

# Youth Human Rights Resource Center in Ivano-Frankivsk

Our activities in August and September 2021

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# Hi Hi!

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This is a report for two months of hard work! I'll tell you what we were so busy with. During this time, we have had many meetings with partners and donors indeed. We worked on the implementation of our projects. But let's get everything in order.







## Partnership meeting on project planning "From Teacher to Coach".

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Representatives of the German organization Kontakte / Kontaktbl and the Berlin-Karlshorst Museum, together with representatives of STAN and two other partner organizations, developed the program of an international seminar for history teachers. The key theme of the project is how to tell about the "forgotten" victims of National Socialism to modern youth.





"We dream of making our relationships with teachers from different countries stronger, despite the pressure of propaganda and political repression in Belarus and the Russian Federation. Our goal is to encourage those who think critically and defend the truth in the conditions of authoritarianism and populism. Talented Ukrainian teachers can become an example for colleagues," said Yaroslav Minkin.

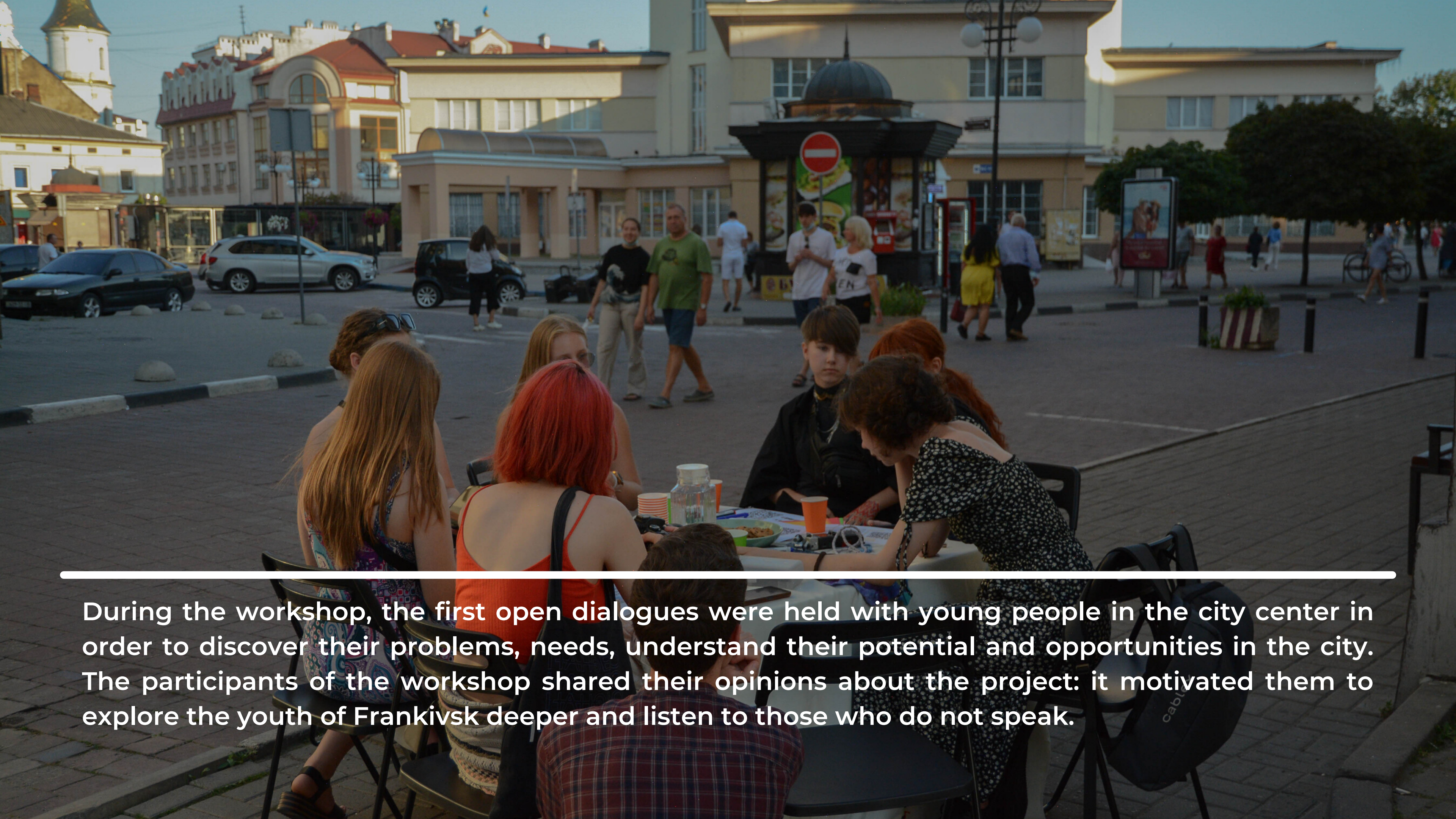


A group of approximately 15 young people are sitting in a circle on a patterned blanket in a grassy area. They are engaged in a workshop, with some looking at a camera held by one of the participants. The background features a stone wall, a green bench, and lush greenery. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting it is daytime.

## Youth mapping workshop

On August 5-9, a Youth Mapping Workshop was created in the walls of our Resource Center. The participants of the project were 15 people of different age, who worked together on the same project. During 4 days, with the help of 2 coaches (Sikoryn Andriy and Yulia Lyubych) and 2 invited experts (Zhurakivska Anna and Senyk Iryna), the participants improved their knowledge in the spheres of democracy, inclusion, human rights and learned how to conduct open dialogues in Ivano-Frankivsk TC.





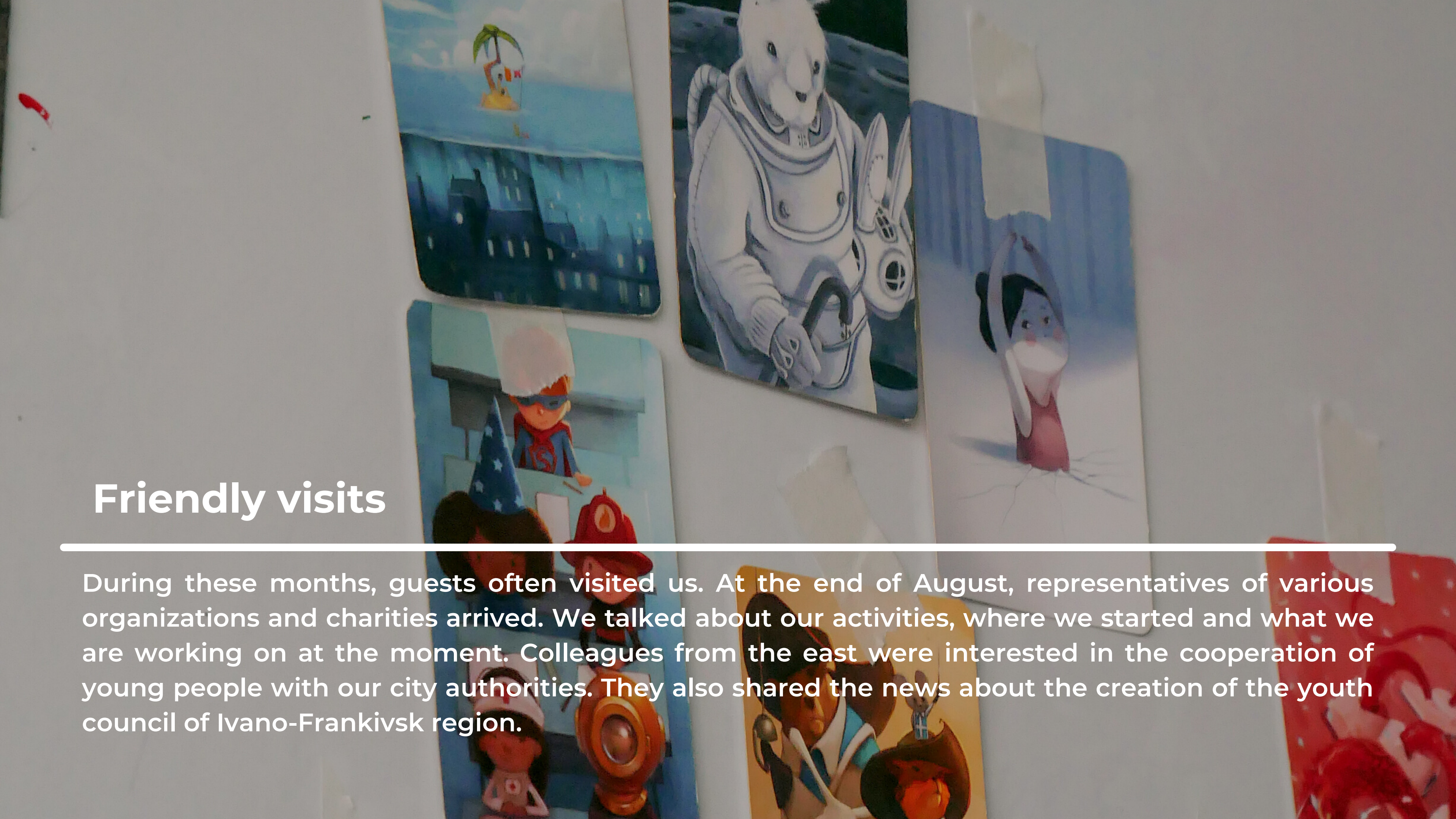
During the workshop, the first open dialogues were held with young people in the city center in order to discover their problems, needs, understand their potential and opportunities in the city. The participants of the workshop shared their opinions about the project: it motivated them to explore the youth of Frankivsk deeper and listen to those who do not speak.





Andriy Sikoryn, one of the coaches, shared his opinion about the project: “We passed on the necessary knowledge to the participants, as well as awareness of their ability to influence the situation in the city. Participants reflected on each session as deep as possible, and the discussion on topics connected with the youth of the city could take a very long time. However, we did not restrain them, because asking and listening are one of the main skills for mapping in the city.”





## Friendly visits

During these months, guests often visited us. At the end of August, representatives of various organizations and charities arrived. We talked about our activities, where we started and what we are working on at the moment. Colleagues from the east were interested in the cooperation of young people with our city authorities. They also shared the news about the creation of the youth council of Ivano-Frankivsk region.

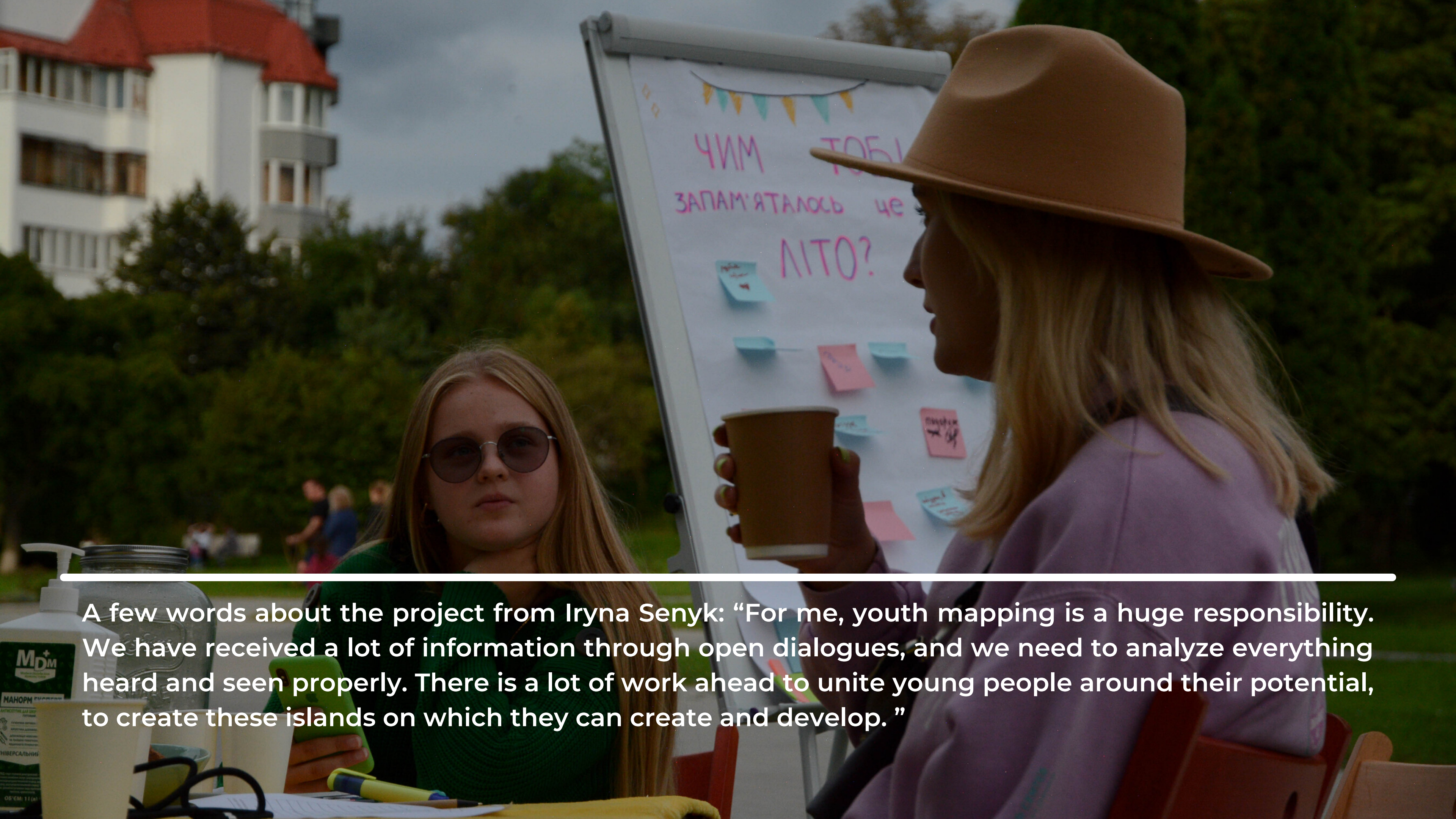


# Youth mapping

During the summer months, we mapped the youth of Frankivsk. We thought a lot about how to do it on high quality and resourcefully. 5 open dialogues were held in different parts of the city, such as: the sports ground on Pasichna, in Shevchenko Park, on the city lake, in Mickiewicz Square, in the Cascade area. Yulia Lyubych together with Andriy Sikoryn developed the project methodology with the help of which we worked. We heard many different opinions in different areas. Learned about the problems of young people, thought about their solution.







A few words about the project from Iryna Senyk: “For me, youth mapping is a huge responsibility. We have received a lot of information through open dialogues, and we need to analyze everything heard and seen properly. There is a lot of work ahead to unite young people around their potential, to create these islands on which they can create and develop. ”



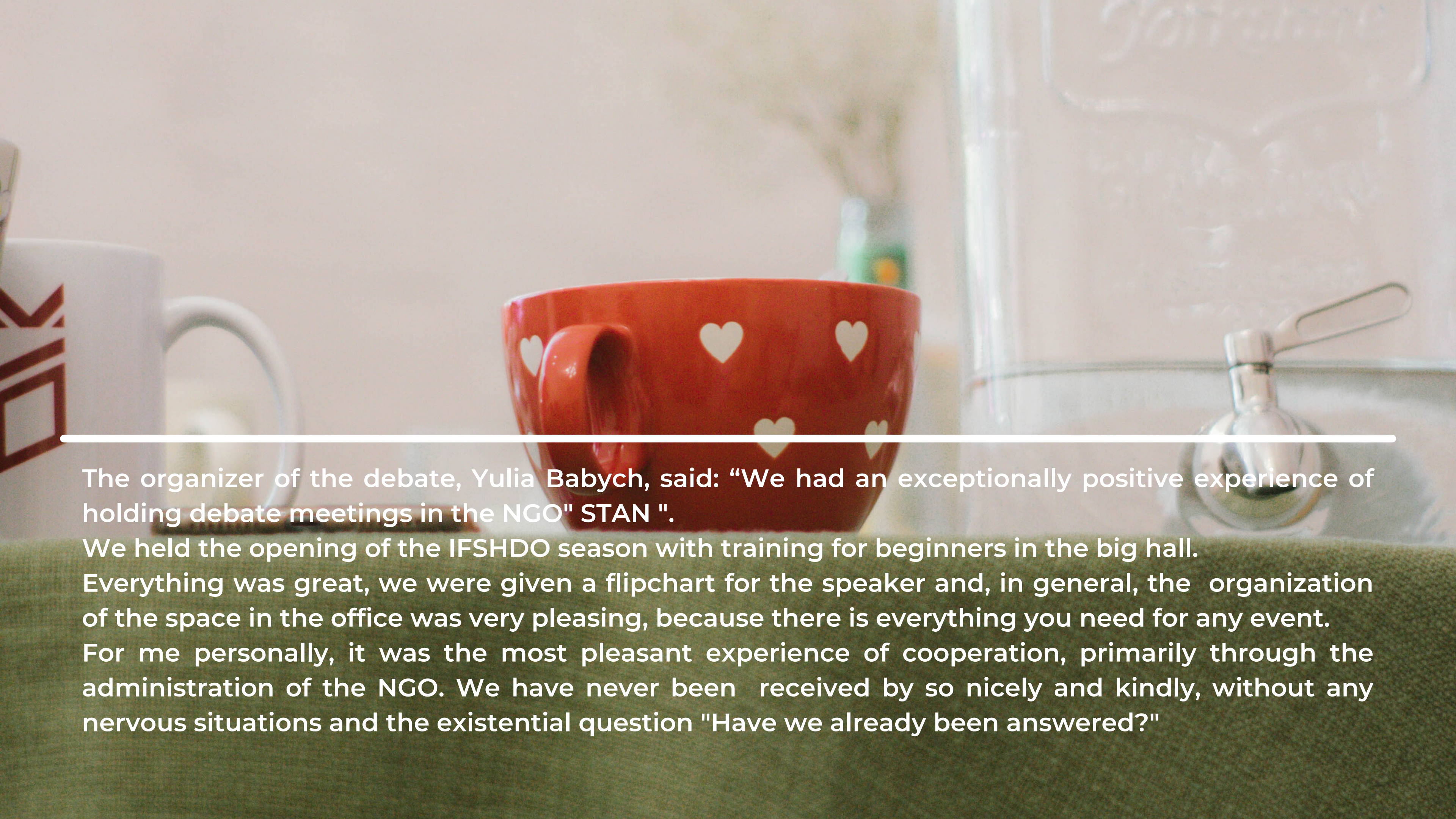


## Holding events in the Resource Center

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The idea of providing the space of our resource center for various events has finally come true. In September, IFSDU opened the debate season. There was a little training from the guest speaker and, of course, the game. The debate took place with the special atmosphere of a debate community.





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The organizer of the debate, Yulia Babych, said: "We had an exceptionally positive experience of holding debate meetings in the NGO" STAN ".

We held the opening of the IFSHDO season with training for beginners in the big hall. Everything was great, we were given a flipchart for the speaker and, in general, the organization of the space in the office was very pleasing, because there is everything you need for any event. For me personally, it was the most pleasant experience of cooperation, primarily through the administration of the NGO. We have never been received by so nicely and kindly, without any nervous situations and the existential question "Have we already been answered?"



A group of nine people, including eight young adults and one man, are standing in a row on a paved street. They are dressed in casual attire like jackets, sweaters, and jeans. Behind them is a light-colored, multi-story building with a large, ornate star emblem on its facade. Two black lampposts with white flower baskets are positioned on either side of the group. The sky is clear and blue.

# Friendly visit of the Impulse Yua Charitable Foundation and the Volunteenz Volunteer Association

We spent some interesting days together. We walked around the city and learned about its history. The workshops were held. In the end of our trip we decided to travel to the mountains, Yaremche. During the day there, we had a walk, ate and just talked and shared with each other different stories and insights.





“The trip went well - at the pace of a waltz, but otherwise it would not have worked out in such a short period of time. I can highlight the great resourcefulness of the event, it is very motivating for the future actions. Personally, I will remember the original presentation of "STAN" system of distribution of responsibilities in "Nevgamovny" - shared with us his opinion one of the participants of the visit, Astafyev Artemiy.





## Kuduk Cultural Center

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It was the part of the Day of Peace 2021 events. We worked together to make a performance that tells about the war in Kyrgyzstan. The event was held in the Umbrella Manufactory in Promprylad. We were visited by 45 guests, most of whom stayed for the discussion after the performance. Which makes us very happy. The conversation was very valuable and resourceful, we heard a lot of thoughts.



A few words from a colleague from Kyrgyzstan, Svitlana Zelenska: "The performances were wonderful, I really liked the fact that many people stayed for dialogues about peace. In Transcarpathia, for example, there were many teenagers who also joined the discussion, it was great. We were worried that the perception of the play might be different, but it turned out that we were not that different. The subject of war is complicated, but it seems to us that we have managed to touch on it through the conversation about peace. "

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## Monitoring meetings

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I want to tell you about our marathon of monitoring meetings with donors of our projects. For three days we met with 5 delegations from different organizations. Such as the United States Agency for International Development ( USAID), the Banking Holding Company (UCBI), ESP, the European Union Civil Security Reform Advisory Mission to Ukraine ( EUAM), the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the International Organization on Migration (IOM).





These were cozy meetings during which we got acquainted, told how our projects are being implemented. I love when people come to us, it allows you to look at the project you are working on constantly from the other side and understand the great amount of important work that has already been done. Such moments are very inspiring for further work.





# Open dialogue for the Day of Peace

Also, as part of the Peace Day events, an open dialogue took place in the resource center, during which we talked and discussed peace. There were many interesting thoughts that had not been heard yet and thoughts that were heard in another part of Ukraine. And it's so interesting that even by living in different cities, people can think so similarly. In total, our team held 27 Peace Day events across the country.





One of the facilitators of the open dialogue, Valeria Vashkevych, shared her impressions: “I am very glad that this year we are holding these dialogues for the Day of Peace. It is important to discuss these topics on various levels, not just at the highest political level. That is why I am happy that we are talking about peace with very different people. For me, it's about democracy and an open civil society. The point is not to agree on something, the value is the process of discussion. Because during it you can hear different sides and opinions, see something that was not previously seen or available for understanding. Moreover, discussions start the process of internal reflection and draw attention to questions that we do not always ask ourselves in everyday routines.





## About the team

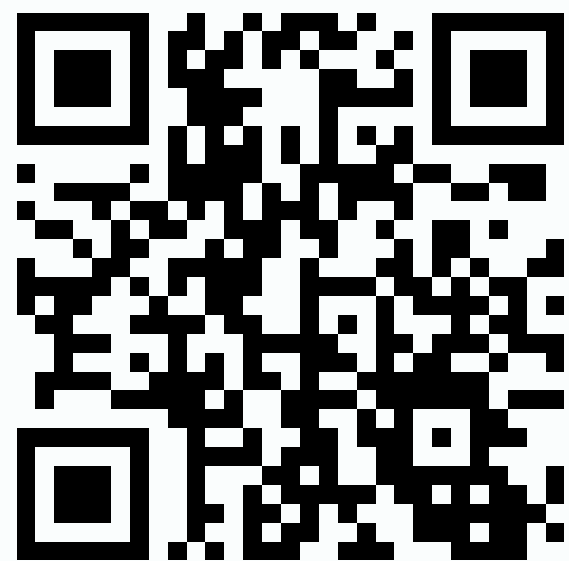
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The heavy workload and involvement in several projects is very exhausting. Therefore, my colleagues and I try to relax a lot when possible, lying at home watching TV series, climbing mountains or just walking. But rest is not always enough to replenish their own resources. We try to support each other and help with work first of all. Working in one space helps a lot to understand that you are not alone and will not be alone.

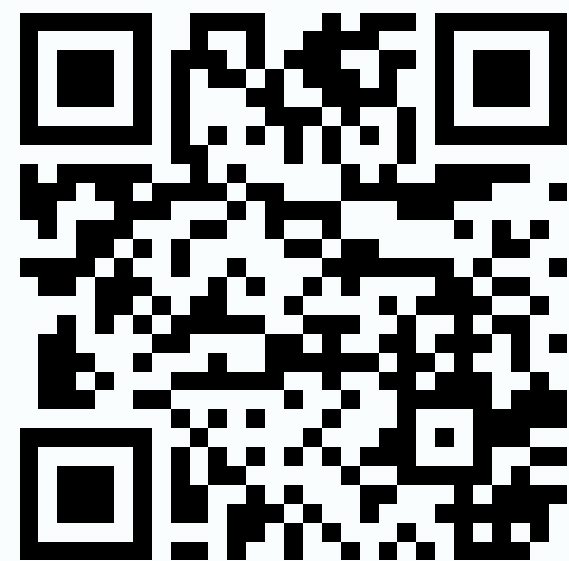


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# See you!

This concludes the second report. The Youth Human Rights Resource Center in Ivano-Frankivsk was established by the STAN Youth Organization with the financial support of the IM Swedish Development Partner within the framework of the institutional support project "Youth outpost of human rights and solidarity".

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