

Details of Kutaisi U Activity on Promoting Civic Education.

The **Civic Education Lecturers Association (CELA)** with the financial support of the **Friedrich Ebert Foundation** launched a new project which aimed to promote civic education learning process in Georgian Higher Educational Institutions through the youth engagement.

Stage 1. To reach the above-mentioned goal CELA selected 32 students from HEIs (both BA and MA levels) locating in Tbilisi, Kutaisi And Batumi.

3 students of the center of SCI of KU were selected. Two of them were CURE Team members – **Tamar Managadze** and **Zurab Janelidze**.

Stage 2. Selected students were trained in civic engagement mechanism and Grant project management. Particularly, the topics of the training were as follows :

- **The Role of Government.** Trainer from CELA
- **The Functions of Local Authorities (Self-governments) in Georgia.** The trainer was Nikoloz Chikhladze – Full Prof. And CURE Team member of KU
- **How to Write a Winning Grant Proposal.** Trainer from CELA

Stage 3. Our students initiated and proposed 2 winning projects after trainings. These projects are as follows :

1. “Labor/Human Rights” – the Project was initiated and implemented By **Zurab Janelidze** (CURE Member).
2. “Local Self-Government and The Role of Citizenship in Local Communities” - the Project was initiated and implemented By **Maia Mushkudiani** (the member of the Center for Social and Civil Involvement of KU)

The amount financed for each grant project was 500 GEL.

The aim of both projects was the same : to increase the awareness of public school pupils of selected target area on Labor/Human Rights and active citizenship and develop critical thinking skills for future generation.

Stage 4. The following project activities were involved in this stage :

- Preparing training materials (power point presentations, video clips and etc.) for school pupils;
- Meeting with key stakeholders (Public school administration and LSG bodies);
- Conducting at least 5 trainings and debates in selected public schools;
- Giving tasks (preparing their own presentations on new projects they would like to implement) to pupils for final meetings in Kutaisi and then in Tbilisi.

The Final meeting was held at the conference hall of Kutaisi University. 12 teachers and 80 pupils from different public schools of Imereti region attended the meeting.

The pupils who made presentations about new interesting projects or initiatives on civic engagement (27 pupils) were awarded the certificates and special gifts (books on civic activism). They were invited for the last meeting in Tbilisi.

The participants of the meeting visited Kutaisi City hall where they meet with public officers in the framework of study-tour.

Stage 5. The last meeting was held at the end of October in Tbilisi. The gifted school pupils with awards from different regions of Georgia participated in the final meeting (conference).

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Students of Kutaisi University joined the strike aiming at protesting climate change.