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## **STUDY VISIT**

### **TO KILLARNEY YOUTH CENTRE in IRELAND**

**15-20 OCTOBER 2023**

A study visit to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of detached and trauma informed youth work.

## **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Deadline to apply **10 August 2023**

## **BACKGROUND**

The study visit is jointly organised by the Killarney Youth Centre (Ireland), Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine", the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.

This study visit is a response to the needs of youth workers from Ukraine discussed at 1) [the study visit and seminar](#) for youth workers and representatives of youth centres providing youth work during war time in Ukraine on 4-11 December 2022 and 2) [the 14<sup>th</sup> Platform](#) of Youth Centres with the Council of Europe Quality Label on 9-10 May 2023 in Strasbourg, France.

### **Killarney Youth Centre**

Founded in 1971, KDYS is the leading and largest Youth Work Organisation in the Diocese of Kerry. This includes the entire county of Kerry, the Beara Peninsula and the North West cork region of Duhallo.

KDYS is a community-based youth work organisation committed to serving all young people in a safe, fun and positive environment, through the provision of youth spaces, services, mentoring, training and ongoing opportunities for their holistic development.

The KDYS is one of 22 members of Youth Work Ireland, the largest federal youth work organisation in Ireland Youth Work Ireland is a member of the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI).

There is accommodation within our Killarney youth centre for up to 46 guests. The KDYS runs 6 youth centres and currently supports 27 youth clubs throughout the county, as well as providing a range of more targeted services including second chance education programmes, youth mentoring service, family support and youth justice services. The headquarters of the KDYS is Killarney Youth Centre.

Labelled with the Council of Europe Quality Label for youth centres for the years 2017-2024.

More about KDYS - <https://kdys.ie/about-us/>

### **Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space")**

Youth Centre "Ideas Space" was established in 2013 on base of creative NGO "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club". Youth centre "Ideas Space" is small youth centre in Central Ukraine which is trying to provide open youth work with teenagers and young adults. Main activities are connected with main working spheres of NGO leading youth centre: education, human rights and fighting corruption. Organisation/Youth Centre also host and sent volunteers in frame of European Solidarity Corps program and works with mobility opportunities for young people and youth workers in frame of Erasmus+ program.

In 2018 Organisation/Youth Centre become one of founders of Association of Ukrainian Youth Centres.

From the beginning of full-scale invasion in 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre is focused on work with internally displaced young people, kids and teenagers. Organisation/Youth Centre was organizing events for integration and learning, creates opportunities for getting new competences for young people on own base and in shelters for internally displaced people.

Together with partners from Donetsk Debate Youth Centre in 2022 was implemented project "[Voices of young people from Ukraine](#)" focused on speaking out loud about needs of young people who are living in a situation of war in Ukraine. In 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre became a participant of [a training programme "Trauma Informed Youth Work"](#) of the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III".

More about Ideas Space - <https://prostir.org.ua/?lang=en> or [https://www.instagram.com/prostir\\_idey/](https://www.instagram.com/prostir_idey/)

### **The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III"**

The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III" was launched within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2023-2026 in co-operation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine. Young people in Ukraine benefit from participatory youth policy and quality youth work to strengthen own resilience and well-being; to exercise their human rights and freedoms, democratic participation and citizenship in a war and post-war time.

The Project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III" stresses the importance of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030 and reflects the National strategy of the State Youth Policy 2030, the State Target Social Programme "Youth of Ukraine" 2021-2025.

The Project will engage youth policy stakeholders and youth work providers in Ukraine in the implementation and dissemination of Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member states: on Access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (CM (2015) 3), on Access to rights for young people (CM(2016)7) and on youth work (CM(2017)4).

The Project will be implemented within the following components with the respective activities:

- youth policy based on participatory approaches;
- recognition of youth work in wartime;
- support of youth centers and youth organisations as civic activity and democratic participation.

[Co-operation with the network of youth centres bearing the Council of Europe Quality Label](#) takes place within the framework of achieving the planned result of the Project, when youth workers and administrative staff of youth centres in Ukraine are qualified on the practices and approaches of youth centres that have received the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres.

More information about the project - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/youth-for-democracy-in-ukraine>

## **Aim of the study visit:**

A study visit to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network (notably [Killarney Youth Centre](#) in Ireland) by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of detached and trauma informed youth work.

## **Educational objectives:**

- To meet with the Killarney Youth Centre staff members for discussing role of youth work in time of armed aggression of Russian Federation against Ukraine
- To explore the approaches, methodology and educational resources of the Killarney Youth Centre to reach different young people including those who are at risk situation to become vulnerable
- To discover the opportunities of different organisations working with children and young people, including in remote areas in Ireland
- To exchange experiences with youth workers in Ireland and Ukraine
- To map cooperation and follow-up initiatives

## **METHODOLOGY OF THE VISIT**

The study visit will include face to face meetings, online meetings, training practices and reflections. The study visit will be based on principles of non-formal education.

## **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

The study visit will bring together youth workers from youth centres in Ukraine and professionals working with young people in Ireland who have the motivation and need to develop their competences in the field of detached and trauma informed youth work.

The participants must be able to commit to the full duration of the study visit and all its features.

Applicants to the study visit are expected to:

- be aged over 18 at the time of applying;
- have experience working as youth workers, trainers or educators in non-formal education activities and possess the motivation and need to improve their youth work competences;
- be active in, and be supported by, a youth centre;
- subscribe to the values and mission of the Council of Europe;
- be in position to multiply what they learn during the visit to the wider youth work field;
- be available for the whole study visit;
- be able to work in English.

## **VISIT CALENDAR**

- Open call for participants – until 10 August 2023
- Selection and informing participants – until 1 September
- Introductory meeting online – 5 September, 11.00 Kyiv time (tbc)
- Study visit to Ireland – 15 – 20 October 2023 (15 October – Arrival, 20 October, afternoon - Departure)
- Follow-up activities - November – December 2023

## FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The study visit will take place in the Killarney Youth Centre (Ireland) with daily visits to local organisations in the South West of Ireland.

### *Travel expenses*

Travel expenses and insurance for travelling across Ukraine will be reimbursed according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire residential study visit can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to travel to Ireland for the study visit on 15 October 2023 and leave on 20 October 2023.

### *Accommodation*

Board and lodging for the study visit will be provided (hostel modalities) and paid for by the Killarney Youth Centre (Ireland). The centre is accessible to people with disabilities and can take measures to accommodate for any specific needs of participants in this respect. Please provide all the necessary information in your application form.

### *Working languages*

English will be the working language of the study visit. Participants are expected to be able to express themselves autonomously in English.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must apply online at: <https://forms.gle/NTTkK11TRwbxq9Qs6>

As a part of the application, each applicant is expected to upload a **support letter** in Ukrainian language from the youth centre. This letter should clearly state why the youth centre thinks the candidate is suitable for the study visit; how their participation will benefit the youth centre.

The team of organiser - the Killarney Youth Centre, Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe will select a group of up to 8 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above. It will try as far as possible to respect the organisations' priorities, but also to ensure a balance between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and youth centres.

The organisers welcome applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

**The deadline for applications is 10 August 2023, 23:59 Kyiv time**