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Youth representation and participation of Roma youth in state and mechanisms of the youth council

Another problem for young Roma who still remains among us, is the representation of young Roma and their participation through state mechanisms and youth councils.

Still our youth face difficulties to raise their voice to the problems faced every day, by leaving Roma youths through a difficult situation and isolated in groups. Roma having no possibility of integration into mainstream society, the absence of representation. It poses a problem because there is no proper representation of which will address the problems of young people and their needs through the relevant institutions.

Also Roma youths who have completed university to start perform appropriate practice in state to be able to work professionally, so that Roma be equal to majority and opens the possibility of increasing young people who are employed.

We have youth councils which are obligated to create from every municipality and representation of young people is a very small number of them represent young Roma.

With this course will increase the presence of youths Roma in youth councils across every municipality and addressing the problems will be possible and easier, as well as increased collaboration between the majority population, and the Roma community also would increase, cooperation, leaving aside the barriers that have young Roma being integrated into society and opening up new possibilities in the future.