

Youth Human Rights Resource Center in Ivano-Frankivsk

Our activities in 2021

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Hi, hi!

Our youth human rights resource center in Ivano-Frankivsk was established by the Youth Organization "STAN" with the financial support of IM Swedish Development Partner within the project of institutional support "Youth outpost of human rights and solidarity".

We want to tell you about the functioning of our resource center. This report is a combination of all previous reports into one. It is designed for easy use and easy search for the information you need.





Our activities during June and July

A close-up photograph of a person's hand pouring water from a clear plastic pitcher into a glass. The pitcher has a white lid with a small rectangular opening. The background is blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a social gathering.

Meeting with Juliana Samburchi / Opening of the resource center

Let's consider the monitoring meeting with Yuliana Samburchi, who is representative of foundation IM Swedish Development Partner, as a zero event in the resource center. During the meeting we were discussing further action and sharing the results.

The first official event was the party organized due to the resource center's opening. It was attended by representatives of friendship associations, friends of STAN art group and just cool people.



Virtual meeting with the management of the IM Swedish Development Partner Foundation from Sweden

After that, there was equally interesting and important online meeting with the direction of foundation IM Swedish Development Partner from Sweden. The members of our team started the meeting in different places in Ivano-Frankivsk and were speaking about sights, advantages and disadvantages of the city. Nevertheless the meeting wasn't held here, our partners were able to visit the White House, have a look on the city from the bird's eye view, go for a walk along our small, but very beautiful streets virtually. After a kind of excursion, we were presenting the STAN's work and describing the context in which we are working.

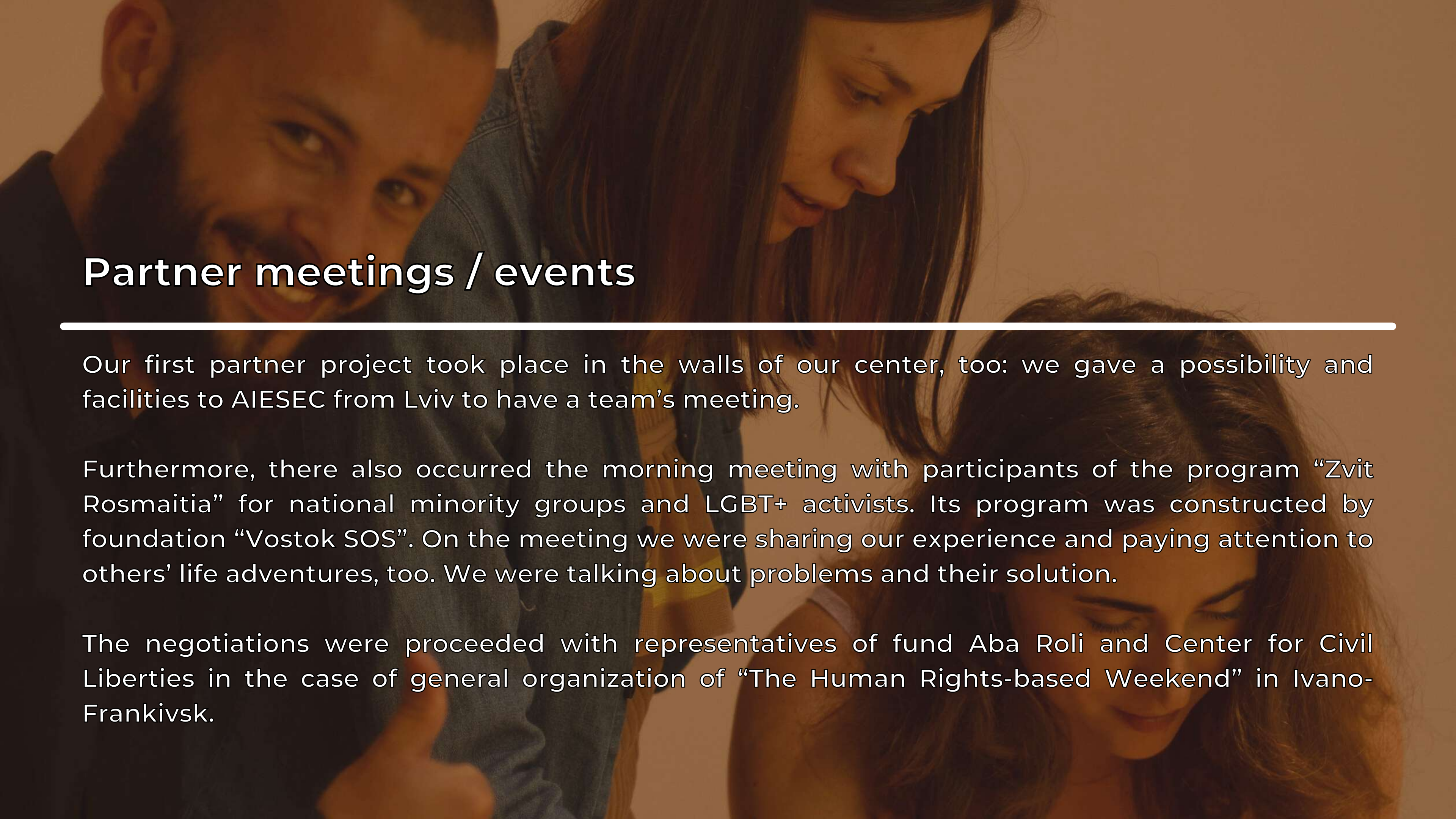
Team training

We do not forget about the team's education, too. We created three trainings to increase knowledge and potential level of the company. The topic of the first training was called "Gender Equality and Queer Theory". Its coach was Maryna Herz. We understand the difference between each other and accept it, but anyway, we were not as well informed in this sphere as we wanted to be. So, to communicate and understand the training tools better, we started the learning process with lots of curiosity. Which we want to admit, was breathtaking and easy for us to perceive.

Team training

The second training was about human rights and was conducted by the wonderful coach – Olexandr Voitenko. We had a lot of conversations, which helped us to take the information better. In addition, there were some practical tasks for staying fit and not being bored.

The last in this trilogy was training about “Nonviolent Communication” with amazing Tetyana Dmytruk and Viktoriya Preobrajenska. It was also and very useful, informative, and calm. When we were absorbing new information like a sponge, all our problems and deeds were removed to the side and we could fully get into the training.



Partner meetings / events

Our first partner project took place in the walls of our center, too: we gave a possibility and facilities to AIESEC from Lviv to have a team's meeting.

Furthermore, there also occurred the morning meeting with participants of the program “Zvit Rosmaitia” for national minority groups and LGBT+ activists. Its program was constructed by foundation “Vostok SOS”. On the meeting we were sharing our experience and paying attention to others' life adventures, too. We were talking about problems and their solution.

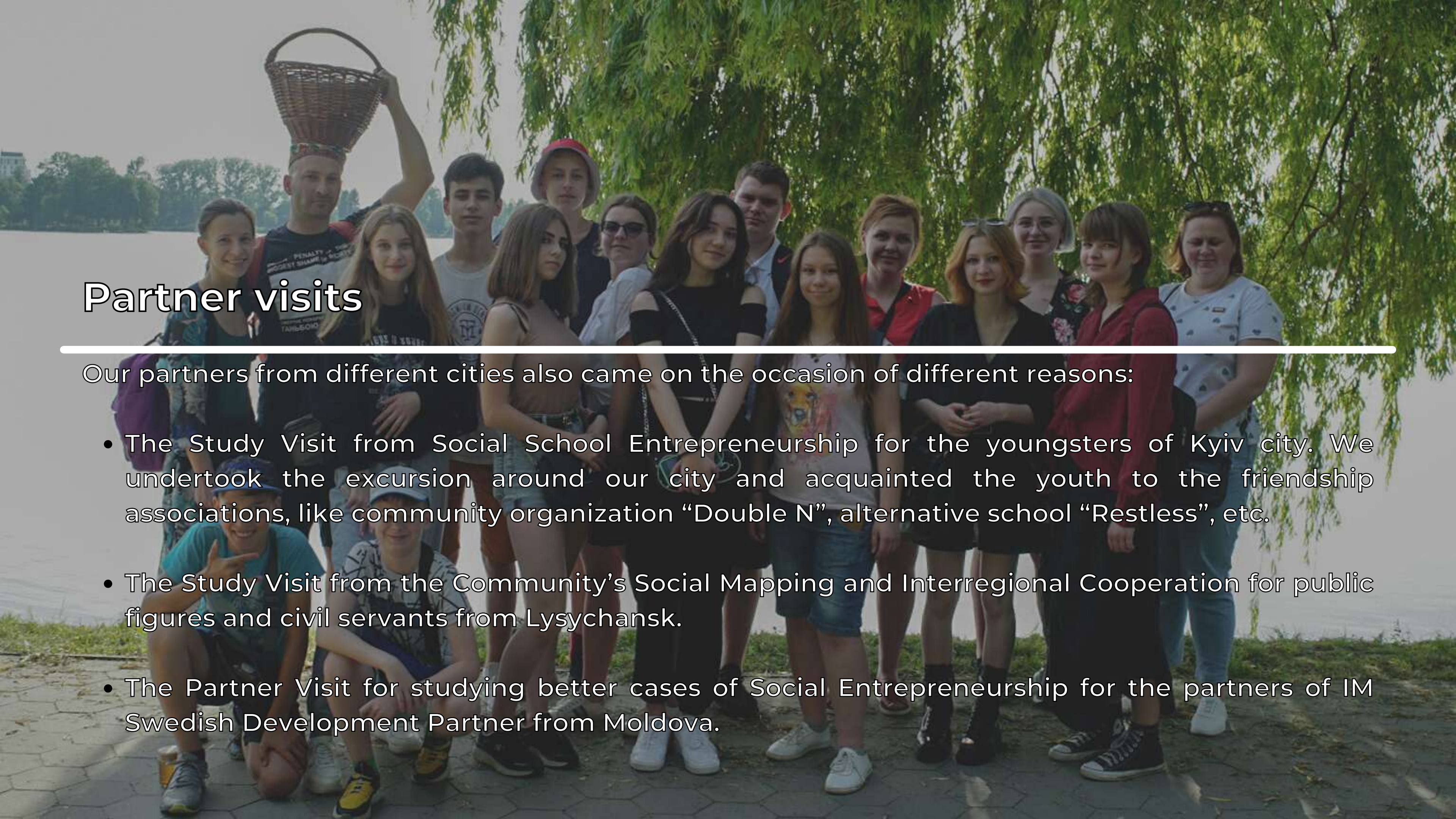
The negotiations were proceeded with representatives of fund Aba Roli and Center for Civil Liberties in the case of general organization of “The Human Rights-based Weekend” in Ivano-Frankivsk.



Partner meetings / events

We arranged conference about Social Entrepreneurship Development Program implementation with representatives of the Department of Education and the Ivano-Frankivsk Territorial Community Department of Economy.

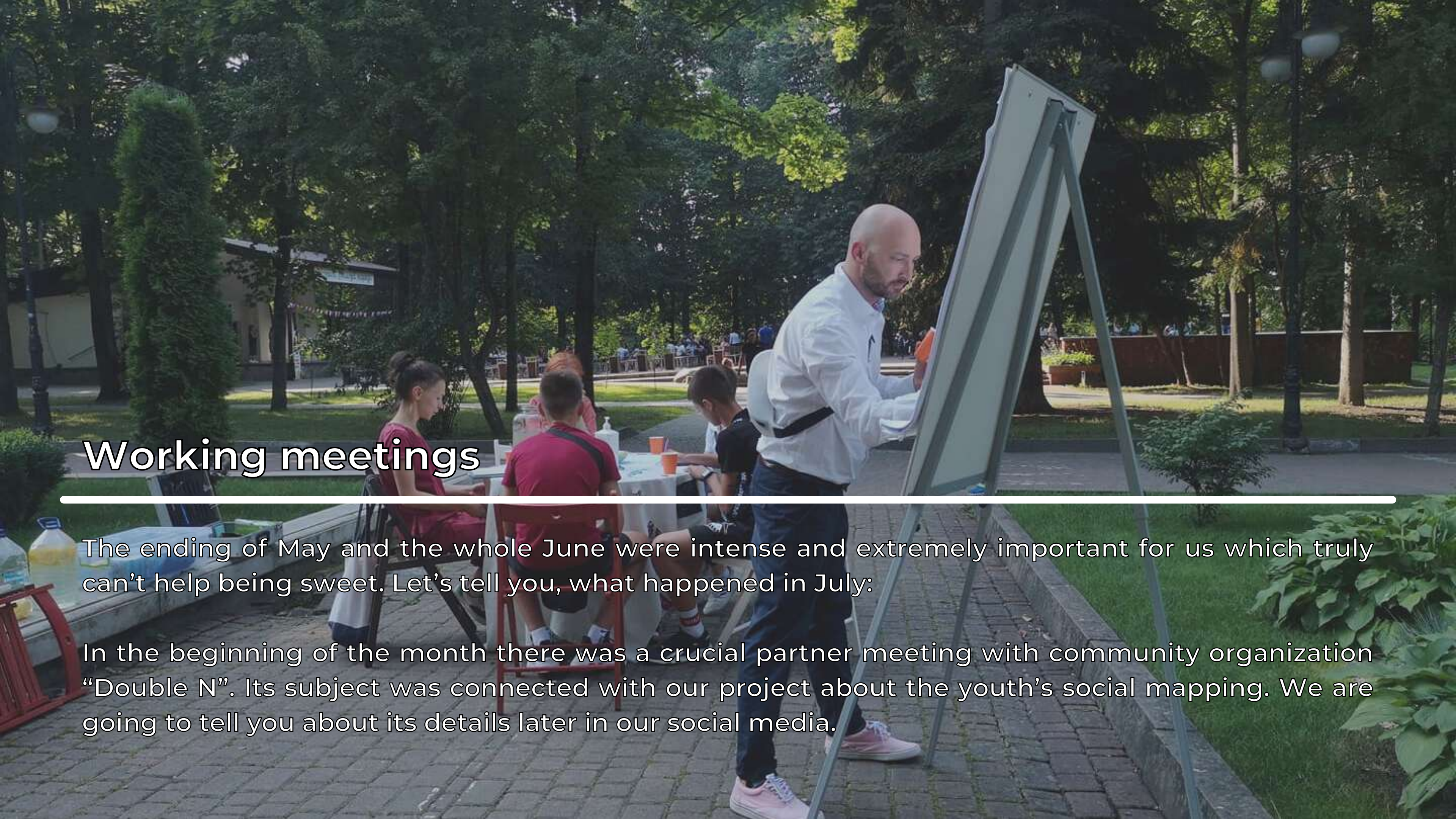
The partner meeting with representative of “Building Ukraine together” was done.



Partner visits

Our partners from different cities also came on the occasion of different reasons:

- The Study Visit from Social School Entrepreneurship for the youngsters of Kyiv city. We undertook the excursion around our city and acquainted the youth to the friendship associations, like community organization “Double N”, alternative school “Restless”, etc.
- The Study Visit from the Community’s Social Mapping and Interregional Cooperation for public figures and civil servants from Lysychansk.
- The Partner Visit for studying better cases of Social Entrepreneurship for the partners of IM Swedish Development Partner from Moldova.



Working meetings

The ending of May and the whole June were intense and extremely important for us which truly can't help being sweet. Let's tell you, what happened in July:

In the beginning of the month there was a crucial partner meeting with community organization "Double N". Its subject was connected with our project about the youth's social mapping. We are going to tell you about its details later in our social media.



Human rights training

The longest was the training about human rights, which duration was 4 days. The contributors were and teenagers, and adults. The age difference was pretty big, but our participants didn't have any difficulty communicating with each other. They were learning excellent and adding information to the performances. The coaches on the event were Julia Sinkevych and Yuliya Lyubych from our team.

A photograph of five people (three women and two men) standing behind a long white banner. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The banner has a blue logo of a hand with fingers spread, and the words "Human Rights" in blue text below it. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Round Table

We also had first Round Table in which took part the members of the company, deputy of Ivano-Frankivsk Municipality, representative of Human Rights in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, representative of probation, representative of community organization "Free Legal Aid". We were talking about Hate speech and in conclusion came up with the idea of creating the project on this theme. We also thought of in what way we can involve Belarusian volunteers to the control of cases of the Hate speech. The representative of Human Rights in Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast shared the technique in which we can monitor.

A photograph of two hikers walking away from the camera on a long, narrow metal truss bridge. The hiker in the foreground is wearing a white hat, a blue backpack, and light blue shorts, carrying a rolled-up purple mat. The hiker in the background is wearing a yellow hat and a blue backpack. The bridge has a complex steel structure with many vertical and diagonal beams. In the background, there are green trees and some buildings under a clear sky.

Rest of the team

Our team thinks about having rest from work, too. We often make picnics near the river after workdays, talk and discover new things about each other, which we normally can't hear spending time in our working places. For example, last week part of the community went hiking to the crossing between Bystrytsia of Nadvirna and Bystrytsia of Solotvyn.

A man in a blue shirt is standing and pointing at a flipchart. He is in a room with a large, multi-paned window that looks out onto greenery. String lights are strung across the room. Several people are seated at tables, listening. A projector is mounted on the wall. A vase of sunflowers sits on a table in the foreground.

Meeting with the troupe from Slavyansk

The last thing we are going to write about in this report is the meeting with troupe from Slovyansk for closer introduction to STAN and including its members to the project with regard to the World Day of Peace. We used an interest type of familiarizing themselves with the organization's assignment. We asked people 4 questions and gave them time to find the answers by themselves. It means that they found information with the help of the team or social media. This method allows to memorize new content clearly and is not as boring as a simple presentation.

Outside of events

Besides the organization of different events and meetings, we continue to keep the cozy and comfortable atmosphere in our resource center. We bought new chairs, kitchenware and decorations. New tabulations are put on the wall so that it would be easier for everyone to navigate. The good example is that in the kitchen all the cupboards are signed for finding the thing that you need really quickly. We named the rooms and signed them, too. Now, our big room for trainings is called graphite and a small in the corner of the center – angular.

A photograph of an empty dining room with wooden tables and chairs. The room has a herringbone-patterned wooden floor and a wall with a repeating decorative pattern. A text overlay is centered in the image, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

Our activities during August and September

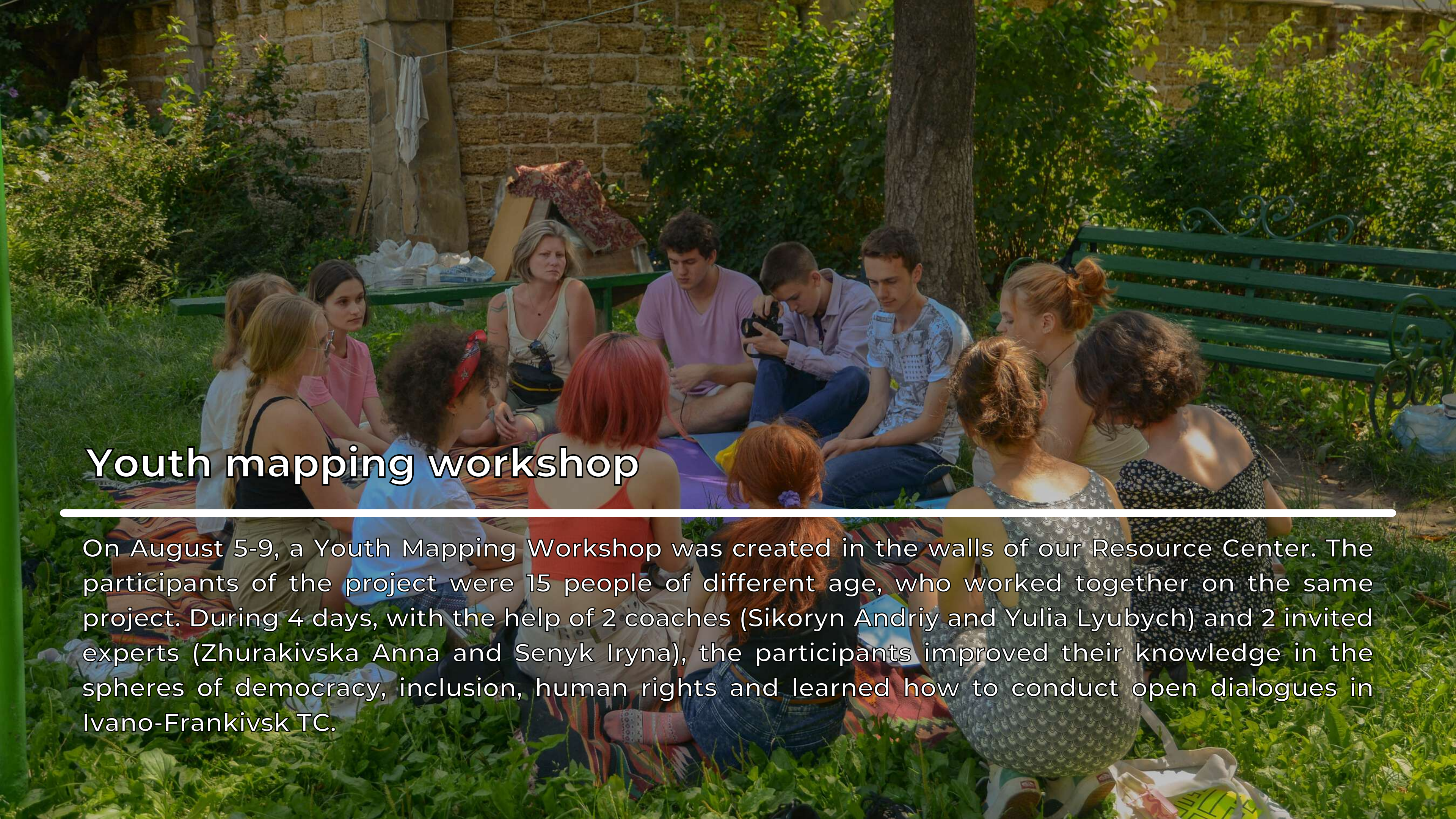


Partnership meeting on project planning "From Teacher to Coach".

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.

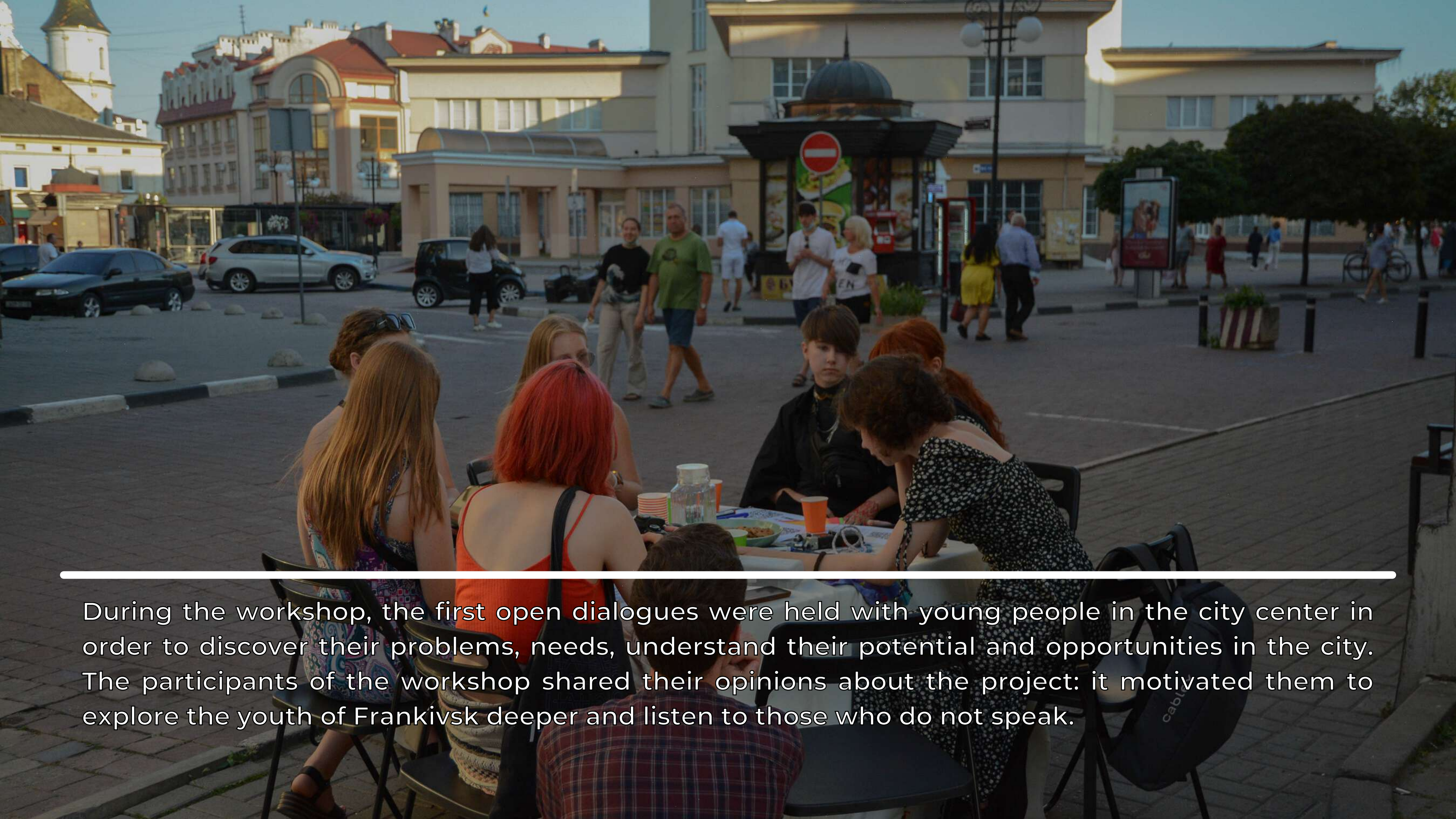


"We dream of making our relationships with teachers from different countries stronger, despite the pressure of propaganda and political repression in Belarus and the Russian Federation. Our goal is to encourage those who think critically and defend the truth in the conditions of authoritarianism and 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 colorful patterned blanket in a grassy outdoor 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 large tree, and a green metal bench. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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.”

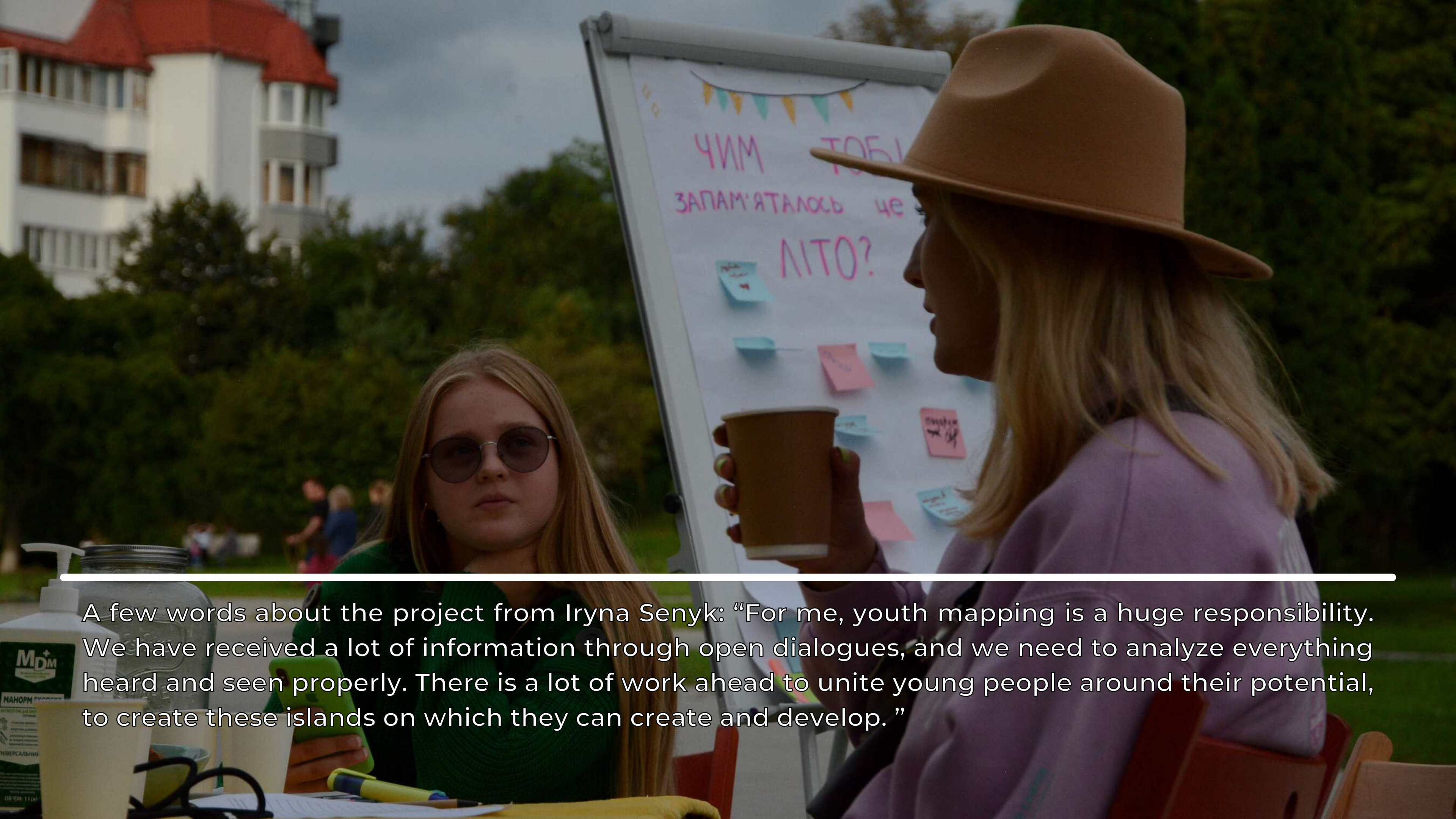
Friendly visits

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.



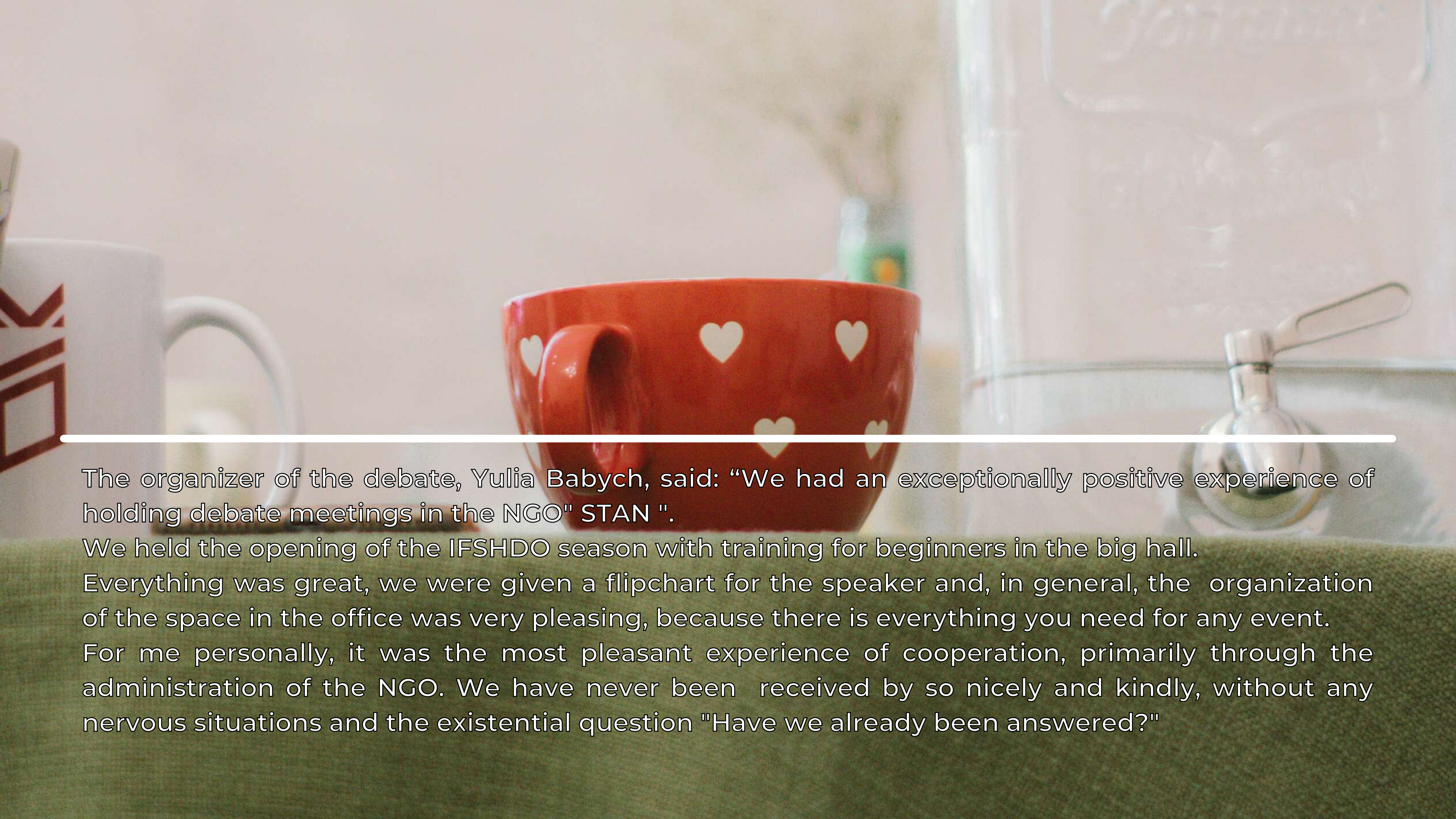


A few words about the project from Iryna Senyk: “For me, youth mapping is a huge responsibility. We have received a lot of information through open dialogues, and we need to analyze everything heard and seen properly. There is a lot of work ahead to unite young people around their potential, to create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



Holding events in the Resource Center

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.



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?"



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

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. "



A light blue plate with several chocolate chip cookies is in the foreground. In the background, there are papers with diagrams and a red marker. The text 'Monitoring meetings' is overlaid on the image.

Monitoring meetings

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).

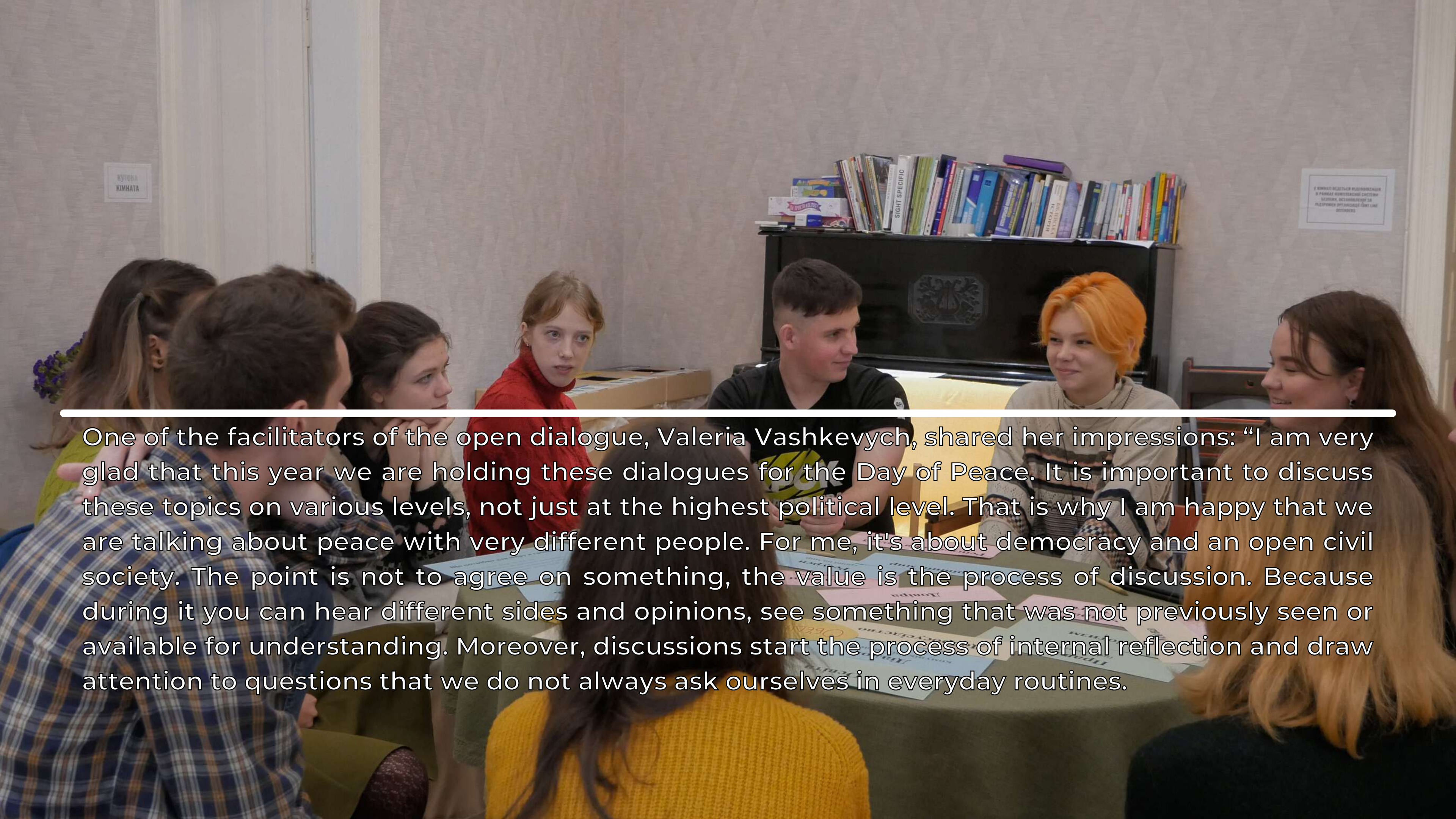


These were cozy meetings during which we got acquainted, told how our projects are being implemented. I love when people come to us, it allows you to look at the project you are working on constantly from the other side and understand the great amount of important work that has already been done. Such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

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.

A winter scene featuring snow-covered trees and a wooden building with white floral patterns. The text "Our activities during October-December" is centered in the image, flanked by two horizontal white lines.

Our activities during October-December



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.

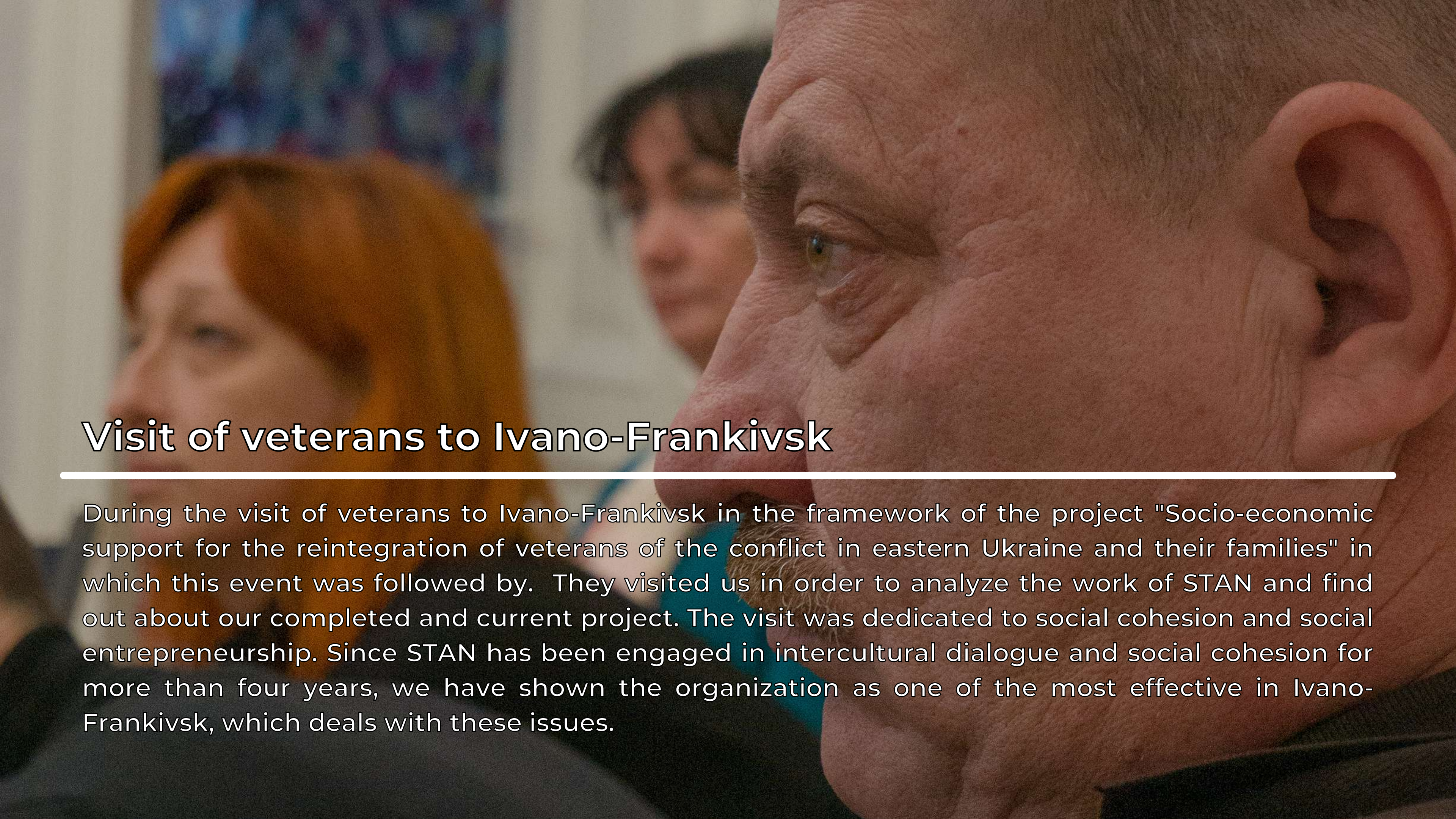
From Teacher to Coach

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.



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.



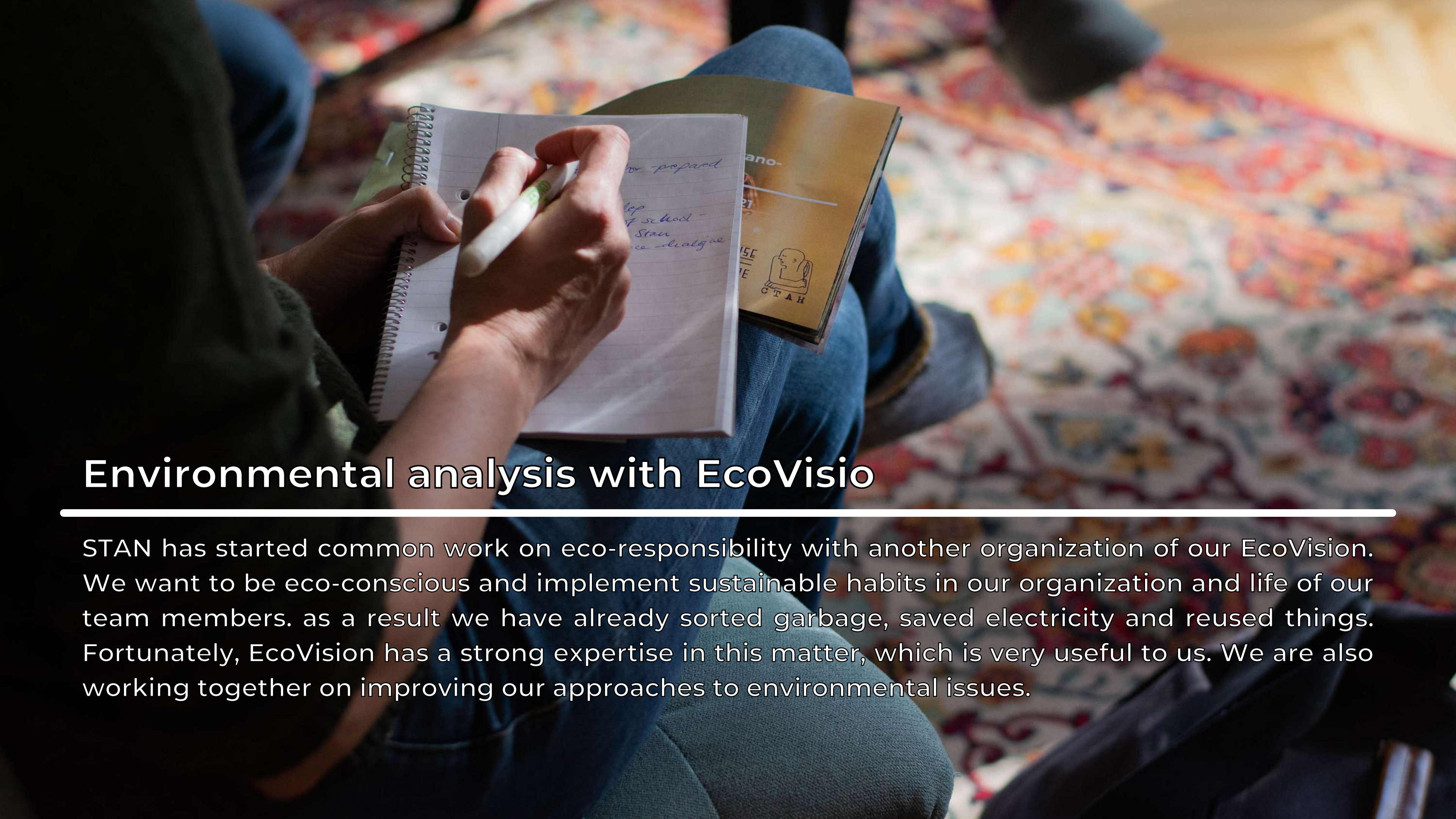
Meeting with the IM representative from Sweden

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 close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a person's hands holding an open newspaper. The newspaper is in Ukrainian and contains various articles and images. Overlaid on the newspaper is a semi-transparent game board for 'World of Communities'. The board features a map of Ukraine, a list of community issues, and a table with columns for 'Issue', 'Priority', and 'Responsible'. The background is a textured, brownish surface.

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, including "по-прежнему", "школы", "стан", and "диалог". The person is wearing blue jeans and a dark green sweater. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the rug and some furniture.

Environmental analysis with EcoVision

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.



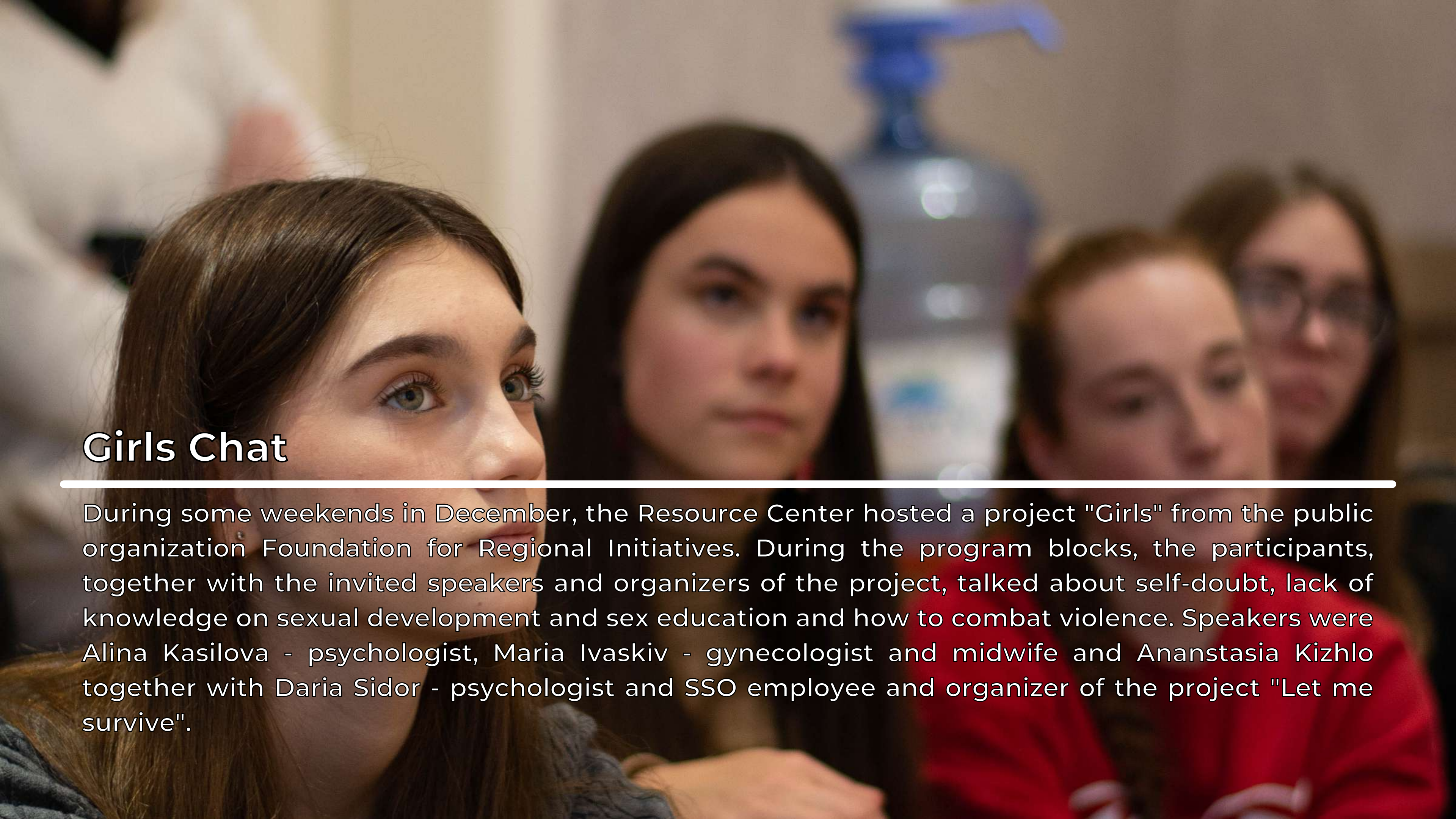
Meeting of the National Youth Council of Ukraine unit

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.



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 Ananstasia 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.



Harvesting

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!



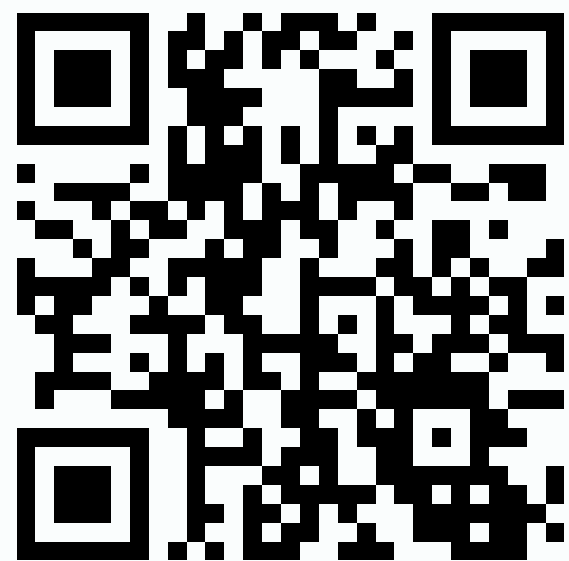
Resource center administration

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Resource Center, please send them to our administrator. It is she who will communicate about everything that is happening and about the resource center. Her contact details:

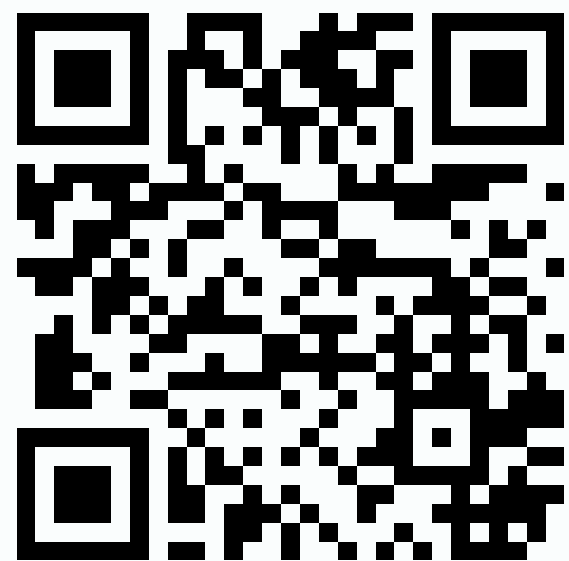
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