



National Youth Council of Ukraine Opens Kyiv Division

Kyiv City Council is working on the development of youth political culture in Kyiv. The Secretary of Kyiv City Council, Mr. Prokopiv stated that Kyiv Youth Council– detached body of the National Youth Council of Ukraine (NYC of Ukraine) will be created in the nearest future. He highlighted that many states have their own Municipal Youth Councils that actively participate in decision making of the different level. During the adoption of the European experience, Kyiv is willing to engage youth in the administrative processes.

Mr. Prokopiv mentioned “Nowadays, the participation of youth in public and political life of Ukraine estimated on the level of 5%. Only nine Ukrainian cities have their own detached bodies of the NYC of Ukraine and such situation is very appalling. Fresh thoughts, broad outlook and great capabilities, now that is something that youth can deliver to our state and our city. We would facilitate the creation of Kyiv Youth Council. It is a very vital point because we would not only encourage a new generation without soviet stereotypes but also stimulate the creation of the new and young political elite.”

According to Mr. Prokopiv creation of Kyiv City Council and direct engagement of youth in local democratic life would be an important step to the preparation of the European Local Democracy Week. That will help Kyiv to not only be closer to European standards of local self-governance but also increase chances in competition for the main ELDW award “12 Stars”.

Kyiv City Council and the NYC of Ukraine call for participation youth organizations that meet the following requirements:

- Organizations should be headed by individuals not older than 35 years;
- Period of organisation existence should be more than one year.

Deadline for the application: 20th of April.

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