

## **FINAL REPORT August 21**

### **Matanel Foundation**

### **Latet Youth Summer Camp**

To our dear partners at the Matanel Foundation,

After months of anticipation, we are proud to present to you a summary of the Latet Youth Summer Camp!

In the following report you can find a detailed presentation of the Summer Camp's activities, use of funds and achievements. These activities were a culmination of hard work and perseverance to overcome the many obstacles that Covid-19 presented to Latet Youth and a Summer sleep-away camp in particular. Without your support and true partnership, none of this would have been possible. We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and can't wait to reach even greater heights in many more Latet Summer Camps in the future.

Best regards,

#### **1. Use of the funds**

We are proud to announce that we could successfully implement our first Latet Youth Summer Camp in the first week of August 2021 (1-6<sup>th</sup> of August). Since June 2021, we have recruiting 100 campers, working tirelessly despite the new wave of the pandemic and new regulations from the Ministry of Health. To achieve that, we launched a nationwide Facebook and Instagram campaign that was on air in the first days of the month, through which parents could register their children via a special website created for the camp. We received a great number of requests and, especially after this difficult half of year, the camp was a good solution for families from the periphery, whose kids were mainly at home for months. Bi-weekly internal meetings were dedicated to the camp since the beginning of the summer.

The Director of the Program, Henli Cohen who replaced Asaf Azar, worked half-time for one month to make sure the camp happens. Adi Egozi, the camp director, worked full time for two months on the preparation of the camp. 11 counsellor worked full time for 6 days. A coordinator oversaw preparing the program and defining the scope of the project and worked half-time for a month. She wrote the detailed preparation of the Summer Camp program (daily activities and schedule, with pedagogical and attractive content). A coordinator was in charge to answer the calls from the parents and youth interested in participating in the camp and reach out to new potential places to add participants, she worked half-time on the project for two months. The operation manager took care of all the logistics and worked 3 months full time on the camp. As described in the attached budget, accommodation and food at Yemin Orde for the staff and children was the highest expense, the rest of the expenses includes training, transportation, branding, outdoor activities, equipment, marketing etc. We also purchased antigenic Covid-19 tests in the last minute to make sure everyone is safe and healthy!

## 2. Summary of the Camp

In the first week of August 2021, Latet Youth successfully held its first- ever Summer Camp! 100 participants from various backgrounds enjoyed six days of intensive and enjoyable activities, providing a social and educational value-focused framework for Israeli youth during the summer holiday.

The Summer Camp was created in line with Latet Youth's mission of instilling values of voluntary giving and mutual responsibility, developing young social entrepreneurs/ OR agents for social changes, training Israel's future leaders to ensure a more moral and just society.

The camp was attended by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Israeli youth from the social and geographical periphery. Participants represented all religions and sectors of society- Jewish, Muslim, Druze and Bedouin, with a significant emphasis placed on this multicultural meeting.

Through various social and educational activities, the camp enabled participants to explore their personal identity and engage in intercultural encounters and dialogue, whilst learning about different populations in Israeli society in discussion circles and panels dedicated to the subject. The camp's activities engaged in topics of identity and belonging with sessions such as "me and myself", "me and the group" and "me and the state". Each day's activities provided platforms for participants to share from their world, with discussion circles on social and environmental challenges facing Israeli society engaging participants with the greatest challenges facing their generation.

The Latet Summer Camp's activities and workshops were designed to provide skills and development opportunities to empower participants as future leaders and agents of social change. Throughout the week the campers engaged in leadership tasks and experiential learning, culminating in a Hackathon in which they planned and presented a social initiative in front of their fellow campers as well as a panel of expert judges. These 7 social initiatives can be implemented upon returning to their communities, and participants chose to engage in a variety of social challenges faced by Israeli society. Some examples of initiatives include:

- ✓ A social media application for child victims of bullying at school "friends zone", which encourages children share their struggles and receive guidance
- ✓ A program implementing compulsory self-defense and krav maga classes in school to combat sexual harassment
- ✓ "We have no planet B"- an initiative to fight waste and plastic pollution in the Bedouin and Arab sector, creating recycled toys for children from plastic waste

Participants also enjoyed various outdoor games, activities and hikes throughout the duration of the camp. A celebratory closing ceremony was held.

## 3. Satisfaction Survey

The camp was a great success, with 84% of participants surveyed extremely satisfied with the camp's activities, and 91% extremely satisfied with the Latet Camp staff. 87% felt that the camp improved their openness and acceptance of others in a meaningful manner. 86% enjoyed the camp very much, whilst 59% would definitely return to the camp next year whilst a further 32% would consider it. Two- thirds (66%) of campers surveyed were new to Latet Youth, 68%

of which reported that they would like to join Latet Youth on a permanent basis following their participation in the Summer Camp. Amongst permanent members of Latet Youth, 87% reported that the camp strengthened their connection and improved their motivation to be a part of Latet Youth.



