

"SKY" youth clubs in VET schools for future active citizens

Armenia

DESCRIPTION

Within the framework of the "EU4youth, Say YES" project, which ran from 2018 to 2021, **seven SKY youth clubs were established in four cities** (Ararat, Gavar, Stepanavan and Alaverdi). Approximately **150 young people were involved from VET institutions**, namely Gavar and Stepanavan State Agricultural Colleges, Ararat State College and Alaverdi State College. The **main goal of the clubs was to empower local youth to become active citizens capable of taking part in the social decision-making processes.**

The SKY club is a model created by "World Vision". Its concept is to **bring together the youth of a given community in an interactive, club-based environment, using informal learning methods.** The curriculum is based on four pillars: **active citizenship, leadership, employability, and social entrepreneurship.**

SKY youth clubs hold weekly meetings led by specially trained volunteer leaders. During these meetings, through interactive learning, young people acquired knowledge on different topic (the curriculum covers about 80 topics). To apply what they have learned, **club members assess community needs every 3–4 months and address these needs** to the best of their ability.

Between 2018 and 2021, SKY clubs have presented around 300 projects. Nowadays Ararat State College continues the activities of its SKY club, while Gavar State Agricultural College has registered the club as an organisation under the same name and continues its activities.