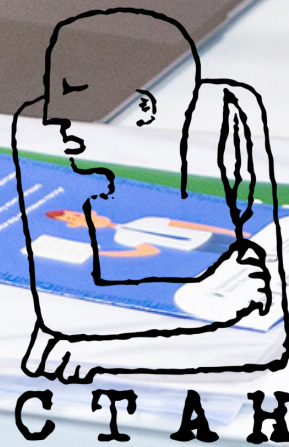


Youth Human Rights Resource Center in Ivano-Frankivsk

Our activities in October-December 2021

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A photograph of two young women looking at a tablet together. The woman on the right has long brown hair and is wearing a grey sweater with green dinosaur patterns. The woman on the left has red hair and is wearing a colorful patterned sweater. They are both looking down at the tablet, which is held by the woman on the right. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

Helo!

Welcome to the October-December account of the work and activities of the Youth Human Rights Resource Center in Ivano-Frankivsk, created by the Youth Organization "STAN" with the financial support of IM Swedish Development Partner as part of the project also within the project institutional support "Youth outpost of human rights and solidarity". The equipment was purchased through an infrastructure grant from the House of Europe program with the support of the European Union.



Visit to the Prague Civil Society Centre

In October The Prague center paid a visit to our recourse center of the human rights. People from different institutions all over Ukraine gathered together and got acquainted with the activities of the STAN. They also shared their experience and knowledge with each other.

From Teacher to Coach

As part of “the From Teacher to Coach” project, history teachers came to us from the south of Ukraine in order to be prepared for a trip to Moldova and share experiences with teachers from other countries. It was important for them to learn how history is taught in Ukrainian schools, especially the period of World War II. They paid a big attention to the study and application of pluralism, critical thinking while studying history and ambiguity in events.

pluralism is a term that characterizes the concept of having many different views, positions, ideas and interests at the same time.

Meeting-consultation with Youth Initiative Groups

This event was followed by an offline meeting-consultation with youth initiative groups - Double N and EcoFrankivsk. Two eco-activists were invited to the event to tell us about eco-habits and their lives with them. Participants of the groups managed to get acquainted a little closer to each other and share project ideas of their initiative groups. They also developed common ideas for further meetings and projects.



Visit of veterans to Ivano-Frankivsk

During the visit of veterans to Ivano-Frankivsk in the framework of the project "Socio-economic support for the reintegration of veterans of the conflict in eastern Ukraine and their families" in which this event was followed by. They visited us in order to analyze the work of STAN and find out about our completed and current project. The visit was dedicated to social cohesion and social entrepreneurship. Since STAN has been engaged in intercultural dialogue and social cohesion for more than four years, we have shown the organization as one of the most effective in Ivano-Frankivsk, which deals with these issues.

A group of five women are sitting on a light-colored wooden floor, facing each other in a circle. They are all smiling and appear to be in a relaxed, conversational mood. The woman on the far left is wearing a red cable-knit sweater. The woman next to her is wearing a grey and black striped turtleneck. The woman in the center is wearing a light-colored sweatshirt with a colorful heart graphic. The woman to her right is wearing a red hoodie with a white heart graphic. The woman on the far right is wearing a light grey sweater and a grey scarf. The background is a wall covered in a vibrant, multi-colored geometric pattern of triangles and polygons. The floor is made of light-colored wood planks.

Communication session

In the end of October we had the communicational session, in which the entire STAN team was involved to discuss personal and work issues related to communication. We talked a lot and figure out about solutions for different problems inside our team. We managed to hear and understand each other, this way we became really happy. We intent to hold similar sessions from time to time in order to provide comfortable and safe communication and work inside of our team.



Meeting with IM representatives from Moldova

The IM representatives from Moldova visited us again for the purpose of partnership. We told the news about our projects from the last meeting. additionally They talked about the next year and our common activities in it.

Open discussions

During the end of October and the beginning of November within the framework of the Ivano-Frankivsk Youth Mapping Project we held four discussions on various topics, such as:

“Why is sex education important and how is it related to security?”;

“What promotes self-realization and how is it related to higher education? ”;

“ What does mental health depend on? ”;

“ Why is freedom of expression important and how is it related to acceptance of otherness? ”.

Due to coronavirus restrictions, three of the four discussions were conducted online, but this didn't prevent active and in-depth discussions. We realized that it is really important for young people to take part in such events and express their opinions.



Watching a movie from Docudays UA

Together with the partner organization Double N, we watched the film "Things We Don't Dare", which tells the story of a gay boy and his difficult path to the comingout in front of his parents. We invited Yulia Sinkevych, with whom we discussed the right of young people to self-identification and gender, after the film.



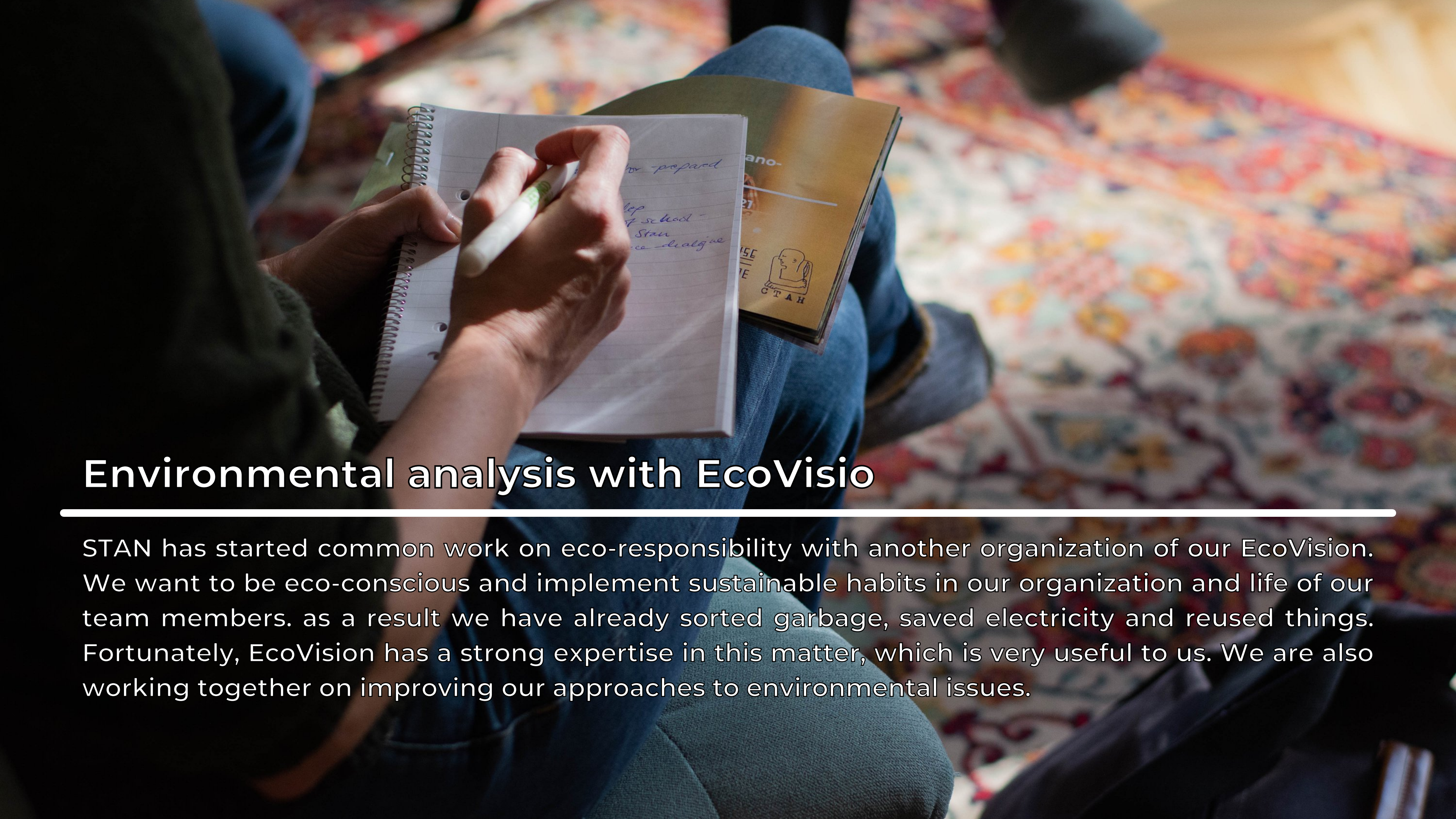
Meeting with the IM representative from Sweden

Furthermore, Malin Kilstrom, a representative of the IM from Sweden, paid us a visit for the purpose of partnership. We met over a cup of tea and talked about our activities. The meeting was held in an informal atmosphere, and then we have had a dinner together. Malin also managed to meet with our partner organizations.

A person is holding a game board titled "World of Communities" over a map of Ukraine. The game board is open, showing various sections with text and illustrations. The background is a blurred map of Ukraine, suggesting a public consultation or community meeting. The text on the game board is in Ukrainian and English. The title "World of Communities" is prominently displayed in the center of the board. The board is being held by a person whose hand is visible at the bottom right. The overall scene is a public consultation in the format of a game.

Public consultation in the format of the game World of Communities

In mid-November, we conducted a game "World of Communities" together with the two above-mentioned initiative groups in the framework of the project "Join, interact, create." It was joined by government officials from Ivano-Frankivsk. The head of the Double N initiative group shared his impressions of the game: "I would call this game a kind of cross-sectoral team building, when you can get to know each other while playing and discussing community issues."

A person is sitting on a colorful, patterned rug, writing in a spiral-bound notebook with a green marker. The notebook has some handwritten text in Cyrillic. The person is wearing blue jeans and a dark jacket. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the rug and some furniture.

Environmental analysis with EcoVisio

STAN has started common work on eco-responsibility with another organization of our EcoVision. We want to be eco-conscious and implement sustainable habits in our organization and life of our team members. as a result we have already sorted garbage, saved electricity and reused things. Fortunately, EcoVision has a strong expertise in this matter, which is very useful to us. We are also working together on improving our approaches to environmental issues.



Meeting with Mark Cementon

We were visited by the Coordinator of Emergency and Stabilization Programs of the IOM Office in Ukraine, Marco Kimenton, with whom we talked about the activities of our organization and projects.



Training on "Human Rights Defenders: Who Are They and Why Protect Them?"

November concludes with a training on "Human Rights Defenders: Who Are They and Why Protect Them?" Participants learned who human rights defenders are and what problems or dangers they face during their activities. Moreover we figure out How we can help them and why we should protect them.



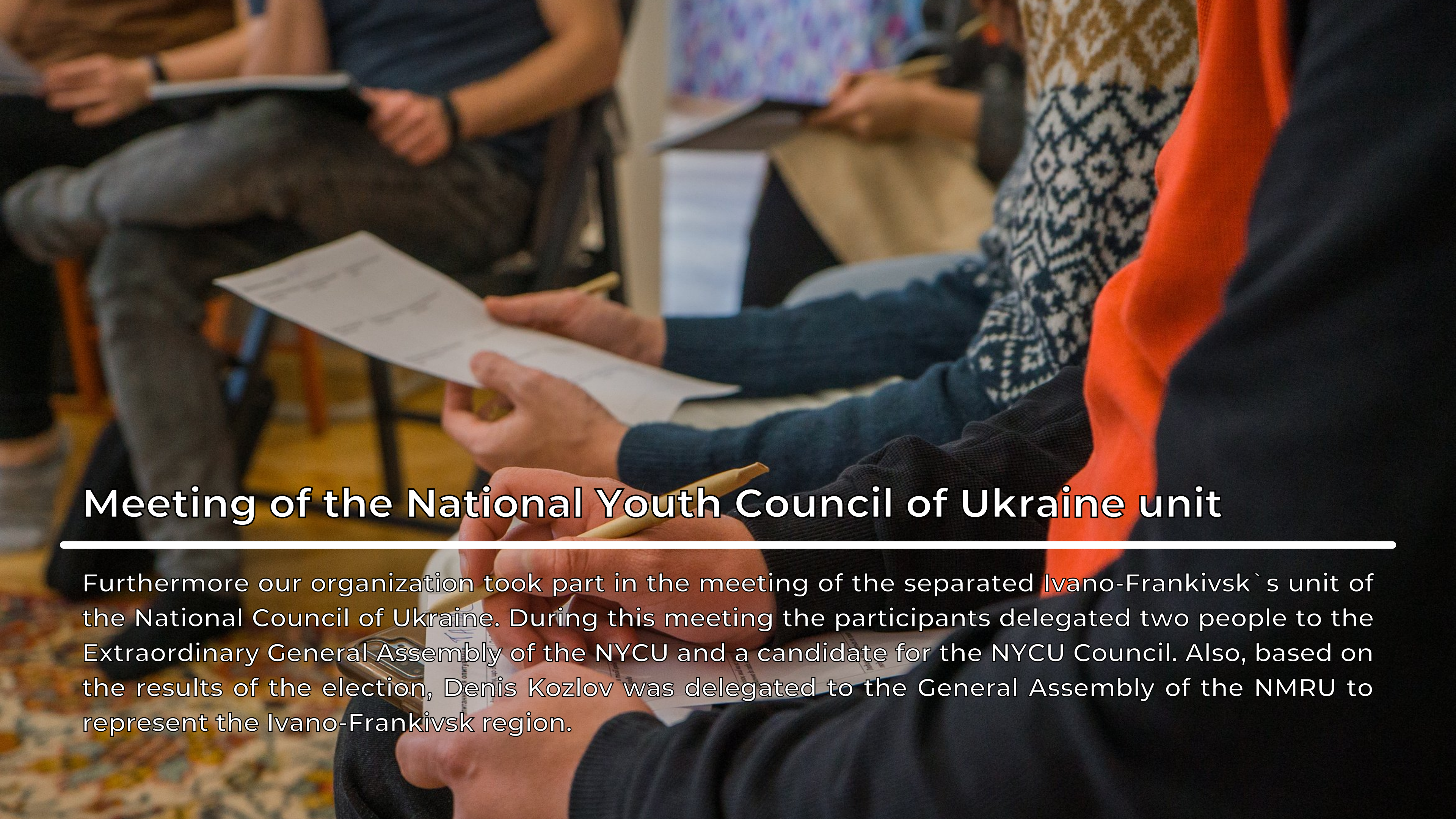
Andrew, a member of the STAN team, says: “The training helped to further delve into the field of human rights and better understand who human rights defenders are. Knowledge of complex concepts was provided through real-life examples, which helped to better and deeper understand them. I would also like to mention the training block, where we tried to recreate the life stories of Ukrainian human rights activists who had to leave their homes because of the war. It was an attempt to imagine themselves in their place, to realize the trials they had to go through.”

International Conference of grassroots initiatives "Open Dialogue for Peace"

In the beginning of December we had three-day international conference of grassroots initiatives, the Open Dialogue for Peace. They talked about peacebuilding in communities, the role of institutions in maintaining peace, working with children and uniting community efforts for peace, and discussing the values of peace, human rights and participatory democracy.

Organizations from Kyiv, East, West Ukraine, Poland and Switzerland were involved in the conference. Anna Zhurakivska, a member of the partner organization Double N in the framework of the project "Youth Mapping of Youth of Ivano-Frankivsk" spoke about open dialogues in the city and about the project.



The background image shows a group of people seated at a table, likely in a meeting or conference. They are holding papers and pens, suggesting an active discussion or voting process. The focus is on the hands and papers in the foreground, with the faces of the participants blurred. A person in the foreground is wearing a dark blue sweater and holding a yellow pen. Another person is wearing a patterned sweater and a red scarf. The overall atmosphere is professional and collaborative.

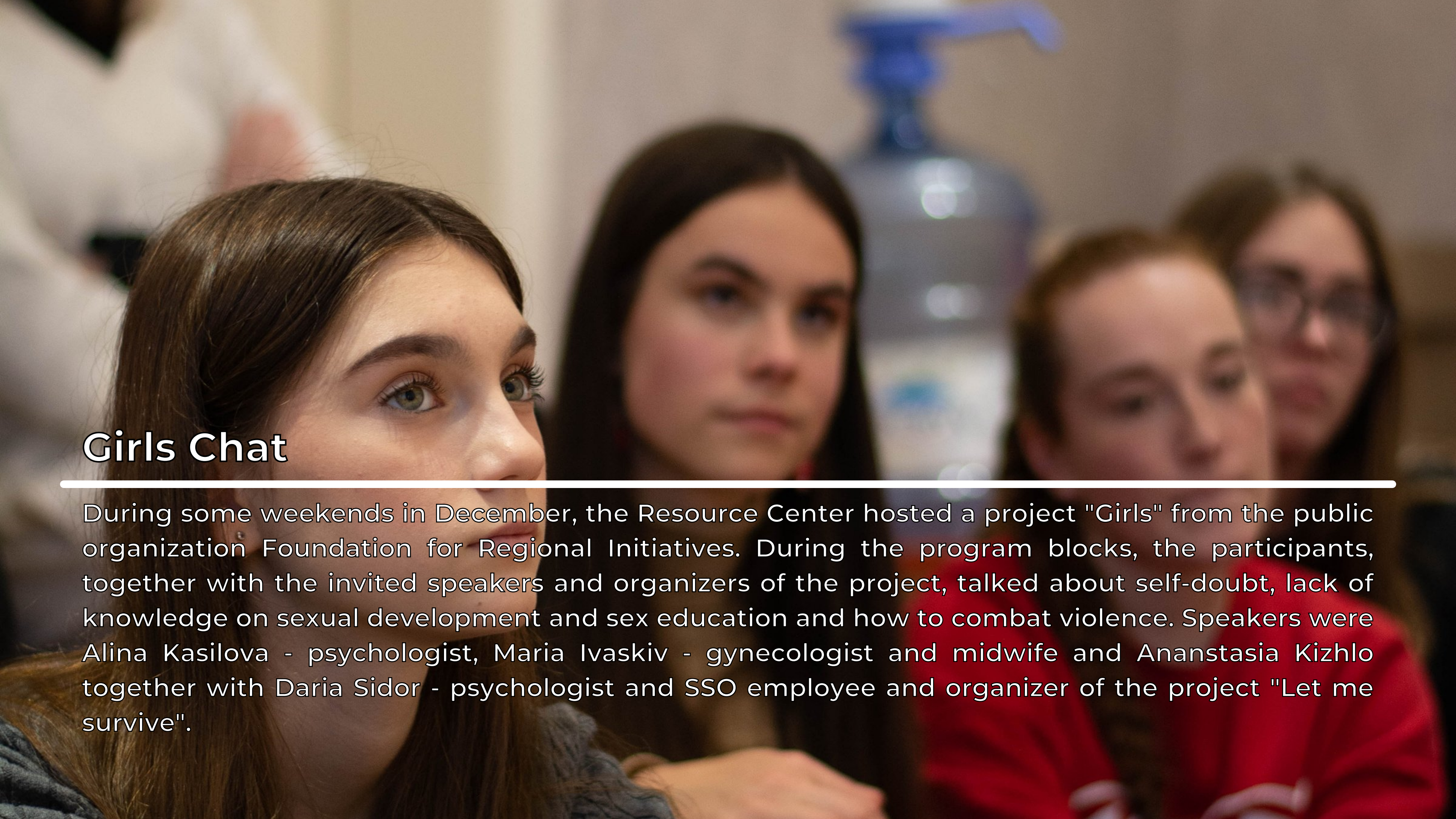
Meeting of the National Youth Council of Ukraine unit

Furthermore our organization took part in the meeting of the separated Ivano-Frankivsk`s unit of the National Council of Ukraine. During this meeting the participants delegated two people to the Extraordinary General Assembly of the NYCU and a candidate for the NYCU Council. Also, based on the results of the election, Denis Kozlov was delegated to the General Assembly of the NMRU to represent the Ivano-Frankivsk region.

A woman with shoulder-length blonde hair is seated at a table, looking towards the left and smiling. She is wearing a dark sweater with horizontal stripes. Her hand is near her chin. In the foreground, a white teapot and a small red cup are visible. The background shows a kitchen setting with blue cabinets and a white wall.

Visits of Belarusian volunteers

Our Belarusian volunteers were coming to us for tea pretty often. We talked about the STAN and our projects and they told us about their lives. We shared with each other the contacts of cool people in Ivano-Frankivsk and other cities in Ukraine. They tried to help them settle in a new city for them.



Girls Chat

During some weekends in December, the Resource Center hosted a project "Girls" from the public organization Foundation for Regional Initiatives. During the program blocks, the participants, together with the invited speakers and organizers of the project, talked about self-doubt, lack of knowledge on sexual development and sex education and how to combat violence. Speakers were Alina Kasilova - psychologist, Maria Ivaskiv - gynecologist and midwife and Ananastasia Kizhlo together with Daria Sidor - psychologist and SSO employee and organizer of the project "Let me survive".

Movie club

As part of the Docudays UA film club "Democracy Defenders", the resource center managed to watch and discuss documentaries "Without status. Ukraine "and" Biotope "on the occasion of the International Migrants' Day.

The first film tells about life without the status of a Russian public activist, who has been living in Ukraine for four years and takes an active part in measures against Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

The second film tells the story of the quiet and peaceful life of the residents of Neuperlach, a suburb of Munich, until they learn that the neighborhood will soon be inhabited by immigrants, and then some residents install a soundproof wall.

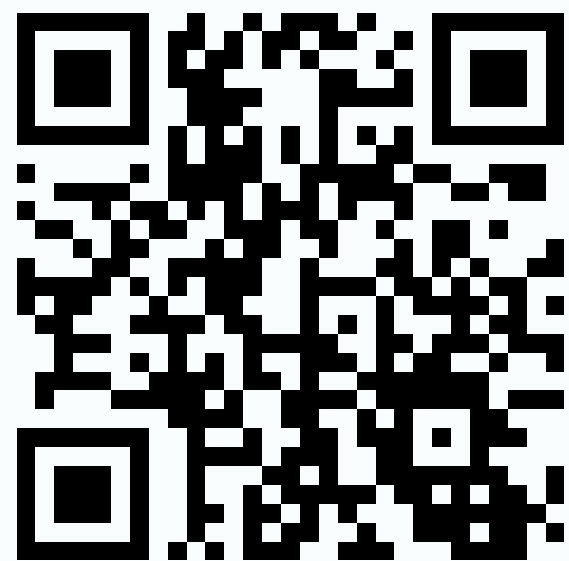


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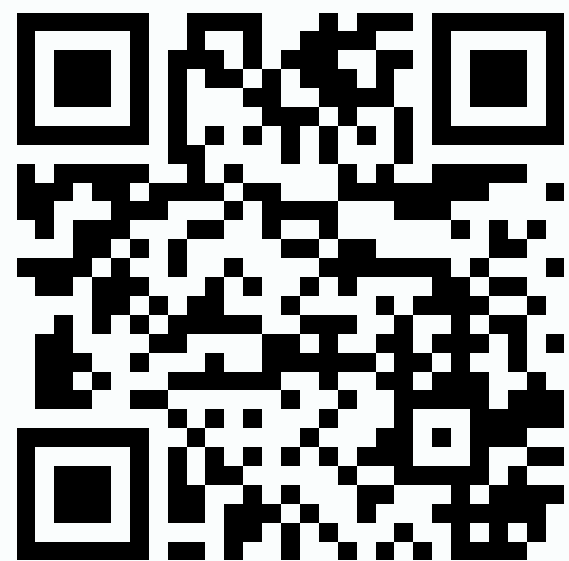
This report concludes the year 2021 and the "harvest" of our projects. Let's talk about the year and the peaks reached. Share your impressions and think about the next year, that is coming soon.

Good luck!

Remember that we are always happy to cooperate, so do not be afraid to write to us on our social networks or by mail!



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