Recently, Dobruš has been growing and developing rapidly, arranging modern recreation areas, creating cultural, educational, and sports facilities. We, the young people of Dobruš, have been growing, changing and evolving together with our city.

These days we have the opportunity to express our thoughts and opinions, and influence the decision-making processes related to all spheres of the city life. We have this chance thanks to our participation in the work of the Youth Parliament.

What is a Youth Parliament? What does it do and how to get there? The initial task of the Parliament is to develop and implement ideas about improving the urban environment. Youth Parliament also represents motivated young people gathered in one place – young people who lead an active life and can change their city and region for the better.

Creating such an organization uniting young, yet undoubtedly talented, enthusiastic, caring boys and girls, contributes to solving some urban problems, such as, for example, the revival of the recreation zone called “Vostra” (“Island”), with more consistency, productivity and, moreover, taking into account the opinions of the children. In addition, the cooperation of local authorities and young people helps to develop and implement a system of effective measures aimed at enhancing the welfare of the younger generation. Thus, adults can efficiently solve the most pressing issues related to health, safety and education of their children, having created an environment ruled by peace, tranquility, and tolerance.

For example, the fact that I belong to the city Youth Parliament gave me confidence that I can contact the authorities and at least be heard by them.
And what are the achievements of the Dobruš Youth Parliament? Boasting is not very nice, but still...
For a number of years, the Youth Parliament has been realizing the Survival school project. Lectures on how to quit smoking or prevent HIV are based on a peer-to-peer education approach.
Volunteer group “Milasernas” (“Mercy”) which consists of the Youth Parliament members has been initiating events for children with disabilities and children with special developmental needs who attend the Dobruš District Center for correction and development training and rehabilitation. At the initiative of the Youth Parliament, a contest for school projects on improving the recreation zone “Vostra” was held. In 2011, the unique area in the city center received a second life.

“Opening of a cafe is an important stage of the excellent project on reviving “Vostra” recreation zone”, said Olga Mohorova, the Chair of the Executive committee.

Being a young resident of a child friendly city means, first of all, that you are a creator in your own home, on your own land, and that you need to take care of your country, protect its wealth, study and work decently. Young people think about what to change in their school, in their backyard to make the city totally child friendly.
Nowadays many young people can do a lot for their home city. The most important thing is not to be indifferent to everything that is happening around. This is the first step on the way to ensure that the city becomes nicer and more comfortable for all the children living in it.