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The Rural Youth Parliament Project



Empowering Rural Youth through Simulation Parliaments

Greetings from the organizers of the Rural Youth Simulation Parliaments in Romania! We are thrilled to share with you the impactful journey we've embarked on, empowering rural youth through immersive public debate sessions.



OVERVIEW:

The Rural Youth Parliaments serve as dynamic platforms for public discourse, fostering a plethora of skills vital for personal and societal growth. From public speaking to critical thinking, these simulations offer a holistic learning experience, encouraging active citizenship and democratic values.



KEY OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Skill Development:** Our primary goal is to equip rural youth with essential skills such as public speaking, communication, empathy, and logic.
- 2. Community Engagement:** By involving various stakeholders and encouraging open dialogue, we aim to create a sense of community ownership and responsibility towards local issues.
- 3. Knowledge Sharing:** Through research, documentation, and expert testimonies, we strive to enrich participants' understanding of diverse topics and perspectives.

ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS:

- **Theme Identification:** Each debate session begins with the selection of a relevant and compelling theme.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** We actively involve interested parties and experts to ensure comprehensive discussions and solutions.
- **Logistical Arrangements:** From venue selection to media announcements, meticulous planning ensures smooth execution of the event.
- **Debate Procedure:** Defined procedures for witness hearings and evidence gathering maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the debates.



IMPACT AND RESULTS:

Through our initiatives, we've witnessed remarkable growth in the confidence and creativity of rural youth. Their enthusiasm for community development and active participation has been truly inspiring.



TESTIMONIALS:

"Claudiu Iancu played a pivotal role in establishing the Rural Youth Parliament in our region. His dedication to youth development has created an environment conducive to growth and empowerment."

LOCATIONS OF RURAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT SIMULATIONS:

We are proud to share the diverse locations where we organized the Rural Youth Parliament simulations, utilizing the innovative methodologies developed through our project. Here's a glimpse of the impactful sessions held across Romania:

- 1.20.05.2023 - București, România: The capital city served as the inaugural location, setting the stage for engaging discussions and empowering rural youth.
- 2.28.06.2023 - Sângeorz-Băi, Bistrița-Năsăud: Nestled in the picturesque region of Bistrița-Năsăud, this session provided a scenic backdrop for insightful debates.
- 3.25.07.2023 - Slănic-Moldova, Bacău: Amidst the natural beauty of Bacău, participants delved into meaningful exchanges, contributing to local development discourse.



4. 09.08.2023 - Potoceni, Buzău: The rural charm of Buzău set the perfect ambiance for collaborative problem-solving and idea generation.

5. 26.08.2023 - Căpușu Mare, Cluj: In the heart of Cluj, youth voices resonated as they explored solutions for community challenges and opportunities.



6. 09.09.2023 - Băbeni, Vâlcea: Vâlcea witnessed dynamic discussions as rural youth came together to shape the future of their communities.

7. 16.09.2023 - Tulucești, Galați: Galați became the hub of innovative ideas and constructive dialogues, driving local initiatives forward.

8. 17.11.2023 - Bilbor, Harghita: Harghita's rich cultural heritage provided a conducive environment for fostering youth leadership and civic engagement.

9. 25.11.2023 - București, ediția a doua: Returning to Bucharest for the second edition, participants built upon previous discussions, fueling continued momentum for change.

10. 25.11.2023 - Vorniceni, raionul Strășeni, Republica Moldova: Crossing borders, we extended our reach to Moldova, fostering cross-cultural exchange and collaboration for sustainable development.



These diverse locations not only symbolize the breadth of our impact but also reflect the commitment of rural youth to drive positive change in their respective communities. We look forward to further expanding our reach and making a lasting difference in rural areas across Romania and beyond.

Our commitment to nurturing a generation of proactive and responsible citizens remains unwavering. We envision expanding our reach and further engaging rural youth in sustainable development efforts.