

The **YALM** project, implemented in the village of Peremoha within the Makhnivka community from July 1 to 19, successfully equipped young people with the tools and knowledge necessary for active citizenship. Through six intensive workshops and meetings, participants delved into youth activism, civic engagement, local opportunities, project management, and its budgeting. A day trip to Vinnytsia provided valuable insights into the regional context. To describe what impact the project had, it is better to go in numbers:

- ★ 18 participants got skills, experience and knowledge in the youth activism, age 13-17
- ★ 6 villages of the same community
- ★ 4 invited speakers: local school's headmaster, head of the village council, my co-year from UWCM, head of youth centre "Kvadrat"
- ★ 13 teachers got the informational brochure about how to support youth in their activism
- ★ 2 participants in the student council now
- ★ 5 participants created an interest group for the youth council in the village council
- ★ 1 event that was an initiative from our participants
- ★ 5 institutions involved: Peremoha secondary school, Makhnivka village council, Youth centre "Kvadrat", youth space "Isolation", local business "Promautomatica. Vinnytsia"

ACHIEVEMENTS



## Impact on Participants

- **Raised awareness of youth activism and rights:** During COVID and the war, online opportunities and support shifted towards helping victims. YALM provided crucial information for Makhnivka youth.
- **Increased youth participation:** 34 participants (including last year's) completed the Youth Academy of Leadership. According to the Youth Institute of Ukraine, youth makes up 24.3% of the population. In Makhnivka community with 8092 citizens, there are 1965 people aged 14-35.
- **Empowered youth leadership:** Participants are taking initiative (joining opportunities, student council positions). [Feedback](#) highlights the lasting impact of gained knowledge, experience, and connections.

## Impact on Others

- **Engaged teachers and school staff:** Collaborations provided new experiences and materials on youth activism.
- **Inspired future leadership:** Diana (last year's participant) who co-organized YALM this year and is interested in leading the project next year with Sasha. This experience sparked her interest in the UWC movement.

### YALM's Achievements in numbers

Metric	Achievement
Participants gained skills in youth activism	18
Teachers reached with informational brochures	13
Participants joined student council	2
Participants initiated creation of youth council interest group	5
Community event organised by participants	1
Partnerships formed	Peremoha school, Makhnivka council, Youth centre "Kvadrat", youth space "Izolation", "Promavtomatika. Vinnytsia" business



## Project Management

- **Safety and safeguarding:** We successfully managed air raid alerts during our second meeting and during the Vinnytsia trip, ensuring participant safety.
- **Budget:** Key expenses included the Vinnytsia trip, snacks, and project hoodies. A detailed budget with receipts is available ([link provided](#)). The project has a surplus of almost \$80.

## Lessons Learned

- **Value youth perspectives:** Young people's drive and fresh ideas are invaluable.
- **Importance of calmness under pressure:** Effective leadership requires composure in stressful situations.
- **Embrace change:** Adapting to feedback (e.g., speakers, activities) is crucial for project success.



## Improvements for Next Year

- **Incorporate [feedback](#):** Invite speakers from diverse backgrounds, hold more meetings with speakers, include more practical tasks (project writing) and leverage the benefits of fresh air for activities.

