

The Open Ukraine Foundation is an international foundation, established in July 2007, at the initiative of Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Zbigniew Dzhymala 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
- Open Yourself

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 see Ukraine as a potential regional leader in security. The Annual Kyiv Security Forum is a powerful platform for international cooperation and for development of public diplomacy of Ukraine.
- 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

Dear friends,

Ten years have passed since the establishment of our Open Ukraine Foundation and the launch of the Kyiv Security Forum.

I well remember the inspiration we felt as a small team when we started our work. To my mind, we were bonded together by two great aspirations. We certainly wished to succeed in the initiative which we were pursuing, and we linked our efforts to a much higher ideal than merely pure team motivation: we were endeavoring to contribute to the openness of Ukraine to the world.

Over the course of these ten years, the Open Ukraine Foundation has accomplished much.

I would like to thank each participant and member of our team that, starting from a small group, has turned into a network of like-minded people all over the world. Many members of our team have accomplished important personal milestones. Many friends and colleagues who once worked at the Foundation expanded their mission into their own projects, all of which are linked by a common idea and vision. New bright faces appear...

I am proud that through the Foundation's activities I have been introduced to such talented and bright individuals. The expression of your talents really characterizes the openness of Ukraine.

I am pleased that the importance of this idea has been recognized and embraced by prominent world leaders, government officials and politicians, public activists and intellectuals.

Our Tenth Security Forum of last year was an especially gratifying culmination of all our sincere efforts. At our joint invitation, the heads of governments of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, representatives of international organizations, politicians and experts from Europe and the United States came to Kyiv. Their discussions continued in the tradition of our open debates, which, over recent years, were also assiduously attended by senior foreign officials and renowned experts.

Symbolically, it was during our Tenth Forum that the European Parliament decided to grant Ukraine a visa-free regime. This fundamental decision is related to the openness of Ukraine to the European Union and of the European Union to us.

Openness to the world and readiness to accept its peace-loving nations in a neighborly spirit are coupled together with the will to inform the world of our

Ukraine – these are the fundamental principles that, to my belief, should always remain to guide our activities in the future.

Meantime, the main denominator of our work is the security of Ukraine and its defense against threats coming from Russian imperialism, chauvinism, and hatred of our desire to set our own path as a sovereign nation.

At a time when our army constrains the enemy at the front, I believe it is the duty of every person who loves Ukraine and believes in our country to do their utmost to contribute to the well-being of Ukraine, overcome the legacy of the Soviet past, and return our nation, its culture, and its name to the map of those countries of the world that are truly free.

Let us proceed with our noble task. There remains much work to accomplish.



Sincerely yours,

Arseniy Yatsenyuk

PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE



**Rose
GOTTEMOELLER**

NATO Deputy Secretary
General

stated that «Ukraine
remains one of the most
stable and reliable NATO
partners

Mission:

- To ensure the participation of Ukraine in the European discourse on key political, security, social and economic issues
- To strengthen the international community's understanding of the processes taking place in Ukrainian society

The 10th Kyiv Security Forum

«New Dynamics of Existing Conflicts: Strategies that Change the World» - this was the theme of the 10th anniversary Kyiv Security Forum, which took place on 6-7 April in Kyiv. Heads of governments, top politicians, diplomats, parliamentarians and officials, international experts and well-known intellectuals discussed issues of Ukraine's defense and European and world security.

The key theme of each discussion was the common cause of supporting Ukraine and counteracting Russian aggression against our country as well as against the democratic Western world.

Arseniy YATSENYUK

**Founder of the Open Ukraine Foundation,
Prime Minister of Ukraine (2014-2016)**

called for creating a new format of cooperation, «NATO+», and within it «The Armed Forces of the Alliance and of Ukraine have to be at the same level of training and defense with common weapons».



The 10th Kyiv Security Forum

**Volodymyr
HROYSMAN,**
Prime Minister
of Ukraine

emphasized that «Russian aggression concerns not only Ukraine. Today it is aggression against the values of the entire Democratic world».



Māris KUČINSKIS,
Prime Minister of Latvia

indicated that «the reforms in Ukraine have a direct impact on the geopolitical situation in Eastern Europe because they lead to a strengthening of democracy and stabilizing the economy in the region».



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM



Jüri RATAS,
Prime Minister of Estonia
assured that Estonia «will
continue supporting the
sovereignty and territorial
integrity of Ukraine».



**Saulius
SKVERNELIS,**
Prime Minister of
Lithuania
stressed that «Ukraine
has removed from
Europe the illusions that
there is no threat to the
borders of sovereign
countries».

The 10th Kyiv Security Forum

Paula J. DOBRIANSKY,
Under Secretary of State for
Democracy and Global Affairs
(2001-2009)

noted that «Ukraine currently has 2.5 million displaced people as a result of Russian aggression in the east of the country. Therefore, we all need to focus today on this problem and take measures to resolve it in order to prevent it from worsening in the future».



Leszek BALCEROWICZ,
Chairman of the National Bank
of Poland (2001-2007)

noted that «in order to achieve economic growth, the country should reduce the politicization of its economy and be guided solely by market laws and the rule of law».



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM



As part of the 10th Kyiv Security Forum, a session was held discussing fashion as a new trend of soft power. At the session **Tereziya YATSENYUK, Head of the Honorary Council of the Open Ukraine Foundation**, a psychologist by education, highlighted that «if you look at fashion or attitudes toward fashion, specifically the latest dress codes, you can understand what is happening in any country of the world».

Designer Oksana KARAVANSKA, highlighted that «fashion is a barometer of public opinion. After all, political, social and climatic conditions, as well as wars, impose their imprint on fashion».



Dawnn KAREN, Founder of Fashion Psychology Institute (USA) asserted that «the mode of dressing is unconsciously influenced in a person».

Furthermore, a collection by **Oksana KARAVANSKA** was shown during a session, where she presented Ukrainian embroidery in a modern style. Foreign and Ukrainian guests attending the Forum highly appreciated such an innovative approach of displaying a Ukrainian theme, because, according to many, the world should learn more about Ukraine and its positive side.



The 10th Kyiv Security Forum



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM

Youth Kyiv Security Forum

Over 100 young leaders were participants of the 5th Kyiv Youth Security Forum, which took place in Kyiv on 9-10 February, 2017.

Joining representatives from all regions of Ukraine were young specialists from Italy, Estonia, Moldova, and Azerbaijan. They examined the best practices for implementing reforms in the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Area and proposed new ideas that could be used for the development of Ukraine.

Inspirational speeches were shared by Arseniy YATSENYUK, Prime-Minister of Ukraine (2014-2016), leader of "People's Front" party, Ihor ZHDANOV, Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Gintaras BAGDONAS, Director of the NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence, Natalie JARESKO, Minister of finance of Ukraine (2012-2014), publicist Vitaly PORTNIKOV, political expert Taras BEREZOVETS and others.





The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation organized a round table discussion on «American-Russian Relations and their Impact on Ukraine». More than 30 Ukrainian and foreign experts, diplomats, and members of parliament participated in the discussion.

Vitaly PORTNIKOV,

Publicist

emphasized that «the United States, if they want to safeguard international law, should help Ukraine, whether it be in a democratic or authoritarian form».



Roman SHPEK,

Chairman of the Board of the Open Ukraine Foundation

remarked that «the tragic events that happened in our country followed from the absence of a real policy towards Ukraine from the side of the United States and the European Union.»

Steven PIFER,

The United States Ambassador to Ukraine (1998-2000)

made the point that «the main thing that prevents the US from establishing normal relations with Russia is Russia's aggression against Ukraine.»



INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE PROGRAM



and their impact on Ukraine

October, 27, 2017

Expert round-table



PROGRAM YOUTH LEADERS



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 at improving the life of society

«Open World» Discussion Club

«Open World» Discussion Club is an educational project for socially active youth. The Foundation periodically holds lectures with renowned experts and political and public figures to discuss ways of finding effective solutions to social problems in Ukraine and in the world.

In February 2017, the theme of the Discussion Club was: **«New Challenges and the Agenda of the Trump Administration. What does it mean for Ukraine and for the world?»**

At the meeting, American experts - **Adrian KARATNYCKY**, Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Analytical Center, **Peter ZALMAYEV**, Director of the Eurasia Democracy Initiative, a non-profit organization based in New York, and **Vladislav DAVIDZON**, Publisher of The Odesa Review, an English language magazine, answered the following questions: Will Trump stand for American democracy with its famous checks and balances, and what can Ukraine offer to Trump?



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Barbora MARONKOVA, Director of the NATO Information and Documentation Center in Ukraine, outlined the prospects for cooperation between Ukraine and NATO and described what to expect from the future visit of the NATO Secretary General to Ukraine.



In late June, **Marc P. BERENSON**, Senior Lecturer at King's College London, presented a part of his forthcoming book «Taxes and Trust: Transitioning from Coercion to Compliance in Poland, Russia, and Ukraine».



In October 2017, **Ivan MIKLOŠ**, Slovakian Politician, Chairman of the Strategic Advisory Group for Supporting Ukrainian Reforms, spoke about programs that Ukraine has already managed to implement within the framework of reform measures; prospects that await Ukraine in the event of successful continuation of reforms, and about experience that can be drawn on for transformation so that the population of the country will feel changes in the public sector.



In late October in Kyiv **David J. KRAMER**, the Former Senior Director for Human Rights and Democracy at the McCain Institute, presented a book entitled «Back to Containment: Dealing with Putin's Regime».



YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Early in December, a meeting was held with **Melinda HARING**, the Editor of the Ukraine Alert blog at the Atlantic Council, on «Importance of Democracy» as part of the Foundation's Discussion Club. During the discussion, the guest focused on US assistance to Ukraine in the field of democracy development and raised the issue of values and their protection in the context of growing globalization.





YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Activities of the YouThink Youth Council of Open Ukraine Foundation

Throughout the year the Foundation's Youth Council actively participated in both the preparation of individual Foundation projects and implementation of its own initiatives.

Members of the Youth Council held a master class on rhetoric performance and public speaking, organized a meeting with **Dmytro ZOLOTUKHIN**, the Deputy Minister of Information Policy of Ukraine, held a debate on the topic of student scholarships, and organized a competition on Defender's Day of Ukraine.

Members of the Youth Council became active participants of the Kyiv Security Forum, enthusiastically working on tasks for the Foundation team.



Representatives of the Youth Council, Vira KONSTANTYNOVA, Olexandra CHUBINIDZE, Olena FEDORCHENKO, Kateryna OSTAPENKO, Illia GAVRYLENKO and Heorhii BUSHUIEV met with David KRAMER.



Youth Council representative, **Svitozar OSTAPCHUK**, was granted an opportunity to visit NATO Headquarters in Brussels and talk with Alliance department heads, discussing issues concerning the development of relations between Ukraine and NATO.

Oksana KOHUT participated in the Caux Forum, an annual event taking place in the town of Caux, Switzerland.

«The forum consists of a series of conferences on a variety of topics, for example, leadership and peaceful conflict resolution. This year, as a member of the Youth Council of the Open Ukraine Foundation, I had the opportunity to participate in the conference, «Just Governance for Human Security». During the event, I also participated in and graduated from their pilot certificate program», Oksana added.



Between 5 and 8 September, 2017, the XXVII Economic Forum was held in the Polish town of Krynica-Zdrój. **Vira KONSTANTYNOVA**, a member of the Youth Council, participated in the Forum.

According to Vira, attending these high level events promotes an expansion and strengthening of ties between these two countries, creating a foundation for unity on the positions of counteracting threats of Russian neo-imperialism.

YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

“Own Business: From Idea to Implementation” Summer School

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation has organized a summer school for members of Youth Council of the “Youthink” Foundation and active participants of the Foundation’s programs.

During the training, the youth learned about the management of creative projects, and found out what an “ideological transfer to start-ups” meant. Basic principles of branding and SMM, and the formation of a creative idea and its implementation stages were discussed. Participants held an interactive conversation on the topic “Personality and Person”, and took part in team building training.





CULTURAL HORIZONS PROGRAM



Mission:

- Presentation of cultural achievements of modern Ukraine abroad
- To strengthen cooperation between the cultural environments of Ukraine and Europe, improving the interaction between Ukrainian and foreign artists, and integration of Ukrainian art into the global context.

Mini-Grant for Artists

The Open Ukraine Foundation provides mini-grants for travel expenses so artists can share their artistic experience at the international level and improve interaction between Ukrainian and foreign artists. In 2017, 13 travel grants were granted, the recipients including:

Lesya HOROVA,
Singer
"Lines of Destiny"
International Festival
France

Volodymyr RUNCHAK,
Composer
Participation in a
concert where the
author's compositions
were performed by the
Ensemble Aventure
Freiburg
Germany

Khrystyna LIZOGUB,
Camera Operator
Participation in
the 67th Berlin
International Film
Festival
Germany

Evgeniya SENIK,
Writer
«Luxor Factory»
Artistic Residence
Switzerland

Natalia SOPIT,
Project Developer,
Actress
Presentation of a
documentary on
Mykhailo Hrushevsky
Poland

Alina GORLOVA,
Film Director
Participation in the
Copenhagen Docu-
mentary Film Festival
Denmark

Alexandra KROLIKOVSKA,
Photographer
Presentation of her
own photo exhibition
«Life of Deportation
and Settlement»
Seoul, Korea

Oksana CHEPELYK,
Film Director
Participation in
the XVIII LPM Live
Performers Meeting
Netherlands

Olesya BILETSKA,
Film Director
Participation in
the GlogauAIR Art
Residence
Germany

Victoria BAVYKINA,
Contemporary Art
Researcher
Participation in the
«IN BETWEEN» media
project of interactive
art
Austria

Tymofii BINIUKOV,
Film Director
Participation in
the «Aberdeen
International Youth
Festival»
Scotland

Oksana ROZUMNA,
Poetess
Participation in
the Poetry Africa
International Festival
South African
Republic

Svitlana SHYMKO,
Film Director
Presentation of the
film «Leninopad» at
DOK Leipzig
Germany

CULTURAL HORIZONS PROGRAM

The Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation organized a festive New Year concert for the Foundation's friends and partners. The event took place at the "Art Salon" of Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University.

The guests listened to pianist Alevtyna Dobina, laureate of many international festivals and competitions.

Her performances featured well-known compositions by Chopin, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Kapustin. At the end of the program Alevtina played a few New Year's and Christmas compositions.

At her opening address, **Tereziya YATSENYUK, Head of the Foundation Honorary Council**, thanked the Foundation's partners for their support for the initiatives, for their willingness to develop program projects of the Foundation and for their desire to work together for the development of Ukraine.





OPEN YOURSELF TO THE PROGRAM



Mission:

- Personal development and strengthening of their own education
- Self and the internal development of society

“Open Yourself” Program

The “Open Ukraine” Foundation launched the program “Discover yourself” in late 2015. The objective is to disseminate new knowledge and ideas to promote self-development and the development of civil society in Ukraine. This project is aimed at personal development and strengthening individual education. It has gained outstanding popularity among guests of the Foundation. More than five thousand Ukrainians participated in the program.

In late January and early February, a lecture by **business-trainer, coach, and cognitive scientist, Marja NESTEROVA** on the topic of psychosomatics was hosted. The lecturer focused on specific diseases - cancer, asthma, skin diseases, anorexia and others. “It’s important to talk not only about the causes, but also about the strategies of behavior in the event of disease, the types of stress response, means of protection”, - Mariya NESTEROVA highlighted.



OPEN YOURSELF PROGRAM



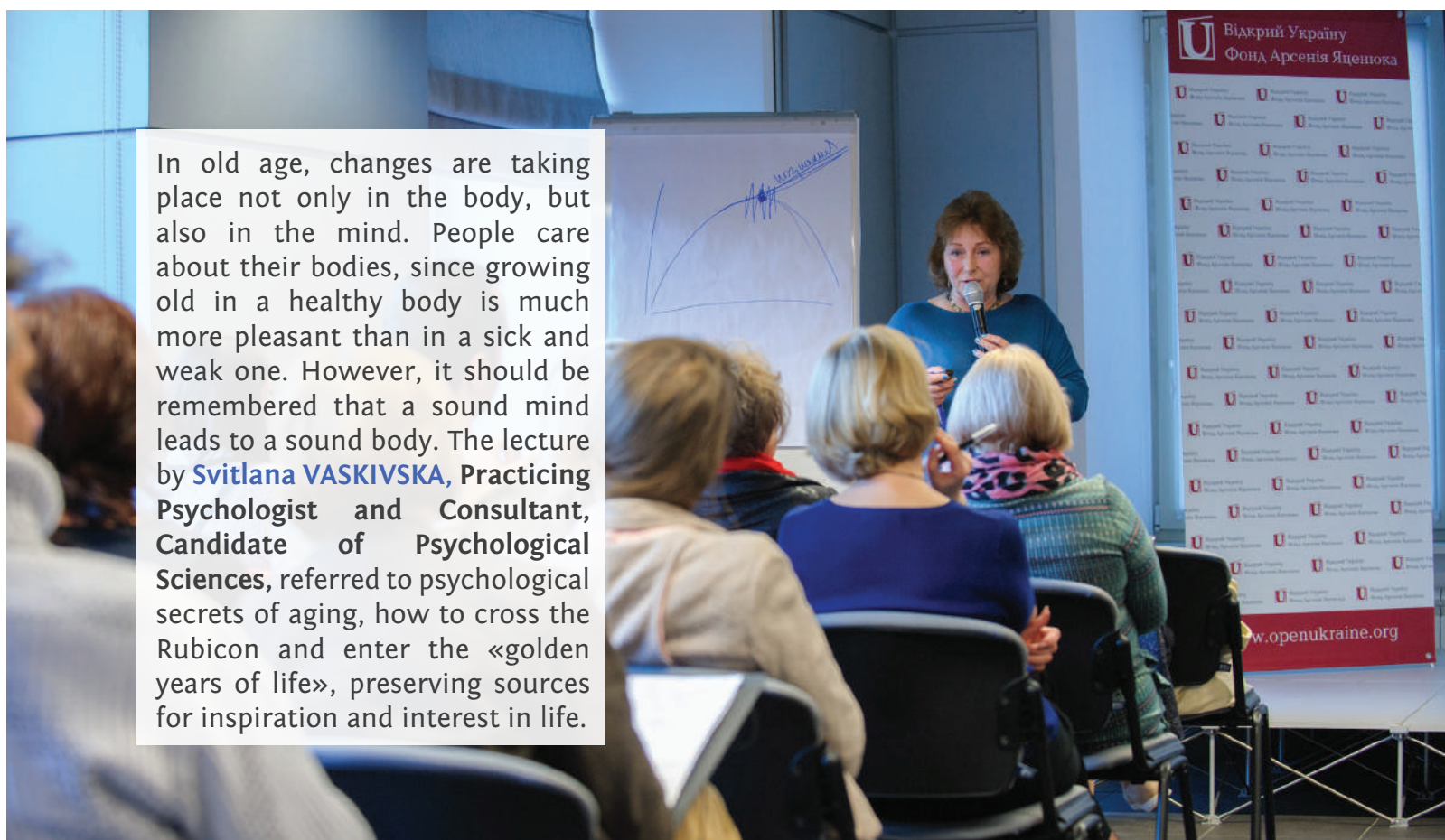
In February and May 2017, lectures by **child and family psychologist and psychotherapist, Olena MEDVEDIEVA**, were given on the theme: «Woman's Riddles and Femininity». On the basis of clinical history, the lecturer, together with the guests of the event, speculated on women's happiness, sexuality, desires, needs, illnesses, feminine destiny, challenges.



Throughout the year, the Open Ukraine Foundation organized a series of lectures by **Valerii DOROZHKIN**, **Doctor of Psychological Science, Practicing Psychologist, Professor of Psychology of Ukrainian State Employment Service Training Institute**. The lecturer answered questions on happiness, self-understanding, and the parent-child relationship.



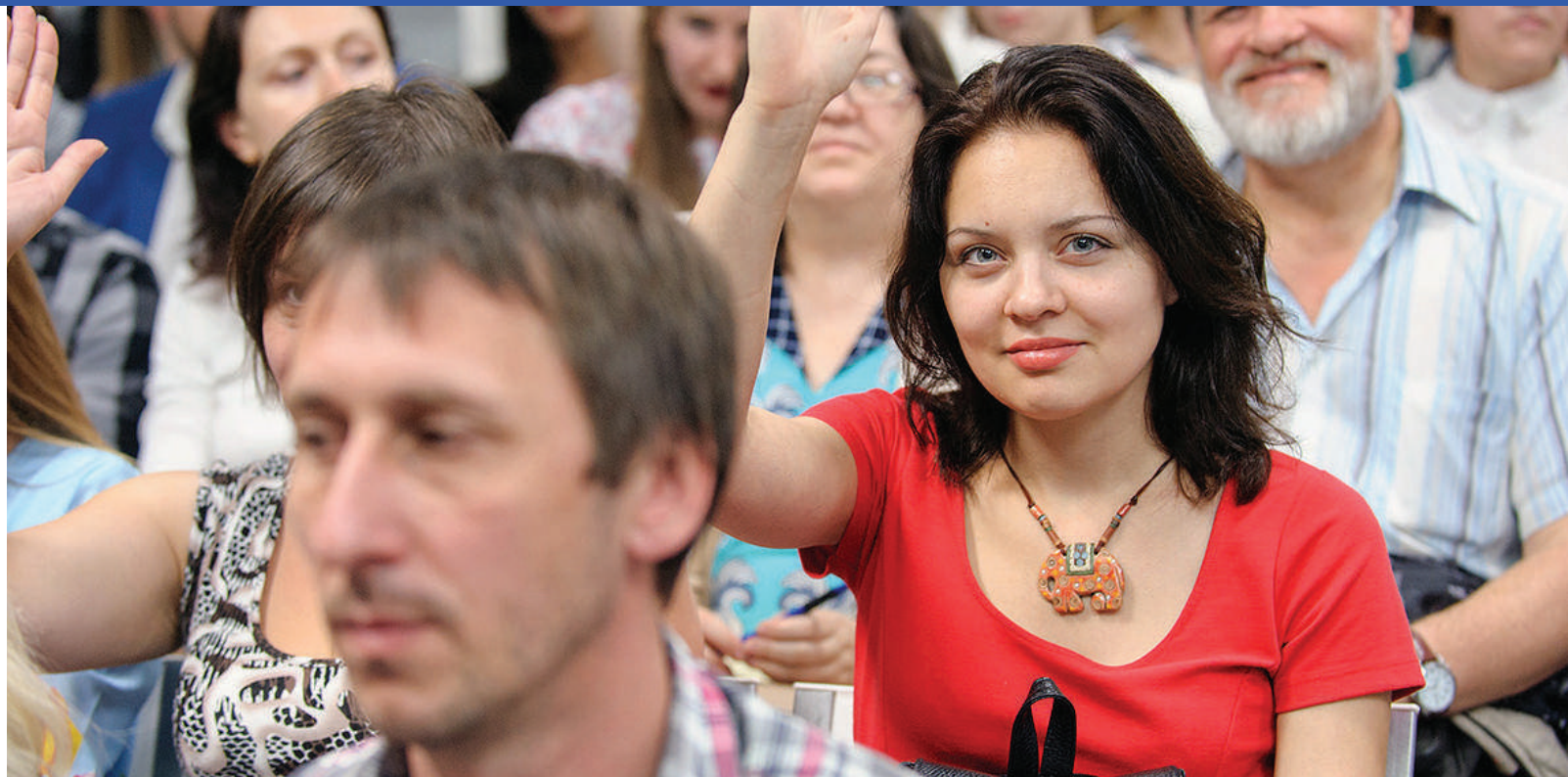
In April 2017, the guests posed questions to **Tina BERADZE**, famous psychologist, author of popular articles, scientific publications and lectures, TV talk-show expert and **Svitlana LYSENKO**, President of the Ukrainian Medical Laser Association about what motivates a woman to be beautiful.



In old age, changes are taking place not only in the body, but also in the mind. People care about their bodies, since growing old in a healthy body is much more pleasant than in a sick and weak one. However, it should be remembered that a sound mind leads to a sound body. The lecture by **Svitlana VASKIVSKA**, Practicing Psychologist and Consultant, Candidate of Psychological Sciences, referred to psychological secrets of aging, how to cross the Rubicon and enter the «golden years of life», preserving sources for inspiration and interest in life.

OPEN YOURSELF PROGRAM





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B | S | T The Black Sea Trust
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A PROJECT OF THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND

Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation of the German Marshall Fund of the United States

Established in 2007, the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation of the German Marshall Fund of the United States cooperates with various donors to provide grants to organizations of the Black Sea region that promote regional cooperation, civil society, and fundamentals of democracy.

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Представництво в Україні та Білорусі

The Regional Representative Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Ukraine and Belarus

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

 **CHATHAM HOUSE**

Chatham House: The Royal Institute of International Affairs

The Democracy Fund is aimed at supporting projects to foster the development of democracy and building civil society in Ukraine. The Democracy Fund is a focused but flexible mechanism that is targeted to provide financial support to unique and promising projects, especially those that promote the capacity and sustainability of NGOs in Ukraine.

 **NATO** Центр інформації
та документації НАТО

The NATO Information and Documentation Centre

The NATO Information and Documentation Center (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 organizations on NATO-related topics.