



**Y's Menettes International
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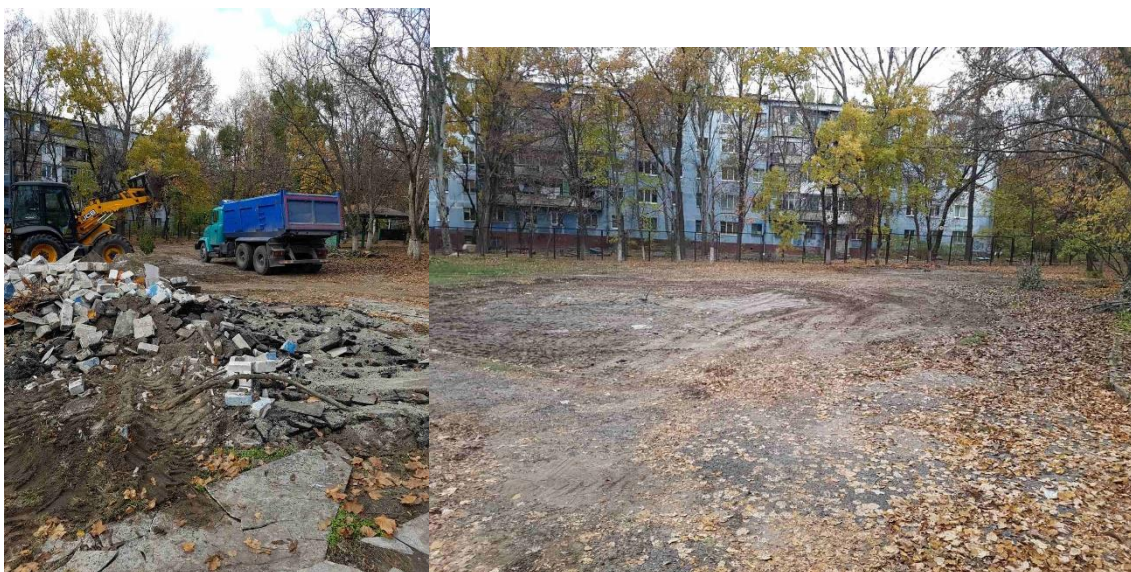
Update Report – 16th February 2021 - Y's Menettes International Project for 2020 -2022

Sports and informal education as tools of healthy lifestyle promotion among vulnerable children at Zaporizhya, Ukraine. We are creating an outdoor sports playground with gym equipment in the grounds of the Regional Centre where orphans and poor children are cared for. It will be a community asset.

Viktor Serbulov of the YMCA Ukraine is the Project Coordinator and is happy to inform us, that the first stage of our project is successfully finished. The construction company contracted to remove the old structures has completed the planned works. The sports ground can now be constructed, and the ordered sports equipment has finally arrived. It was planned to install it shortly, but because of the -15/20 deg C and a lot of snow and frosts it is impossible until at least March when it is hoped the spring weather will be much warmer.

Viktor was also happy to inform us, that the representatives of the local YMCA in Zaporizhya and the local Y's Men Club met in the Rehabilitation Centre, discussed future joint activities, and signed a Memorandum on Cooperation. Viktor required their assistance in undertaking our project as where he lives and where he works at the Ukraine YMCA is 500km from Zaporizhya and restrictions due to COVID-19 have made it very difficult for him to get to site.

Originally, when I contacted Viktor to advise him that the Y's Menettes had chosen his project to support he was very happy but had no idea who we were. I explained as best I could and I was very happy to have our Y's Menettes International Manual to refer to. I am very proud of the work we Y's Menettes do and Viktor now realizes we are also an important part of the Y movement. Below – Some before and after photos of the sports ground area.



Y's Menettes International Project for 2018 -2020 Coaching for Youth Employment and Starting of a Social Business in Tirana, Albania. Final Report!

Following the Tirana YMCA receiving the additional 6.000 CHU given by us due to the earthquake that damaged the building they had set up, the need to find and start again in another building, then followed by Covid-19 shut-downs all while they were trying to complete the project we had voted to support, I have now received a final report and receipts showing how the funds were used. This report and the receipts have all been sent to the IHQ. Following is part of the report I received from Egla the Director of Tirana YMCA –

What were the goals for this reporting period?

The goal for this reporting period was putting more effort to the functioning of the social business, managed by four young people, and supporting their integration in the labor market.

What goals were accomplished for the reporting period?

Supporting of the coffee shop (social business) staff members, in order to make the management of it run more smoothly, especially under the Covid 19 situation.



Plans going forward -

In order to have more incomes, we have used the project activities of the YMCA, like a project “Healthy ageing and intergenerational solidarity” offering psycho-social and medical free services to old people. With this project support, we could offer something to drink, increasing in this way the income for the coffee shop to cover the expenses and obligations. We have started a collaboration with an NGO

that works with former victims of trafficking and they will organise training days and want to use TOK, so they will not only buy drinks but also pay rent for the time (hours) staying in. So, in this way we are trying to generate more incomes.

We try to use our connections and social media to increase the number of clients. Time to time we publish photos on YMCA’s links, like Instagram (ymca_tirana_albania) or facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YMCA-TiranaAlbania-1551374248412615> or to the TOK facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TOK-Y-Coffee-114254226981323>

I do really want to thank the Y’s Menettes again for such opportunity you offered to us and to our young people!

On behalf of all Y’s Menettes I wish Elga and her team every success!

I also ask all Y’s Menettes to please support your International Projects financially. Remember we can and do make a difference!

Ys’ly,

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