

MY YOUTH WORK PATHWAYS

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I WILL TRY AND TALK ABOUT

- The experience with formal education in the field of youth work in Macedonia;
- The utilizing of human capital and resources;
- How well do we as youth workers plan youth work activities in response to the needs of young people?;
- Examples of providing quality youth work in Macedonia;
- Blending formal education with youth work.



MY PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY

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- Graduate of international relations and diplomacy
- Started youth association creACTive in 2007
- Established the first youth center in Kavadarci in 2009
- Established the first farm in 2014
- Did a fellowship in the US at urban farm
- Graduated in leadership and community youth work
- Now - working in International High School

THE EXPERIENCE WITH FORMAL EDUCATION IN YOUTH WORK

- first of its kind studies in Macedonia;
- experimental;
- institutions not ready for such profession;
- Youth workers (practitioners) do not recognize the need;
- What we learned from this experience?

UTILIZING OF HUMAN CAPITAL AND RESOURCES

- The need to network and re-establishing of Union of Youth Workers;
- Grass root initiative and projects;
- The value of this work recognized by donors (EU IPA Program, Erasmus+ NA in Macedonia) and the public institutions (agency of youth and sport, relevant ministries, the government) partnering now with the Union on developing the needed legislation

YOUTH OF TODAY AND HOW DO WE RESPOND?

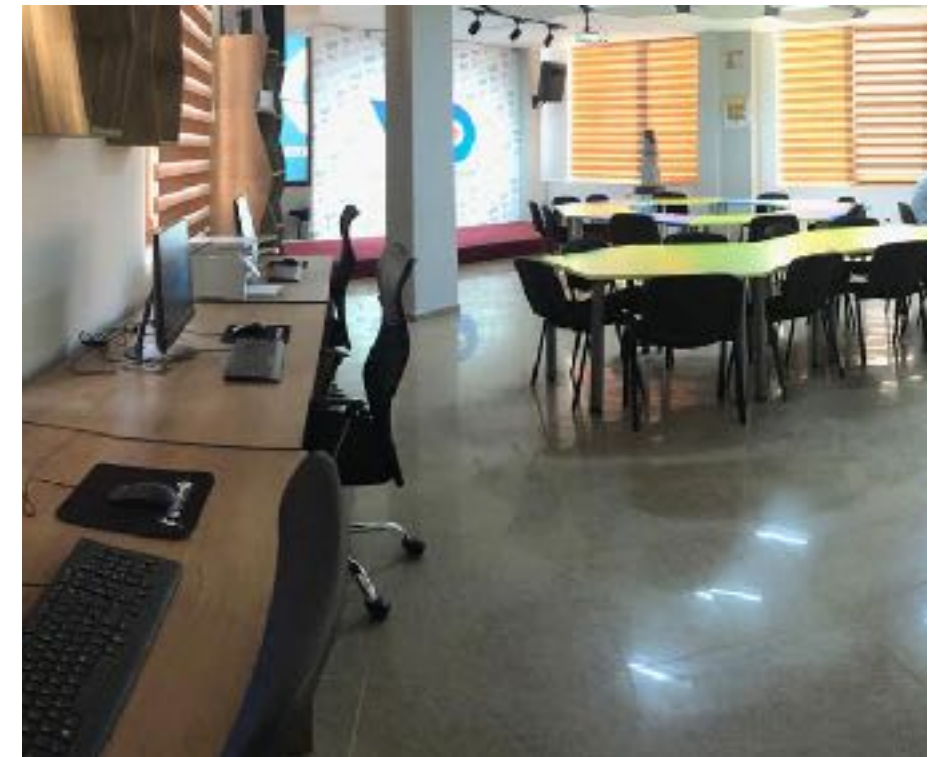




Multikulti established in 2010. Aimed at bringing different ethnic communities together



creACTive youth center - established 2009, supports creativity and active citizenship of young people, first organic farm



Youth Community Center in Gostivar, established 2018, supported by the local municipality.



NOVA Service Learning Program - my experience in the formal educational system