

Vilnius social club

Annual report, 6th season

September 2018 - August 2019

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Dear all,

We wrote the 2018-2019 report to share with you the story of Vilnius Social Club which started 6 years ago.

With the help of amazing employees and volunteers, we have maintained communication with around 200 children and youth. We are happy we could rely on over 50 various partners. We all worked together to help the children and the youth, which we have met along the way, experience a respectful and trust-based relationship, enjoy their right to grow, play and learn safely.

This season was very special to us - we have started “building a home” in Naujininkai and that was also a great challenge!

We have met many wonderful people and companies, who helped us reach our goal - Vilnius Social Club will finally have its own home in Naujininkai in the autumn of 2019. Once we have settled in Naujininkai, we will do our best to meet the needs of the children, youth and the community. During the new season of 2019 - 2020 we will develop our activities and will start already a third new programme of Vilnius Social Club - “Teenager’s Club”.

Thank you for your support and cooperation no matter who you are.

Cédric Raffier



About us

Vilnius Social Club started in 2013 with free of charge football trainings for a group of children growing up at children's care home. In 6 years we've developed two successful social work programmes for children and youth:

- *Football programme*
- *Street based youth work programme*

During the first 3 years, Vilnius Social Club was established and grew with the help of volunteers. In 6th season we had 9 employees and 11 volunteers in our team.



We are here, so that every child or young person we meet, regardless of his social or financial situation and internal resources, would have the opportunity to experience a respectful relationship and receive help that would meet his needs.

Volunteers

We cannot imagine our team without the volunteers. The volunteers do not just perform certain functions, but also create relationships with the children and youngsters. We believe that it takes time for relationships to grow, so we invite volunteers to spend at least one season with us. The volunteers participate in the activities of the football programme and mobile football activities in Naujininkai, accompany the children to tournaments, Vilnius Social Club camps.

- 11 volunteers: Tadas, Tomas, Linas, Miglė, Vaidotas, Justinas, Artūras K., Darius, Artūras, Raminta, Inga.
- 2 of the volunteers have already spent 6 years with Vilnius Social Club!
- 2 volunteers have participated in the Vilnius Social Club football programme and as they grew up, they started training other children.
- There are people from various professions doing volunteer work at the Vilnius Social Club: students, businessmen, employees from public establishments, pupils, artists, journalists.



I am volunteering because I believe that organisations such as Vilnius Social Club are very much needed in our society. Here, the children and young people can be themselves, argue, cope with conflicts, develop positive emotions, learn from one another, communicate with their friends and volunteers.

Tomas, volunteers in Vilnius Social Club programme for 6 years.

Football programme

In Vilnius Social Club football programme we use sport for social work purposes. We aim not only for sports results or to keep the children busy, but first of all for quality positive change in the life of each child or youngster.

● 69 kids and youngsters ● 7 - 19 y.o. ● 5 groups ● 150 trainings ● 2 employees
● 10 volunteers ● 17 partners ● 3 outings ● 1 summer camp ● 5 tournaments

Vilnius Social Club is a really friendly team! They will always help and will never back down. During this season, new friends and football tournaments were the most important thing for me. Of course, communication is also one of the most relevant elements. For example, it's really fun to talk with Cedric about everything. I don't really like sitting at home, so I try to attend each training. I was very happy when the team members invited me to take part in a 3x3 tournament. It was so cool! I'm happy I got to know the Vilnius Social Club. Thanks.

Nerijus, 17 years

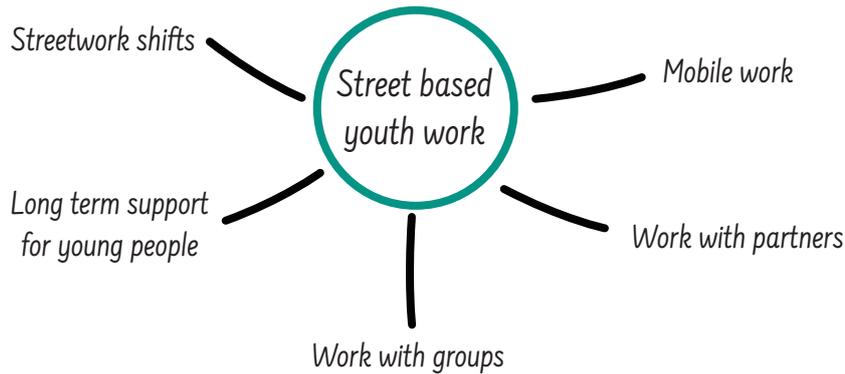
My son started the football programme when the family was going through a divorce. Once his father left, the child turned inward, became angry and disappointed. As he started football, he found new authorities, which he wanted to follow. He trusts the football coach and in one questionnaire he indicated him second after the mother that he could turn for help in case of trouble. He made new friends, saw that there are children who live differently and worse than we do. Thank you for a wonderful season and the great support for my son!



Vilma, a mother of a 12 year old

Street based youth work

Streetwork with youngsters – it is the long-term programme that aims at establishing a trustful relationship with kids and teenagers facing social exclusion and provide them with comprehensive social and educational help. This programme is for 12 – 20 years old youngsters living or spending their time in Naujininkai neighborhood.



- 140 shifts
- 80 youngsters
- 1 summer camp for 12-14 y.o.
- 1 group for girls
- 30 new contacts
- 130 h of individual consultations
- 21 partner
- 266 hour on the street
- 21 mobile workshops



Vilnius Social Club helped me a lot and I'm really thankful for that. With the help of Vilnius Social Club team I have found a job. I have no complaints, and I wish you further development.

Danielius, 18 years old

Every activity carried out by Margarita and Kasparas lifts my mood. For example, you come into the stadium upset and leave with a great mood. I was deeply impressed by a group of girls and the summer camp at Antaliepte. For me it was fantastic to spend my time in this way.

Evelina, 14 years old

From my long years of experience I can say that Vilnius Social Club was the only organisation that worked so closely with the school for the good of the children. Margarita, the social worker, is an extremely responsible person, she easily finds contact with children and works purposefully, so the set objective was achieved. Thank you for your sincere work. Keep it up and never stop!

Greta Sinkevičienė, Social Pedagogue at Vilnius Verkių School - Multifunctional Centre



Network

We consciously choose not to act alone, because we aim for systemic and profound changes in people's lives. We are members of two networks - international and national. Also, we work closely with other organisations in Vilnius to strengthen a network of support services for children and young people in the city.



We became a member of a global street workers network Dynamo International and also a representative for the network in Lithuania. This network connects thousands of street workers working across the globe.

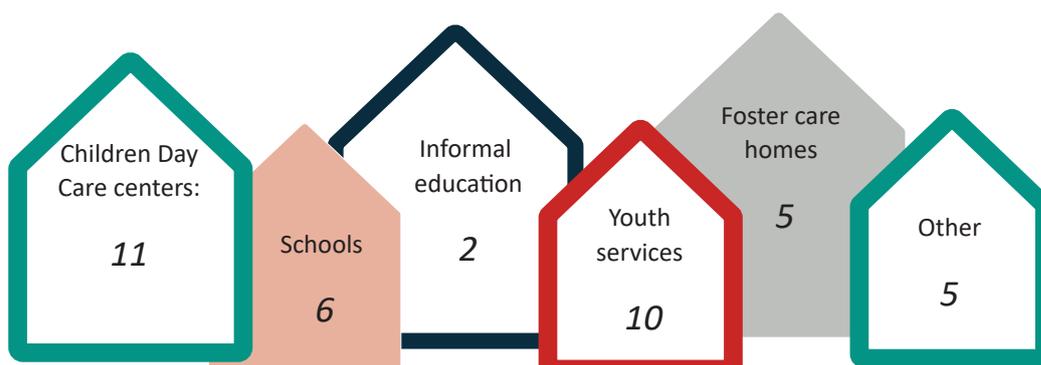


We have joined the Lithuanian National Anti Poverty Network. The network aims to decrease poverty and social exclusion in Lithuania, strengthen the institutional capacity of non-governmental organisations, develop the cooperation of the non-governmental organisations and national and local authorities.



Together with the partners from The Blessed J. Matulaitis Social Centre and VA Caritas Alternative Training Centre for Youths we have initiated a negotiation with the Vilnius City Municipality regarding social services for youngsters.

Our partners:



Our new “home”

We have been setting up premises in Naujininkai all season, so this autumn we will have our “home”. We have rented premises from the Vilnius City Municipality on preferential terms at Dzūkų str. 37 until 2028. The renovation of the premises will cost ~ 80 000 Eur.



We have already invested 70 239 Euros for the setting up of the premises:

50 995 Euros financial support from sponsors

19 244 Euros support by items and services

After the very first words I believed in what the people from the Social Club are doing. And I am very glad that our paths have crossed. We sincerely wish that the new home, that we have been honoured to contribute to, would not only turn into a convenient place for the activities of the club, but would also turn into a space that educates, motivates and inspires. This is exactly the energy that we, the architects, have experienced.

Tompas Lapė, architect, Head of the Architecture Studio “Studija Lapė”

Vilnius Social Club is working with children, who are often forgotten, abandoned, spending their time on the streets. Football, human concern and patient work provide hope that the future of these kids might be brighter. It’s an honour for Vilnius Municipality to be a partner of this organisation.

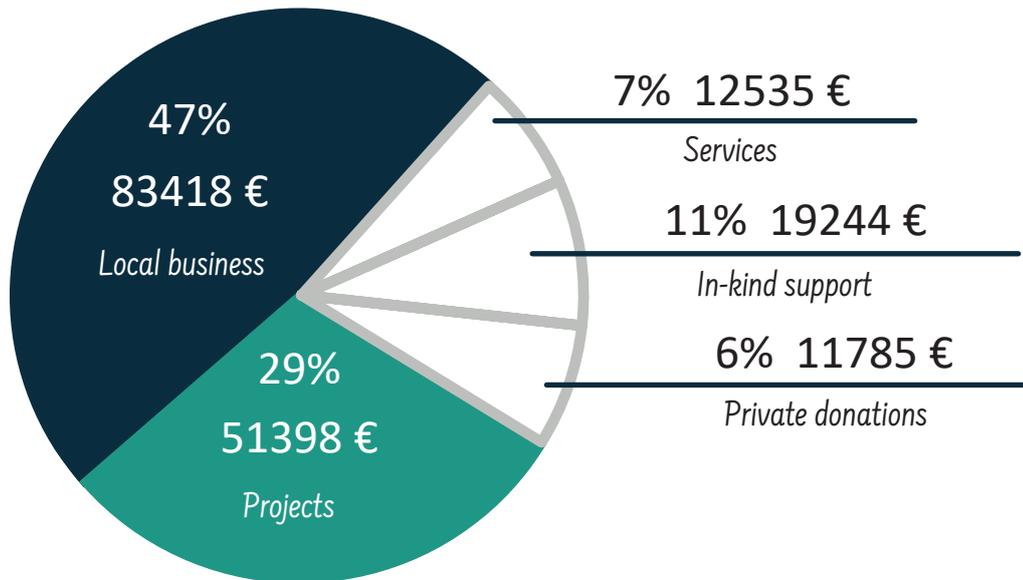
Povilas Poderskis, Chief Executive Director of Vilnius City Administration.

THANK YOU all who have contributed to the creation of the “home” of Vilnius Social Club!

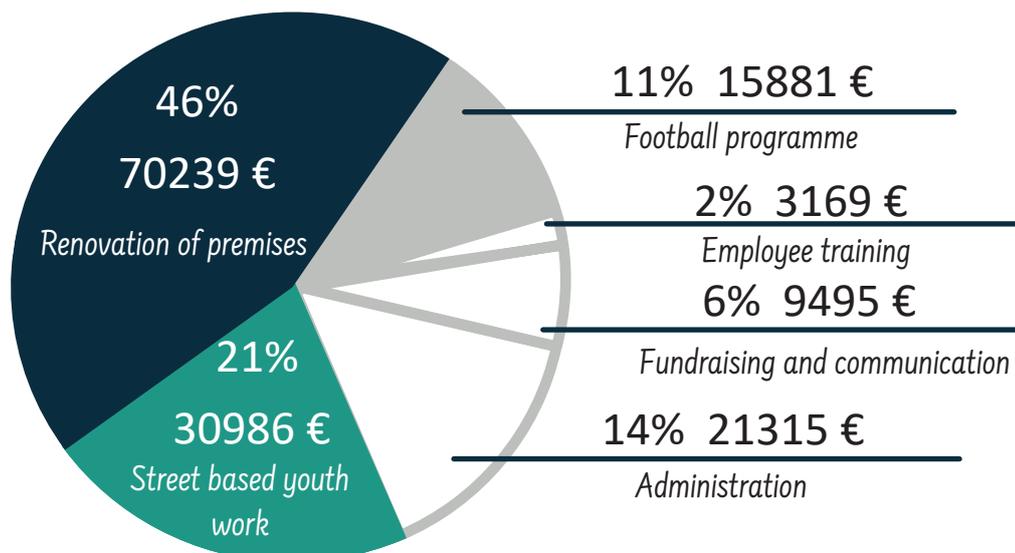
Financial report

From September 2018 to August 2019

Received funding: 178380 €



Expenses: 151085 €



The 6th season's remaining balance will be transferred to the 7th season's budget.

Thank you to our partners and supporters

For financial support for our activities:



For in-kind support:



For places to hold football trainings:



For the renovation of Vilnius Social Club "home":

Rasa Rožanskienė, VIDA - Vilnius Infrastructure Development Agency



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