

Enhancing student citizenship through extracurricular activities

Georgia

DESCRIPTION

As the **Civic Democratic Culture** advocates **serving both as topic** (educating students about the concept and importance of democracy) **and as an approach** (enhancing student participation in democratic processes), it is essential to **provide VET students with tangible opportunities to practice democracy while studying**.

One way to foster students' engagement in building a democratic society is through their involvement in **extracurricular activities**. Implementation of CDC is significantly encouraged through non-formal education, particularly through **implementation of extracurricular activities and projects developed in the framework of partnership with both governmental and non-governmental organisations**. These activities aim to encourage students to participate in projects that promote **social well-being, equity, and democracy**.

To enhance democratic culture at VET institutions, the **Skills Agency is annually announcing a special competition for extracurricular projects**. The competition aims to activate students as responsible citizens, including by fostering the formation of student clubs, which implement **different community-oriented projects**. These initiatives include students' involvement in projects focused on environmental protection, as well as furnishing the college yard to serve as a community recreational space.