

Community Activists' Workshop in Ukraine “United”

Summary

The NGO sector has rapidly grown in Ukraine and is now playing a leading role in democratic and civil society-building processes. This is also a good sign for Ukraine in its aspiration to become an EU member. Ukrainian activists and civil society leaders need support and information exchange to speed up these processes. Ukrainians should unite during these hard times and help each other implement changes, and reforms, and provide assistance.



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Social problem



Participation in the Youth Leadership for Emerging Future program made us realize that we may be living in a bubble especially in terms of Ukrainian activist organizations. We didn't know about many existing initiatives that and that we can and actually should cooperate more. With our project we want to address the lack of contacts with Ukrainian-led international organizations, which might become potential partners in supporting the activities of the organizations in Ukraine. We will also tackle the issue of low mental health and stress management quality among employees and volunteers in the humanitarian sector.

Target Group

Social workers, social activists, social department representatives, local government representatives engaged in helping people who needed to be relocated due to the war but also functioning in integrating processes (migration aspects too), and business representatives running CSR initiatives or providing other kinds of support. Volunteers are also part of our audience for this project.

The main goal is to gather Ukrainian (diaspora, those, who were living in different countries for a long or short time) representatives not only from Ukraine but from different countries, who are running and NGO or non - formal initiatives in the sphere mentioned above, and make them cooperate.

Humanitarian system plugin

Unity - to unite NGO and charitable organizations for cooperation, capacity building, and partnership, which will impact the quality of addressing social issues and improve the well-being of Ukrainians (refugees, internal refugees, migrants) in countries, where our organization members and guests are represented. It's a crucial thing for us to make us all feel that we're all doing a lot, no matter where we're now.

Social change

Building a conscious civil society that is ready to act, change, and think critically is the path that Ukraine is currently on. Civil society needs significant strengthening in sectors of sharing experiences with local communities about reforms and social changes. This will help Ukraine navigate this path more quickly.

We also want to teach Ukrainian activists to build a more empathic approach



to cooperation with other organizations. We can see a lack of this knowledge and experience among Ukrainian organizations.

In a global perspective, we would like our project to aim for the equal treatment of people of any nationality (we want something about creating a safe space for anyone to live in any territory, as long as they respect the constitution of the country they are in), and respect for other identities.

Different identities in migration, socio-economic integration, resettlement, empowerment in a new place, cultural bridges, and discrimination are the spheres that we're working on, and in our opinion are those that needs to be shared with others.



Objective and key results

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The key result is to gather as much diverse group of active leaders as possible. We need to find an activist, who are working in the same sphere and wants to broaden their impact.

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Engaging in the meeting of at least 15 external leaders, exchanging the knowledge and sharing the idea of how we can cooperate, which businesses we can reach out to, what grants might be interesting for us would be the main point to strive for.

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