



REPORT

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

Tlumatska Territorial Community
Ivano-Frankivskyi 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 Tlumatska Territorial Community.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CTC

Name: Tlumach City Territorial Community of the Ivano-Frankivskyi Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast

Cities: Tlumach is the administrative center of the territorial community.

Villages: Antonivka, Bortnyky, Bratyshiv, Bukivna, Bushkalyko, Vikniany, Vilne, Honcharivka, Hostiv, Hrabychanka, Hrynivtsi, Hrushka, Dibrova, Zahirya, Zolota Lypa, Kolintsi, Korolivka, Kupeliv, Kutyshche, Lysa Hora, Lokitka, Melnyky, Nadorozhna, Nyzhniv, Novosilka, Oleshiv, Ostrynia, Palahychi, Petryliv, Popeliv, Prybyliv, Puzhnyky, Smerkliv, Tarasivka

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Website: <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/>

Head of the community: Ihor Andriyovych Petruk

Total area: 363.5 square kilometers

Population: 28,252 people (2022)

Destination to the oblast center (Ivano-Frankivsk) – 27 kilometers

Youth policy structural units: Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy and Sports (with the status of a legal entity)

Advisory and consultative bodies: Youth Council, IDP Council

Network of educational institutions: Tlumach Lyceum No. 1 and its 4 branches; Tlumach Lyceum No. 2; Nyzhniv Lyceum and its 4 branches; Bortnyky, Hostiv, Hrushka, Palahychi gymnasiums; Kutyshche lyceum, Korolivka lyceum and its branch; Tlumach inclusive resource center. The community also has a separate structural subdivision, the Tlumach Professional College of Lviv National Environmental University.

Network of municipal institutions in the community aimed at developing the creative abilities of adolescents and youth, their spiritual and intellectual growth: ME Center for Culture and Leisure, public library, library for children, Tlumach house of children and youth creativity, Tlumach children and youth sports school, Tlumach children's music school.

Youth centers and spaces: The ME Center for Culture and Leisure has an interactive room for intellectual recreation for children and adults (intellectual board games) and an interactive room for sports and entertainment (table tennis, table football, air hockey, billiards).

There are no youth centers on the territory of the Tlumatska Territorial Community.

METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY

Purpose of the study

- identify key barriers and limitations faced by youth councils, IDP Councils and youth structures during their establishment, to participation in recovery and prioritization at the community level;
- assessment of the accessibility 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 youth policies and programs, with a focus on analyzing mechanisms that promote active youth participation in consultative decision-making and the 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 territorial 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 supporting 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 ensured by appropriate financial and organizational resources.
2. Analyze regional and local targeted programs (draft programs, events) on youth involvement in local self-government.
3. Analyze local regulations that provide for measures aimed at integrating young IDPs into the host community; in particular, inclusion of IDPs and consideration of their needs.
4. Identify possible shortcomings in the implementation of youth policy in targeted programs and regulations.
5. Identify the need for amendments to targeted programs and regulations on youth policy implementation.
6. Explore barriers to youth involvement in local decision-making.
7. Analyze the factors that facilitate youth involvement in local decision-making and the level of youth participation in local decision-making.
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 posted on community websites, and sent relevant requests to the local authorities of the Tlumatska TC.

Sources of Information:

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

The official website of the Tlumatska Territorial Community has a section “Youth Council of the Tlumach City Council” – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/molodizhna-rada-tlumackoi-otg-1559646036/> There is no separate section containing local youth policy programs or the section “Youth” on the official website of the Tlumach City Council.

On the official website of the Tlumach City Council, in the section “Official Documents”, the program for the development of education, physical culture and sports of the Tlumatska Territorial Community for 2023-2027 is not available for review. This program can be found through the “Official Documents” option, which requires information on the date and number of the decision approving the program and makes it very difficult to find.

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, Tlumatska Territorial Community	Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy, and Sports https://tlumach.osv.org.ua/	No	No	No	No	No	Information is not available	No	Information is not available	No

Information on Existing Local Programs in the Field of Youth Policy

Program for the Development of Education, Physical Culture and Sports of the Tlumatska Territorial Community for 2023-2027 – decision of the Tlumach City Council of December 22, 2022 No. 2286-21/2022: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m16k_sg3s3HezVaXBAPoItVUPW0slysv0J4XqaU-c2Y/edit

Program purpose:

- Creating conditions for preschool, general secondary and extracurricular education, optimal physical activity, achieving a sufficient level of physical and functional fitness, and meeting the sporting and entertainment needs of the population;
- - maximum involvement of children, adolescents, and young men in sports, creating conditions for the realization of their abilities in sports.

The program is implemented in several areas: pre-school education, general secondary education (“Specialized training”, “School bus”, “Unified information and educational space”, “School library”, “School of the future”, “Competitive graduate”), educational and extracurricular activities (“Extracurricular education”, “Gifted youth”, “Educational work”, “Health through education”, “Special child”, “Social protection of children requiring special attention and support”) pedagogical staff (“Training of pedagogical staff for innovative activities”, “Personnel”, “Educational leaders”), material and technical support, physical culture and sports (“Physical culture, health and sports activities in the community”, “Physical culture, health, rehabilitation and sports activities among disabled children, orphans, children from low-income families”, “Physical education among the population”).

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

Decision of the Tlumach City Council of March 23, 2013 No. 2375-24/2023 “On Approval of the Regulation on the Youth Council under the Tlumach City Council of the Ivano-Frankivskiy Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast in a New Version” – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/molodizhna-rada-tlumackoi-otg-1559646036/>

Decision of the Tlumach City Council of March 23, 2013 No. 2376-24/2023 “On Approval of the Composition of the Youth Council under the Tlumach City Council of the Ivano-Frankivskiy Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast” – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/molodizhna-rada-tlumackoi-otg-1559646036/>

Decision of the Executive Committee of the Tlumach City Council of 18. August 2023 No. 110 “On the Establishment of the Council on Internally Displaced Persons under the Executive Committee of the Tlumach City Council of the Ivano-Frankivskiy Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast» – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/pro-stvorennya-radi-z-pitan-vnutrishno-peremischenih-osib-pri-vikonavchomu-komiteti-tlumackoi-miskoi-radi-ivanofrankivskogo-rajonu-ivanofran-13-37-36-09-01-2024/>

Institutional support for local youth policy

1. Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy, and Sports (<https://tlumach.osv.org.ua/>)

This executive body of the Tlumach City Council has the status of a legal entity. Regulation on the Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy and Sports of the Tlumach City Council of the Ivano-Frankivskyi Raion of Ivano-Frankivska Oblast (hereinafter referred to as the Regulation) was approved by the decision of the Tlumach City Council of January 28, 2021 No. 222-4/2021 – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/pro-zatverdzhennya-polozhennya-pro-viddil-osviti-molodi-ta-sportu-vikonavchogo-komitetu-tlumackoi-miskoi-radi-13-57-29-20-09-2017/>

The purpose of the department is to create conditions for development and creative self-realization through the system of preschool, general secondary and out-of-school education, provision of quality services in the areas of physical culture and sports, culture and tourism, preservation and popularization of national and cultural heritage, creation of a competitive artistic environment for the development of the cultural and tourist space of the Tlumach City Territorial Community and provision of quality services, realization of the right to library services, ensuring universal access to information and cultural heritage that are being collected, stored, and provided for temporary use by libraries, through the performance of the corresponding national and local programs, the network of municipal enterprises, institutions, and establishments.

Among the tasks of the department for the implementation of youth policy, only one is defined: the department implements the state policy and the policy of the city council in the areas of education, culture and tourism, physical culture, youth and sports. Section “Regulation 3. Main tasks, functions and rights” states that the department, in particular, implements functions to promote the work of creative unions, national cultural societies, associations, other public and non-profit organizations operating in the field of culture, physical education and sports, work with youth; to promote the expansion of activities of children and youth organizations, creative associations, cultural and artistic societies.

2. Youth Council

There is a Youth Council under the Tlumach City Council. The official website of the city council has a relevant section “Youth Council of the Tlumach City Council” where you can find the decisions of the city council on approval of the Regulation on the Youth Council and the composition of this council – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/molodizhnarada-tlumackoi-otg-1559646036/>

This section also contains samples of documents required to establish a youth council and to be submitted by candidates for the youth council.

3. There is no youth center on the territory of the Tlumatska Territorial Community.

4. According to the Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy and Sports of the Tlumach City Council:

- **On April 14, 2021**, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Tlumach City Council and King Daniel University to create favorable conditions for the development of education and science, sports and leisure.
- **On June 08, 2021**, a Memorandum of Cooperation and Partnership was signed between Tlumach City Council and the Charitable Foundation “MHP Grain Product to the Community”, which will implement joint projects and programs, public initiatives and events.
- **On July 06, 2021**, a Memorandum of Cooperation and Partnership was signed between Tlumach City Council and Stern-Agro LLC, which will implement joint projects and programs, public initiatives and events.
- **On November 02, 2022**, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Tlumach City Council and the religious organization “Free Christians”, which is registered in Kharkiv.
- **On March 03, 2023**, the Memorandum was signed by USAIDDOBRE Chief of Party Brian Kemple, Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Council Chairwoman Svitlana Onyshchuk, and Regional Council Chairman Oleksandr Sych. At this event, the protocols on cooperation with the DOBRE Program were handed over to the head of the Tlumach City Council.

The main directions of the DOBRE Program for 2022-2025 include public involvement in the management of local community affairs, support for local economic development, restoration and development of youth work, increasing the transparency of public funds and public monitoring of budget expenditures, improving local government services, grant support and assistance to communities in overcoming the consequences of the war.

- **On May 23, 2023**, a joint Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Tlumach City Council and the Charitable Organization “Caritas Kolomyia Charitable Foundation”, according to which it is planned to effectively respond to violations of the rights and interests of the elderly, persons with disabilities, children with disabilities, low-income families, military families, internally displaced persons and other categories of citizens in need of social assistance by introducing a mechanism for interaction between entities in the social and humanitarian spheres.

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
Ivano-Frankivska, Tlumatska STC	1	3	1	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 contain- ing measures and provisions to support IDPs	of which require changes or additions	Total	of which require changes or additions
Ivano-Frankivska, Kolomyiska CTC	0	0		0	0

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

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

- There are no existing programs to support youth policy in the community.
- There is no youth policy at the community level, although there are prerequisites for youth support, formation and development of the youth sphere in the community. Tlumatska STC has an extensive network of general education institutions, a professional higher education institution, cultural institutions, and out-of-school education. It has signed memoranda of cooperation with non-governmental institutions.
- The Department of Education, Culture, Youth Policy and Sports is responsible for implementing youth policy, although the Regulation on this department does not specify any tasks related to the development and support of youth policy.
- The official website of the Tlumach City Council contains information on the establishment of a youth council. However, there is no information on the work of this council on the official website of the city council. There is a page of the youth council on Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/groups/2061187983977252/?multi-permalinks=2462586937170686¬if_id=1571298907721821¬if_t=group_activity. However, the information there is updated infrequently. It is difficult to analyze the work of the youth council through open sources;
- The Tlumach city council has signed several memorandums of cooperation with non-governmental organizations and private businesses that can become the basis for supporting youth policy, creation and functioning of youth space;
- The Tlumatska CTC has established an IDP Council – <https://tlumacka-gromada.gov.ua/pro-stvorenniya-radi-z-pitan-vnutrishno-peremischenih-osib-pri-vikonavchomu-komiteti-tlumackoi-miskoi-radi-ivanofrankivskogo-rajonu-ivanofran-13-37-36-09-01-2024/>. There is no separate section on the official website of the city council to cover the work of the IDP Council. Therefore, it is difficult to analyze its work through open sources.

Recommendations

One of the priorities of national authorities to ensure economic development, open society, and Ukraine's integration into the global community is to improve the implementation of the national youth policy and ensure full-fledged work with young people. The social well-being of young people is one of the main indicators of society's development. The development and functioning of a territorial community cannot be successful without an effective model of youth policy and youth work.

For the effective implementation of youth policy at the level of Tlumach City Territorial Community, we recommend:

1. Establish a working group to develop a sound strategy for the development of youth policy in the Tlumatska CTC with the mandatory involvement of young people.
2. Develop and approve a targeted Program to Support Youth Policy in the Territory of the Tlumatska CTC for 2025-2030.

3. Cover the work of the Community Youth Council on the official website on a regular basis. On the official website of the Tlumach City Council, post information on the composition of the Youth Council and indicate which bodies, NGOs or institutions its members represent. This will make it easier to analyze who represents the interests of young people.
4. Introduce an internship program for young people in local government.
5. Amend the Regulation on the Department of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports of the Tslumatska CTC to include tasks in the field of youth policy. Also, if possible, provide for the position of a youth worker within this department or appoint an official who will be responsible for implementing youth policy in the community.
6. Consider establishing a youth center of municipal ownership in the community.
7. Create a youth space on the basis of educational institutions or other municipal institutions that deal with the development of creative abilities of children and adults and their spiritual development, where young people will have the opportunity to communicate, receive informal education, and spend their leisure time.

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