YOUTH IN UZBEKISTAN: THE FUTURE AT THE CENTER OF ATTENTION AND EDUCATION

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In today's New Uzbekistan, youth policy has become one of the priority directions of state policy, and this is no coincidence. As another vivid expression of this attention and care, important tasks were outlined during a videoconference meeting held on February 14, 2025, under the leadership of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev in an open dialogue format with young people.

At this meeting, as well as in the instructions given during the President's visit to the Andijan region on April 15–16, 2025, special emphasis was placed on improving the knowledge and skills of youth leaders working in local communities (mahallas), and on organizing their systematic training. This, in turn, requires an entirely new approach to working with young people.

In pursuit of these noble goals, the Uzbekistan Youth Leaders Support Center was established. In a short period of time, this center has become an important link in the system of youth work and has been operating effectively over the past year. The initiatives carried out by the center are serving to strengthen not only the knowledge but also the practical skills of youth leaders.



Starting from March 2026, coordinators have been appointed in all regions, and the system has been further improved. In particular, in the Surkhandarya region, this responsible role was entrusted to Javohir Abdunabiyev. Thanks to his initiative and dedicated efforts, training seminars are being consistently organized across all districts and cities of the region.

In particular, the seminars and training sessions held in the Denov, Qiziriq, and Boysun districts of the Surkhandarya region have become a true school of experience for youth leaders. During these events, individual work was carried out with each leader within local community (mahalla) offices, their activities were thoroughly analyzed, and practical recommendations were provided.

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Today, these efforts are helping to increase the effectiveness of working with young people in local communities, address their problems on the spot, and most importantly, gain their trust. After all, attention given to youth is the strongest foundation for the future.

In order to further improve the system of working with youth in the Surkhandarya region of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and to enhance the knowledge and skills of youth leaders in mahallas, another training seminar was organized in Denov district.

This seminar was held on the initiative of the regional coordinator of the Uzbekistan Youth Leaders Support Center, with active participation from youth leaders working in the district. During the event, participants were provided with important recommendations on modern methods of working with youth, studying their problems, and developing effective solutions.

In particular, practical sessions became the most significant part of the seminar, where participants discussed challenges encountered in their work, exchanged experiences, and gained the opportunity to learn new approaches. This, in turn, contributed to strengthening the professional skills of youth leaders.

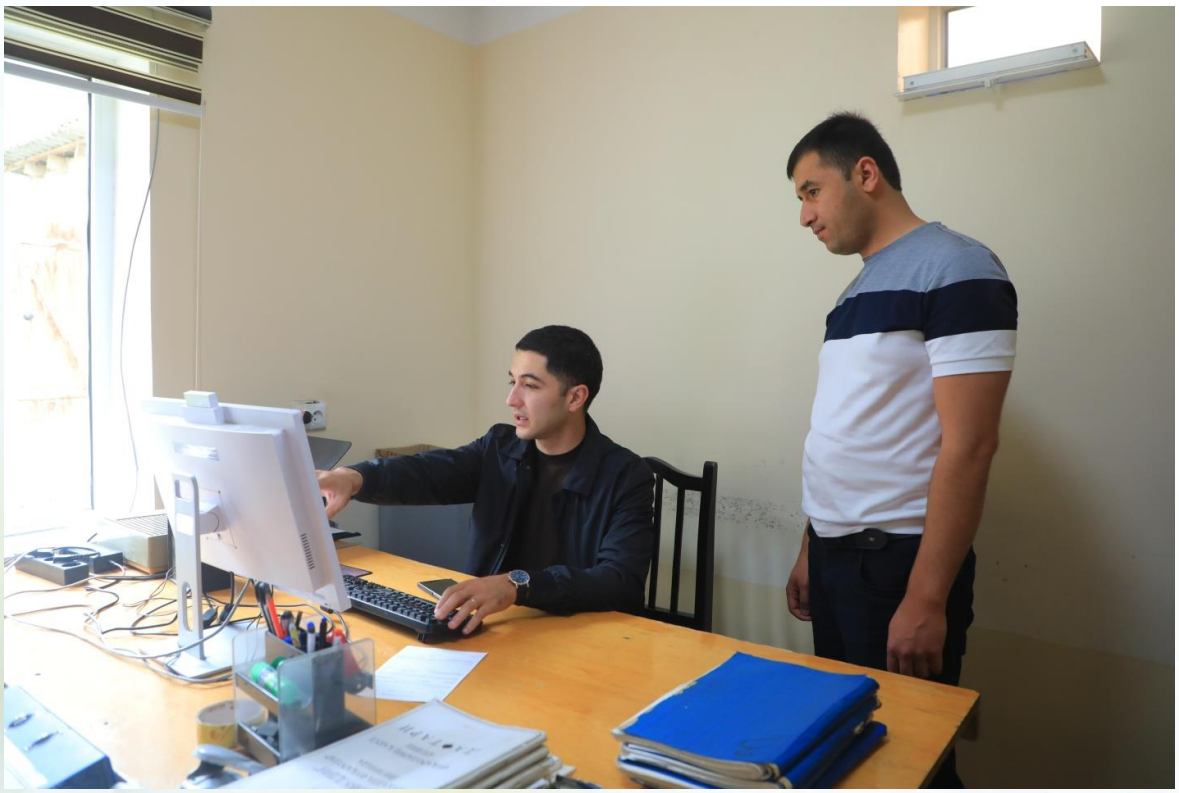
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Additionally, within the framework of the seminar, special attention was given to priority areas such as targeted work with youth in local communities, ensuring their employment, and supporting talented young individuals.

According to experts, such training seminars play an important role in organizing the activities of youth leaders more effectively and in creating a healthy social environment within local communities.

The main objective of the seminar was to further strengthen the professional knowledge and practical skills of youth leaders, increase the effectiveness of their work, and widely introduce modern approaches to working with young people.

During the event, participants were provided with detailed explanations on current issues in the field, and effective mechanisms for working with youth were comprehensively discussed. At the same time, the exchange of experience became one of the most important aspects of the seminar, as participants shared advanced methods and approaches they use in their activities.



Through practical training sessions, the skills of youth leaders were strengthened, and they were provided with essential methodological

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recommendations and practical assistance to help organize their activities more effectively.

In order to increase the effectiveness of working with youth in the mahallas of Denov district, systematically develop the activities of youth leaders, and support them comprehensively, study and monitoring activities were also consistently carried out.

During the process, effective cooperation was established with the "seven" (local community leadership group), and mahalla chairpersons were given practical recommendations on priority areas of working with youth, existing challenges, and ways to address them. This contributed to elevating the approach to youth issues in mahallas to a new level.

In particular, in the "Olovuddin" and "Sebzor" mahallas of the district, the activities of youth leaders were thoroughly analyzed, and the efforts aimed at improving young people's legal awareness and organizing their free time in a meaningful way were carefully studied. Along with the existing achievements in these areas, issues requiring further resolution were also identified.

Additionally, the level of youth engagement, coverage, and effectiveness of projects implemented by the Youth Affairs Agency—such as "Ibrat Farzandlari," "Mutolaa," "Ustoz AI," "UzChess," and "Girls' Academy"—were also analyzed. Based on these analyses, specific proposals and recommendations were developed to further expand these projects and enhance their impact.

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Based on the results of the analysis, specific tasks were identified to eliminate the shortcomings, further expand the coverage of ongoing projects, and improve overall effectiveness.

At the same time, targeted recommendations were developed to further enhance future activities, along with necessary measures for their practical implementation. Youth leaders are also being provided with close practical and methodological support to help them organize their work more effectively.

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