

# Community Activists' Workshop in Ukraine "United"

## Summary

From September 19 to 21, the "United" workshop in Mukachevo brought together young leaders from education, humanitarian aid, business, and NGOs. The event fostered knowledge exchange, collaboration, and solidarity among those working to address migration, support internally displaced persons (IDPs), and tackle pressing social challenges in Ukraine.

## Problem

Ukrainian activists often face a disconnect from international organizations that could become vital partners in their efforts. At the same time, employees and volunteers in the humanitarian sector struggle with stress and mental health challenges, limiting their ability to sustain impactful work.

## Meet the team



**Alona Kravchenko**



**Katarzyna Fesnak**



**Anna Leniv**



**Maria Andrukhiv**



**Anna Holybchenko**



**Yurii Davydenko**



**Irena Golovchenko**

## What has been done

During the 3-day workshop, participants explored key topics such as mental health, combating misinformation, and international grant opportunities, sparking new ideas and strategies for their work. They engaged in discussions about collaboration models, shared challenges, and methods for building partnerships, fostering unity and trust among diverse sectors. A dedicated communication channel was established for ongoing support, and the first online forum was held.

## Plans for the future

We received a lot of feedback and requests to continue creating platforms for discussing these relevant topics. Then new ideas arise, and moreover, we find answers to questions that previously concerned us. Each of us has our own resources, and each one is different. That is why we will definitely continue to build the community, currently online, holding forum every month.

## Results:

**26** participants

**3** -day workshop

**10** thematic sessions

**30** new members in the community

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# Universities for the Future

## Summary

Universities FOR the Future is an attempt to design the world we would like to live in. Rooted in the belief that universities play a pivotal role in fostering civic engagement, this project is about taking concrete steps to craft a future envisioned by the next generation.

## Problem

The role of universities in shaping the civic engagement of young people has been sidelined by challenges like commercialization, sprawling bureaucracy, outdated knowledge, low-quality research, and limited freedom in shaping curricula. Without strategic planning or involvement in social issues, they risk losing their potential to inspire engaged citizens.

## Meet the team



**Vitalina Petrova**



**Anton Slesarenko**



**Daria Shcherbatyuk**

## What has been done

**Preparation:** research, choosing experts, structuring the interviews

**Conducting interviews** with 8 experts

**Completion:** editing, transcribing, publishing

**Public discussion:** final event, lessons with teenagers

**Marketing campaign:** dissemination of results

## Plans for the future

We saw a great interest in this topic and we will continue to disseminate the results. Article will be publicly available in 3 languages. We will be speaking at conferences, publish article in journals. We are open to opportunities and will continue the public discussion.

**WATCH THE INTERVIEWS :**



## Results:

**5000+** views of interviews

**40+** participants at the final conference

**3** follow-up meetings (with teenagers of Youth Council of Krakow)

**1** article "University: between past and future"

# Youth Dialogue Forum 2024

YDF is an international deliberative forum on youth participation in civic sphere in Poland, Czechia and Slovakia.

## Problem

Young people hold immense potential to drive change, yet a cycle of disengagement keeps it untapped. They lack motivation because there aren't enough incentives, and stakeholders hesitate to create them, seeing youth as disengaged. It's time to break this cycle and empower the next generation to lead.

## Meet the team



Michal Horský



Van Anh Tranová



Daria Kuszlik



Mikhail Popov

## What has been done

**3 COUNTRIES | 2 DIGITAL DISCUSSIONS | 1 LIVE FORUM**

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**Digital Discussion** on barriers and drivers of civic engagement  
29 JUL - 31 AUG

**Digital Discussion** on forum agenda  
1-15 SEP

**LIVE FORUM** in Krakow for 20 participants  
20-22 SEP

**Complex Report** mapping forum impact and recommendations

## Plans for the future

Democracies should not be only “kept alive”. They should innovate in the context of human progress. They should provide and facilitate new forms of meaningful engagement in local communities and civic participation in public affairs. Thanks to this case our belief that solutions are to be found in innovative combinations of CivTech with live interactions, crowdsourced knowledge and thoughtfully designed games grew indubitable stronger. The spaceship of YDF successfully landed on the moon. Due to these reasons, we will certainly seek new iterations with the engagement of more countries.

## Results:

**746** discussion participants

**19** Ambassadors of YDF

**28** concrete recommendations for fostering good relationships, finding purpose, building a team and proactive mindset.

# Innovation in crisis intervention – Piloting Socialeasator

## Summary

Socialeasator is an innovative platform that empowers individuals in crisis with easy access to counseling and community support. To expand its impact, we conducted extensive research across 28 target groups to explore its potential for piloting in a new country.

## Problem

Many individuals, especially those in vulnerable communities, face significant hurdles in finding timely and effective support for their health and social needs. Social isolation and limited access to resources often worsen their mental and physical health. Additionally, the vast amount of information online can be overwhelming and confusing, making it hard to find reliable help.

## Meet the team



**Patricia Hatiarová**



**Jakub Takács**



**Miroslav Béreš**

## What has been done

**Research** - in cooperation with 5 major organisations who work with specific vulnerable groups we brought together a group of 150 people who gave us 863 perspectives on topics of motivation for receiving and giving help and expectations from a crisis intervention platform

**Established partnerships**

**Platform stability and scalability testing**

**Piloting Socialeasator**

## Plans for the future

Our mission is to create a connected and compassionate community, and we're excited about the positive impact we've made and that we will do in future. Now it is time to deeply analyze the research, implement the most valuable inputs – and find financial support to finish Socialeasator, so it is ready to operate.

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## Results:

**200** users onboarded for trail

User satisfaction surveys yielded **70-85%** across all tools

Functionality and capacity tests with **99.9%** uptime

**20** new partnerships