Public organizations as factors of the youth civic participation in the local self-government

The article is about the civic participation of youth in the local self-government through the activities of youth organizations. The participation of young people in the life of public organizations is an important indicator of the socio-political activity of the population, contributes to the formation and development of civil and public self-awareness, the development of special competencies and personal qualities in young people. The purpose of the paper is to study the attitudes and experience of participation of the Russian youth in the local self-government through the activities of public organizations. The article analyzes the theoretical aspects of the activities of youth organizations, their classifications and typologies, studies the legal framework, official sites of youth organizations, and analyzes statistical data. To study the practice of youth participation in the activities of public organizations at the local level, the authors conducted a questionnaire survey of Russian youth aged 14-30 (n = 2026 people). As a result of survey of young people, it was found that young people in the younger age group (14-17 years old) much greater extent than young people in the older age group (26-30 years old) demonstrate involvement in the activities of public organizations, are informed about the activities of youth organizations, notes the benefits of their activities and is more actively ready to take part in their activities. In the course of the research, the best practices of public organizations in attracting youth to participate in the local self-government were studied, the directions of activity of youth public organizations and associations, the activities they implement, aimed at involving young people in socio-political processes at the municipal level, at stimulating civic initiatives and constructive forms of social activity of young people at the municipal level. In the conclusion of the article, the authors formulate proposals aimed at increasing the constructive civic engagement and involvement of young people in the activities of public organizations and participation in the local self-government.

Keywords: youth, youth organizations, civic participation, local government, local self-government bodies.

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