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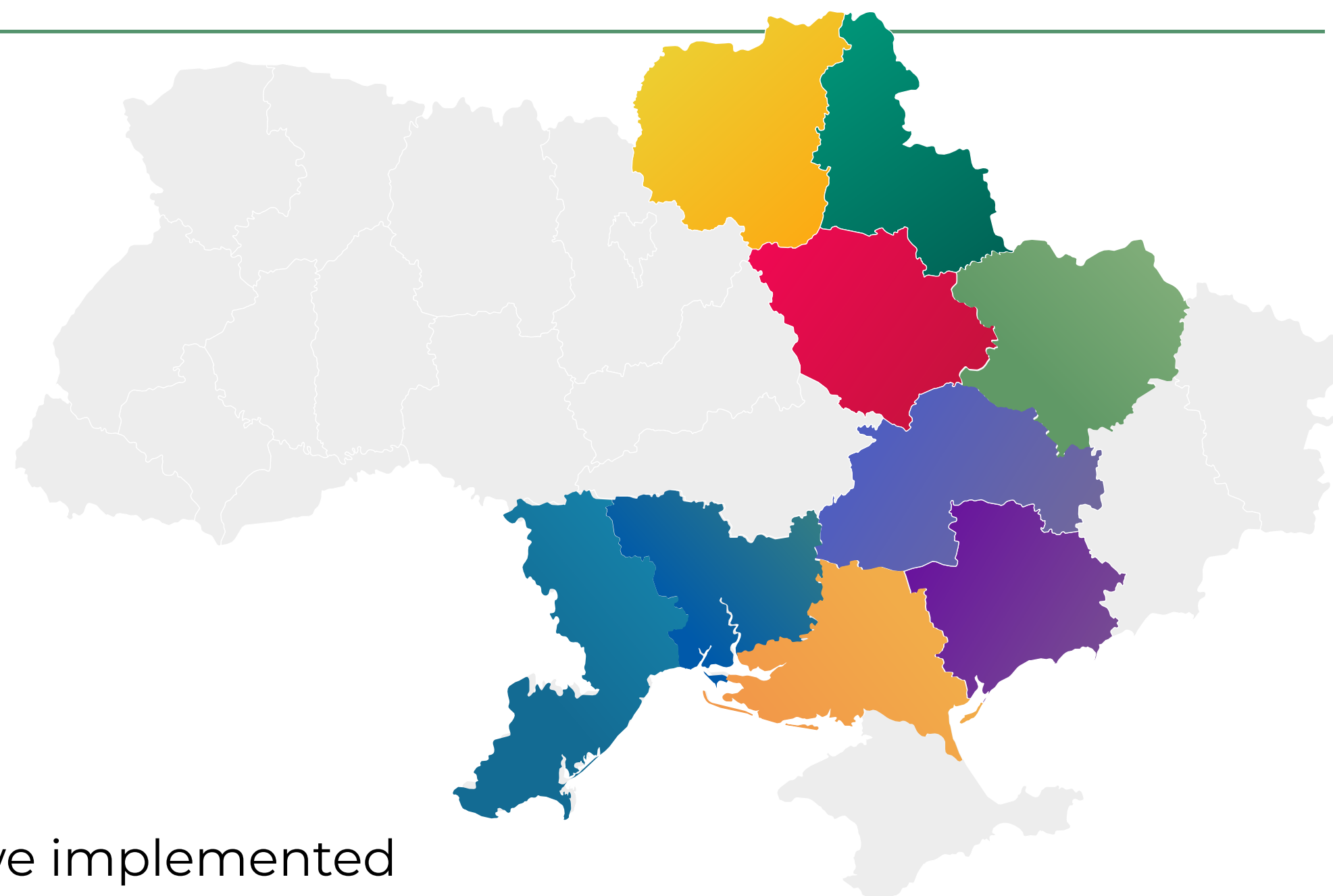
YOUTH
HOUSE

2025

FIFTH YEAR OF THE UKRAINIAN-DANISH YOUTH HOUSE

OUR ACTIVITIES

Dreams for Ukraine



In **2025**, we implemented new iterations of the “Dreams for Ukraine” project in the **Chernihiv, Poltava, and Sumy regions**.

About **200 young people** from these regions joined online lectures on civic activism, personal growth, and engagement with local authorities.

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participants from these regions joined an in-person training on project management

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members of the all-regional community joined the Summit of Dreams to share achievements and strengthen the program

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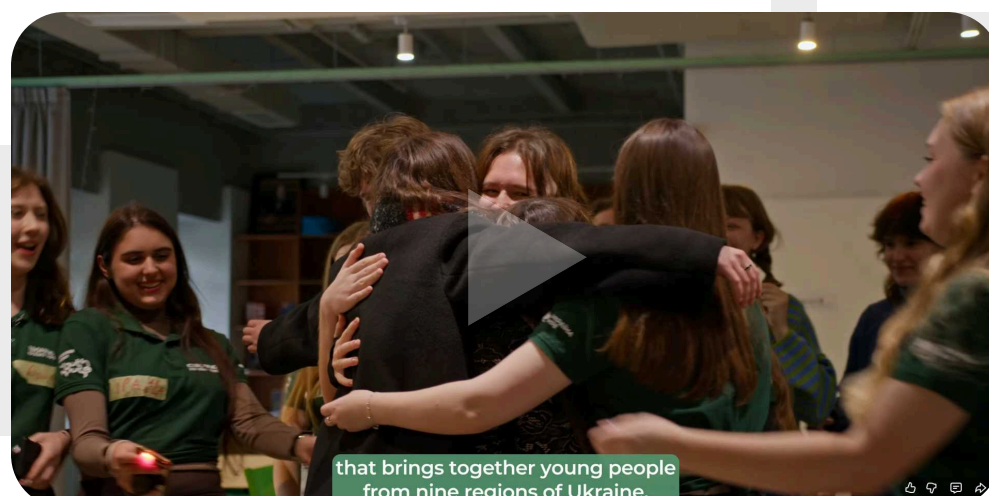
projects were implemented by the community members in their cities with our mini-grants

Watch how project participants describe the UkraineMrii community: [link](#)



The “Dreams for Ukraine” alumni community became **more self-driven**, with graduates actively involved in shaping the educational program and co-organizing the Summit of Dreams, the project’s final event of the year.

Alumni also organized a one-day nationwide alumni event in June, bringing together participants from across Ukraine for the knowledge exchange and community-shaping.



that brings together young people from nine regions of Ukraine.

New format implemented! “School of Dialogue” had 3 stages:

1. a 3-day online training
2. an in-person training in Kyiv
3. the implementation of participants’ own dialogue workshops

60 participants joined the online phase of the “School of Dialogue” this year

20 participants joined an in-person training in Kyiv after successfully conducting dialogue exercises in their communities

>260 people were involved in 5 regional dialogue workshops conducted by the alumni (Dialogue Community)



As a training team, we shared our own experience, the challenges we face, and how we adapt specific tools and exercises in our training.

It was especially valuable when participants began to share their own perspectives and experiences more openly. We used this moment to discuss potential challenges, how they might arise, and ways to avoid them. This became one of the most meaningful parts of the process, as it created space for genuine knowledge exchange.

Yuliia Martynchuk, trainer of the online training “Dialogue School-5”, graduate of the third Dialogue School



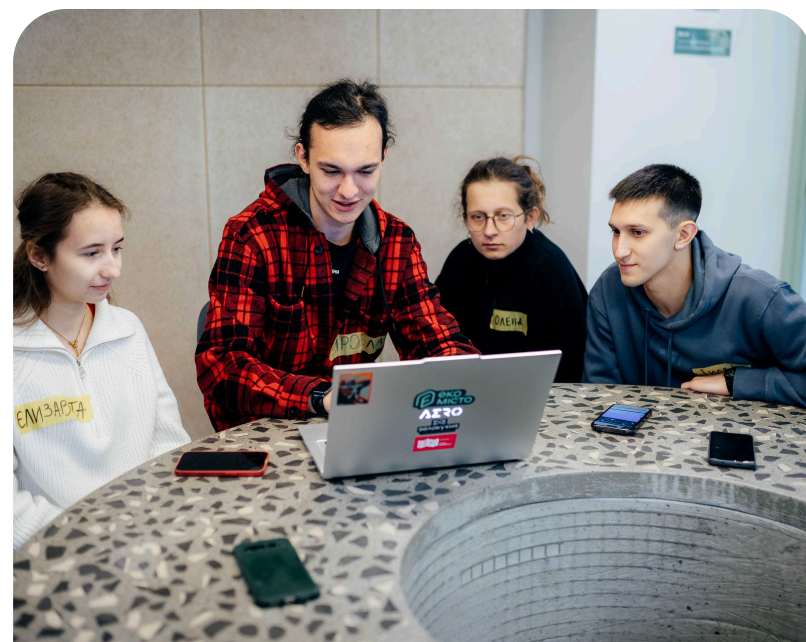
In 2025, the Dialogue Community focused on **strengthening internal connections**, shared leadership, and professional capacity. Gathering on the Community strategy, training on complex dialogues and strategic sessions, and a youth camp — the Dialogue Community exchanged and grew.



In 2025, the Youth House implemented Grant Compass 3.0, a project where youth organizations gain knowledge of grant management and administration.

10 youth-led civil society organizations gained new knowledge and tools in fundraising and grant administration

18 participants improved their grant management and administration skills



After the Grant Compass, everything became more logical: I understood how to articulate community needs, define outcomes, and think not in terms of an application, but in terms of impact. The “Compass” gave me a sense of confidence and inspiration to keep moving forward — in a more straightforward, yet more meaningful way.

The most valuable insight: projects do not start with an idea, but with real people’s needs.

Alina, currently living in Ternopil

After the training, there was a clear understanding of how to build a logic of action by focusing on change rather than activities. I want to introduce more systematic thinking: starting planning with a needs analysis, building the logic from outcomes, and not being afraid to rethink approaches if something isn't working.

Daria from Zaporizhzhia

>370 applications for the Grant Program in 2025

10 **youth initiatives** received grant support

2 **youth centers** — in the Sumy and Lviv regions — are among the grantees



Meet some of the projects:

ANTS
project about Danish democratic practices: [link](#)

Dostupne kino
project about inclusive subtitles in movies: [link](#)

BUR
project about professions for youth in Mykolaiv: [link](#)

The program brings together 🇺🇦 & 🇩🇰 youth organizations to strengthen democratic values, teamwork, and organizational development.

Organized with the Danish Youth Council.

25 young people from Ukraine and Denmark took part in the third GROW Seminar, strengthening cooperation between Ukrainian and Danish youth organizations through dialogue, joint learning, and exchange



The Curatorial Laboratory “Between the Contours” ran in a hybrid format: a 10-day online module and a 4-day in-person residency in Kyiv, both designed to support young curators in developing socially critical art projects.

60 applications from young artists from all over Ukraine

8 curators joined the Laboratory. They came from different parts of Ukraine, including Poltava, Kryvyi Rih, Lysychansk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, and Lviv



Through a combination of theoretical frameworks, practical tools, group exercises, and experience sharing, we analyzed our organizational cultures and identified concrete areas for growth. The intercultural exchange between Ukrainian and Danish perspectives created rich learning opportunities and challenged us to think differently about our approaches.

Serhii from Mykolaiv

The role of curatorship, in general, is to reveal a problem or raise a question through artistic works. When you want to speak about something, you bring together different works or create a program, and in this way, together with the artists, you shape an answer to that question.

Danylo from Kyiv

In 2025, we **distributed all printed copies of the Dialogue Handbook**, and the handbook continues to be available in a digital format

Over **650 young people** received the **Democracy Handbook this year**, helping nurture a shared understanding of democratic values and practices within youth communities.



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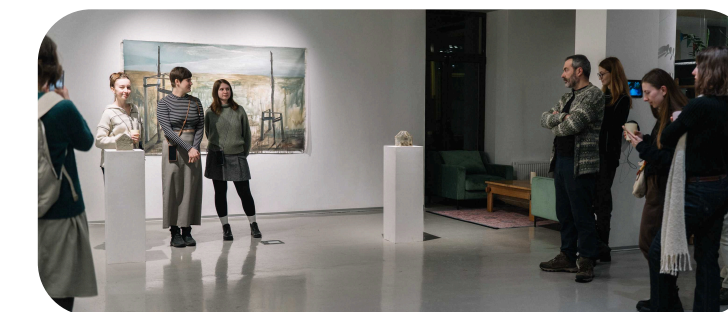
AND THE THIRD YEAR
IN THE HOUSE IN KYIV

The Art Platform is a space for young artists to create, experiment, and share their work, using art as a tool for dialogue, reflection, and youth-led expression.

Throughout the year, the Art Platform supported dozens of artistic initiatives — including residencies, exhibitions, workshops, and film screenings — working together with cultural institutions, youth projects, festivals, and international partners from Ukraine and Denmark.



TALK WITH THE UKRAINIAN
DELEGATION AT REEPERBAHN
CONFERENCE 2024



EXHIBITION
“DETACHED-DISTANT”



MONTH OF
PERFORMATIVE ART BY
THESTEINSTUDIO



DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL
TRADITIONAL MUSIC CONFERENCES



RESIDENCY FOR CRIMEAN TATAR
ARTISTS “PERMANENT HOME OF
DISPLACEMENT”



BIO-THREADS AND BIOPLASTICS
WORKSHOP

more than **3500** young people experienced creative youth expressions

It was together with partners such as Molodist KIFF, Sunny Bunny Film Festival, Lesia Kvarynka, NGO Porichka, TheSteinStudio, the Museum of War Childhood, and many others, as well as with institutions such as the Ukrainian Institute and the Boychuk Academy.

The Youth House also supported international artistic exchange through partnerships like the Lost Farm Festival in Denmark.

374
youth initiatives
and organizations

conducted their events by and for young people in the Youth House in Kyiv

more than **12000**
participants
joined different activities in the Youth House

more than **300**
youth-led activities

conducted in the House: conferences, training, movie screenings, exhibitions, etc.

over **750**
young people
were regularly involved in organizing events, creating artwork, working, etc. — in the Youth House

From the House in the House

In 2025, the House organized **around 15 events**, focusing on Ukrainian–Danish relations, Danish democratic practices, and key topics for young people in Ukraine, through cultural activities, discussions, and workshops. These are some of them:



MASTER CLASS ON PAINTING
EASTER EGGS



“UKRAINIAN TREASURE”
MOVIE SCREENING WITH NATIONAL
MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF UKRAINE



THURSDAY TALKS
WITH PETER ERBEN



GREENLAND:
INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT



VINTERFEST

DR.TV recording in the House

Danmarks Radio (DR), public service broadcaster, recorded several interviews in the Youth House. [Click here to view.](#)



Photo Club in the House

around 30 young photographers completed the Photo Club program and presented their work publicly

The new activity format, Clubs, was introduced. As part of this format, there were two iterations of the **Photo Club**.

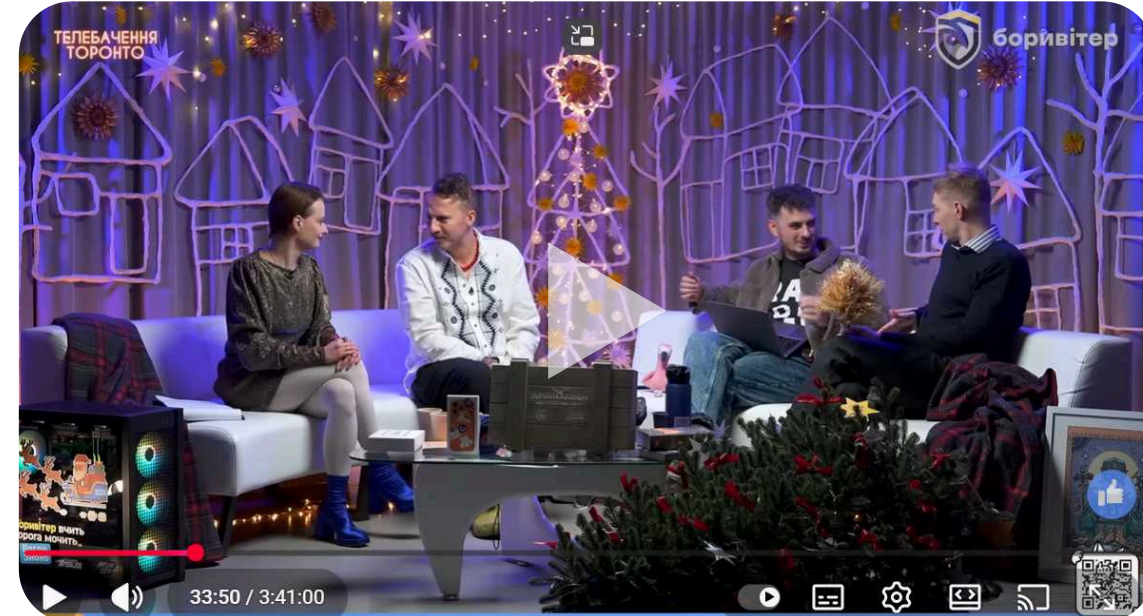
Goal: to support young photographers through a program of expert talks, hands-on workshops, and portfolio reviews, helping participants develop both technical and soft skills.

Both groups conducted exhibitions.

Work in the House

The House is also a space where everyone can work on their projects or gather in teams — all in-person. In 2025, the second floor became a full-functioning coworking space, available for independent or team work.

And for streaming as well! Watch “Ukrainian Toronto Television” doing a NY episode. [Click here to view.](#)



Forums and networking

The House has been as a space for a wide range of youth-led activities: conferences, forums, discussions, and networking events — created by and for young people, and addressing issues that matter to youth.



PARENTHOOD FORUM
BY THE UKRAINIAN
ASSOCIATION OF MIDWIVES



LOCAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY
BY THE NGO “CITY OF ACTIVE
CITIZENS”

Podcasts

The audio studio welcomed dozens podcasts from across Ukraine to share their voices, and produce content that supports exchange.

Educational events

The House also hosted national-level seminars and training programs organized in cooperation with public institutions and youth infrastructure, creating a space for learning, exchange, and capacity building for young people and youth professionals.



**LECTURE ON UKRAINIAN
FEMINISM**
BY THE FEMINY COMMUNITY &
CREATIVE WOMEN PUBLISHING



**INSPIRETALKS: SCIENCE
AS IT IS**
BY KYIV STEM CIRCLE



**NATIONAL
SEMINAR-TRAINING**
BY THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND
SPORTS OF UKRAINE, THE ALL-
UKRAINIAN YOUTH CENTER

Art events

The House hosted a wide range of artistic events initiated by different organizations. It served as an open platform, welcoming diverse artistic formats and supporting exchange and engagement within the cultural field.



AUTUMN MUSIC NOTES
BY THE ART AQUARIUM



IMBALANCE
BY THE MUSEUM OF WAR CHILDHOOD
IN UKRAINE



FORUM THEATRE
BY TOLERANCE SPACE

SECOND YEAR OF THE UKRAINIAN-DANISH YOUTH HOUSE IN MYKOLAIV

January 25

Åbne Døre — an **official opening of the space of the Youth House in Mykolaiv**. Finally available for youth and organizations 💜

Local youth, the Danish Ambassador to Ukraine, representatives of the Danish Cultural Institute, city and regional authorities — everyone came to celebrate.



February

A “from the House in the House” format was launched 🏠

→ a screening of the documentary Ukrainian Treasure about the story behind the exhibition "RUS – Vikings in the East" at the Moesgaard Museum in Denmark.

Over 30 young people joined.

P.S. Simultaneous events took place at the Youth House in Kyiv and at the museum in Denmark!



March

The second edition of Grant Compass for representatives of organizations from the southern regions, and the first one hosted at the Youth House in Mykolaiv.

23 participants explored the key aspects of writing project applications and learned how to successfully turn their ideas into reality.



April – May

The Youth House in Mykolaiv implemented several programs:

2nd wave of the Urban Studios program, aimed at researching local initiatives and participation:

14 participants

Joint training with DUF, **Youth Voices**, dedicated to engaging young people in civil society:

11 participants

June –August 2025

On the first day of summer, we brought together young people from Mykolaiv for a **Summer MeetUP**.

A day to share achievements, connect, and celebrate the start of summer on the Youth House’s new terrace 🌿



Bridges of Change

We launched Bridges of Change — an international learning and exchange program that brought together **more than 30 young people from Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia**.

Over three months, online and in-person formats, a joint training in Moldova in September 🙌

Launch of a series of creative art workshops





September

On September 13, we celebrated Mykolaiv City Day with the **You&EU festival**, dedicated to the European Union and cultural dialogue among youth. Participants shared stories from their travels across EU countries, attended lectures, and watched films together.

The day was filled with love for Mykolaiv and hope for its bright future 💜



October –December 2025

The final months of the year were rich in events and learning opportunities. During this time:

30

young people developed new dance skills at the first **Dance Weekend** at the House

14

young people explored dialogue tools during the **Dialogue Workshop**

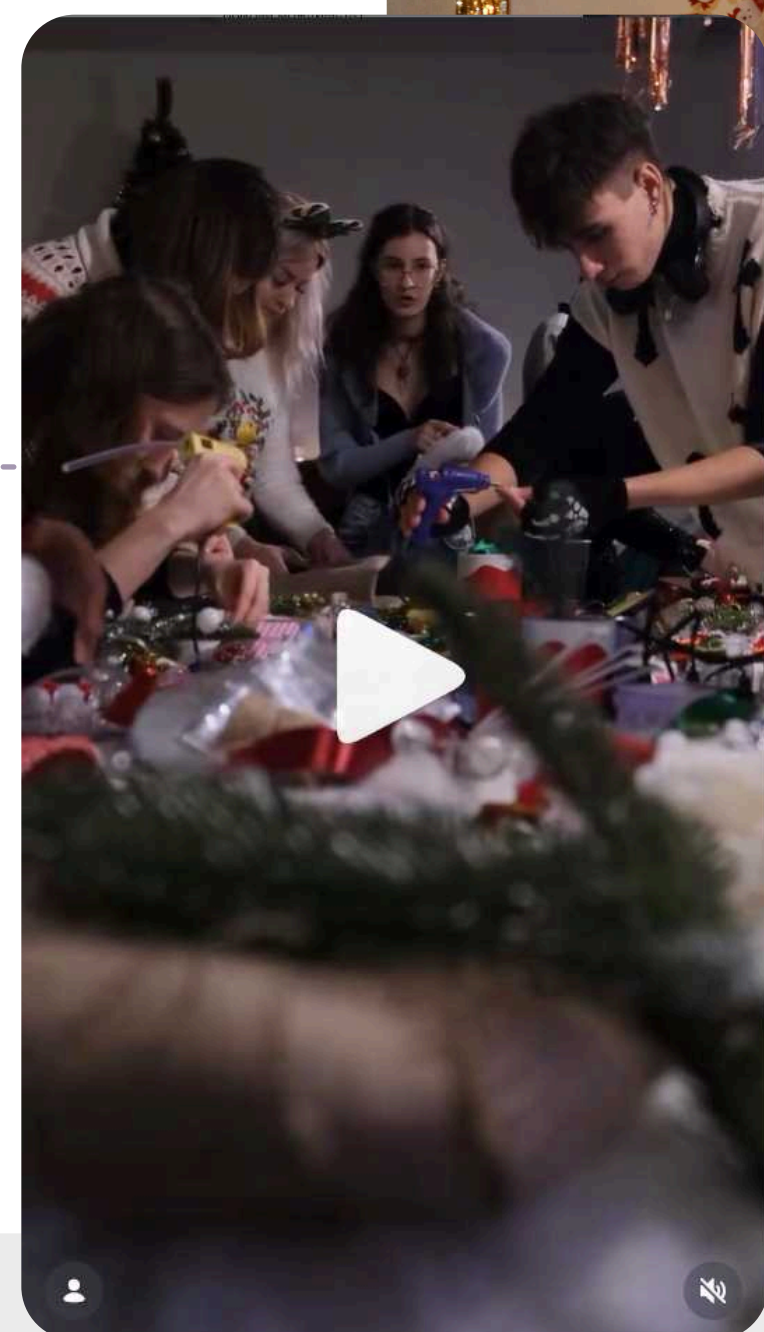
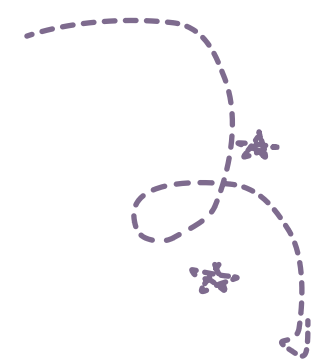
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young people joined an **expedition to Lviv** to attend the European Youth Capital 2028 Award Ceremony

18

young people strengthened their communication and media literacy skills during the first **Media School** (organized with Mykolaiv Crisis Media Center)

The year traditionally concluded with a **Christmas MeetUP**, where participants connected, reflected on their achievements, and created a warm, festive atmosphere ahead of the winter holidays.



[Click to feel the atmosphere: link](#)

Figures of 2025: space of the House in Mykolaiv

62

days youth worked
on their own ideas
and projects at the
Youth House

50

organizations
hosted events for
young people

over

200

events took place
in the physical space

4000

people visited the
Youth House in Mykolaiv
throughout 2025

2025 was about cooperation, learning, and
creativity. Thank you for a year together 💖
More to come!

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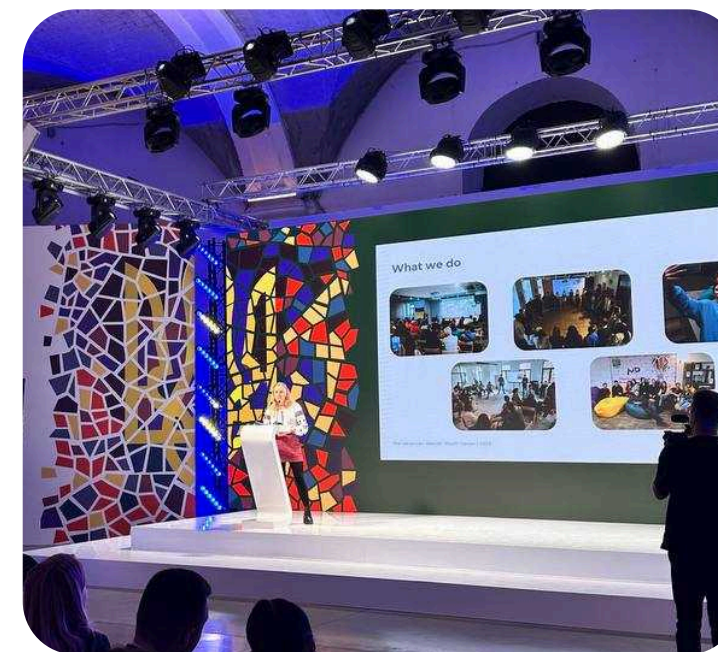
SOME BIG-SCALE EXTERNAL EVENTS
WE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN

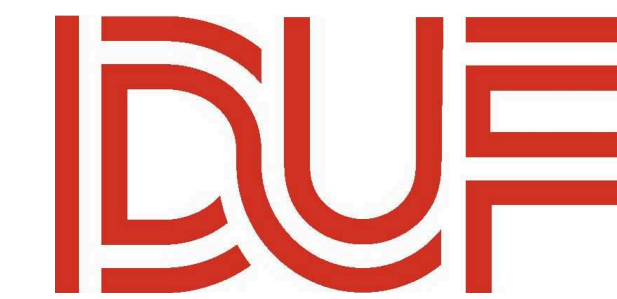
NGO ALLEYS

- 🇺🇦 Forum of communities of Kyiv region by the Kyiv regional development office
- 🇺🇦 Atlas Weekend
- 🇺🇦 Derzhavotvorets State building Forum
- 🇺🇦 Kvartyrynka festival
- 🇺🇦 ISAR Iednannia Forum

JOINED AS SPEAKERS

- 🇺🇦 Creative Europe Desk Ukraine's 7th International Grant Fair
- 🇺🇦 ISAR Iednannia Forum
- 🇺🇦 "Nordic Support to Ukraine's European Future: Joint Efforts for Recovery and Integration" at the Kyiv School of Economics
- 🇩🇰 Premiere of the documentary "The Ukrainian Treasure" in the Moesgaard Museum
- 🇩🇰 Baltic Sea NGO Denmark
- 🇩🇰 Folkemødet
- 🇩🇰 Altingets Børn- og UngeNetværk (specialist network on children and youth)
- 🇩🇰 Danish Ministry of Culture under the Danish presidency of the EU: Senior Officials Meeting on Cultural Diplomacy





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See you in 2026!