International Youth Day

YOUTH AS LEADERS IN THE UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Young people are taking the lead everywhere you look. The Youth in Europe Bulletin showcases stories of youth activation, engagement, and empowerment throughout the Europe and Central Asian region. This issue focuses on the Ukraine refugee situation and the engagement of young people in the humanitarian response.

Read more about the response

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS IN HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The World Organisation of Scout Movements (WOSM), one of the world’s oldest youth organisations, took on an additional role: supporting young scouts as first responders to the humanitarian emergency. The Scouts are one of UNICEF’s main CSO partners through their National Scout Organisations (NSO).

Read more about the UNICEF-WOSM partnership

UNICEF-SCOUTS PARTNERSHIP: AT-A-GLANCE

Between 9-22 July 2022, Scouts together with UNICEF:

- Supported 17,051 Ukrainian individuals, 13,281 children/Young people.
- Utilised 47 information, reception points & warehouses.
- Organised more than 90 summer camps, jamborees and activities, which have engaged an approximate number of 5,998 children, approx. 860 who were Ukrainian.
SCOUT’S DIARY - RALUCA

"It wasn't until I became involved in this humanitarian response that I realised that Scouting was literally preparing us for any circumstance"

As families fled the escalating violence in Ukraine, young Scouts like 25-year-old Raluca were among the first responders at the borders of neighbouring countries.

Read more about raluca’s story

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS GET A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORK

"Thanks to volunteering, I've realised what I want to do in my life - it's volunteer management," says Piotr, a young scout, who supports Ukrainian refugees at a Blue Dot in Krakow.

Approx. 2,500 Scouts from hosting countries have been engaged as volunteers.

Read more about Blue Dots

U-REPORT EUROPE: CONNECTING YOUNG UKRAINIANS AND GIVING SPACE TO YOUTH VOICES

Since U-Report Europe’s launch on 1 July 2022:

- Provided access to relevant information for Ukrainians in seven countries: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Moldova, Slovakia, and Italy.
- 10,659 U-Reporters initially registered with close to 20,000 activations of the chatbot.
- 73% of participants said the information was either very or partially useful.

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