



OpenUkraine

Arseniy Yatsenyuk Foundation

REPORT

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The Open Ukraine Foundation is an international foundation, established in July 2007, at the initiative of Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Zbigniew Dzhymla for strengthening and development of Ukraine's reputation in the world.

OUR TASKS:

- Improving international reputation of Ukraine and increasing its promotion abroad.
- Promoting international cooperation with Ukraine and public diplomacy.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- International Dialogue
- Cultural Horizons
- Young Leaders

OUR MOTTO – OPEN UKRAINE FOR YOURSELF AND FOR THE WORLD

OPEN UKRAINE FOR YOURSELF

- **In Ukraine, we are working with a young generation of artists, scholars, and community leaders** who seek to implement social changes in different regions. Ukrainian youth have great potential and we are trying to strengthen it.

OPEN UKRAINE FOR THE WORLD

- **We support contemporary art initiatives and present them to the Ukrainian and international communities.** The Open Ukraine Foundation promotes information distribution about the best examples of modern visual arts and literature from Ukraine within the European cultural space.
- **We see Ukraine as a potential regional leader in security.** The Annual Kyiv Security Forum and the regular meetings of the Diplomatic Club are powerful platforms for international cooperation and for development of public diplomacy of Ukraine.



Dear friends, colleagues and partners,

Historically and geographically Ukraine belongs to Europe. But still we have to build our new way to the family of European nations.

The way is long and hard, and only by joint efforts we can make it. Therefore, the role of non-governmental organisations and foundations is to open Ukraine for Europeans while also to open Europe for own citizens.

Europe is not only a territorial and economic community. It is a community of countries based on shared values, a common cultural space.

For already six years Open Ukraine International Foundation has been spreading knowledge about our country and helping Ukrainian experts, artists and young leaders build up dialogue with their colleagues internationally.

In implementing our projects, we underline that democratic values are the cornerstone of European integration. We host meetings with renowned international policymakers, experts and high-ranking officials to help Ukrainians to be aware of the current trends in global development. We open Ukraine's contemporary art and culture to the world.

At Open Ukraine Foundation we place particular emphasis on nurturing the younger generation of Ukrainians, who will be building the state and paving the way for our society a few years down the line. The more we engage with young people, the more we are convinced of the extraordinary giftedness of Ukrainian youth. We have young people to be proud of, we have to support them.

Dear colleagues, the topmost goal for each of us is to be open, adopt best practices and build the state that is modern and thriving. Let us not forget, that there is no other alternative for Ukraine to become a truly democratic and prosperous country but by joining the European civilisation.

I want to thank the Open Ukraine Foundation team, our partner organisations, all institutions and people who supported us in 2012. I encourage you to continue active development of humanitarian projects that move Ukraine closer to Europe. A lot of interesting things, a new life is ahead!

Yours sincerely,
Arseniy Yatsenyuk

Founder of Open Ukraine Foundation





PROGRAM

“INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE”



U MISSION:

- To ensure participation of Ukraine in the European discourse on key political, security and socio-economic issues.
- To enhance understanding by the international community of the processes that occur in the Ukrainian society.

5th Kyiv Security Forum

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SECURITY
FORUM

“Trends in Global Security: Does Democracy Matter?” – this was the topic of the 5th Kyiv Security Forum. The event was held on April 19-20, 2012 and provided the platform to discuss the current situation in international relations where democracy stands as the main value of the modern world.

5th Kyiv Security Forum confirmed its status as one of the most important international security events in Eastern Europe. The forum created an opportunity for experts from around the world, with different visions and perceptions among them, to exchange opinions and share their experience on the most important current international developments in the field of security. **The Open Ukraine Foundation facilitated this meeting of government officials, analysts and experts from 22 countries** – people who directly or indirectly participate in the decision-making processes in international relations.



Karel SCHWARZENBERG,
Foreign Affairs Minister of the Czech Republic,
spoke about the future of the European Union and
its relations with Ukraine.



Arseniy YATSENYUK,
Founder of the Open Ukraine Foundation, Foreign
Affairs Minister of Ukraine (2007), the People's
Deputy of Ukraine, focused attention on how
national security, regional security and global
security depend on a level of countries' democra-
tisation and development.



Bernard KOUCHNER,
Foreign Affairs Minister of France (2007-2010)
outlined contemporary trends in global security.

PARTNERS OF THE EVENT:

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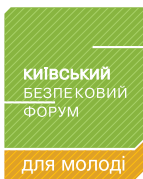


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U PROGRAM “INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE”

Youth Kyiv Security Forum



In 2012 the Open Ukraine Foundation started a new initiative – “Youth Kyiv Security Forum”, which aims at creating a platform for discussion by young experts from different countries on urgent issues of international relations and the foreign policy of Ukraine.

The 1st Youth Kyiv Security Forum was held on November 23-24, 2012 in Kiev and was devoted to the importance of the concept of “human security” in the development of international relations. The event brought together more than 50 young experts from 10 countries. Speakers during the Forum were experienced specialists from Japan, Germany, the USA, Switzerland, the Netherlands, as well as representatives of international organizations in Ukraine.



Natalia NEMYLIWSKA, Director of NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Ukraine, expressed her deep conviction that the Forum would make its contribution to solving the problem of human security, which has gained increasing importance recently.



Toichi SAKATA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ukraine, gave the benefit of Japan's experience, which tries to make this century a “human-centred century”.



Bärbel KOFLER, Member of the German Parliament and Chair of Ukraine-Germany Interparliamentary Group, underlined the importance of the “crisis resistant” social security.

PARTNERS OF THE EVENT:

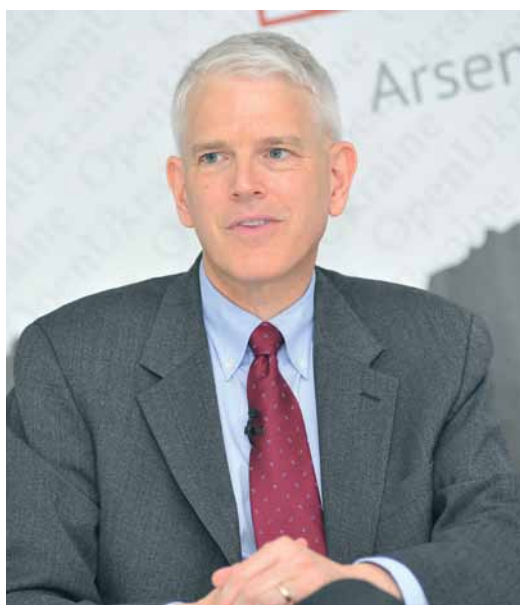
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Diplomatic Club

Diplomatic Club — an informal forum on foreign policy for Ukrainian officials, businessmen, ministers of foreign affairs, independent analysts and international journalists. In the center of open debates — global developments and foreign prospects for Ukraine and other world countries.

Meeting topic: Ukraine: Balancing Russia, the West and Democracy.



Meeting with Steven PIFER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ukraine (1998 – 2000), Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution's Centre on the United States and Europe, was held on June 5, 2012.



Meeting topic: Region at the Crossroads: the European Perspective for Ukraine and Georgia.



On November 27, 2012 the Diplomatic Club hosted a meeting with Georgian President Mikheil SAAKASHVILI.

PARTNER OF THE EVENT:

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U MISSION:

- Presentation of the cultural achievements of modern Ukraine abroad.
- Strengthening cooperation between the cultural environment of Ukraine and Europe, improving cooperation between Ukrainian and foreign artists, the integration of Ukrainian art in the global context.

Mini-grants for artists

The Open Ukraine Foundation provides mini-grants for travel costs for artists to exchange their artistic experience at the international level and to improve cooperation between Ukrainian and foreign artists. These grants provide Ukrainian artists with the opportunity to present their achievements worldwide.

In 2012, the Open Ukraine Foundation gave 15 travel grants:

Mykola Kravchenko

Chairman of NGO "Book Space"
Presentation French language "Almanac
of modern Ukrainian literature"
Paris Book Fair
Paris, France



Anatoliy Lavrenishyn

Director of animated films
Presented full-length animated film
"The Book of Shadows"
International Festival of Film and
Music
Aubagne, France



Maryna Vroda

Ukrainian filmmaker
Presentation of the short film "KROS"
International Festival of Ukrainian and
post-Soviet Cinema
New York, U.S.A.



Serhiy Zhadan

Writer
Presentation of Belarusian edition "Anar-
chy in Ukr"
Minsk, Belarus



Larysa Polishchuk-Rusina

Photo artist
Organized author exhibition "SECRETS"
The Euro Cup Festival
London, England



Vasyl Viter

Filmmaker
Presented his film "Love, Bestowed by
Stars", which is dedicated to Franz Liszt
stay in Kyiv
International Festival "Golden Prague"
Prague, Czech Republic



Vadym Larchikov

Actor of duet "Violoncellissimo"
International Festival "100 Years of Rus-
sian Futurism"
Moscow, Russia



Nataliya Danshyna

Singer
Early Music Festival in
Utrecht, Netherlands



Andriy Kurkov and Lyubko Deresh

Writers
Took part in the promotional activities of
the Ukrainian delegation
Festival of European Literature
Cognac, France



Alevtina Dobina

Laureate of international competitions,
student at the P.I. Tchaikovsky National
Music Academy of Ukraine.
Participated in International Master
Classes of maestro Vladimir Viardo
Nova Gorica, Slovenia



Olena Maksymenko

Filmmaker
Presented film on environmental issues,
"2086"
International Film Festival
Tromsø, Norway



Oleksandr Danylenko

Filmmaker
Presentation of the music video for the
band DakhaBrakha "Carpathian Rap"
International Animation Festival
Portugal



Marina Zheleznyak

Filmmaker
Got Master Class on film editing of her
documentary "Hrigroriy Ivanovych" from
world renowned filmmaker Valdís
Óskarsdóttir
Reykjavik, Iceland



U PROGRAM “CULTURAL HORIZONS”

Book Fund

The Open Ukraine Foundation is the only foundation in Ukraine which provides grants for the translation of modern Ukrainian literature into foreign languages. These translations of domestic literary works improve Ukraine's image in the world, promote the establishment of intercultural understanding and an exchange of cultural values.

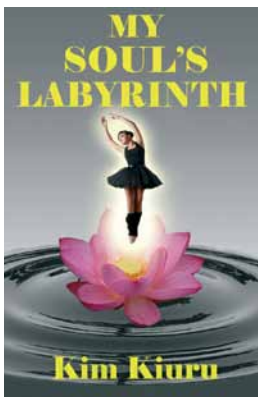
In 2012, the Open Ukraine Foundation provided grants for the translation of following six books by contemporary Ukrainian writers:



Yuri Andrukhovych,
“Perverziön”,
translated into
Spanish.



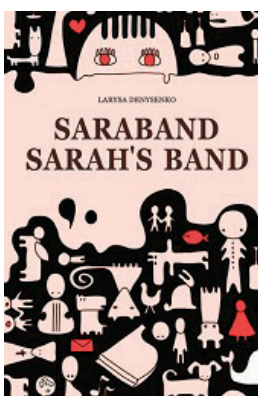
Serhiy Zhadan,
“Voroshylivgrad”,
translated into
Hungarian.



Serhiy Razumov,
“Heart of the
Labyrinth”, translated
into English.



Oksana Zabuzhko,
“Museum of
Abandoned Secrets”,
translated into Polish.



Larysa Denysenko,
“Saraband Sarah's
Band”, translated
into English.



“Ukrainian Miniature”
(A. Kurkov,
O. Zabuzhko,
A. Andrukhovych,
Yu. Prokhasko,
S. Zhadan, M. Matios),
translated into French.



Scholarships and Awards



The Volodymyr Ivasyuk Scholarship was established to mark the 60th anniversary of the birth of the famous Ukrainian poet and composer, Volodymyr Ivasyuk, and is a testament to the commemoration and recognition of this outstanding artist. The scholarship was created to support talented young people and the development of modern musical art in Ukraine. Assistance is provided to students of the Musical Composition Department of Music Theory and Composition Faculty of the Mykola Lysenko Lviv National Music Academy.

Natalia Parfeniuk, a fifth year student from the Faculty of Music Theory and Composition, Department of Composition, obtained a scholarship for the first and second semesters of academic year 2012.

Cultural and Artistic Events

The Open Ukraine Foundation supported the festival “Literary Land of Dreams”, which took place in June 2012. The main task of this festival was to raise the general cultural level of the population, promote the reading of literature, and increase public interest in contemporary Ukrainian writers and poets. The Book Fair was attended by about 50 publishers, and the festival attracted about 15 thousand spectators.



Art Club “Faces”

In 2012, the Open Ukraine Foundation started a new project – Art Club “Faces”. This project aims to promote contemporary art among young people, enabling their communication with well-known and new faces in the cultural field.

Мистецький клуб

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On November 19, 2012 in the creative space “Chasopys”, Serhiy ZHADAN gave readings from his “Poetry as Politics” book, as a part of the Art Club “Faces”. This well-known Ukrainian writer presented his new poetry at the first open meeting of the club.

Serhiy ZHADAN: “...Maybe it is a sort of stereotype that true modern Ukrainian culture is “sharovarshchyna” (false patriotism). In my opinion, everything that has financial support from the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine is “sharovarshchyna.” I’m not kidding. You ask, what can we say about the state theaters? They are, unfortunately, a great majority of what’s out there. I would also say this: our country is not yet ready to fund something that does not fall under the category of “sharovarshchyna”.



On December 13, 2012 in the creative space “Chasopys”, as a part of the next meeting of the Art Club “Faces”, Andriy KURKOV told the story of the novel creation “The Lviv Tour of Jimi Hendrix.” He also gave a master class in short fiction for young writers who were selected according to the previously announced shot story contest.

Andriy KURKOV: “...The writer is not the one who writes, but the one who is read. If Ukrainians will not start reading, we will never have a publishing market, and books will continue to come into circulation of only 500 copies. This means that these writers will never become professional writers, and modern Ukrainian literature will never become a true literary phenomenon”.

U PROGRAM **“YOUNG LEADERS”**



U MISSION:

- Helping young people to implement projects aimed at introducing changes in Ukraine.
- Assisting socially active youth whose successful work is aimed not only at their own career, but also on improving the life of society.

Discussion Club “Open World”

In 2012, Arseniy Yatsenyuk's Open Ukraine Foundation launched a new educational project for socially active youth, a discussion club called “Open World”. Its goal is to raise a new generation of responsible leaders. Every month lectures are held with political and community leaders, and renowned experts. This is a forum, during which effective solutions to Ukrainian and world problems are discussed.



The Steven PIFER lecture on the topic “Ukraine: Balance between Russia, the West and Democracy”, took place on June 5, 2012.



Steven PIFER, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to Ukraine (1998-2000), Senior Fellow at the US and European Center of the Brookings Institution.

“... The next 10-15 years will be very interesting in Ukraine because a new generation of people, who think in completely different categories and are not influenced by the Soviet Union and its collapse, will come to power”.

“... Without the fulfillment of the conditions set forth by the European Union, and without respect for the rule of law, Ukraine will be unable to join the EU. Ukraine should both establish constructive relations with Russia and seek EU membership”.

On October 17, 2012 in partnership with the Embassy of India to Ukraine, a lecture for youth given by Savita PANDE took place on the topic “Human Security in Foreign Policy”.



Savita PANDE, professor of International Relations at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

“...Securitization - when the focus is on the individual, when a person feels free from the problems of the masses. Unfortunately today, state security often focuses only on its own interests, ignoring the fact that it is the people who form the state and are its value. The state exists in order to care for and protect its people”.

“...We Indians are proud of our identity, and this is our success, our tool and our driving force! While studying, do not focus only on the problems of being unemployed. Make yourself able to achieve something day after day; every day is to build, maintain, and preserve your identity, because in that lays your strength”.

Before the main football event of 2012, the European Football Championship in Ukraine and Poland, the Open Ukraine Foundation held a football tournament for children in some orphanages in Kyiv oblast. The competition was attended by four football teams (60 children), who represented the orphanage “Horobynka” (Vasylkiv region), the Tripillya boarding school (Obukhiv raion), the Velykopolovetsky special boarding school (Skvyra raion), and family type orphanages (Bila Tserkva raion). The event took place at the stadium of the Kyiv regional boarding school with a sport profile in the town Terezyne, Bila Tserkva raion. Young players were given awards by the famous Ukrainian football player and current head coach of “Dynamo-2”, Andriy HUSIN.



Partner of the event: «Rukh Molodi»



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES OF HEAD OF SUPERVISORY COUNCIL TERESIYA YATSENYUK

On St. Nicholas Day, with the support of the Head of Supervisory Council of the Open Ukraine Foundation, Teresiya Yatseniuk, a charity ball for 300 children with disabilities took place in Dnipropetrovsk. This event is held annually under the program “Give Warmth to the Children”.

Traditionally, on the eve of St. Nicholas Day and New Year's Day, Mrs. Yatsenyuk visits orphanages throughout Ukraine, and chats with children deprived of parental care. This year Mrs. Yatsenyuk visited a boarding school for children with hearing disabilities, whose students prepared a wonderful concert and presented Mrs. Yatsenyuk with handmade paintings.

At Mrs. Yatsenyuk's initiative, a tournament for students in the bowling club of the Pereshchepensk boarding school was organized.

Also, Teresiya Yatsenyuk greeted with the New Year holidays the children from School №28, whose administration is focusing on the athletic development of its pupils. That day, the rowing champion of the London Olympics in 2012 interacted with children during the school's Olympic class.



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The Regional Representation of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Ukraine and Belarus

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is the oldest German political foundation. The Foundation is a non-profit institution sharing the values of social democracy and justice. It is also actively involved in promoting of the policy of freedom, solidarity and social justice throughout the world.



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Chatham House, home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all.



The International Renaissance Foundation

The International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) was founded in April 1990. IRF is an integral part of the Open Society Foundations.

IRF is one of the largest charity organizations in Ukraine. Its main objective is to provide financial and operational assistance to the development of an open and democratic society in Ukraine by supporting key civic initiatives in this area.

The International Renaissance Foundation finances projects and programs which foster the development of civil society, promote rule of law and independent mass media. Funds are also allocated for diversification of information resources for the third sector, democratization of education and public health, advancing of social capital and academic publications, as well as ensuring protection of national minorities' rights and their integration into Ukrainian society.



The NATO Information and Documentation Centre

The NATO Information and Documentation Centre (NIDC) was established in Kyiv in 1997 to improve knowledge and understanding between NATO and Ukraine. The Center provides information, research assistance and project support to Ukrainian citizens and organisations on NATO-related topics as well as providing access to NATO documents and publications.



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