





## Meeting in Vani Municipality

As part of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative" project, LDA Georgia convened a meeting with members of the Gender Equality Council of Vani municipality to discuss public and private cooperation.

### *The agenda covered:*

- An overview of corporate social responsibility (CSR);
- The significance and benefits of CSR;
- The responsibilities of both the state and corporations;
- State agencies and civil society organizations.

This meeting, conducted by LDA Georgia as part of the "Civil Society STAR Initiative," was supported by the European Union and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

## Consultation Meeting in Baghdati

Under the "Civil Society STAR Initiative" project, Local Democracy Agency Georgia held a consultation with members of civil society organizations and active citizens from Baghdati municipality. The discussion included information about grant competitions in the Imereti region and a presentation of documents created in response to the needs of local civil society organizations.

Similar meetings will take place across the municipalities of the Imereti region. This initiative is backed by the European Union (EU) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).





## Project Design and Management (PDM) Workshop

Volunteers from the Individual and Organizational Development Program, as well as one English and Youth Engagement for the Future Program Volunteer, joined their Georgian counterparts for a two-and-a-half-day Project Design and Management (PDM) workshop. The participants delved into a variety of subjects, such as:

- Characteristics of successful projects
- The project lifecycle
- Project initiation and needs assessment
- Logical framework
- Design and implementation of small-scale, high-impact, community-driven projects.

Despite the packed schedule, participants found the experience enjoyable as they brainstormed project ideas and practiced developing logical frameworks. This workshop was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).





## USA Independence Day

On July 4, 2023, to celebrate USA Independence Day, Freddy Tsao, a Peace Corps volunteer with Local Democracy Agency Georgia, along with other Peace Corps volunteers in the Imereti region, orchestrated an educational and engaging event at the Kutaisi American Corner.

Recreating an American block party, as is tradition in the United States during July 4th, the event was packed with varied activities - arts and crafts, board games, snacks and cookies made by the volunteers, and even a fun line dance activity. The volunteers also presented on July 4th celebrations and the states they're from.

The Peace Corps volunteer from LDA Georgia will continue to participate actively in various activities throughout the Imereti region.