the community (Halytsynove, Prybuzke, Ukrayinka, Lymany). The personal composition of the members of the Youth Council is posted on the website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports signed by the head of the department.

3. Youth centers and spaces

The Cinema Arts Club and the Youth Resource Center at the Halytsynove Village Council Public Library. Information obtained from open sources.

<https://uccs.org.ua/arkhiv-novyn/klub-kinomystetstva-ta-molodizhnyj-resursnyj-tsentrv-dkryly-v-halytsynivskij-hromadi/>

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, Halytsynivska STC	6	3	6	3	0

Summary table on the inclusion of IDPs in programs and local regulations and 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 contain- ing measures and provisions to support IDPs	of which require changes or additions	Total	of which require changes or additions
Mykolaivska Oblast, Halytsynivska STC	6	0		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 Halytsynivska STC, which are publicly available on the community's websites and voiced in response to official requests as part of the project implementation, proves that, in general, the community has a positive trend in the development of youth policy.

1. It has local self-government institutions that ensure the implementation of the state youth policy at the community level. The Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports has been established and operates as a legal entity, but the regulation on the department contains only 2 tasks that indirectly affect youth policy in Halytsynivska STC, unlike other areas of work (education, sports, culture).

2. The Youth Council has been established and is functioning. The official website of the Halytsynove City Council and the website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports do not have any administrative documents approving the personal composition of the local self-government body under the Halytsynove City Council. The website of the Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports only contains a list of members of the Youth Council under the Halytsynivska STC.

According to the Regulation on the Youth Council under the Halytsynove Village Council, approved by the Decision of the Halytsynove Village Council of March 07, 2019 No. 7 and the Model Regulation on the Local Level Youth Council, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of December 18, 2018 No. 1198, the procedure for the establishment and approval of the personal composition of the Youth Council members is provided.

According to the Regulation on the Youth Council under the Halytsynove Village Council, these provisions are specified in clauses 9-12. In accordance with clause 13 of the Regulation, the Halytsynove Village Council approves the composition of the Youth Council on the basis of the minutes of the constituent assembly and publishes it on its official website and/or in another acceptable way within three working days from the date of approval.

The advisory body called the Youth Council shall be established in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation. The personal composition of the Youth Council must be approved by the Halytsynove Village Council and published within the terms stipulated by the Regulations. Failure to comply with these requirements raises the question of the legitimacy of the advisory body.

- Targeted youth policy support programs are systematically developed and implemented on the territory of the Halytsynivska STC.
- Targeted programs have been developed and approved in the community, which include specific activities aimed at developing and supporting youth.
- There are youth spaces in educational institutions, cultural centers and libraries.

At the same time, the analysis of the current situation indicates that there is no youth center, youth NGOs and associations, NGOs working with youth, IDP Council and any local-level regulations that would take into account the interests of young IDPs and help them actively engage in community service and integrate into the community.

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