



REPORT

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

Kaluska Territorial Community
Kaluskyi Raion of Ivano-Frankivska 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 Kaluska Territorial Community.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CTC

Name: Kaluska Territorial Community of the Kaluskyi Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast

Cities: Kalush is the administrative center of the territorial community

Villages: Bodnariv, Holyn, Kopanky, Kropyvnyk, Mostyshche, Vistova, Babyn-Zarichnyi, Piylo, Dovhe-Kaluske, Ripyanka, Mysliv, Yavorivka, Studinka, Seredniy Babyn, Sivka-Kaluska, Tuzhyliv

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

Head of the community: Andriy Mykhailovych Naida

Total area: 265.5 square kilometers

Population: 92,496 people (2023)

Destination to the oblast center (Ivano-Frankivsk) – 34 kilometers

Youth policy structural units: Department of Youth, and Sports <https://kalushcity.gov.ua/kmr/department/upravlinnya-u-spravah-sim-yi-molodi-fizkulturi-i-sportu>

Advisory and consultative bodies: [Youth Council](#) under the Kalush City Council; [IDP Council](#)

Network of educational institutions: 12 lyceums, and the municipal institution “Inclusive Resource Center”. According to open source information, the community also has a Vocational College of Culture and Arts, Kalush Polytechnic Vocational College, Kalush Vocational College of Economics, Law and Information Technologies of Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas, and Kherson Vocational College of Culture and Arts.

Network of municipal institutions in the community aimed at developing the creative abilities of adolescents and youth, their spiritual and intellectual growth: Center for out-of-school activities, Center for scientific and technical creativity of students, Center for artistic creativity of children, youth and young people, Center for professional development of teachers, concert hall, Kalush children’s music school, Holyn children’s art school, Palace of Culture “Yunist”, Centralized library system of the Kalush City Council (21 branches), Museum and exhibition center of the Kalush City Council (5 institutions); Palace of Culture “Mineral”, Antin Mohylnytskyi House of Culture of the Pidhirky residential area, People’s House “Prosvita” of the Zahirya residential area, Hnat Rozhanskyi People’s House of the Khotyn residential area; folk houses in the villages of Vistova, Babyn-Zarichnyi, Kropyvnyk, Mostyshche, Sivka-Kaluska, Studinka, Seredniy Babyn, Bodnariv, Kopanky, Piylo, Dovhe-Kaluske, Ripyanka, Mysliv, Yavorivka, Tuzhyliv, Holyn.

The community also has the Dobrodiya Kaluska Center for Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Children with Disabilities, an institution of the labor and social protection system that deals with the development and correction of developmental disabilities of children with disabilities, teaching basic social and life skills, developing abilities, and creating prerequisites for integration into society.

Youth centers and spaces: Youth space “Space for children and youth” at Kalush lyceum No. 2, youth center “Hub 93” of the public organization “Free People of Kalush”, Youth space “Union of Ukrainian Youth in Ukraine”, Youth space “PLAST-NATIONAL SCOUT ORGANIZATION OF UKRAINE”. There is no Youth Center in Kalush territorial community.

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 local regulations on the implementation of youth policy in the community found on the STC website. We also sent relevant requests to the local authorities of the Kaluska STC.

Sources of Information:

1. Website of the Kaluska STC
2. Official responses to information requests
3. Local regulations (regulations, programs, decisions, orders, etc.).

The official website of the Kaluska STC has subsections “Youth Council” and “Youth Internships” in the “Public Information” section (<https://www.kalushcity.gov.ua/publicinfo>) There is no separate section on local youth policy programs or a section “Youth” on the official website of Kalush City Council.

The oblast targeted social program of national-patriotic education of children and youth for 2021-2025, which is being implemented on the territory of the Kaluska STC, is described on the official website of the Ivano-Frankivska Oblast Council – <https://orada.if.ua/decision/37-2-2020/>

Information about the program “Youth of Kalush City Territorial Community” for 2023-2025 is available on the official website of Kalush City Council in the section “Regulatory Framework” https://kalushcity.golos.net.ua/?p=pryynyati_rishennya&sp=single&id=7776

The Kalush City Territorial Community Development Strategy for 2022-2030 is also available on the city council’s website: https://kalushcity.golos.net.ua/?p=pryynyati_rishennya&sp=single&id=5662

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)
Ivano-Frankivska Oblast, Kaluska Territorial Community	Department of Youth, and Sports https://www.kalushcity.gov.ua/kmr/departament/upravlinnya-u-spravah-sim-yi-molodi-fizkulturi-i-sportu	No	No	No	No	No	Medium difficulty	Yes	Medium difficulty	Yes

Information on existing programs at the regional and local levels to implement youth policy

1. Oblast targeted social program of national-patriotic education of children and youth for 2021-2025 – decision of the Ivano-Frankivska Oblast Council of December 23, 2020 No. 37-2/2020 – <https://orada.if.ua/decision/37-2-2020/>

The purpose of the Program is to develop a comprehensive system of national and patriotic education based on the formation and establishment of the principles of love and pride for one's own state, its history, language, culture, national and universal values, awareness of civic duty and establishment of the qualities of a patriot and citizen of Ukraine as a worldview factor aimed at developing a successful country and ensuring one's own well-being in it; formation of national identity, active citizenship, high moral qualities and spiritual values.

Main objectives of the Program:

- development of national and patriotic consciousness, national dignity, respect for the cultural and historical past of Ukraine among young people;
- awareness of the need for young people to fulfill their constitutional and civic duty in order to protect the national interests of Ukraine;
- fostering respect for the state symbols, the Constitution of Ukraine and the laws of Ukraine;
- to make young people aware of the achievements of the Ukrainian people, its intellectual and spiritual heritage;
- fostering a tolerant attitude towards other peoples, cultures and traditions;
- counteracting manifestations of chauvinism and xenophobia in the youth environment;
- formation of democratic values, respect for constitutional rights and freedoms of man and citizen;
- fostering active citizenship and self-esteem among young people;
- involvement of children and students in the processes of state-building and civil society activities;
- development of communication skills in dealing with social institutions and authorities, ability to comply with laws and protect human rights, and willingness to take responsibility;
- formation of language culture, mastering and using the Ukrainian language as a spiritual code of the nation, enhancing the role of the Ukrainian language as a national value;
- promoting the consolidation of Ukrainian society around the ideas of a common future, protection of the territorial integrity of Ukraine, reforms and state-building;
- use of national traditions and study of modern educational systems, technologies and methods in the field of national and patriotic education, generalization and dissemination of best practices;
- ensuring optimal coordinated activity of state authorities, local self-government bodies and civil society institutions in the field of national-patriotic education;
- improvement of the system of pre-conscription military training, training in military professions;
- implementation of measures aimed at increasing the prestige of military service.

2. Program "Youth of Kalush City Territorial Community" for 2023-2025 – decision of the city council of June 29, 2023 No. 2247, https://kalushcity.golos.net.ua/?p=pryynyati_rishennya&sp=single&id=7776

The purpose of the program is to create opportunities for self-realization and development of the potential of young people in the urban territorial community by increasing the capacity of civil society institutions in the youth sector, which operate on the principles of democratic governance, applying existing and new tools for active participation and integration of young people in public life and further development of Ukrainian society.

The program is designed to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Increasing the capacity, publicity and democratic governance of civil society institutions in the youth sector through:

- introducing a mechanism of institutional support for youth and children's civil society organizations;
- training for representatives of civil society institutions in the youth sector, including youth and children's organizations;
- providing financial support for the implementation of their activities in accordance with the established procedure;

2. Raising the level of volunteerism among children and youth through:

- increasing the capacity of organizations that work with volunteers;
- training of representatives of organizations that cooperate with volunteers and professionals who talk about volunteering; implementation of measures aimed at developing a culture of volunteering among children and youth;
- introducing a mechanism to support such organizations;

3. Increase youth involvement in decision-making processes (including raising awareness of participation tools) through:

- promoting the establishment and development of youth advisory bodies, pupil and student self-government bodies;
- use of electronic forms of democratic governance (petitions, inquiries, etc.);

4. Increase the level of youth mobility, including through exchanges within Ukraine and in partnership with other countries;

5. Development of youth centers through capacity building and quality improvement;

6. Raising the level of civic skills of young people and their ability to understand the need for lifelong learning, integration into community life, adaptation to the challenges of the modern world, making a conscious choice of life path, developing a responsible attitude to their own health, family and parenting planning, and the environment.

7. Promoting the spiritual and physical development of young people, fostering a sense of civic consciousness and patriotism, and a desire to actively contribute to the development of statehood in Ukraine;

8. Promoting the realization of the creative potential of young people in the interests of their development and self-realization, the formation of a moral and legal culture and the prevention of negative phenomena in the children and youth environment.

3. Development Strategy of the Kalush City Territorial Community for 2022-2030 – decision of the Kalush City Council of June 24, 2021 No. 585 – https://kalushcity.golos.net.ua/?p=pryynyati_rishennya&sp=single&id=5662

According to the approved Kalush City Territorial Community Development Strategy for 2022-2030 (hereinafter referred to as the Strategy), the mission of the Kalush community is defined as creating opportunities for realizing the industrial potential of the Kaluska community in partnership with the communities of the Prykarpattia region, ensuring an adequate level of well-being, self-realization, security, rights and freedoms of each resident, entrepreneurship, sustainable economic growth through the introduction of innovations and circular economy principles.

In order to implement the Strategy and realize the vision, mission and values of the Kaluska community, 5 priorities were identified that will be implemented until 2030. The priorities include the following: from an environmental disaster area to an eco-industrial community; comfortable community; smart community (digital agenda); educated and healthy community; and an economy that works for the people. As part of the Strategy, 14 strategic programs have been developed, including the Youth Development Program.

INFORMATION ON EXISTING REGULATIONS (DECISIONS, ORDERS, APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, ETC.) AIMED AT THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH POLICY

Decision of the Kalush City Council of April 27, 2023 No. 2084 “On the Establishment of the Youth Council under the Kalush City Council” – <https://kalushcity.gov.ua/publicinfo/polozhennya-pro-molodizhnu-radu>

Decision of the Kalush City Council of March 28, 2024 No. 3072 “On Approval of the Regulation on the Youth Council and Changes to its Composition” – https://kalushcity.golos.net.ua/?p=pryynyati_rishennya&sp=single&id=8810

Decision of the Kalush City Council of February 27, 2024 No. 29 “On Approval of the Regulation on Internships of Students and Youth in the Executive Bodies and Utilities of the Kalush City Council” – <https://kalushcity.gov.ua/publicinfo/rishehnyya-kaluskoyi-miskoyi-radi-vid-27-02-2024-29-pro-zatverdzhennya-polozhennya-pro-stazhuvannya-studentiv-ta-molodi-u-vikonavchih-organah-ta-komunalnih-pidpriyemstvah-kaluskoyi-miskoyi-radi>

Decision of the Executive Committee of the Kalush City Council of April 24, 2024. No. 88 “On the Coordination Council for the Establishment of the Ukrainian National and Civic Identity of the Kalush City Territorial Community” – <https://kalushcity.gov.ua/docs/rvk?page=9>

Summary table of the analyzed local regulations:

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
Ivano-Frankivska, Kaluska CTC	3	4	2	4	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 contain- ing measures and provisions to support IDPs	of which require changes or additions	Total	of which require changes or additions
Ivano-Frankivska, Kaluska CTC	3	0		-	-

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

Based on the results of a desk study of youth policy implementation in the Kaluska Territorial Community, the following conclusions can be drawn:

- the community is working on the implementation of youth policy, active participation of young people in community life; there are 4 qualified youth workers who have undergone basic training in working with young people;
- The Department of Youth, and Sports, the Department of Education, and the Department of Culture, Nationalities and Religions are responsible for the implementation of the youth policy;
- the official website of the Kalush City Council contains information on the implementation of youth policy, but it is not easy to find programs related to youth policy on the website. However, some sections of the website do contain documents on the work of the Youth Council and internships for students and youth in executive bodies and municipal enterprises of Kalush city council;
- the Youth Council operates in the community;
- since 2024, the practice of internships for students and youth in the executive bodies and municipal enterprises of the Kalush City Council has been introduced;
- the community is implementing the program “Youth of Kalush City Territorial Community” for 2023-2025;
- there are youth spaces on the territory of the community, both on the basis of a municipal institution and organized on the initiative of civil society organizations;
- there is a youth center “Hub 93” of the public organization “Free People of Kalush”.

Recommendations

For the fruitful implementation of youth policy in the Kalush City Territorial Community, we recommend:

1. For a more successful dialogue with young people, consider holding informal dialogues (meetings) between local authorities and young people. The format of such dialogues can be youth days in the council, coffee with the head of the community, meetings with successful people from the community who are interesting to young people, or something else.
2. Create a working group (possibly several) to develop targeted youth support programs in accordance with the strategic program goals of the Kalush City Territorial Community Development Strategy for 2022-2030.
3. Investigate the possibility of creating coworking spaces at lyciums open to all community members as part of the strategic program goal “Develop school social entrepreneurship”.
4. Organize the exchange of best practices with other communities, regions, and countries on the implementation of youth policy in the community.

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