



RAISING YOUNG VOICES

Young Ukrainian women share their stories





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Friedenskreis Halle e.V.

The peaceful revolution of 1989 brought together in 1990 people from various citizen's initiatives in Halle to form the Friedenskreis (Circle of Peace) 1991.

Today our engagement is focused on a dynamic concept of peace: Peace for us is not a state, a far-off goal of simply an absence of war. For us peace is a way to a fair, cooperative, diverse and non-violent co-existence that enables everyone to be free and develop themselves.

We are a political and value-orientated organization, but we do not belong to any party, religion or ideology. In our networking, however, we are open to collaboration and cooperation.

With our work we advocate active non-violence, constructive as well as civil conflict management, active democracy, transcultural diversity and global justice.

Currently the association works in three areas::

- International volunteering and non-formal educational projects: consultation and information for interested persons and organisations as well as hosting-, sending- and coordinating organisation for programmes "Jugend in Aktion", "weltwärts", "EVZ" and "Erasmus+"
- Peace education: own workshops, seminars and trainings in Halle, the region and abroad in cooperation with local, regional, national and international partners as well as mediation of offers and trainers;
- peace politics: actions, campaigns, exhibitions, presentations, lectures and workshops as well as local and regional networking.



PANGEYA ULTIMA

developement center

"Development center Pangeya Ultima" is the Ukrainian non-governmental, non-profit organization (est. 2012) composed of youth, youth workers and third sector experts. Main mission statement: Fostering intercultural dialogue, creation of opportunities for personal development and emancipation of people, facilitation of sustainable development of communities.

Programs of the NGO encompass a range of topics the most active of which are the promotion of active citizenship, self-development of people and community development, intercultural dialogue and peace-building, media and communication, arts and culture, entrepreneurship stimulation (especially socially-inclined forms of entrepreneurship) and tourism development, environmental protection and tackling ecologic issues, etc. Since 2022 we are involved in charitable work and assistance to victims of war through the launched foundation.

The activities of the NGO are often based on non-formal education and utilization of international mobility programmes. With this the organization pursues its fundamental mission – facilitation of the intercultural dialogue. This is enshrined in the name concept of the organization - "Pangeya Ultima" is a supercontinent which will ultimately unite all the cultures and knowledge together. The NGO provides intercultural learning and encourages participation in the international context among its target groups, particularly promotes European awareness.

The NGO acts a lot on the local level and state levels, has a considerable profile of international activities. Locally the NGO operates as a center of mobility, non-formal education and self-development, its participants uncover their individual potential and help exploit the potential of own communities for the sake of sustainable development and democratic transformation.

Members of the organization are endless enthusiasts that follow principles of integrity, initiative and goodwill, stand for values of humanity and love for our planet.

Raising YOUNG VOICES



The Russian war of aggression on Ukraine has significantly changed our work in recent months, making it more difficult, but also raising our awareness of the need for our collaborative partnership.

In order to maintain and strengthen this cooperation, we have jointly designed this youth exchange.



Raising young voices – the responsibility for creating a new future.

The responsibility for a new future. This is what we have called our youth exchange.

When we think about young people in our society, this responsibility involves two very big challenges.

One: What a heavy burden to put on young people with the responsibility of dealing with the legacy of war?

And the other: What a huge responsibility do they have to shape a community that values and sustains peaceful coexistence?

At the beginning of June 2023 we invited brave and smart young Ukrainian women

to tell their experiences,

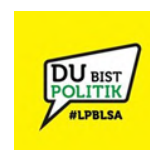
to share their stories.

Within the framework of our youth exchange, they have intensively dealt with their experiences, their responsibility, their voice for a new future.

From this, the artistic works here have emerged.



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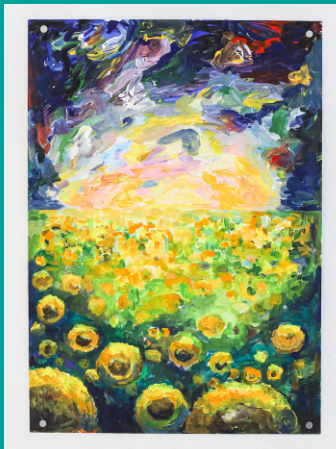
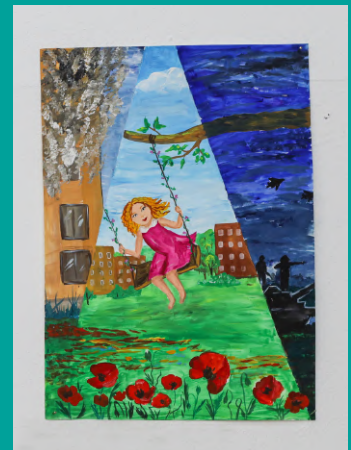
Stefania, 18, Lviv

These silhouettes represent our society, which is divided into civil and military people. Everybody can put themselves in one's place and find a second part. Despite the side, we are all one - we are Ukraine.

Larysa, 29, Poltava (currently Halle)

The light will win

Two different realities have merged in Ukraine: on the one hand, occupied territories, the struggle for freedom, bloodshed and battles, and on the other hand, people continue to live, daily worries keep existing. The light will win!



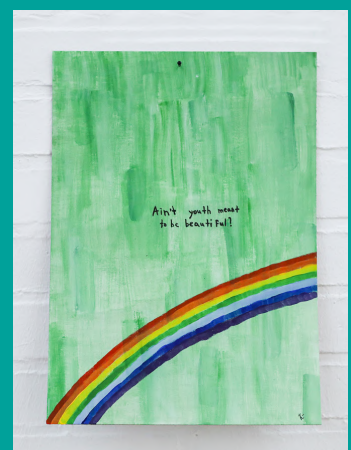
Sophia, 21, Poltava (currently Berlin)

Triumph of the light

Every sunflower will definitely see the light and raise its head, because after darkness always comes light. And the light will triumph over Ukrainian land.

Kseniia, 19, Luhansk (currently Vinnytsia)

Growing up has never felt so fast.





Maryna, 31, Kharkiv (currently Halle)

I have depicted a boat with canvas. The boat is a means with the help of which I cover my way through the storm of emotions and events. The boat goes calmly in its own tempo to the other shore. I'm inside the boat.



Larysa, 29, Poltava (currently Halle)

Thoughts

Many people left their homes thus saving their lives. And in that house remained not only materially valuable things, but also memories of childhood, family, peaceful life. Albums with photo cards of loved ones, gifts from loved ones that we no longer know. And these thoughts at one random moment burn me.



Larysa, 29, Poltava (currently Halle)

Reflection

Every past experience affects the present and the future.



Sasha, 18, Alchevsk (currently Erding)

The character has to run from its future under the pressure of problems.

Maryna, 31, Kharkiv (currently Halle)



Two colour patten on the picture shows my emotional state at the beginning of full-scale war: the light one – relief that I can experiment, go for studies; and the dark one – fear of what comes next. Through both of them my life tree grows: a strong trunk is my base, green leaves which just have opened – are life itself. Flowers – hope for a happy future/ the top of the tree reaches a circle of light representing positive emotions and experiences. Something I want to arrive at.

Sophia, 21, Poltava (currently Berlin)

Explosion of fantasies.

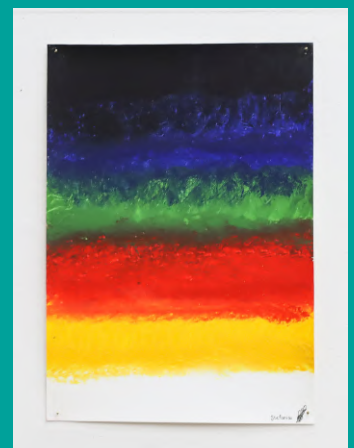


Kseniia, 19, Luhansk (currently Vinnytsia)

A dog escaping from a flooded area in the Kherson region. Surviving is not living.

Stefania, 18, Lviv

You can decide by yourself what these colours are for you. Stages, people, views, steps etc. The aim is to show, that we are all connected in the same space, no matter how different we are.





Alla, 23, Sumy (currently Kyiv)

Flowers

Flowers will bloom even on the blooded soil. Just like Ukraine the grains will rise.



Vladlena, 24, (currently Kyiv)

Harmony of Chaos

Chaos is also order. Sometimes you can find more harmony in chaos than in a planned flow. The more often you allow yourself to be in chaos, the more freedom you feel.



Alla, 23, Sumy (currently Kyiv)

Shadows

When anger has come and poisoned your heart
When the emotions have torn you apart
When you don't feel like yourself anymore
Only the shadow is left you by war



Sasha, 18, Alchevsk (currently Erding)

The character has found peace but the prior events have left an eternal soaring self-reminding wound nevertheless.



Natalia, 20, Vinnytsia

Victory

For me, victory is when a mother, wife, girlfriend and daughter waited for their son, husband, boyfriend and father from the war.

Bianka, 30, Halle

Letting emotions flow.



Vladlena, 24, (currently Kyiv)

There are answers to every question scattered all around us, you just have to be able to find them.

Sometimes a person is in an active search and feels lost. It can be a search for oneself, a search for the right solutions or one's own future. And the path we take while searching makes us unique.

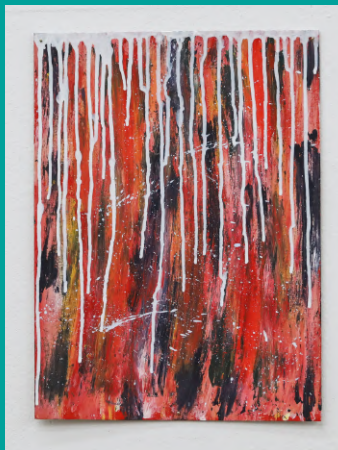
And it's always the path to the sun. To the light. Even in the darkest of times.



Natalia, 20, Vinnytsia

Peace is the bright colours brought by the dove of peace. But we should not forget how much we pay for our victory.





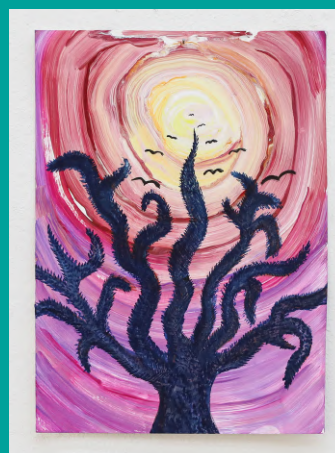
Alla, 23, Sumy (currently Kyiv)

Hopes

I dream to wake up one day and read on the news
“Attention. Ukraine survived the abuse”
I hope to see smiles from east to the west
So we can again breath with full chest

Bianka, 30, Halle

Anxiety tree - one stroke at a time.



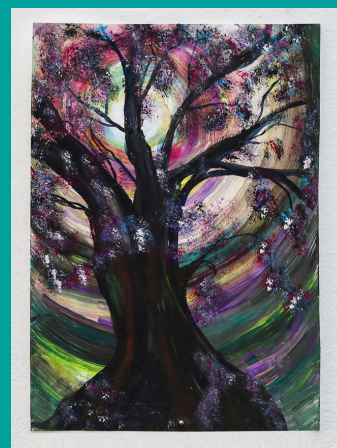
Sasha, 30, Vinnytsia

Oh DEER

It is a metaphor of a being who doesn't know what is better – to freeze or to run.

Sasha, 30, Vinnytsia

Rooted. A mighty tree did not die





Bianka, 30, Halle

And there are the others.



Dayeon, 27, Halle

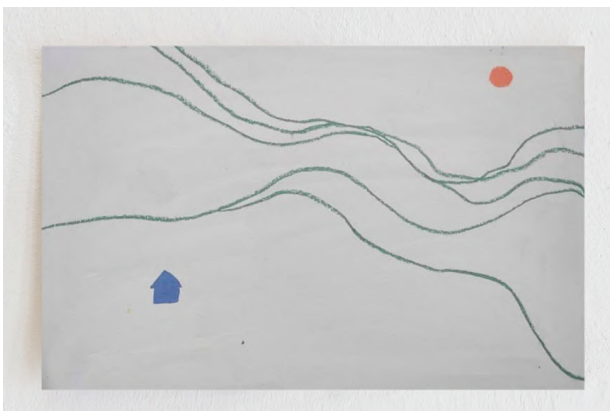
This visualization is an impression of stories heard. It is about the journey, the road which people probably walked, went through. The road of struggle.



Alla, 23, Sumy (currently Kyiv)

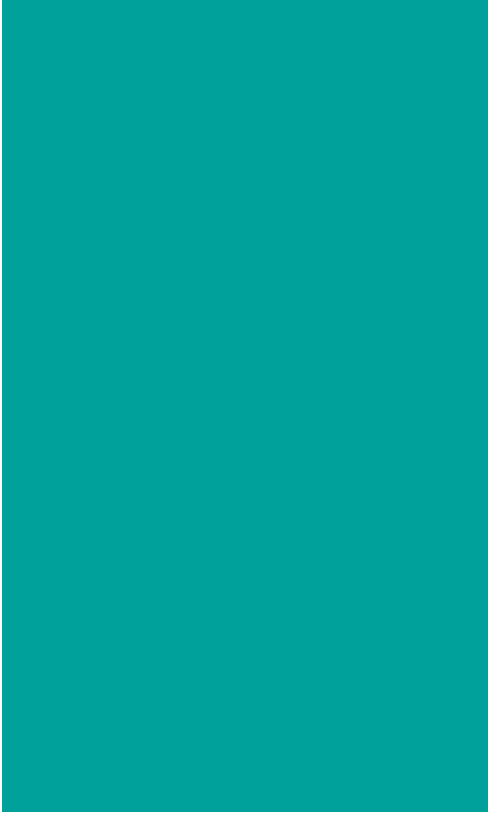
The colours of war

When the war comes, you stop to see the rainbow.



Dayeon, 27, Halle

Wherever we are, we will always find a home and see the same sun. Always.



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