

Community Development Transition School (CDTS)

The Center for the Development of Civil Society is pleased to announce that it has recently opened a Community Development Transition School in Yerevan. In it, young girls and boys will be trained in many of the necessary professional and leadership skills required to have successful careers. They will be given English language and computer classes, training in civic education and leadership, business and management, etc. They will also have meetings with prominent speakers. It is planned to organize a Cultural Program including visits to museums and exhibitions etc

In addition to gaining professional skills, the girls and boys at the Institute will benefit from the bonds they form with one another and with the CDCS staff. They will motivate one another and grow together through their shared experiences

The CDCS has also opened Community Development Transition School in Sisian (Syunik

Marz). The School will offer similar programs at a basic level. In the future, the remaining other regions will have Schools as well

Goals

Long - term:

- To assist poverty reduction in Armenia
- To reduce trafficking rates in youth through integrating them in society

Short - term:

- To improve young girls and boys opportunities for successful employment
- To assist them in finding their own places in a changing social environment
- To help young girls and boys become active citizens

The School will teach the young girls and boys job skills to ensure their successful employment and involvement in civic activities. The project will improve youth's self esteem and provide the essential skill development necessary to find jobs

Certificates will be offered in the following fields:

- Computer Operator
- Secretary
- Office Manager
- Civil Service Employee

Background

There are several reasons for the creation of the Community Development Transition School. After the downfall of the Soviet system and the declaration of independence by Armenia, the social, educational and economic situation in Armenia has greatly changed due the change of the political system and moral values. As a consequence of the transition to a market economy, education has become costly. It no longer readily available and the state quota for free education is decreasing every year

The majority of young girls and boys (17-25 years of age) from socially vulnerable backgrounds in Armenia do not have opportunities to continue their education nor to acquire professional skills that would help them find suitable employment

As a result, most of them are unemployed and often have to resort to prostitution and beggary. In most cases they are victim of the trafficking in humans

Their isolation from society and the eventual social regression in the life of these young women leads to their non-involvement in any kind of civic activity

Therefore, the CDCS believes that “Community Development Transition School” program is very important for Armenian society

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*The CDCS is looking forward to
establishing contacts
and to collaborating with both local
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