Vilnius social club

Annual report, 5th season September 2017 – August 2018

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Intro.

Greetings,

Even after the Vilnius social club's 5th season, we are still amazed at how many people and organizations support us. Every year we are growing bigger: we have more employees, volunteers, children, youth, friends, families, partners, sponsors, and decision-makers. This steady growth is surely moving us forward.

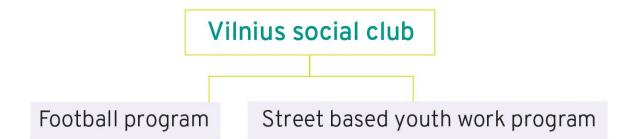


As a young and growing organization, it is vital that we carefully monitor the environment we are in, as well as our internal processes. We have noticed that more and more organizations are becoming decentralized, with working remotely becoming commonplace and, even more critically, with most communication taking place online rather than face-to-face. Due to this, we have found that children and youth are in need of sustainability, clarity, and a specific place where they know they can find us along with a real, face-to-face relationship. To meet these needs, we have made it a top priority to find a home and we are proud to say that we have finally done it!

The creation of a home for the Vilnius social club in Naujininkai has been our latest challenge. We will once again need contributions to meet this goal. We hope that this report will be a reminder of all of the wonderful work that can be done if we work together.

Cedric Raffier, the Head of Vilnius social club

About us



All of the Vilnius social club's activities are based around these values:

Orientation in needs. We observe environment and people. We always ask ourselves if our activities are useful for people we work with.

Respect. We respect other people's choices even if we disagree. We accept people the way they are.

Relationship. We create reliable, straight and honest relationship with others. We believe that a trustful relationship can heal, but it takes time. Therefore, all our activities are personal and long-term oriented.

Passion. All Vilnius social club members like their job. It is important that everyone finds his own place in the team.

Professionalism. We take care of the quality of activities, we pay attention to our employees' and volunteers' competences.

Cooperation. We can't save the world and solve all problems on our own. We cooperate with others to create the network of professionals working in the field.

Football program

The Vilnius social club's football program began in 2013. Children and young people, regardless of their background, behavior or socioeconomic status, can be a part of the football program. Football is, most importantly, a tool for social work, so emphasis is placed on personal growth and development rather than sport's achievements. Most players found us through our partners. This season we began to work more directly with families. Free 2-hour football trainings take place once a week.



- 120 Football Trainings
- 75 Children and Youngsters (age 6-20)
- 1 Employee
- 7 Volunteers
- 21 Partners

A Fifth Group

In the spring of 2018, an additional group consisting of 15 children was created in collaboration with Street based youth work program in the Naujininkai district (Vilnius).

Activities during the Holidays

We began organizing trips during school holidays. We went to watch a movie at the cinema center Skalvija and took a mini-excursion to the sports center Sportima, where we also played football.

Numbers and Moments for the 5th Football Program Season

Recognition

Vilnius social club became one of 20 organizations in Europe, the 1st in Lithuania, to receive the UEFA Foundation for Children award. Vilnius social club received 50,000 EUR donation for long-term high quality work with children and youth.

Empowering the Youth

- Darius (19 y/o), a three-year returning player of Vilnius social club youth team, has begun coaching in Vilnius social club football program.
- Valdemaras (20 y/o) grew up in the football program and has gone on to play on the Western Union football team.
- Four of the youth participating in the football program volunteered at the Vilnius social club event "Day in the Streets- Naujininkai." (lith. "Diena gatvėje Naujininkai").
- A youth team voluntarily participated in the "Overtime Street Football" tournament.

Street based youth work

Street based youth work program is a long-term program aimed at establishing strong relationships with youth facing social exclusion while providing them with comprehensive social and development support. We have been working with youth from age 12 to 20 who live or spend time in Naujininkai district (Vilnius) since 2016.

Street based youth work includes:

Streetwork shifts

Two social workers work in the street every day from ~16:00 to ~19:00. At the main gathering places, they visit and get to know the children and youth, while allowing time for chatting on various topics that are important to young people.

Long term support for young people

Employees meet once a week with the youth for several hours and use various activities to meet the goals of learning to express emotions constructively, developing social skills, encouraging self-responsibility, etc. The work is carried out in coordination with each young person's family and school.

Work with youth groups and cliques

Staff working in the streets invite groups of youth to take part in joint activities: outings, camps, and other activities. In this way, we help the youth learn to be part of a group.

Youth counseling

Our team is always ready to listen, help, and accompany youth who may be facing a variety of personal challenges or issues with peers, family, school, or even looking for work.

Mobile work

Employees, along with a group of volunteers, conduct mobile football workshops and/or other activities at the Juventos Gymnasium once a week. It's a great way to get to know each other better.



Streetwork shifts statistics:

- We made 137 shifts;
- Constant contact was maintained with 80 kids and young people;
- Average time spent with youth per shift ~2 hours; ~274 hours in total;
- We walked 303 km; ~2.2 km each shift.

Mobile Football Workshops:

- 21 mobile workshops;
- Each workshop lasted 2 hours;
- ~28 participants joined each workshop;
- 2 volunteers joined the mobile team.

Figures and Moments for the 2017-2018 Year

Individual/group work:

- 3 long-term individual cases;
- 6 participants were provided guidance and mediation services;
- 4 trips for 7 unique participants;
- 4 day hike with 15-18 y/o youngsters;
- 4 day camp for 9-12 y/o children (target group children from Naujininkai who didn't participate in other camps during school vacation).

Work with partners and community:

- 5 new organizations met;
- 25 partners in total;
- 16 organizations presented their work to communities in Naujininkai district during Vilnius social club event "Day in the Streets - Naujininkai".



Sinergy.

In the 2017-2018 season, there has been more synergy in the organization. The Football program and the Street based youth work program complemented each other by providing more opportunities for the children and youth participating to grow.

Results

The event "Day in the Streets - Naujininkai."

The event took place in Naujininkai on June 1st and was organized by the Vilnius social club with a goal of strengthening community contacts, encouraging dialogue between individuals in various circumstances, and giving youth the opportunity to



participate in the community. The event was attended by 16 participants from Naujininkai and included various activities for the children and youth in the area.

Creation of a 5th football group.

Since 2017, the Naujininkai district of Vilnius has hosted mobile football workshops organized by the Vilnius social club's street social workers and football coaches. In the spring of 2018, we began inviting children at-



tending the mobile workshops to join the football program. This led to the creation of a 5th football team for the children and youth of Naujininkai. Workshops for this 5th team were held at the American International School of Vilnius stadium and were regularly attended by 15 children from the age of 10-14.

Hike with youth.

June 27-30th seven boys were taken to the Aukstaitija National Park for a canoe trip. At the end of the hike, the boys talked about their experience and stated that it was a great opportunity to learn how to row, live in national points.



ture, and be part of a group. Almost all of the boys reported similar feelings and experiences from the hike. The hike was organized by social street workers and a football program coordinator. The seven boys age 15-18 went on the hike, they regularly participate in both the football and street based youth programs.

Vilnius social club home

Since 2016, the Vilnius social club team has been working with children and youth of Naujininkai directly in the streets. We have searched for a permanent place for more than a year, and have finally found a place that can be called home. We will be bringing the first permanent place for children and youth of Naujininkai to meet in and will ensure that tailor-made services will be available to meet their needs.

September 2016

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Vilnius social club Sign began working in agre the streets of Nau- the

April 2018

Signed a lease agreement with the Vilnius municipality.

2018-2019

Renovation of the space. Finding sponsors.

Autumn 2019

Vilnius social club center will open in Naujininkai at Dzūkų str.37

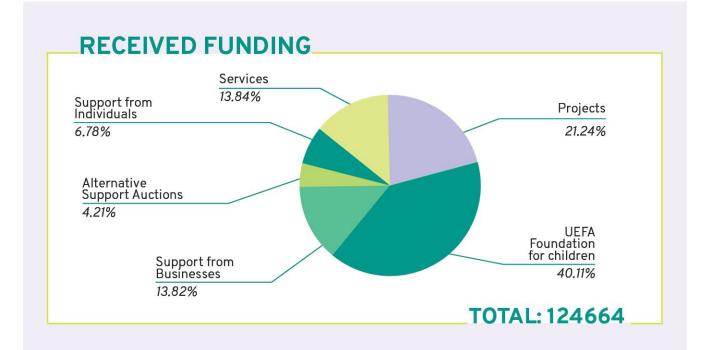
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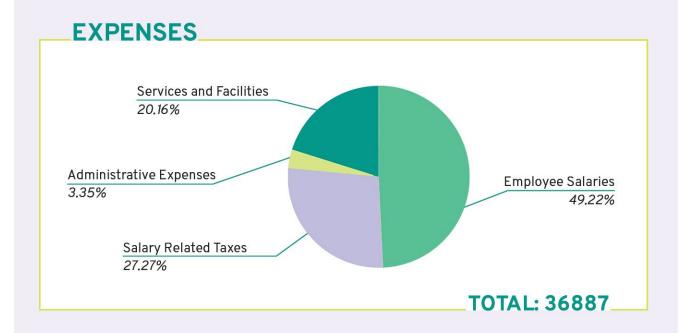
Expiry/renewal of the lease agreement



Financial report

From September 2017 to August 2018





The 5th season's remaining balance will be transfered to the 6th season's budget.

Sponsors and partners

For financial support























For support and cooperation



















For the perfect places to hold football practices



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For spreading our message







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