

Civic involvement and service satisfaction for youth living in the administrative units of the Municipality of Vlora in Albania

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Abstract

Although youth are largely recognised as agents of social change, their engagement in both central and local level remains low. The aim of this article is to identify the needs, and assess the awareness of the services provided to young people by the municipality of Vlora. This can help to identify possible interventions and improve governance practices and services targeting youth in this municipality. I use a qualitative and statistical analysis based on a sub-sample (n=200) of participants aged between 15-29 years old¹, coming from five administrative units, in order to provide direct inputs regarding the local governance and youth's situation in these administrative units. The biggest issues identified in this study are the lack of employment opportunities and internship programs, which would equip them with the employment skills and a lack of social and cultural facilities, especially in the administrative units of this municipality.

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