

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: Ofakim LeMada

Year: 2020

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole report will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Ofakim LeMada- Young Leadership Association in Science.

Year of activity: 2020 (Second year of the program)

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<https://instagram.com/ofakimlemada?igshid=d5hrotg9y47b>

<https://www.facebook.com/100892818472487>

(Our Facebook is relatively new).

Our program also has a page on the Davidson Institute website, which includes Information about the program and the registration process:

<https://davidson.weizmann.ac.il/#SearchLayout&gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=%D7%90%D7%95%D7%A4%D7%A7%D7%99%D7%9D%20%D7%9C%D7%9E%D7%93%D7%A2&gsc.sort=>

Number of active participants in the program: 29 Participants.

Estimated number of impacted participants: 350-400.

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

32 trainees started the program in September 2020, 3 of them quit and 29 remained in the program.

We are now in the middle of the year, on the 5th month out of the 10 month long program.

Since the beginning of the program in September 2020, the trainees were continuously active, despite the limitations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the lock-downs, the trainees remained in the program for 28 consecutive days.

The trainees guide school students, in the city of Ofakim, in a variety of activities in science education. (mainly virtually, face to face in school when possible).

This year we started working with youth at-risk as well. The educational programs for youth at-risk continued in schools at all times, and did not close down during national lock-downs.

The trainees' curriculum has been continuous since the beginning of the year. The curriculum includes, besides Science studies: Jewish thought, Zionism ,Democracy, Gender and Israeli society studies. Alongside social activities we put emphasis on preparation for the military service and empowerment.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

In the first year of the program, in 2019, 22 trainees started the program and 19 trainees graduated.

The trainees volunteered in 6 schools at Ofakim, and met 300 school students every week, (some of them on regular basis).

The trainees conducted variety of educational scientific activities and experiments, aiming to increase the enthusiasm of students towards scientific fields. Some of the special events included- science “Peak Day” and special science activities which took place during the holidays.

The trainees established a learning center in Ofakim, in order to help students with their assignments and homework. The learning center is still active and the current trainees are helping students with their studies.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...):

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

The Davidson Institute's evaluation unit conducted a comprehensive evaluation report

of the first year of the program, and conducts an evaluation process of the current year of the program, as well.

Please find attached a concluding presentation, which includes the main issues and recommendations. If translation is required, we would gladly do so, but we will need extra time for this.

We plan to open the next year of the program with 42 trainees

Recently, we have completed the process of sorting and recruiting the trainees for the 2022 program. (The 3rd year of the program).

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (as PDF documents)

Please join photos – as JPG files – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as PDF document.

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.

Please find below links for two films that demonstrate the trainees' volunteering work and their experiences from the program.

First year of the program- 2019:

<https://youtu.be/DBxZpHIvq4w>

Second year of the program- 2020:

<https://youtu.be/nLorBpPSLGE>