









YOUTH IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

KAUNAS DISTRICT LOCAL ACTION GROUP

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- One of the important priorities of Lithuanian Rural Network was the activation of young people and their involvement in rural development processes in 2009.
- According to that Kaunas District LAG prepared and implemented project "Youth in Rural Development Processes" in spring of 2010.

ASSUMPTIONS OF THE PROJECT

- Our organization noticed that heads of non governmental organizations are older people, youth stay away;
- Youth organizations which used to act actively stopped their activities and there aren't new organizations;
- One of the biggest problems of Kaunas district is that young people do not have a lot of options to spend their leisure.



















THE AIM OF THE PROJECT

To evaluate, to exchange and to disseminate the good practice and knowledge of youth involvement in rural development processes in local, national and international level.

OBJECTS

- To organize the contest of the best non governmental organizations' of Kaunas district project which promotes youth involvement in rural development processes.
- To organize international conference "Youth in Rural Development Processes"

THE CONTEST

- The aim of the contest was to elect the best project which promotes youth involvement in rural development processes.
- There participated only 5 projects in the contest.
- ▶ All these five projects were rewarded.
- A prize for the first place was the journey to Slovenia.







SCOUT RABBLE "OAKS OF VILKIJA"

Project "Everyone Has to Know It"





Scouts from Vilkija met scouts form Perme (Russia), together they organized a camp, visited camps of Gulag, where were prisoned exiles of Lithuania

► This project was awarder with the first place prize — a journey to Slovenia.









ZAPYŠKIS COMMUNITY CENTER

Project "Teamwork - Interesting and Meaningful Activities Source of Young Zapyskis Inhabitants"



▶ To develop the teamwork of young Zapyskis inhabitants in extreme conditions.









KULAUTUVA COMMUNITY CENTER

Project "Together we are stronger"



- Youth form Kulautuva communicated with partners forma Kaunas in virtual conference about prevention of addiction.
- ▶ There was organized the Day of Crafts.









SOCIETY OF LITHUANIAN ETHNIC CULTURAL Project "History of Native Land and Revival of Ethnic and Cultural Traditions with Cinema Art Tools"



Youth from the society studied the history of their district and recorded it in documentary films.









VANDZIOGALA COMMUNITY CENTER

Project "Dances Will Help Me Know the Europe"



Youth from Vandziogala learned dances of different Europe countries, danced them to youth from Kaunas district and teached them to dance these dances also.









THE CONFERENCE

Development Processes" was international conference where participated 107 participants from Kaunas district, from all Lithuania and from foreign countries.









AIMS OF THE CONFERENCE

- To make a detailed discussion about the involvement of rural youth in the management of rural change.
- To introduce the experience of European and Lithuanian youth initiatives.
- To discus about common policies and measures in order to motivate, activate and involve young people of Kaunas district in rural development processes.

















EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL YOUTH INITIATIVES

- LAG "Krajina serdce" from Czech Republic presented their activity for youth. There were created the school of languages and the program of youth change, where participate youth from Italy, Greece, Poland, France and Finland.
- LAG from Tartu (Estonia) presented their projects which solve leisure problems of young families and children.
- LAG "Form Salaca to Ruja" and Bauske LAG (Latvia) presented ecologic projects of youth.









EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL YOUTH INITIATIVES II

- Youth from Lazdijai district created interactive youth radio station "Radiošokas" (Radioshock) in the library.
- Youth from Jurbarkas implemented project "JURTA" which result was a creation of webpage.
- There was created Youth from Kelmė district created the center of activities for youth in Kelmė district.
- Youth from Antanavas (Kalzlų Rūda) made the labyrinth which helped them to promote social initiatives.











REZULTS OF THE PROJECT "YOUTH IN RURAL PROCESSES"

- As a result of the project there was created an association of youth of all Kaunas district.
- Youth of Kaunas district became more active.
- ▶ Kaunas District LAG gives priority for projects which are for youth or made by youth.
- There was made a resolution about youth policy in Lithuania which was sent to all governmental institutions of Lithuania.







































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