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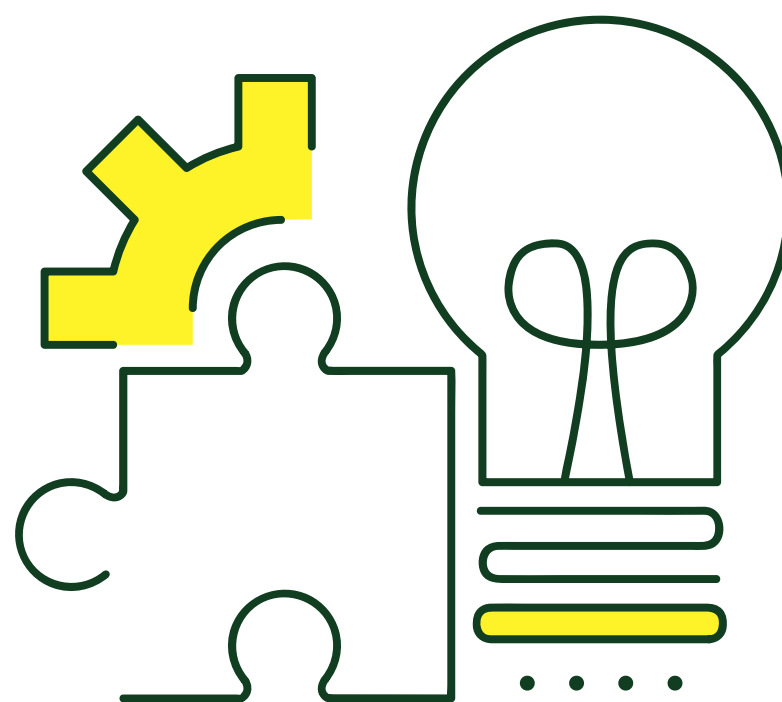
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ABOUT US



NGO "Human Rights Vector"-
A human rights organization

31.03.2016
Official
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Our main courses of action in 2022



support for victims of war, especially vulnerable population groups, in overcoming the consequences of war



development of judicial communications in coverage of court cases related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine



promoting international solidarity



development of human rights education and raising public awareness of human rights as an issue

Activity of Human Rights Vector NGO

The year in numbers



15

online educational and advocacy events (webinars, round tables, masterclasses, discussions, focus groups, etc.);



7

publications (reports, educational materials, infographic collections);



1

study on the media coverage of court cases related to Russia's war in Ukraine;



2

programs for volunteers;



1

international human rights contest;



Organized an online helpline for psychological and legal assistance. In this project, Human Rights Vector NGO conducted:*

395

individual psychological consultations;

248

individual legal and informational consultations by lawyers and operators of the helpline, respectively;

36

psychotherapeutic group consultations;

10

supervisory groups for psychologists, operators for their psycho-emotional support and case studies of clients.



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** views on video recordings and broadcasts of educational and advocacy events, and text and graphic materials, across social media and the Human Rights Vector website

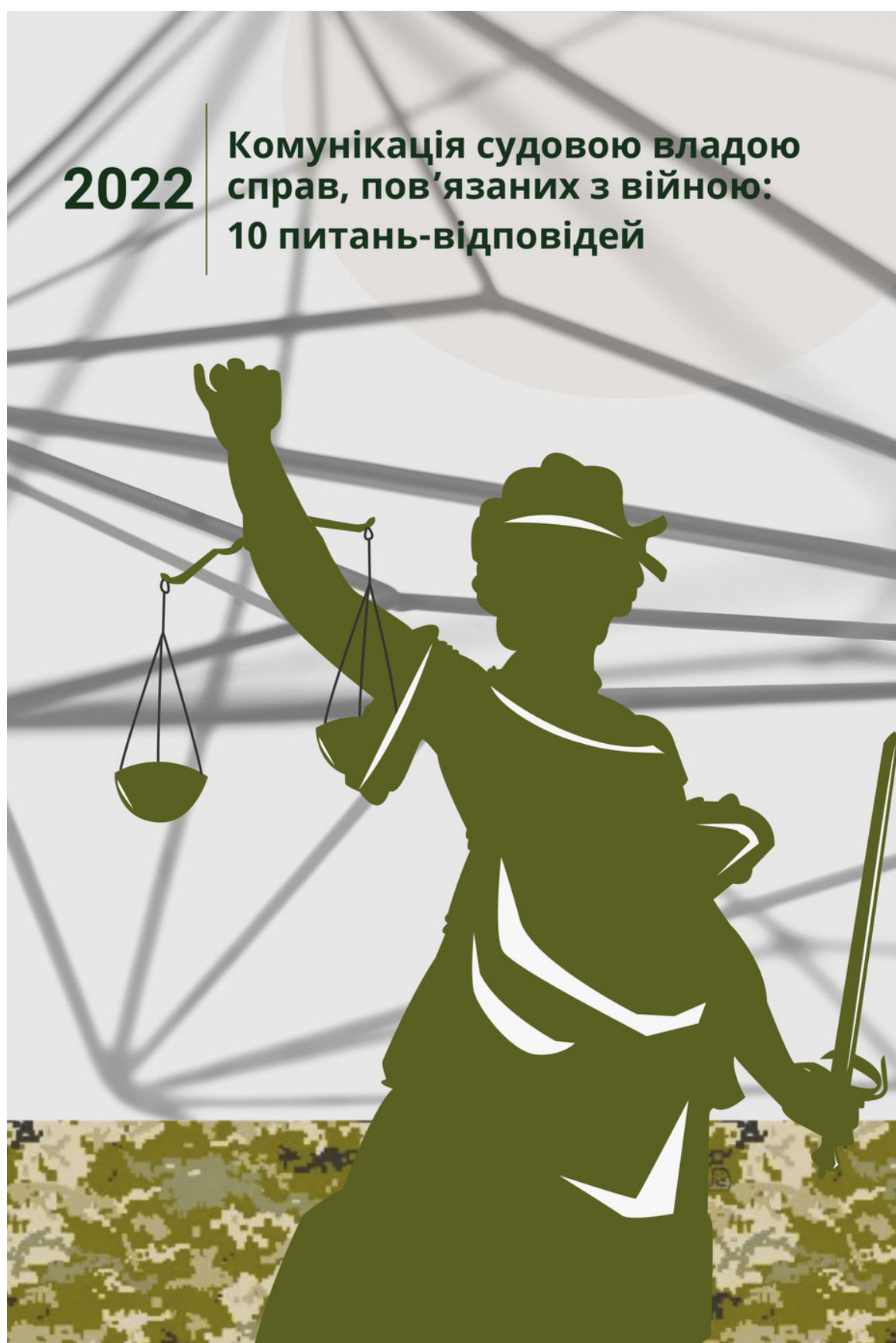
* calculated for the period of the helpline's operation from April 2022 to February 2023.

** as of January 18, 2023.

Development of judicial communications in coverage of court cases related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine

Research on coverage of court cases related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine

Since its inception, NGO Human Rights Vector has been actively working to ensure the right to a fair trial, in particular the right to open hearings, establishment of dialogue between the judiciary and the community, and the development of judicial communications systems. We are also working to increase the capacity of courts and media in covering legal proceedings related to the Russian aggression against Ukraine.



Judiciary communication must be systematic and take into account past experience and current challenges. From July 8 to July 29, 2022, the team of the Human Rights Vector NGO conducted a survey across all courts of Ukraine which were active at that time. The survey's topic related to the current state of communications, and the challenges and needs in wartime. Responses from 88 courts were received as part of the survey conducted by Human Rights Vector NGO.

From the results of this survey and others conducted in 2021-2022, the team at Human Rights Vector NGO prepared the **report "Judiciary communication in cases related to war: 10 questions and answers"**: - <https://hrvector.org/zviti/22-10-01-sw> (Ukrainian)

The recommendations of the report note the importance of constant, systematic communication of court cases related to the war in Ukraine, primarily paying attention to war crimes, in which there is great interest from the Ukrainian society and the international community. The judiciary confirmed their understanding of the importance of this work in the approval of the report by the Council of Judges of Ukraine's decision No. 33, dated October 6, 2022.



We invite you to watch the video recording of the **report presentation "Judiciary communication in cases related to war: 10 questions and answers"** at the link:

<https://youtu.be/S2rjjR5U9oA> (Ukrainian)

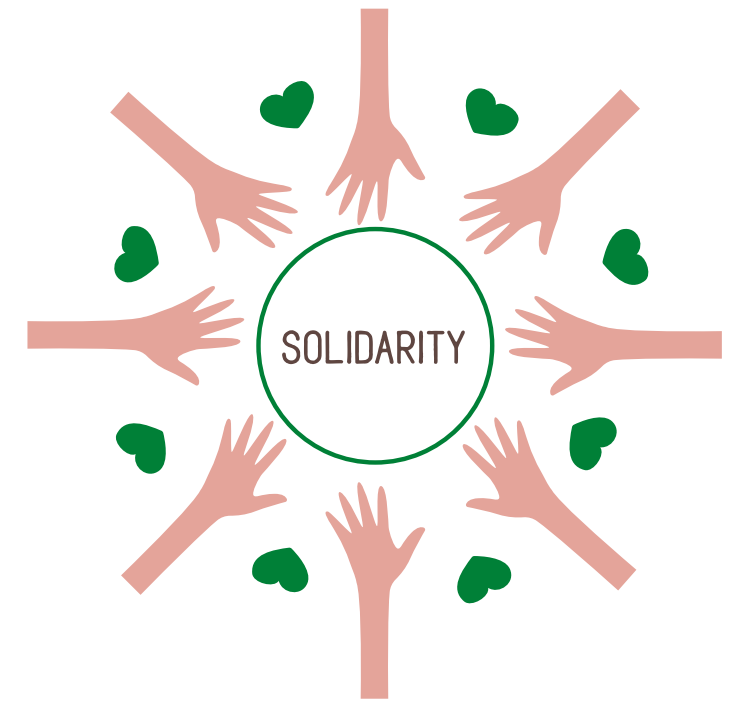
We express our sincere gratitude to our permanent partners in protecting the right to a fair trial and developing judicial communications in Ukraine, the Council of Judges of Ukraine, the press service of judicial self-government bodies, the Representative Office of the Foundation named after Friedrich Ebert in Ukraine, and to everyone who participated in the research and preparation of this publication!



Promoting international solidarity

International contest "In Search of Solidarity"

The contest "In search of solidarity" was conducted with joint effort of NGOs from three countries: NGO Human Rights Vector (Ukraine), NGO World of Tolerance (Sakartvelo), and NGO Promo-LEX (Moldova).



The aim of the project is to draw attention to displays and promotion of international solidarity and its impact on local communities through commemorative sites and events.

Today, the entire civilized world unites around the values of human rights in acts of solidarity. It is important to constantly strengthen this process and demonstrate the importance of Ukraine in the protection of common freedom and the development of human rights. To draw attention to our history and examples of solidarity, and to encourage new solidarity actions, we joined with partner human rights organizations from other countries.

With this contest, we invited participants to learn more about local and foreign figures who had a positive impact on their communities, about places in their locality related to international solidarity and human rights, in an attempt to show the diversity of local communities to people from Ukraine, Moldova, Sakartvelo and all over the world, and to increase interest and development in human rights.

Anyone could take part in the competition, regardless of age, field of work, experience, etc.

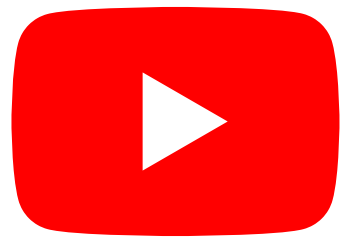
Acceptance of works continued until November 21, 2022.

Participants submitted different types of work, including essays, presentations, illustrations, infographics, photo collages, and interactive itineraries, using the Padlet platform. In total, 47 people from three countries submitted works.

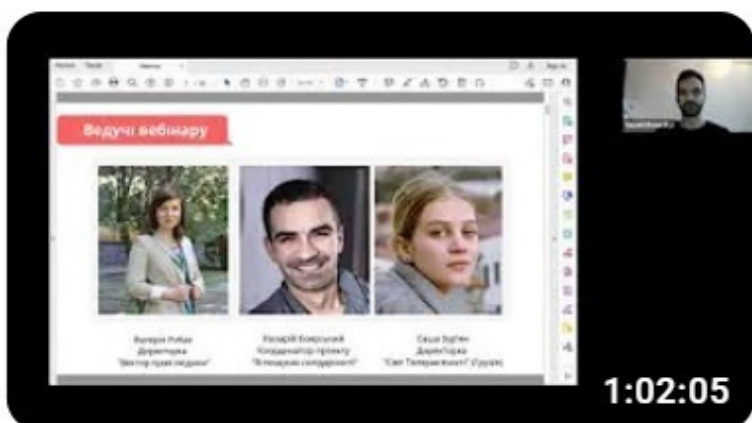
The best works are included in the booklet "In search of solidarity", which can be found in the link: <https://hrvector.org/en/publications/22-12-22-in-search-for-solidarity>

Learn more about the winning works from the contestants and organizers from Ukraine, Sakartvelo, and Moldova by watching the recording of the **final online meeting of the project** at the link: <https://www.facebook.com/hrvector.org/videos/720047973027577>

During the project, **10 webinars** were held in **three countries** with the participation of well-known human rights defenders who shared their valuable experience.



We invite you to watch the videos on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@hrvector/videos>



Солідарність сьогодні це про взаємодопомогу. Як взяти участ...



Вебінар: "Історія окупації: стан прав людини на тимчасово..."



Історія правозахисного та дисидентського рухів в Україні / ...



Вебінар "Історія розвитку та сучасне положення прав людин..."



Вебінар "Міжнародне право відносно біженців та сучасний..."



Історія та сучасний стан міжнародного права щодо...



Вебінар "Історія та сучасний стан міжнародного права щодо..."



Історія і сучасне становище окупованих і спірних...



Історія та сучасний стан прав людини в Республіці Молдова



Вебінар «Тимчасово окуповані території України: стан прав...



Human Rights: Examples of International Solidarity



Права людини в Україні: динаміка розвитку та сучасні виклики

Support for victims of war, especially vulnerable population groups, in overcoming the consequences of war





Hotline for psychological and legal assistance



"Online helpline for psychological and legal assistance", by Human Rights Vector NGO, begun operation on the 12th of April, 2022, in reaction to the consequences of the full-scale invasion by the Russian Federation into the territory of Ukraine. In its initial stages, the project was called "Psychological and legal assistance for people with disabilities during war time", which reflected the main target audience. However, later, after responding to requests, the organization expanded the circle of people to whom assistance can be provided.

In 2022, the team of professionals provided individual psychological and legal consultations, conducted psychotherapeutic groups of mutual support and supervision groups for psychologists, held webinars, and prepared informational materials.

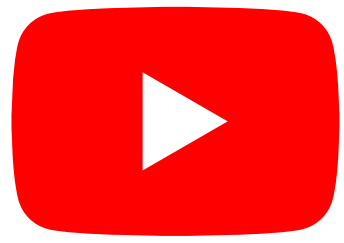
In total, over the hotline's operation period (April 2022 - February 2023) **the following assistance was provided:**

-  **395** individual psychological consultations,
-  **248** individual legal and informational consultations by lawyers and operators of the helpline, respectively,
-  **36** psychotherapeutic group consultations,
-  **10** supervisory groups for psychologists, operators for their psycho-emotional support and case studies of clients.

It was important for our work to combine the work of highly-professional specialists, that assistance was provided direct to clients, that the specialists working on the line received psychological and methodological support themselves, and that informational work was conducted with a wide range of the population.

It should also be noted that people received psychological help not only on singular occasions, but over a period of one or more months, until their condition stabilized and they adapted to their current conditions.

We invite you to familiarise yourself with **recordings of the webinars and informational meetings:**



- 1) "Social guarantees for people with disabilities in Ukraine during wartime" - <https://youtu.be/7WPEuVT3RYc> (Ukrainian)
- 2) "Compensation for damages during wartime" - <https://youtu.be/DSD8xXICViQ> (Ukrainian)
- 3) "Nuances of providing legal assistance to clients who have suffered psychological trauma as a result of the war" - https://youtu.be/Dcb91L_uE5U (Ukrainian)
- 4) "Statuses that can be obtained by military personnel" - https://youtu.be/Sgo15_8l1GA (Ukrainian)
- 5) "Military medical commission for servicepeople: how to appeal decisions" - <https://youtu.be/waSp3KYoPrQ> (Ukrainian)
- 6) "Obtaining official confirmation of disability during wartime" - <https://youtu.be/X0I2qXi0qvA> (Ukrainian)

Over the year, we also prepared **infographic collections:**



- 1) "Information for people with disabilities who left for GERMANY to escape the war" - <https://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-11-01-g>
- 2) "Information for people with disabilities who left for POLAND to escape the war" - <https://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-10-19-pol>
- 3) "Information for people with disabilities who left for HUNGARY to escape the war" - <https://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/22-08-22-dsfgh>

At the beginning of 2023, the team of Human Rights Vector NGO conducted a series of events aimed at uniting and increasing the capacity and resilience of specialists providing psychological and legal assistance to victims of war.

We conducted a survey and prepared the publication **“Psychological and Legal Aid Online during the First Year of the Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation”**, which includes two parts:

1. **“An overview of the needs and challenges faced by psychological and legal aid providers. Part I”** (Ukr. - <https://hrvector.org/zviti/23-03-15-1>; Eng. - <https://hrvector.org/en/reports/23-03-20-p1>)
2. **“Directory of psychological and legal aid providers assisting survivors of the Russian Federation’s war against Ukraine. Part II”** (Ukr. - <https://hrvector.org/publikacziyi/23-03-15-2>; Eng. - <http://bit.ly/40OdMsw>)

The team also held an important two-day **conference "Psychological and legal assistance for war victims: A year of experience following the full-scale invasion by the Russian Federation into Ukraine and modern challenges"** on the 17th and 18th of February, 2023, with the participation of Ukrainian and foreign speakers and 117 participants from Ukraine and abroad from various professional communities: legal, psychotherapeutic, medical and others, representing both state bodies and public organizations (<https://hrvector.org/podiyi/23-02-21-k-17-18>).

We are grateful to everyone who turned to us for help! We were extremely motivated by feedback we received. We would like to share a few:

"Thank you so much for your help. I felt despair and fear when I found myself in another country with my child. I had many questions and it seemed to me that we would not be able to cope. And yes, probably, we would not have been able to, if not for your support and help. Thank you ❤️ Thank you 🇺🇦 Thank you ❤️ "

"These projects are very necessary in Ukraine, and this need is particularly acute in relation to the war. Unfortunately, it will remain urgent even after the end of the war, since a large part of Ukrainians received and continues to receive physical and psychological traumas. Therefore, solving psychological problems, rehabilitation and adaptation to new conditions, and realization of one's potential in new conditions become relevant and widespread. Unfortunately, in Ukraine, this direction is not yet developed, and, as noted by the people with disabilities whom I had the opportunity to meet, it is difficult for people with disabilities to adapt to a full life. I am writing about this because I had to face it myself, since I received a disability, and I am also a social worker by university education. As a person with a disability, I have to face many obstacles and limitations, and constantly adapt. At a certain point, difficulties with adaptation and self-fulfillment brought on a depressive state. I turned to private psychologists and similar projects for help several times, but I could not change the situation or find a solution to the problems. Some projects only provide one consultation, in others I heard from consultants we can only listen, if you want a full-fledged psychological consultation, there is a high price in Ukraine" As in, the psychologists of these free projects were actually advertising their expensive services instead of providing the promised psychological help. Looking for a solution to my problems, I found out about this project and decided to give it a try. I confess, at first I was a bit skeptical about this project and Tetiana's consultations, the fact that the lights just started to go out, and mobile phone connection was suddenly disappearing, which made the consultations either end unexpectedly or not take place when planned, added to my despair. However, thanks to Tetiana Gerashchenko's help, I began to get out of a depressive state that lasted quite a long time."

"I really liked the sincerity and desire to help. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help and support."

«I would like to thank the team of the helpline from Human Rights Vector NGO for the legal assistance, good work, and care.»

We are glad to receive recognition for Human Rights Vector NGO from Dostupno.UA at the Awards Ceremony [Open Doors], as an organization that has contributed to the support and assistance of people with disabilities and groups with reduced mobility. ❤️

We are sincerely grateful and glad to work with a team of highly professional and dedicated psychologists, psychologists, lawyers, and operators. We thank everyone who was with us on this path. Joint efforts help to survive these terrible events and bring the Ukraine's Victory closer! ❤️

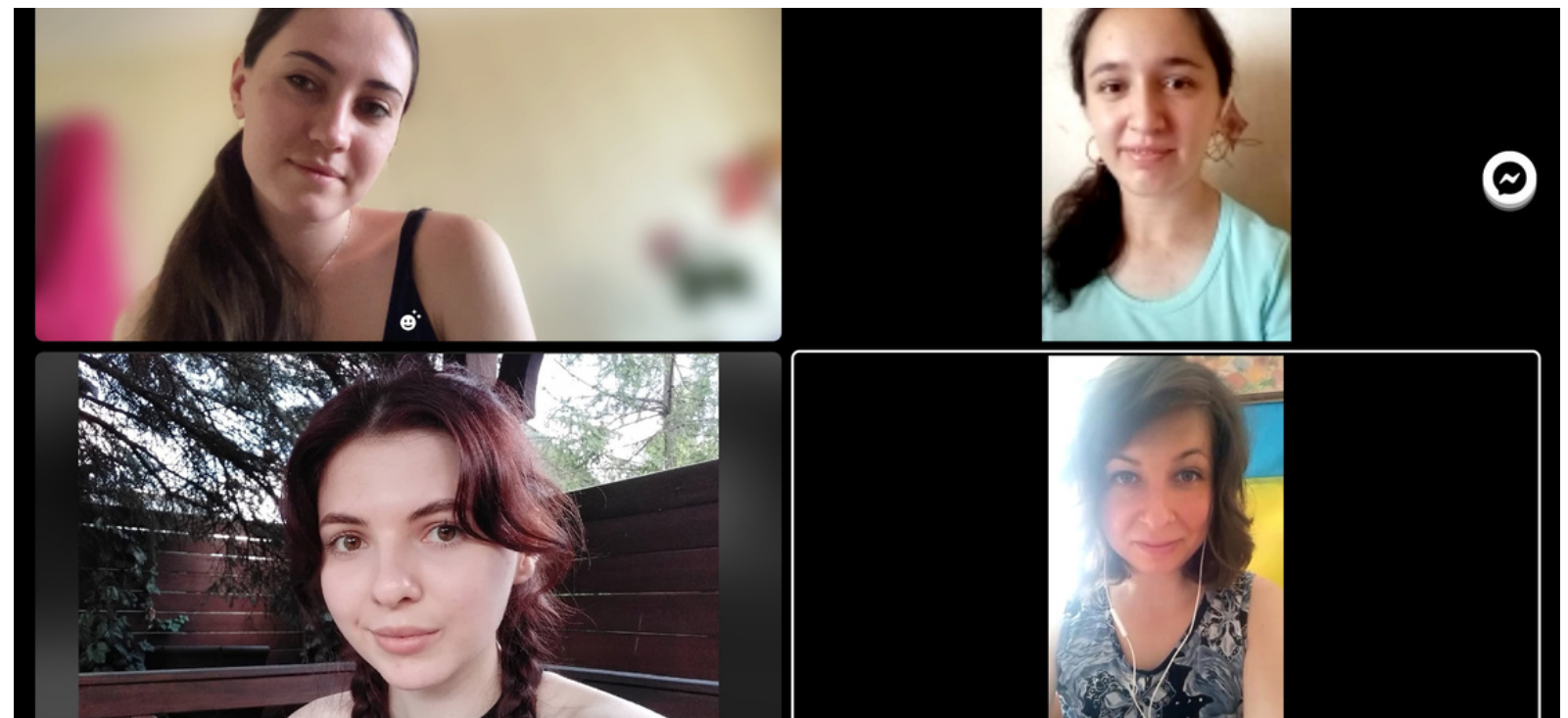
Our team plans to continue this line of work, in particular the educational events for specialists. After all, helping those who help is extremely important right now!



Programs for volunteers

For Human Rights Vector NGO, it is extremely important to develop a volunteer movement to involve as many people as possible in human rights activities.

The events after February 24, 2022 showed the whole world the ability of Ukrainians to unite for a common goal and to help each other. Even in such terrible times, life in Ukraine did not stop, and studies in higher education institutions continued. **Through cooperation in accordance with a memorandum between Human Rights Vector NGO and Sumy State University, 3rd-year students of the Department of International and European Law and Comparative Jurisprudence, majoring in International Law, completed their internships.**



In the most difficult of times, Benjamin Murdoch stayed in Ukraine to help whoever he could. Ben started volunteering at the Human Rights Vector NGO in 2021 after coming to Ukraine from Australia.



Ben, together with the NGO "Every Animal", created Vegan Kitchen Ukraine in Uzhhorod! The kitchen is active in 8 cities across Ukraine. The organization not only provided free vegan lunches to displaced people, volunteers, and the Territorial Defence, but also sent vegan products to vegans in the Armed Forces! More here: <https://bit.ly/3b0OD9E> (Ukrainian)

On top of that, Ben reinterprets the events taking place into music. It is through the language of art that what is happening in Ukraine can be conveyed to people all over the world. Another volunteer project was the album by Difference Machine, released on the ELP label. You can read more about this unique music in the interview: <https://bit.ly/41LK3B1>

At Human Rights Vector NGO, Ben helps with the development of international communication, in particular helping with the Hotline of Legal and Psychological Assistance.

OUR SUPPORTERS

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL SUPPORT - FINANCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, PRACTICAL, AND INFORMATIONAL

Grant projects

Project: "Support Hotline for People with Disabilities During Wartime".

1st of February, 2022 - 30th of September, 2022

27 761 USD

The project was implemented by Human Rights Vector NGO with the support of the "Human Rights for Ukraine" project, which is implemented by the United Nations Development Program in Ukraine and financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark during 2019-2023.

The goal of the project is to help protect the rights of people with disabilities and provide them with support during the war in Ukraine.

Within the framework of the project, the work of a "hot line" was organized and secured, where requests for legal and psychological assistance were accepted, appropriate assistance was provided, including group events for clients and specialists who provided assistance. Informational materials have been prepared and distributed.



Project: "In search of solidarity"

25th of June, 2022 - 25th of December, 2022

19 965 EUR

The project was implemented by Human Rights Vector NGO (Ukraine) in partnership with World of Tolerance NGO (Sakartvelo) and Promo-LEX NGO (Moldova), within the framework of the project "In search of solidarity", and with support from the Human Rights Houses Foundation and financial support of the European Union.

The goal of the project is to spread knowledge about the history of international solidarity, immigration and occupied territories, the history and current state of human rights in the occupied territories of Ukraine, Moldova and Sakartvelo, as well as to increase societal support and protection of human rights in Ukraine, Moldova and Sakartvelo.



Project "Psychological and legal assistance in action to respond to and mitigate the impact of the war in Ukraine"

19th of October, 2022 - 28th of February, 2023

17 100 EUR

The project was implemented by Human Right Vector NGO, with the support of the Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership for its members, and is financed by the European Union as part of its support for civil society in the region. As part of its regrant scheme, the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP Civil Society Forum) supports members' projects that contribute to the achievement of the Forum's mission and goals. Grants are available to CSOs from Eastern Partnership countries and the EU. Key areas of support are democracy and human rights, economic integration, environment and energy, interpersonal contact, social and labor policy.

The goals of the project are to provide online psychological and legal assistance to people affected by the war, in the form of individual and group consultations, and holding informational and educational events (webinars, articles, infographics).

And also, to increase the capacity and cohesion of psychologists and lawyers who are providing assistance to people affected by the war by conducting online educational webinars and supervisory groups, and creating platforms for sharing experiences (conferences, descriptive materials).



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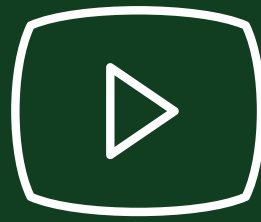


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