

Research of Needs and State of Activity of Youth Centres and Youth Spaces of Ukraine of Different Forms of Ownership at the Local and Regional Levels (2023)

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THE TARGET GROUP OF THE RESEARCH

is the management of youth centres and youth spaces of Ukraine.

THE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

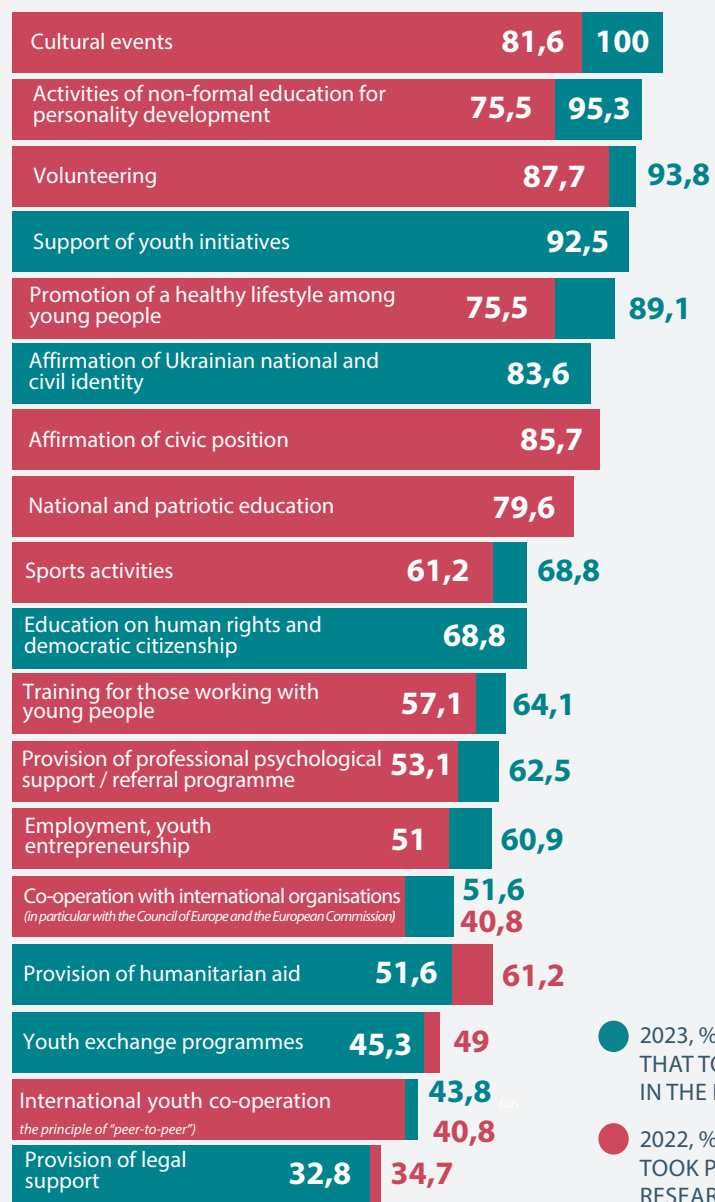
- the desk review;
- the online survey - **64** managers of youth centres and youth spaces, **44** of which are communal institutions and **20** - non-governmental organisations;
- 4** in-depth interviews with managers of youth centres and youth spaces;
- 2** focus-group discussions, in which **12** managers of youth centres and youth spaces took part.

RESEARCH TEAM:

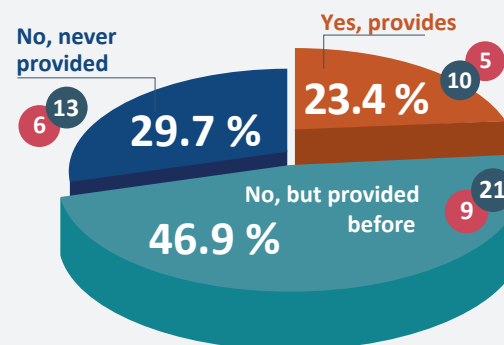
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SERVICES/ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH CENTRES/ YOUTH SPACES



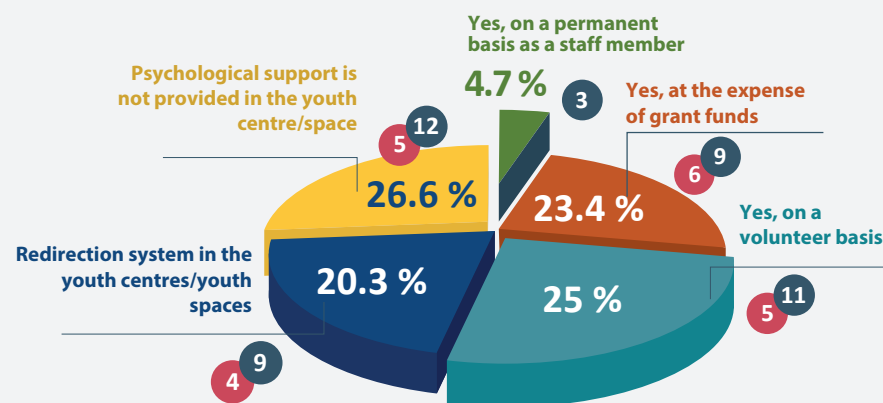
HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN YOUTH CENTRES/YOUTH SPACES



“DOES THE YOUTH CENTRE/YOUTH SPACE PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT NOW?”

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● NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT IN YOUTH CENTRES/YOUTH SPACES



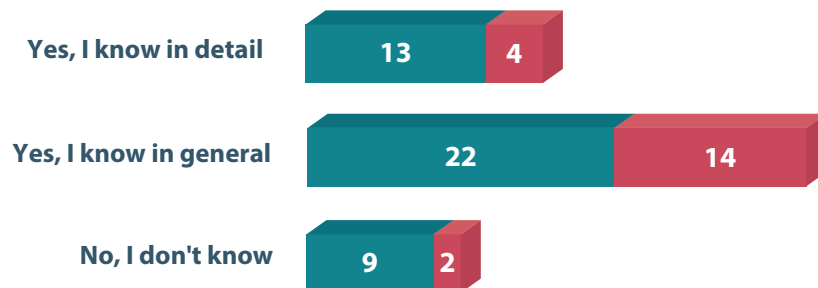
“DOES PSYCHOLOGIST WORK IN THE YOUTH CENTRE/YOUTH SPACE?”

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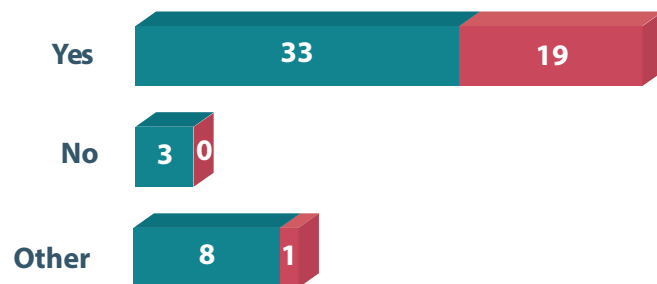
“We provided all the services mentioned in the research before that ... The resource capacity to carry out these activities has changed, because the security situation and the financial situation have become different”

[quote from an in-depth interview].

AWARENESS REGARDING THE NATIONAL QUALITY LABEL FOR YC



DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL QUALITY LABEL FOR YC



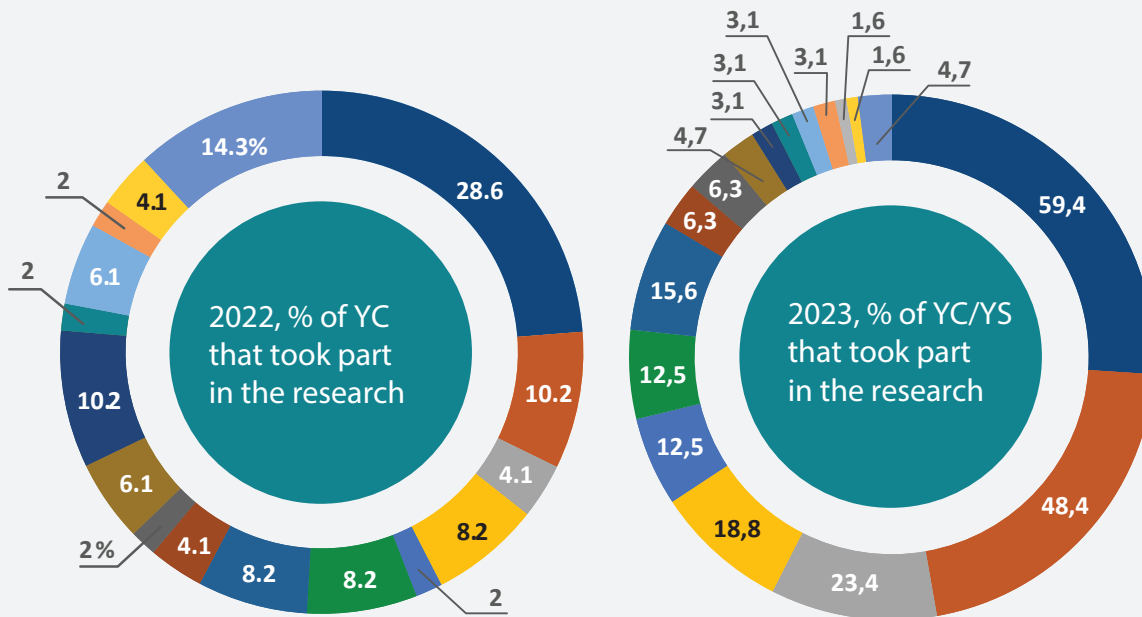
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SUGGESTIONS WHEN REVIEWING THE NATIONAL QUALITY LABEL AND QUALITY CRITERIA FOR YOUTH CENTRES:

- detail some criteria
- take into consideration all existing and acting youth centres of Ukraine
- add requirements for the qualification of YC staff
- add criteria to the work of the youth centre
- add resource capabilities
- add compliance with the needs and expectations of the target audience of the YC
- take into account the state of war
- add opportunities to involve young people in the process of establishing quality criteria.

CURRENT NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THAT COULD BE MET BY YOUTH CENTRES AND YOUTH SPACES

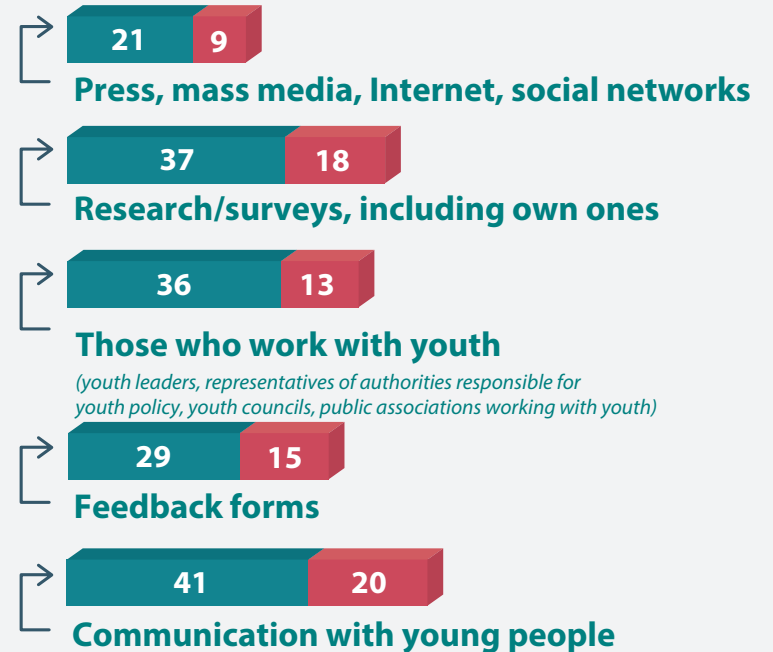


NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

- Organisation of meaningful and safe leisure time
- Requests for non-formal education for personality development
- Communication needs
- Psychological support
- Support of youth initiatives
- Civic education
- Career guidance inquiries, employment issues, career growth
- Volunteer activity
- Support of creative youth
- Needs for personal development
- Provision of humanitarian aid
- Social cohesion
- Activities for IDPs
- Informing the youth
- Youth exchanges
- Measures for civil protection and basic military training
- No answer

A SOURCE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Number of YC/YS, that took part in the research

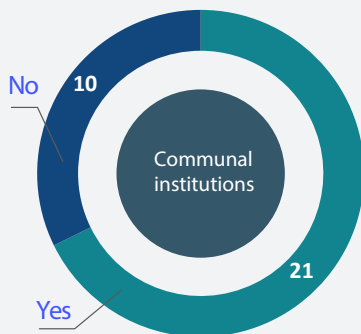


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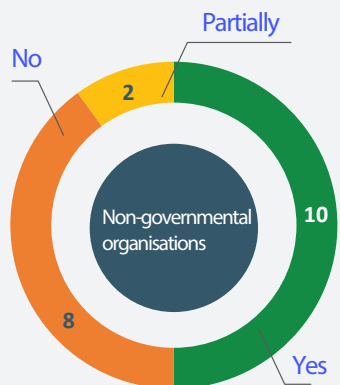
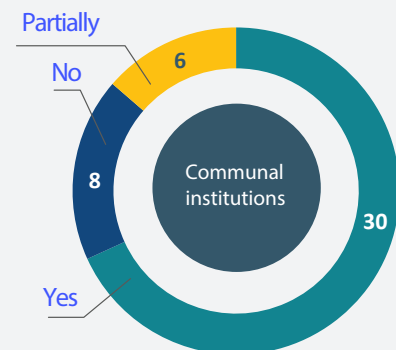
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EXPERIENCE OF PARTICIPATION OF YC/YS EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE PROGRAMME “YOUTH WORKER”

2022, number of YC, that took part in the research



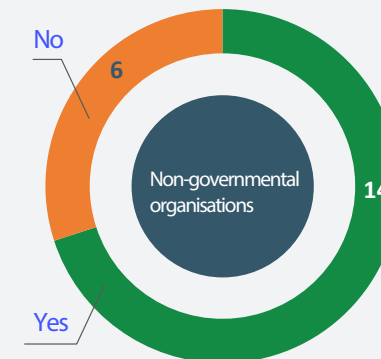
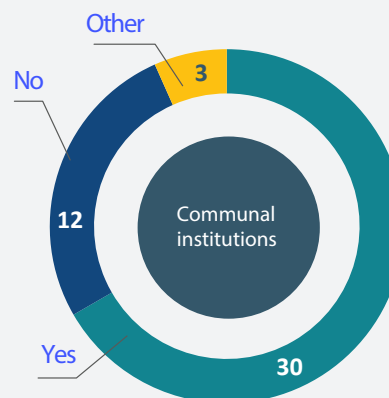
2023, number of YC/YS, that took part in the research



“I would like ... trainings ... to be distributed in a cascade method, for example, so that everyone of the regional centre were trainers of the basic training of “Youth worker”

[quote from the focus-group discussion].

EXPERIENCE OF PARTICIPATION OF YC/YS EMPLOYEES IN TRAININGS TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF THE YOUTH CENTRE/YOUTH SPACE DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS (2023)



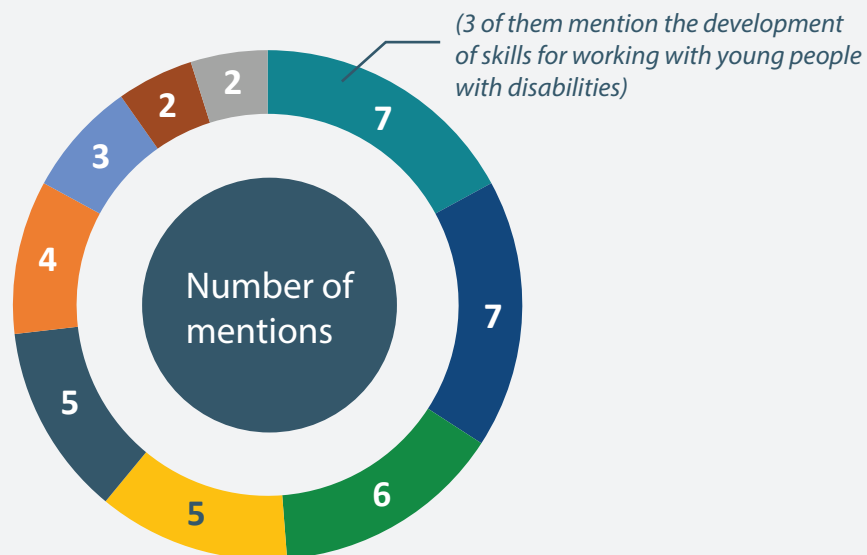
The largest number of mentions is about the “Management of Youth Centres” training - 9 responses (organised by various providers: AUYC, NGO “Youth Platform” in co-operation with IREX, AUYC and NUMO).

The participants of the research also named the following trainings:

- “Creating a safe environment for children and youth in conditions of war”,
- “Advocacy of youth programmes”,
- “Involvement of youth in the development of local targeted youth development programmes based on data”,
- “How to combat sexual violence, related to the war, and provide assistance to the victims: what everyone should know”,
- “Gender equality and social inclusion in YC”,
- “Conflict transformations for young people”,
- “How to start a co-working space on the basis of a youth centre?”,
- “Training on communication of the youth centre”.

Organisations, institutions, programmes at the international level (the Council of Europe, UNICEF, USAID, Erasmus+ programme, UNDP); at the national level (Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, AUYC, IREX programme “Mriemo ta Diemo”, exchange programme for youth “VidNOVA:UA”); at the regional level (NGO “Youth Platform”, regional YC) are mentioned among the training organisers.

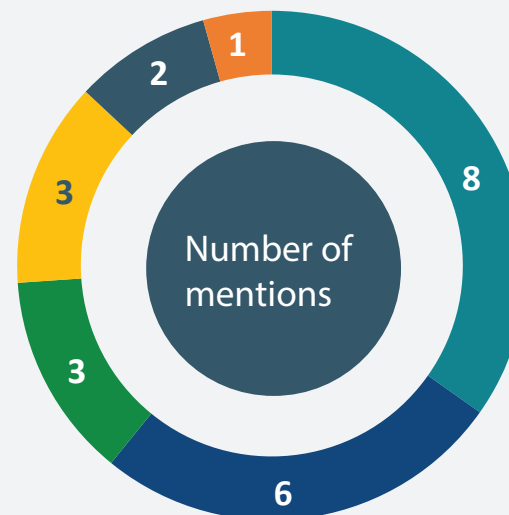
COMPETENCIES NEEDED BY THE YOUTH CENTRE/ YOUTH SPACE EMPLOYEES (2023)



COMPETENCES

- Working with different young people
- Basics of psychological support
- Project management
- Research skills
- Communication
- Various forms and methods of youth work
- SMM
- Fundraising
- Stress resistance

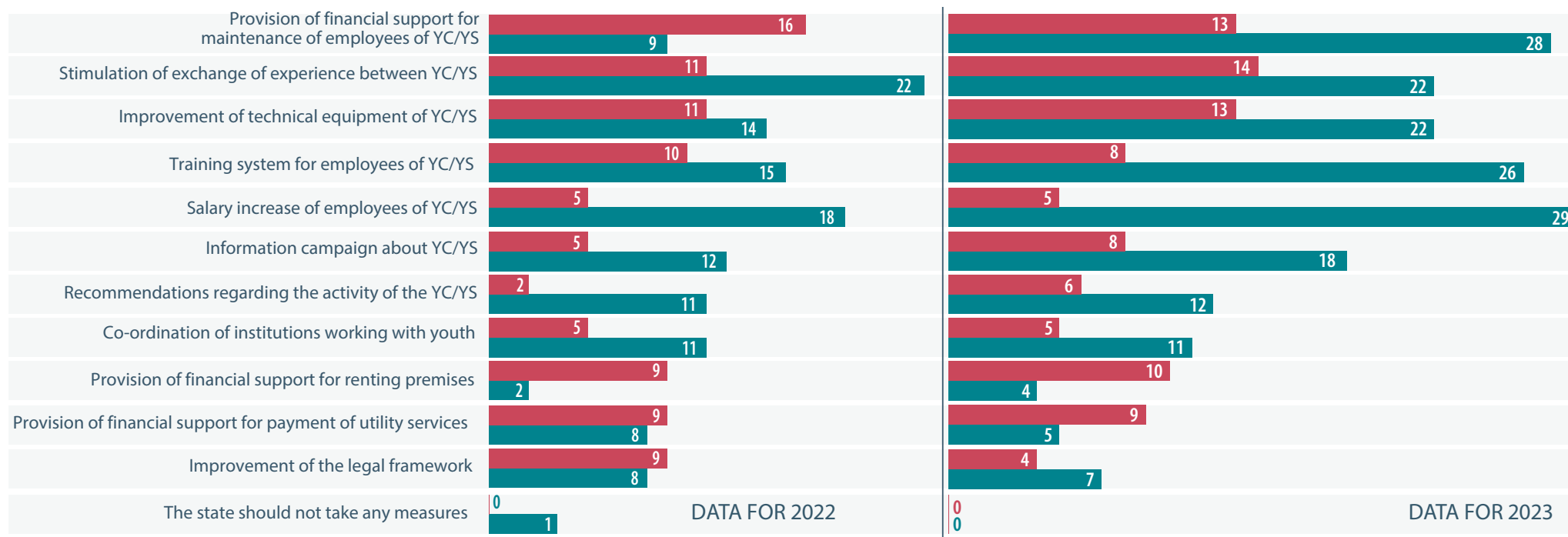
COMPETENCIES NEEDED BY THE YOUTH CENTRE/YOUTH SPACE TEAM TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (2023)



COMPETENCES

- Specialized education and knowledge
- Need for inclusiveness of the space of YC/YSΠ
- Skills of co-operation with specialized organisations
- Qualified specialist
- Practical experience of communication and work with young people with disabilities
- Sign language

NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR YOUTH CENTRES AND YOUTH SPACES FROM THE STATE



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“What we would need support for, honestly, is technical equipment: mobile speakers, projectors, laptops. This is something that does not last 10 years, because it is constantly used ... And all the work at the moment has been transferred to an electronic format as much as possible and needs technical support”

[quote from an in-depth interview].

“Exchanges, forums, meetings ... In general, this is a dialogue between the government and the youth”

[quote from an in-depth interview]

“I am convinced that it is necessary to study constantly, because new tools are constantly coming out...”

[quote from an in-depth interview].

Full report of the research of needs and state of activity of youth centres and youth spaces of Ukraine at the following link

<https://rm.coe.int/needs-of-youth-centres-and-youth-spaces-in-ukraine-2023-/1680b0571f>