

Dear Young Friend,

We kindly ask you to take some time and answer the following questions. Your detailed reply and opinion will help us to understand your valuable experience and eventually will help to develop an understanding of participation behavior among young people like yourself. This questionnaire is a part of study “*The impact of non-formal education on youth participation in civil society,*” and aimed to collect a valuable data about young peoples participation in Azerbaijan. Your honest and sincere replies are very appreciated!

QUESTIONNAIREⁱ

* = please tick the correct response

Date: _____
Your Name: _____
Your Organization (if applicable): _____
Your Email or Postal Address: _____

I. The young person's socio-demographic, cultural and environmental characteristics

1. Sex:* male female

2. How old are you? _____
- 2 a. Are you?* single married divorced
- 2b. Do you have children?* yes no If yes, how many? _____

3. Do you have any brothers and/or sisters?* yes no
 If yes, how many? _____

4. What is the occupation of:
 your father? _____
 your mother? _____

5. What is your educational level? _____

6. Are you still studying?* yes (place) _____ no

- 6 a. Are you working? yes (place) _____ no

7. If no, what are you now doing? _____

8. Why did you choose what you are now doing? _____

9. What are your work/career plans for the coming years? _____

10. What is your nationality? _____

11. What is the nationality of:

your father? _____

your mother? _____

11. Do you have a religion?* yes no

If yes, what? _____

Are you practicing? _____

Are you a believer? _____

12. What is your parents' level of income? _____

13. Do you live with your parents?

yes no other _____

13a. Do you live in*

An individual house

An owned flat

A rented flat

Other _____

14. In which area? _____

15. In what sort of area?*

Town or city center

District close to center

District remote from the center

Rural area

Other _____

II. Overview of the young person's participatory experience

1 a. Are you currently participating in a project or activity within a voluntary organization or the voluntary sector?*

yes no to some extent no response

1 b. If yes, in what organization are you mainly operating and what activity or activities is/are the most developed? _____

1 c. Is this your only activity in a youth organization?*

yes no to some extent does not apply

1 d. If no, what other activity or activities do you take part in?

2. Who determines the project's/organization's financial objectives?

3. Who determines the general scope of the project's/organization's activities? _____

4. What is your role in this project/organization? _____

5. How would you define your role in the project/organization?*

decision maker adviser auxiliary implementer no role other _____

6. And that of the "adults"?*

full authority decide nearly everything advisers/auxiliaries implementers no role other _____

7. How many active members are there?*

fewer than 5 from 5 to 10 from 11 to 20 more than 20 exact number _____

8. Are your relations with these persons*

excellent good quite satisfactory average poor non-existent

9. When do you normally meet?

during the week at weekends during the school/university holidays varies or as needed

10. How often?*

once a month less than once a month more than once a week once a week

11. Do you consider this*

fully adequate adequate matches your needs inadequate very inadequate

12. Do you consider your working area*

quite satisfactory adequate without being satisfactory slightly confined inadequate

13. What do you think of the project/organization itself? Do you consider it*

very interesting relatively interesting interesting, but no more could be better generally disappointing

14. What do you like about this project/organization? _____

15. What aspects of the project/organization do you think need to be reviewed? _____

16. Were you expecting something else from the project/organization at the outset?*

yes no yes and no

17. Do you expect to be participating in this activity/organization*:

- over the next few weeks, but no more
- over the next few months, but no more
- for one or two years
- from 2 to 5 years for more than 5 years

18. Why do you wish to extend your involvement in this project/organization? _____

19. Why do you eventually intend to withdraw from this project? _____

III. Training experience

1. Have you participated in any educational training activity organized outside of formal education structure (i.e. not by schools, universities and/or state agencies)?* yes no

1 a. If yes, who was organizing this training activity?

- Local NGO National NGO International NGO student/pupil union
- Other _____

1 b. When this training activity was taking place?

- still continues last month last 3 months last year last 2 years last 5 years

1 c. Where did this activity take place? _____

How long: 1 day 1 to 3 days 3 to 10 days two weeks other _____

1 d. What was your role in this activity?

- participant trainer organizer observer other _____

1 e. Were you involved during this training activity in (tick all applicable):

planning fundraising implementation management evaluation other _____

1 f. Who did sponsor your participation in this training activity:

yourself your organization state agency international NGO don't know other _____

2. What was the major topic of this training activity? _____

3. What did you like most about this activity? _____

3a. What you didn't like about this activity? _____

4. How many participants attended this training activity?*

2 to 5 5 to 10 10 to 15 15 to 25 more than 25 Other _____

5. What was the most significant thing you have learnt during the training? _____

6. Did you learn about (tick all applicable)?*

project management fundraising intercultural learning team work public relations

other _____

7. Who were your trainers during this training activity?*

peers elder young people "adults" experts foreign trainers my NGO leaders

other _____

8. What skills the training courses have helped you to develop most (tick 3 applicable):

planning problem solving administrative team work communication

technical administrative time management evaluation team work

Other _____

9. What do you think are three most important circumstances that lead to success of project?

- the organizational structure is suited to the project team
- the project team participates in planning
- the project team is committed to establishing schedules
- the project team is committed to establishing realistic budgets
- the project makes proper use of network planning techniques and does not let the plan become an end at itself
- the project team works with bureaucracy, politics and procedures and not against them
- the project team agree on specific and realistic project goals
- the target public is involved from the start of the project

10. Do you consider your participation in the training course a valuable experience?* yes no

10a. If yes, why? _____

10b. If no, why? _____

11. Did participation in the training course have helped you to make achievements in everyday life?*

- yes no

If yes, how? _____

12. Are you a member of (tick all applicable)?*

- political party sport club professional union school council class council
 municipality ecological movement youth organization other _____

III. Perceptions of the notion of participation

1. What does being a participant in a youth project/organization mean to you? _____

2. What youth activity or activities have you already taken part in, apart from the one referred to?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3a. Do you consider yourself a “participant” as a consequence?*

- yes no don't know

3b. If yes, who thinks so, apart from yourself? _____

3c. If no, what is lacking to define you as a real participant? _____

4. Do you have the impression that there has been an increase in “youth participation” over the last ten years?*

yes no don't know

5a. Do you think participation also really exists among girls?*

yes no don't know

5b. If yes, do they take part in the same activities as boys?

yes no don't know does not apply

5c. Is this tending to change over time?

yes no don't know does not apply

6a. At what age did you start to “participate”?

6b. Up to what age is one still a “young participant”?

6c. Is it possible to participate in the same project with different age groups?*

yes no to some extent don't know

6d. Young people defined as the one between age 16 and 35. Do you agree with this?

yes no Other _____

IV. Factors associated with the success or failure of participation

1 a. Have any of your projects failed?*

yes no does not apply

1 b. If yes, what were the reasons for this failure? _____

1 c. More generally, why do participation experiences most often fail?

2a. Do certain types of organization seem to be more affected by failure than others?*

yes no don't know

2b. What activities are these establishments involved in? _____

3a Have you observed signs of violence in any particular type of organization?*

yes, often occasionally rarely never no response

3b If yes, what could have been the reasons?

4a. Are young persons sometimes excluded from all participation projects?

yes no don't know

4b. If yes, how do they react? _____

4c. And what could be the reasons? _____

5. What do you think are the consequences of a failure of participation for a young person, when he or she has invested a lot in a project? _____

6. What factors have to be taken into account if participation is to succeed and last a long time?

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