

Report of Forum of Young Leaders of Moldova - FYLM

At September 12 – 16 took place the second Forum of Young Leaders of Moldova – FYLM 2019!

The event was held at the recreation center F'estival in the village of Leordoia (Calarasi distr.), on the edge of the national reserve Codri, surrounded by spectacular scenery.

The theme of the Forum was "IT as a tool for the development of local communities". The relevance and importance of digital technologies allow young people to solve local problems in their communities through IT-projects, as digital ideas allow to erase borders and transfer successful models of projects to different regions, while young people can interact regardless of their location.

The added value of the Forum comes from its geographical coverage. We unite young people from all corners of the country: North, Center, South of Moldova, including Transnistria. Thus, 60 representatives from Gagauzia, Chisinau, Floresti, Drochia, Balti, Bulboaca, Taraclia, Meren, Bender and other settlements were identified and established projects to address local problems with the help of digital technology. The forum also has a second, informal goal-to unite the youth of Moldova and build trust for the further development of our small country.

During 4 days the participants identified important problems and modern challenges facing young people, communicated with each other, discussed and identified effective ideas for projects to address these problems. Participants identified more than 20 ideas, of which 10 were developed to team projects. The last stage for the participants was to present the projects developed in the teams and encourage the winners to take part in the largest event of Moldovan developers – Moldova Digital Conference 2019. The most interesting ideas were: an Interactive map of youth services, an application for online coffee ordering and a map of the city's coffee shops, as well as the creation of coworking spaces to unite young people in the IT field and vocational training of schoolchildren. Throughout the Forum, speakers from various fields were invited and addressed the audience of interested young people: IT, business, public administration, public sector, as well as mentors were invited 3 Slovak experts in the field of programming, project management, and crowdfunding.

The forum is organized by the Public Association "Youth of Gagauzia" in partnership with the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, with the financial support of SlovakAid in the framework of the project "Youth Activization and Responsible Citizenship".