

# Report for 2024

Ukrainian House Foundation



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## Who are we?

**As of 2024, 150,484 Ukrainians have received our support and aid.**

For 15 years, we have been supporting the Ukrainian community in Poland — helping people adapt, find support, and build a new life.

Since the start of the full-scale invasion, we have been working every day to provide assistance to those forced to leave their homes.

## Introduction

We are now in the **fourth year of full-scale war. That's a long time. Too long.** Millions of Ukrainians have left their homes. Thousands sought protection in other countries. Poland has become a temporary or even a new home for many. With them came both hope and fear.

Fifteen years ago, we created the Ukrainian House. It began as a small initiative, born out of a great need to help. Today, **we remain a place where Ukrainians come to seek support, hope, and backing.** Creating a place where people care and where someone truly listens.

International aid is shrinking. **The world is growing tired. But we continue.** Every day, people come with real struggles. People who come searching for a school for their child, a doctor, a job, or even a place to live. Each matters deeply to us. Every story is real and requires attention.

This year, **we supported 16 children through our scholarship program.** They continue to learn, to draw, and to play music. We want to teach them to believe by showing them that we didn't give up on them, and we never will. If we stop today, tomorrow might be too late.

Here at the Ukrainian house, there is trust, a place where people feel at home, and respect. We see tired people, mistrust, and tension. However, we also know that this **community can bring healing**, and it brings us closer. That's why we don't just work with individual stories; we work with the future.

Ukrainian House is not just a place where people seek help. It's a space where people can be themselves, where you can once again believe that there is a place where you can call home.



**Thank you to everyone who has stood with us this year** — to donors, partners, colleagues, and volunteers. Your support is more than just numbers. It's care, it's trust, it's shared responsibility.

There are still many challenges ahead. But we know one thing for sure: **together we are stronger.**

Chwała Ukrainie! Chwała Polsce!

**With respect,**  
**Myroslava Keryk**  
**Chair of the Board, Ukrainian House Foundation**

The Support Center is a place where Ukrainians can find the help they need – whether right after their arrival in Poland or later on, when new challenges arise. We are here to walk alongside them, helping to build a new life step by step, at a pace that feels right for each individual.

In 2024, we continued to provide free consultations on the most essential topics, including:

- **legal stay and residency procedures**
- **border crossing rules**
- **access to healthcare**
- **enrollment in schools and kindergartens**
- **social benefits**
- **job and housing search**

Consultations were offered both in person at our Warsaw office and remotely — via messaging apps, email, and Google Meet.

Our experts closely monitor legal and policy updates that may impact Ukrainians in Poland. Through our Telegram channel "Info Support in Poland," we share daily verified and practical information. We also published a comprehensive handbook, **[“A Practical Guide for Citizens of Ukraine in the Republic of Poland”](#)**, which gathers all the key knowledge in one place.

Our support assistants offered hands-on help in difficult situations: accompanying people to doctors and public offices, providing translation, clarifying procedures, and offering emotional support.

Thanks to the work of the Support Center, our visitors gained access to:

- **legal aid**
- **labor law consultations**
- **psychological support**
- **career counseling**
- **housing assistance**

We also provided urgent temporary accommodation and arranged family assistant support for people in crisis. Our goal is not just to provide immediate help, but also to empower each person on their path to independence.



*„Without your help, we don't know how we would have managed — the situation could have turned out completely differently. Victoria is now in the hospital and has undergone the necessary surgery. We hope everything will be alright. Please accept our deepest gratitude for your openness to help, the time you gave us, and your big heart.”*

*Olena, 58, Kyiv*

# CONSULTATION POINT AND HELPLINE

In response to the evolving needs of refugees and migrants, we have continued to strengthen our Consultation Point and Helpline — a place for first contact, practical assistance, and trustworthy information. The cases we handle increasingly require not only empathy, but also expert knowledge and a highly individualized approach.

*„In 2024, we proved every single day that real help is not only about action — it's about heart. It's about the compassion that connects people in their most difficult moments.”*

*Tetiana Chukhriienko-Lipnitska  
Coordinator of the Consultation Point*

## In 2024, we supported individuals most frequently:

- **legalisation of stay** (including Diia.pl, temporary/permanent residence permits, citizenship applications);
- **social benefits** (ZUS, 800+, “Dobry Start,” social assistance offices);
- **tax declarations** (PIT) — including deductions, scholarships, and self-employment;
- **pension matters** — in both Poland and Ukraine, as well as disability assessments;
- **education-related issues** — e.g. secondary school enrollment;
- **translation support** in public institutions.

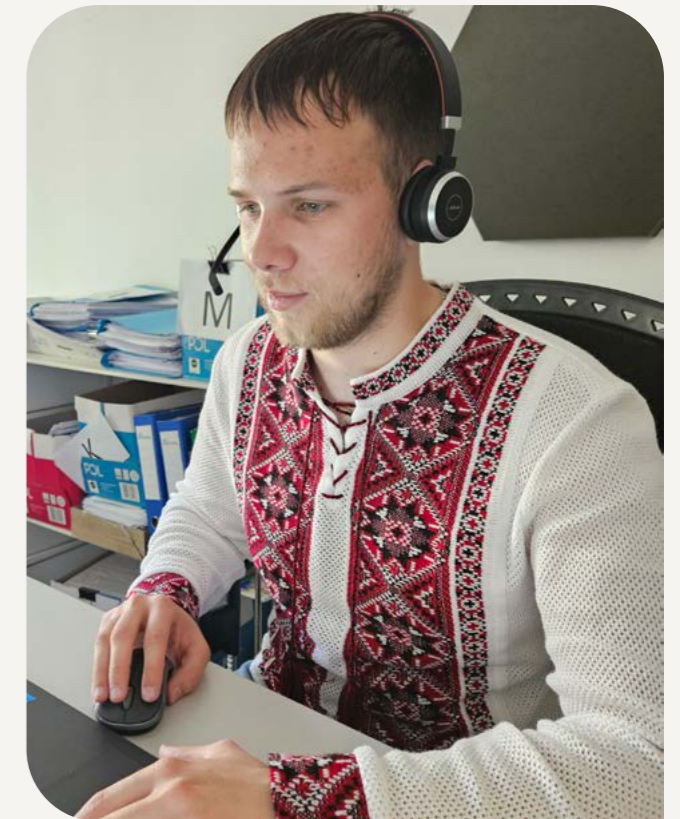
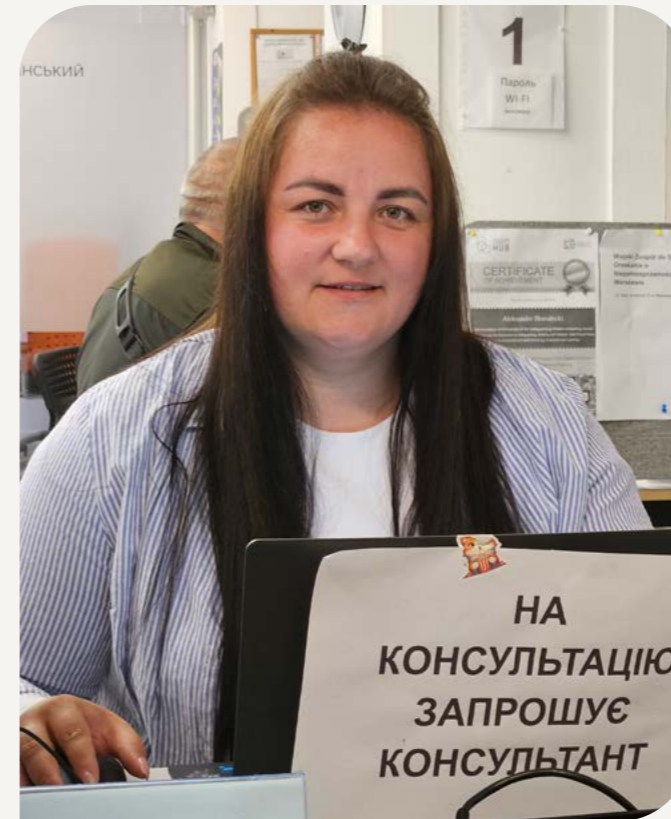
## Consultation Point and Helpline in 2024:

**19642** telephone consultations

**19508** in-person consultations

**3456** subscribers to our [Telegram channel](#)

**458** online consultations



## Our new developments in 2024

- **Expanded the scope of individual consultations in the areas of residence legalisation and PIT tax reporting**
- **We provided our consultation team with specialised training (in partnership with Crido and Garrigues)**
- **Strengthened online support through Telegram, Facebook, and digital consultation platforms**
- **Established partnerships with organizations, including ELIL and the Ukrainian Consulate**
- **We joined the Intercultural Center for Social Development network and collaboratively updated a knowledge base for staff. This helps them quickly find information about available support and guides people to the right organizations and services**

*„The consultation was very helpful — I received all the information I needed regarding employment. The support was quick, efficient, and highly professional. Thank you for your competent assistance!”*

*Serhii, 19, Kyiv*

# ACCOMMODATION



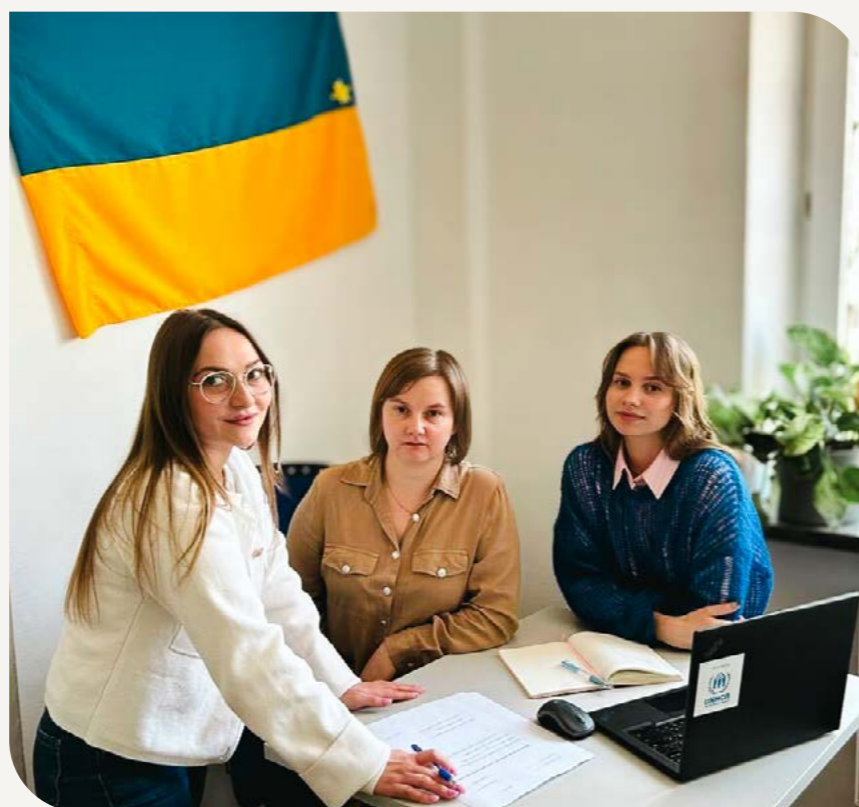
**Stable housing is the first step toward safety and building a new life. It provides more than just a roof over one's head — it brings peace of mind, a sense of security, and a foundation for integration into a new environment.**

In 2024, the Ukrainian House continued to support Ukrainian families who found refuge in Poland due to the war. We made it our priority to ensure **that they could live in safe and dignified conditions, both short-term and long-term.**

Thanks to close cooperation with numerous hosts and partner organisations, we developed an extensive housing network tailored to individual needs. We also **provided comprehensive informational support:** explaining the rental procedures in Poland, assisting in negotiations, and translating contracts — all to ensure that our beneficiaries felt confident, informed, and protected. Life can change in an instant. Sometimes, there's suddenly no place to stay and nowhere to go. That's exactly why **we created our crisis housing program.**

*„We sincerely thank the team for their wonderful support! The foundation's staff stayed in touch with us constantly, asking where we were and how we were doing — it was very moving. They helped us find a wonderful apartment, thanks to which we could feel safe.”*

*Ilona, 37, Kharkiv*



These are safe apartments where individuals and families can stay temporarily during very difficult times. We also support **people coming to Warsaw for treatment or rehabilitation** who have nowhere to stay during their visit. In 2024, **108 people from 46 families** found shelter, safety, and a moment to breathe thanks to this support.

We also run **the Emergency Housing** for situations that can't wait. When someone suddenly finds themselves without a place to sleep, we help **cover a few nights in a hostel.** Sometimes one, two, or three nights are enough to find another solution, to regroup, to feel safe again.

Thanks to this quick response, **25 people from 16 families** didn't have to spend the night on the street. Because in a moment of crisis, the most important thing is knowing you're not alone

*„We are deeply grateful for the apartment provided for the rehabilitation of a child with a disability. We really liked everything — the apartment was clean, cozy, and fully equipped. We especially appreciated the household items, cleaning and hygiene supplies, and spare bedding. The apartment was also very warm, which meant a lot for the child's and our family's comfort.”*

*Svitlana, 42, Sumy*

## Accommodation in 2024

**3326** people sought our assistance

**515** in-person consultations secured long-term rental housing

**757** received temporary accommodation

**222** housing consultations were delivered across Poland (within 6 months)

**158** applications were submitted for social housing

Individual support is the foundation of effective assistance. It allows us to respond to each person or family's specific challenges and needs, be there during the most difficult times, and help them build a new, stable life in Poland.

In 2024, we remained close to those who needed help the most. Our family support assistants **stood by single mothers, people with serious illnesses or disabilities**, and families in crisis. We helped them navigate everyday life in Poland from dealing with bureaucracy to accessing healthcare and psychological support. We walked with them on their path toward safety, stability, and a new beginning.

More than ever, we focused on an individual approach and long-term support, **helping people not only survive but gradually build independence**.

Thanks to additional funding, we were also able to **provide material support to families** in the most difficult circumstances. Together with partners, we developed the "Standards of Casework" (SOP Casework), a tool that helps us respond faster to crises, coordinate support more effectively, and reach those in the greatest need.

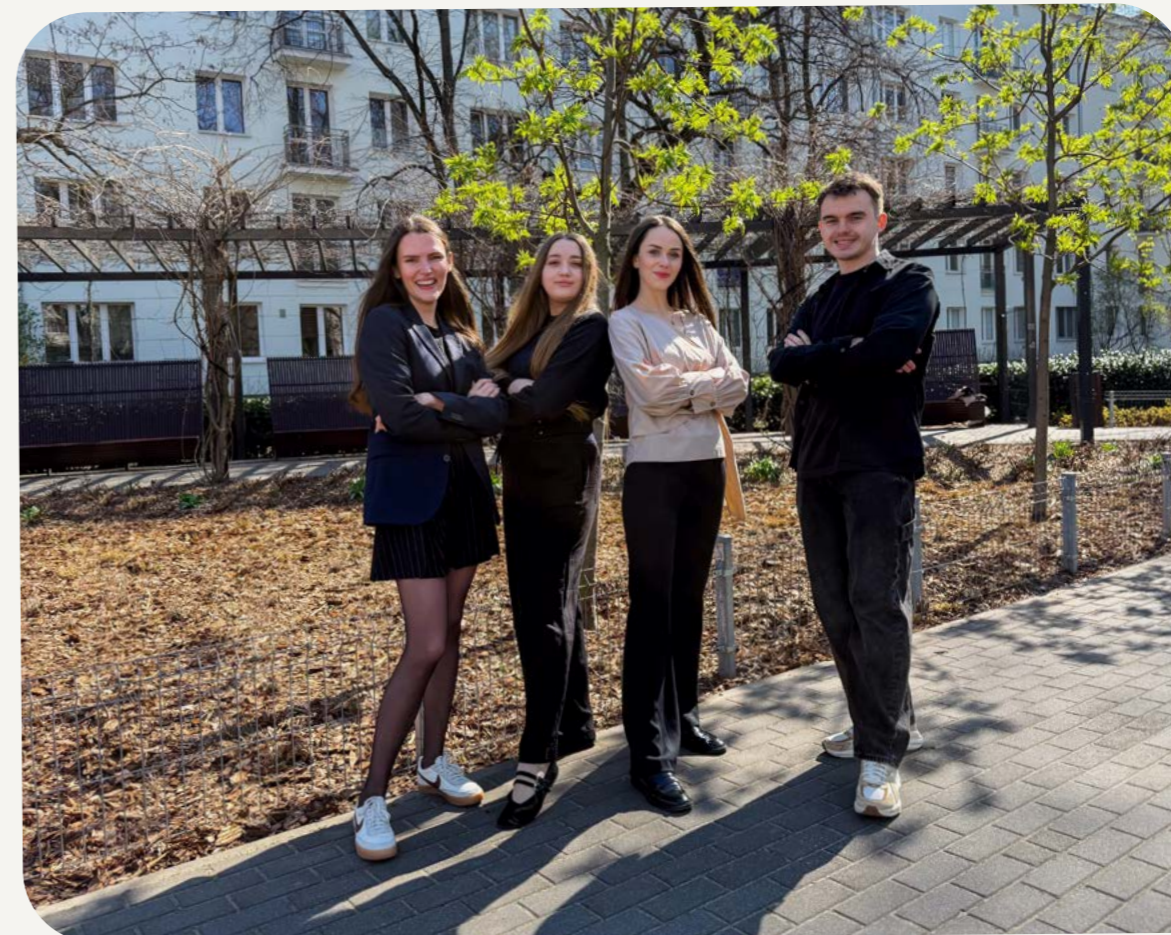
## Family Support Team in 2024

**427** people received support

**214** provided support throughout

*„This year wasn't easy, but it proved how much can change thanks to trust, care, and a professional approach. We created a space where everyone could feel safe and see hope for a better future.”*

*Olena Senyk,  
Coordinator of the Family Assistants Team*



### Case story

A man came to us in a very difficult situation, without housing, medical help, or social support. With our assistance, he regained his UKR status, which meant that his access to health care (two words) and social benefits was restored. We also helped him receive proper medical care, secured a transportation pass for him, and provided him with groceries and medication.

Just as things began to stabilize, he became a victim of violence in the hostel where he was staying. We acted immediately and found him a safe and permanent place to live.

Today, he is safe. He has a roof over his head, support, and a fresh start.

Stories like this remind us every day that **human compassion** and comprehensive assistance can truly **change someone's life**.

**Volunteers are a vital part of our work. They help us deliver support faster and more effectively, while also fostering an atmosphere of trust, empathy, and mutual understanding.**

In 2024, Ukrainian House volunteers actively supported people who came to our Support Center. Thanks to their knowledge of both Polish and Ukrainian, they **accompanied visitors to hospitals, government offices, banks, and even police stations** — places where language barriers could pose serious challenges.

When individuals could not afford professional translation services, our volunteers stepped in to **help translate important documents** required by medical or administrative institutions. In response to this growing need, we launched a new support format — an individual accompaniment group, through which volunteers provided hands-on help in complex life situations.

Our volunteers also contributed during public events at Ukrainian House and **organised language conversation clubs** in Polish, Ukrainian, and English.



*„We would like to sincerely thank you for the high-quality document translation. Your professionalism and attention to detail allowed us to capture all the essential nuances and meanings of the original.”*

*Olena, 28, Dniepr*



## Volunteering in 2024

**887** instances of volunteer support provided

**85** most active volunteer contributed

**Professional activation is not only a path to economic independence, but it is also a means of personal growth, building confidence, and achieving deeper integration into the host society.**

In 2024, we provided intensive support to refugees and migrants in their job search and the development of their professional initiatives. Our **team offered expert consultations** on CV preparation, recruitment processes, career planning, and the enhancement of key skills required in today's job market.

As part of our collaboration with Youth Business Poland under the project "Best by Futuremakers", we organised consultations **with experts in business creation and management**, accounting, and grant acquisition. Participants received practical guidance to help bring their business ideas to life.

**We also ran two digital skills development courses:**

- **Excel — attended by 183 participants**
- **Basic computer skills — attended by 18 women**

Additionally, we organised five networking and informational events, where participants had the opportunity to meet representatives from various sectors (including HR, IT, medicine, and accounting) and take part in **hands-on workshops on application writing**. A total of 121 people took part in these events.

The Ukrainian House Foundation also took part in high-profile external events such as the Women in Tech Summit and the Job Fair at the Palace of Culture and Science, where we promoted our activities and expanded our presence in the professional ecosystem.

We maintained an **active Telegram channel**, where we shared updates on events, job offers, support opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs, and valuable career tips. In total, we published 273 posts over the course of the year.

We also offered weekly free legal consultations in cooperation with the GIDE law firm, providing advice on labour law, including cases of labour rights violations, wage withholding, and employer-employee conflicts.

*„2024 was a year of intensive support for job seekers and aspiring professionals. Through coaching, training, and networking, we helped individuals gain confidence, acquire new skills, and build valuable connections — opening the door to a better professional future.”*

*Oleksandra Pustova,  
Coordinator of the Professional  
Activation Department*



## Professional Activation in Numbers in 2024

**1381** employment-related consultations  
(CVs, recruitment, contracts)

**313** one-on-one career coaching sessions

**273** publications on the department's Telegram channel

**183** Excel participants

**95** business consultations in partnership  
with Youth Business Poland

**18** basic computer skills — participants

**5** networking events with a total of 121 participants

In order for the integration of Ukrainians, cooperation with local communities is key. It allows for better use of existing resources and helps build trust, openness, and solidarity.

In 2024, we continued implementing the project **"Let's Act Together in Mazovia."** Its main goal is to **support local leaders and institutions** working with people from Ukraine. We help them **co-create initiatives** that engage Ukrainians in the life of their communities.

A vital part of the project is the involvement of **mentors from Ukrainian House**, as well as external experts. They **visit towns and villages**, speak with local residents, identify needs, and work together with communities to implement **tailored solutions** that truly work.

We also launched the **"Mazovia Grants" program**, funded by Ukrainian House and our donors. Through this program, residents of the region can **receive financial support** for their own initiatives, whether cultural, social, sports-related, or focused on integration. It's a great way to **strengthen local communities and encourage Ukrainians to get involved** in shared civic life.

#### Other areas of support provided within the project:

- **Consultations on legalisation, employment, education, and healthcare**
- **Individual and group meetings with a psychologist**
- **Information support for men of conscription age who, due to errors in the "Rezerw+" application, have limited access to consular services**
- **One-time financial aid**
- **Assistance in establishing local NGOs**



*„The Mazovia project is not just about helping, it's about genuine cooperation between Ukrainians and Poles. Together, we seek solutions that respond to each community's needs.”*

*Paulina Sokół  
Coordinator of the "Mazovia" Project*

## Our results in 2024:

**59 530 zł** in total financial support for communities

**12** projects implemented through the grants program  
(language courses, theatre workshops, trips, sports training, women's clubs, creative workshops)

**OVER 500** participants

**48** training sessions and workshops

**28** towns and villages are involved

**7** mentors

# POLISH LANGUAGE COURSES AND CONVERSATION CLUBS

Language skills are often the very first step toward feeling confident in a new country. Learning Polish helps Ukrainians communicate with locals, better understand Polish culture, find employment, and gain greater independence in daily life.

*„Nino and Natalia (Ukrainian); Krzysztof, Martin, Gabriela, and Magda (Polish); Ivan, Maciej, Hu, Tanya, Marya, Marcin, and Filip (English); Elmaz (Crimean Tatar) — thank you for your warmth, kindness, and dedication throughout 2024!”*

*Julia Semeniuk  
Language Program Coordinator*

In 2024, **volunteers played a key role in our language program** by leading conversation clubs in Polish, English, Ukrainian, and Crimean Tatar. Their dedication created a friendly and supportive atmosphere where participants could practice Polish informally, get to know one another, and gradually adapt to their new surroundings.



We offered a variety of free Polish language courses, including:

- Intensive courses at levels A1–B1
- Specialised courses supporting professional adaptation in Poland: “Business Polish” and “Medical Polish”
- Conversation Clubs in Polish, English, Ukrainian, and Crimean Tatar

The classes were held in group format, both **online and in person**, tailored to participants' age, skill level, and availability.



*„I’m very satisfied with the Polish language courses organised by the Ukrainian House. I attended different classes — each had its own focus and method, which helped me improve my language skills. The atmosphere was friendly, and the materials were engaging.”*

*Nadiia, 63, Kherson*

## Polish Language Courses and Conversation Clubs in 2024

**619** participants in Polish language courses

**376** conversation club participants

**96** conversation club sessions held

**55** Polish learning groups formed

**12** volunteers involved in leading conversation clubs

The Meeting Center is a space for those not only looking for events but also for creating a community for the Ukrainian people. Here, Ukrainians come together to create a welcoming environment that feels like home away from home.

This year, the Ukrainian House continued to grow as a **hub of contemporary Ukrainian culture** and Polish-Ukrainian dialogue. Over the years, we organised dozens of events, from concerts and exhibitions to cosy literary gatherings, workshops, and film screenings.

This year, we also held two major community events that brought together over 1,300 attendees:

**Total number of visits: 5174**

- Rozkoliada (700 attendees)
- Easter Breakfast (588 attendees)

Several regular clubs have gained popularity, including the literary club "Po-sąsiedku," the peer support group "Przyjaciele," board game evenings, and the film club. All of these activities helped attendees feel connected with the community.

The Ukrainian House Library is home to an extensive collection of Ukrainian literature, with **864 active readers** who have taken and checked out our books over 3,195 times. For the second time, we partnered with the prestigious **BBC Book of the Year Award Ukraine**, which received a long list of finalists who received impressive awards.

Among the distinguished guests at the Meeting Center in 2024 were:

- Oleksandr Zinchenko,
- Akhtem Seitablayev,
- Ruslan Horovyi,
- Irena Karpa,
- Vitaliy Saliy,

- Yevhenia Kuznietsova,
- Sofia Andrukhovych,
- Pavlo Kazarin,
- Pianoboy,
- Oleksandr Irvanets.

## "DIM" Gallery

7 exhibitions  
8 reative workshops



## Meeting Center in 2024

### 170 events, including:

- Rozkoliada (700 attendees)
- Easter Breakfast (588 attendees)
- Board game evenings (29 meetings)
- Peer support group "Przyjaciele" (24 meetings)
- Literary club (20 meetings)
- Film screenings (22 events)
- Book presentations (27 events)
- Other cultural events (33 events)



*„This year, the Meeting Center was not just a venue for events, but a space where support and unity were felt every single day.”*

*Kateryna Pytlyk,  
Coordinator of the Meeting Center*

# UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Ukrainian Women's Club is a place where every woman can find support, advice, and inspiration. It's a community for those who have found themselves far from home but wish to preserve their sense of self, their culture, and a feeling of belonging. Together, we learn how to build a new life in Poland without losing touch with our identity.

For over 10 years, our clubs have brought together Ukrainian women who relocated to Poland, fleeing war, **seeking safety for themselves and their children**. Hoping for a better future. Every week, free meetings are held at Ukrainian House and other locations across Warsaw.

The goal of the clubs is to **support women on their journey to find a safe haven**. The clubs help them rediscover their inner strength, rebuild confidence, gain new knowledge, care for their health, and emotional well-being. Most importantly, this allows them to overcome their feelings of loneliness.

The club's program includes:

- Psychological support and art therapy sessions
- Meetings focused on Polish culture and history
- Excursions and integration events
- Conversations about women's health
- Cooking classes
- Yoga, Zumba, and Pilates classes
- Creative and handicraft workshops
- Talks with activists and women leaders

Many attendees at these clubs work or study, so we've increasingly organized evening meetings to support them during their free time. Sports and movement-based activities are especially popular not only for their physical health benefits, but also for **promoting emotional balance, relieving anxiety**, and fostering self-care. At the Ukrainian Women's Club, we aim to support women here, now, and forever—no matter their circumstances.

At the Club, we strive to support women in their lives here and now — regardless of the circumstances.



## Ukrainian Women's Clubs in 2024

**4129** overall visits

**255** organised meetings



# ACTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Workshops and creative classes for children who have experienced forced displacement due to the war are designed to address the children's needs for psychological recovery. These are safe spaces for development, where you can make friends, open up to the world, and gradually regain a sense of security. It's where children can once again be themselves, play, laugh, and ask questions about the future.



This year, we saw a growing interest in our programs, ranging from educational weekend sessions to creative weekday workshops. Increasingly, parents brought their children to our regular and seasonal activities during the holidays. Bringing them during the celebratory holidays and weekends, seeking a stable and meaningful environment **where their kids could grow and thrive in a new country.**

One of our newest initiatives was introducing arts education. We launched an ART School, where children explored the visual arts and created their art through drawing, sculpting, and experimentation. **Art became part of our weekly program.** We genuinely believe that creativity has healing power.

Young people were also actively involved in urban design workshops. This year, we introduced new topics, including **artificial intelligence and machine learning.** We believe that young people need to envision themselves as part of a modern and forward-looking future.



## Our results in 2024:

**1915** total participations

around **900** children and teenagers benefited from our activities

**174** events and sessions

**2** summer camps

*„This year, we gave children from small towns a real summer, their first break in a long time. Many of them had to wait alone for their parents to return from work in cramped apartments or hostels. For these children, our camp was the only chance to experience a true summer.”*

*Liza Maiorova  
Coordinator of Children's Programs*



**Education is one of the most crucial steps toward integration and a child's development in a new country. It provides not only knowledge but also confidence, stability, and a chance for a brighter future.**

SzkoUA has now been operating since April 2022. What began as a temporary project paved the way for children to complete the school year using the Ukrainian curriculum. Evolved into a long-term initiative. As the war continued, many families were unable to return to their homes. SzkoUA transformed into a **permanent learning space that Ukrainians could rely on** while in Poland.

Our school is more than just lessons. It's a place of support for families, a space for preserving the Ukrainian language and culture, and a **source of help in difficult circumstances**. We believe that through education, children can grow strong, resilient, and remain connected to their roots in Ukraine.

This year, Szkoła UA relocated to a new location in Warsaw's Praga-Południe district and received recognition from both national and international sources for its innovative approach.

The school was awarded the Council of Europe Development Bank's **Social Cohesion Award** and became a finalist in the "Przewroty" Prize of the Copernicus Science Centre.

Despite the recognition, SzkoUA is now in urgent need of support. **Due to cuts in funding for educational programs, our operations are at risk.** We are seeking partners, donors, and allies who share our mission: to provide children with the education and confidence they need for their future. You can also help by supporting the school:

[SUPPORT SzkoUA](#)



## SzkoUA in 2024:

**265** students

**31** teachers

**2** school psychologists

**7** hours of Polish language instruction per week for every student



Access to precise and reliable information is one of the most essential conditions for a successful integration. While in a new country, simple everyday tasks such as visiting a doctor or enrolling a child in preschool can feel complex or out of reach.





Since 2011, the Nasz Wybir portal has been supporting Ukrainians in Poland. The Ukrainians who seek refuge in Poland due to the war, as well as those who have emigrated in search of a better life. Have access to content that **helps people navigate their new realities** and find answers to the essential questions they face.

This year, the editorial team published around **1,500 articles in Ukrainian and over 100 articles in Polish**. Among the most important topics were updates on social support programs (such as “800+” and “Dobry Start”), the termination of the “40+” benefit, and announcements related to the upcoming CUKR residency cards.

We paid special attention to articles about Polish history and culture. From Poland’s first president, Gabriel Narutowicz, to scientist and environmentalist Simona Kossak, these stories not only broaden horizons but also deepen understanding of Polish society, fostering more meaningful integration.

In our “Events” section, we regularly publish information about classes, workshops, and meetups for Ukrainians across Poland. We believe this space will continue evolving into a hub for information-sharing and cooperation between organisations working with migrant and refugee communities.

This year, our publications were cited by leading Ukrainian, Polish, and international media outlets, including Radio Svoboda, TSN, Ukrainska Pravda, UNIAN, RBK-Ukraine, and PAP, reaching an **estimated 1 million readers**.

 <p><b>PUNKT WIDZENIA</b></p> <p>Lex Kamilek: w Polsce zaczęły obowiązywać nowe przepisy dotyczące ochrony dzieci przed przemocą</p> <p>2 listopada 2024</p>	 <p><b>ANALIZY</b></p> <p>Czy plan zwycięstwa wzmocni Ukrainę?</p> <p>27 października 2024</p>	 <p><b>KULTURA</b></p> <p>Anton Ptuszkina: „Miłość do zwierząt to przejaw człowieczeństwa. W tym filmie chciałem pokazać, że Ukraińcy są bardzo ludzcy”</p> <p>11 października 2024</p>	 <p><b>KULTURA</b></p> <p>„My, artyści, musimy być społecznie odpowiedzialni”. Wywiad z polskim muzykiem i społecznikiem Tomaszem Sikorą</p> <p>24 września 2024</p>
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## "Nasz Wybir" in 2024

**542 000** unique users

**937 000** page views

**754 000** Facebook reach

Learning in one's native language helps children with forced migration experience/maintain their cultural identity. This integrates the students into a new environment and builds their future, both in Poland and in Ukraine.

This year, we continued our program for children who were forced to leave Ukraine due to the war, **helping them stay connected to their language and culture**. Our goal was to ensure that learning in Ukrainian would be more than just a source of knowledge. We wanted it to become a form of emotional and cultural support in their new surroundings.

Classes were held at three locations:

- **A primary school in the Wola district of Warsaw**
- **The premises of the Chaplaincy Mission of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Ursynów, Warsaw**
- **A primary school in Legionowo (Masovian Voivodeship)**

In March, **we opened a new school in Legionowo**. The launch event was attended by students, teachers, local authorities, representatives of the Ukrainian Embassy, and members of the local community. Another new branch officially opened in September — this time in Ursynów, Warsaw.

Throughout the year, we organized thematic classes and events focused on essential aspects of Ukrainian history and contemporary life:

- **cultural lessons and celebrations**
- **Holiday decoration workshops**
- **a meeting with a Ukrainian children's book author**
- **Participation in the International Ukrainian Language Competition named after Petro Yatsyk.**

We also expanded our cooperation with other educational centers promoting Ukrainian studies in Poland and across Europe.

Our teachers continuously enhanced their professional skills. The school's director actively contributed to expert discussions and consultations, including a **meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the President of Ukraine**.



*„2024 was a year of new opportunities for our school. For example, in teaching, quality, funding, facilities, and cooperation with public institutions were some key factors. In addition, we were able to grow and create an environment where Ukrainian children could thrive and realise their potential.”*

*Oleksandr Pustovyi  
Director of the Ukrainian Saturday School*

## Saturday School in 2024

**100** registered students

**6** teachers

**50** Ukrainian history and culture lessons

**395** Ukrainian language lessons

**3** new locations



# 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRAINIAN HOUSE FOUNDATION AND TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS 15 1999-2014

This year, the Ukrainian House celebrated 15 years of its work in Poland. Throughout this time, we have stood by the Ukrainian community, offering help, providing support, and fostering connection. For this special anniversary, **we chose to honour those who inspired us most.** These were Ukrainian children who, despite the challenges of war and displacement, continue to learn, create, and pursue their dreams.

We received **323 applications** for our anniversary scholarship competition. The three categories — science, arts, and sports — had a dedicated jury with independent members.

## SCIENCE:

- Mykola Balatskyi
- Danyil Dorosh
- Egor Laptiev
- Bohdan Filonych
- Polina Horodovikova



## SPORTS:

- Vladyslav Rudenko
- Oleksandra Zinchenko
- Ihor Korobets
- Ivan Danchuk
- Yevheniia Hamash



## ARTS:

- Mariia Kovalevska
- Sabrina Grynevych
- Rimmel Kurukci
- Ahata Teterieva
- Arsenii Denysiuk
- Daria Ovannisian



The scholarship ceremony was attended by the Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland, Vasyl Bodnar, Poland's Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education, Andrzej Szeptycki, the Director of the National Library of Poland, Tomasz Makowski, representatives of the Ukrainian school "SzkoUA" in Warsaw, and other distinguished guests.

We awarded **15 scholarships of 5,000 PLN each** in the categories of science, arts, and sports. **Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor,** we were able to award an **additional 16th scholarship.** The winners plan to use the funds for a variety of purposes, from private tutoring to purchasing professional equipment.

## Continuing the tradition

Our 15th anniversary is just the beginning. Ahead lies a future full of new opportunities, inspiring stories, and talented children who deserve support. **Young talents must not go unsupported.** That's why we are fully committed to developing our scholarship program in the coming years to help young people pursue their dreams and grow their skills.

**Join us in supporting the Ukrainian House!**



At Ukrainian House, we work to ensure that the voice of the Ukrainian community in Poland is heard. Advocacy allows us to influence legal and social decisions that directly affect the lives of people with refugee and migration experience from Ukraine, and to promote their active integration into Polish society.

Through our advocacy work, we:

- Analyse data brought together through daily assistance activities.
- Prepare recommendations for changes in legislation that impact Ukrainians in Poland.
- Engage in dialogue with representatives of the Polish government and international institutions.
- Provide expert commentary and interviews to Polish and Ukrainian media.



- Collaborate with other migrant-led organisations on advocacy initiatives.

**Key Achievements in 2024:**

- Participated in consultations on amendments to the so-called “**Special Law on Assistance to Ukrainian Citizens.**”
- Actively contributed to discussions on mandatory schooling for Ukrainian children starting in September 2024, with Ukrainian House director **Myroslava Keryk joining the Ministry of Education’s working group on refugee children's educational integration.**
- Co-organised meetings and webinars for journalists in partnership with Ashoka Poland, and **published six policy bulletins** on the most pressing issues.
- In November 2024, **Myroslava Keryk was awarded the Order of Merit, Third Class, by the President of Ukraine**, a recognition of her contribution and the work of the entire Ukrainian House in supporting the Ukrainian community in Poland.
- Held advocacy meetings with representatives of the governments of the USA, Canada, France, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, the Netherlands, and Ukraine to **discuss the situation of Ukrainian refugees in Poland and further support opportunities.**



**Advocacy in 2024:**

**27** presentations at conferences and forums in Poland and abroad

## Donors



# Together we can do more

## Our support doesn't stop, but funding might.

Help is not a project. It is responsibility, readiness, and presence.

Every day, people come to us in need of support. They ask if we can help them find housing, a doctor, a job...

And we want to have the time, attention, and resources for every person who walks through our door.

However, **we fear that soon we may have to limit our activities.** Yet we cannot allow social sensitivity to depend only on available funds.

If you value what we do, visit our page and help us keep going!



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