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# Partnerships for youth and youth as partners: Joining forces with youth organisations

## NEW REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS SHOWCASING SOLIDARITY ACROSS BORDERS

Young people in Europe face complex and interconnected challenges that demand whole-of-society responses. Because of this, partnerships are at the heart of everything UNICEF does. This issue of the Youth in Europe Bulletin looks at two new regional partnerships, with the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and Junior Achievement Europe. Alongside the collaboration with the World Organisation of Scout Movements (WOSM) (see Issues 1 and 2), key actors across our communities are joining together, and with youth, to address the most pressing challenges facing young people today.

## SOCIAL INCLUSION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT: STAND BY ME'S "BUDDY" PROGRAMME

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education and learning. The Stand By Me programme will enable displaced young Ukrainians to continue their studies and prepare for work and life while offering crucial moral and peer support via a young Czech, Slovak or Romanian peer over two years through a peer-to-peer "buddy" system. The target is to reach 196,800 young people across three participating countries.

[Read more](#) about the Stand By Me programme



# Building skills for work, life, and the community



## THE UPLIFT PROGRAMME: SUPPORTING UPSKILLING AND RESKILLING FOR EMPLOYABILITY AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Junior Achievement (JA) is Europe's largest provider of education programmes for entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy. The UPLIFT Programme aims for improved employability for refugee and host-country youth and adolescents, as well as increased civic engagement, participation and sense of belonging in the broader community. The target is 300,000 Ukrainian refugees across 11 participating countries.

[Read more](#) about the UPLIFT programme

## THE ADOLESCENT KIT FOR EXPRESSION AND INNOVATION: A RESOURCE FOR UNICEF'S PARTNERS

The Adolescent Kit provides humanitarian and development organisations with a practical package of guidance, tools, activities and supplies for supporting adolescents in humanitarian crises to experiment, express themselves and tap into talents they may not be aware they have. Partners can use the Kit to support young people in planning and carrying out creative projects, experimenting and working on inventions, exploring new ideas and concepts, and brainstorming solutions to problems and challenges.

[Explore UNICEF's Adolescent Kit](#) for Expression and Innovation

## LATVIAN AND UKRAINIAN YOUTH FINDING COMMON GROUND THROUGH STUDENT ENTERPRISES

**"There is a greater sense of belonging when you are more involved with Latvian young people rather than just a group of Ukrainians or just Latvians."**

Vivāna, a Latvian student, and Juliana, a Ukrainian student, work together in a student company that produces beeswax lip balms from natural raw materials in Riga. This opportunity, supported by Junior Achievement Latvia, allows local and Ukrainian youth to connect, share experiences, and integrate into the community while building job skills and earning an income.

[Read more](#) about Vivāna and Juliana's collaboration

