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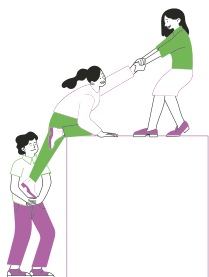
Our mission

We strive to build a world that respects the rights of every person, where all young people, regardless of their differences, have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and where their abilities and positive contributions as leaders of change are recognized. Help those who need it the most!



Our goals

***Expanding the economic rights and opportunities of young people
Access to education and health services for young people
Improvement of young people's access to a good and productive employment
Countering and preventing cases of domestic and gender-based violence***



Our history

***Starting our work in 2018, as a volunteer association, we undertook only small projects that provided targeted assistance (most often humanitarian) to a small number of people in difficult life circumstances.
Already by 2020, our activities began to have a systemic nature, the YCF "Next" was registered, a number of memoranda of partnership and cooperation with various medical institutions, NGOs and small communities were signed. Before the start of the war, our activities were related to helping children with special needs and single mothers in difficult life situations.***



Team "NEXT"!

We are different! Lawyers, doctors, journalists, students, local businesses and housewives represented...BUT! We have a common goal - to help those in need!

Children's centers in the city of Odessa and Ovidiopol (Odessa region)



The center employs a psychologist, two social specialists and a case manager. The average number of unique children is 230 children per month, 20% from 4 to 7 years old, 20% from 12 to 16 years old and 60% from 7 to 12 years old. Girls 60% that boys 40%. Mostly children from IDP families, approximately 10% are representatives of the Roma ethnicity.

The main problems that were solved thanks to the opening and functioning of the Children's Center. Lack of a place to rest for children aged 3 and over in connection with the work of kindergartens only in the first half of the day, working parents have no place to put their children (Yulya, 25 years old - local resident - "I have to take my son to work after 2:00 p.m. The boss is not very happy about this, because the boy is active and does not allow fruitful work...")



Conducting a psychological class "My fairy tale", Odessa

Unorganized free leisure. All sections work for a fee. (Olga, 34 years old, Kherson IDP, mother of three children - "children are always at the computer, they study remotely. I would like them to develop and have a lively social circle. It would be nice to have a place where children could communicate with each other and relax"



For children, developing and creative classes are held (motanki, gingerbread painting, modeling, art therapy, and others), classes are held in a group format. The choice of the direction of classes comes from the wishes of the children, namely what interests them most. The psychologist conducts group and personal sessions and consultations. Children are consulted on their rights in accordance with the UN Convention "On the Rights of the Child", Children are consulted on accessible digital resources focused on the child. Advising parents on available community and other resources, incl. social services; humanitarian goods; free legal aid; cash payment, etc.;; Referral of children and parents/guardians/caregivers with children to local psychosocial services for deeper and longer-term support from psychologists/psychotherapists, if needed.

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The results of the work of the children's center in the city of Odessa for 6 months

- ✓ At least 300 IDP children and adolescents improved their psycho-emotional state
- ✓ At least 80 IDP children and adolescents improved their Soft Skills
- ✓ At least 50% have gained decision-making skills and will be able to offer more effective responses to the challenges of our time
- ✓ Children and adolescents can act and call others to action using new technologies and opportunities
- ✓ Children and adolescents have a better understanding of their needs and problems, can offer an innovative tool to solve them
- ✓ Children and adolescents will be able to have a greater influence on their peers, thus influencing public opinion at the local level
- ✓ Children and adolescents will be able to improve their knowledge of their rights and, as leaders, will be able to become agents of change in their communities



Art therapy session with IDP children

Art therapy for children has the following benefits:

- Expression of emotions.
- Self-expression and self-esteem.
- Development of creative thinking.
- Relieve stress and anxiety.

These factors together help children develop emotional well-being, improve communication, develop concentration and imagination, and find ways to solve problems.

GOAL - improving the quality of life of children and teenagers in the host community, by integrating them into the youth environment, observing the rights to development and leisure, taking into account security measures in the conditions of martial law.

The results of the work of the children's center in the city of Ovidiopol for 4 months

- ✓ At least 110 IDP children and adolescents improved their psycho-emotional state
- ✓ At least 35 IDP children and adolescents improved their Soft Skills
- ✓ At least 45% have gained decision-making skills and will be able to offer more effective responses to the challenges of our time
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Master class on painting gingerbread.
city of Ovidiopol

Painting gingerbread is a wonderful creative activity for children. Here are some of the benefits of doing this:

Creative Expression: Gingerbread painting provides children with an opportunity to express their creativity and uniqueness. They can choose colors, shapes and patterns to create gingerbread that reflects their personality.

Motor development: Painting gingerbread requires precision and fine motor skills. Children improve their hand control skills, develop coordination and finger motor skills, which is beneficial for their overall development.

Mastering planning and sequencing skills: Gingerbread painting involves a sequence of steps from dough preparation to decoration. This helps children understand the importance of planning, sequencing and following instructions.

In small towns, children's access to free developmental and educational activities is limited, especially for Roma children. The opening of the Children's Center in the city of Ovidiopol made it possible for children to attend free quality classes. Parents can receive various consultations - in the social sphere, legal. The Center also has a psychologist who consults children and parents.



"2022 has been a tough year for all of us, but it has made us so much stronger! We have learned to be truly one team! Despite all the difficulties, we have expanded the geography of the Fund's work - we have opened a second location in the city of Odessa. We conduct classes with children from IDP families, provide psychological and legal consultations. Our Foundation also opened a children's center in the city of Ovidiopol (Odessa region), on the basis of which classes are held with children and the issuance of humanitarian aid. We continue to support IDPs, single mothers, youth, the elderly and everyone who needs our help! "

**Director YCF NEXT
Marat Abdullaiev**



Hello! My name is Alina and I am a volunteer of the NEXT Youth Charitable Foundation! I am 20. I know what young people want and what they are interested in! In the Foundation, I am responsible for holding events with young people, and these are mostly IDP teenagers. We help them to adapt to the new community!

**Alina Stratievska
Volunteer YCF NEXT**



We are constantly assessing the needs of IDPs, which helps us to monitor changes in needs and quickly respond to them. Providing assistance in the format that is relevant today. Thanks to these tools, 86 percent of our beneficiaries can receive assistance according to their request in full.

**Tatiana Abdullaieva
Case Manager YCF NEXT**