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Youth Leadership Foundation



Purpose and mission of the Foundation

1 Purpose

Supporting youth, youth leaders and organizations in Ukrainian diaspora, assisting in developing leadership skills and civil activism, and involving youth in activities affecting Ukrainian community worldwide.

2 Mission

Promoting leadership among diaspora youth, supporting its active involvement in helping Ukraine and developing strong and united Ukrainian communities around the world.

3 Foundation Board

Appointing chair of the Foundation Board (Jarema Polatajko), responsible for the Foundation operation, and members of the Foundation Board, representing UWC and partners, who will take part in developing and managing the Foundation.

Foundation activities



Development of leadership

Special campaign to identify and support young leaders of the Ukrainian diaspora, who actively impact the community development – “30 under 30” initiative.



Educational programs

Developing and introducing specialized educational programs to improve leadership skills, interaction with the community and knowledge about Ukraine and its culture.



Network development

Developing global network of young leaders of the Ukrainian diaspora to share the experiences and implement mutual projects.



"30 under 30" campaign

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Nomination of young leaders

The UWC regional vice-presidents and community leaders are allowed to nominate candidates from young leaders who actively impact their communities and demonstrate leadership skills. Every candidate submits a brief application describing achievements and future plans.

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Expert assessment

To select the final candidates, an Expert Committee is to be formed consisting of the Archbishop Borys Gudziak, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Kateryna Yushchenko and other leaders of the global Ukrainian community. The Expert Committee assesses candidates based on the submitted applications and additional information via transparent online system.

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Honoring the winners

30 young leaders will be honored at the UWC special global event by accepting awards and getting media coverage.



Criteria for selecting participants

- **Proactive attitude**

Participation in civil initiatives, social entrepreneurship, and cultural and political activities presenting the candidate as an active citizen.

- **Leadership skills**

Demonstration of leadership skills, striving to increase the impact of Ukrainian community in the country of residence, and introduction of projects and innovations in the community service.

- **Contributing in the community development**

Assessing the candidate's role in supporting and developing Ukrainian community in the country of residence, building the diaspora and preserving Ukrainian identity.

- **Age and gender balance**

Participants and finalists of the program must be under the age of 30 and represent both genders equally.



Leadership Training Program

Priorities

Leadership programs, Ukrainian studies, government communications and international relations are the main areas of the Foundation Educational Program.

Partnership with UCU

Agreement on cooperation with the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) to conduct an online training course on leadership for the young people from Ukrainian diaspora.

Cooperation with the School of Ukrainian Studies (SUS) of the International Institute of Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations (IIECDR)

Partnership with the SUS to provide quality online programs on Ukrainian language and culture for the diaspora members.



Educational Programs

Leadership program of Archbishop Borys Gudziak

“Leadership: what really matters” is a course that includes 22 modules with extra viewing and printed materials, online communication with Archbishop and Certificate of Completion.

Educational Course with Myroslav Marynovych

“How to resist surrender and overcome fear” is a course developed by M. Marynovych, the UCU vice-rector and community leader, which consists of 12 modules, extra materials, online meeting and Certificate of Completion.

The IIECDR’s School of Ukrainian Studies (SUS)

Communication and training platform for studying Ukrainian language and culture that includes two weeks of daily classes, and participation in debates and discussion clubs run by the experts.

As planned, the program will include 100 to 200 young leaders of the Ukrainian diaspora.

Optional: special summer training program of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) developed for the most promising leaders (held in Ukraine).

Internship Program

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Institutions

Internship program in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the government, in particular, in the Ministry of National Unity of Ukraine, the embassies (or the Ukrainian Institute) and other state authorities.

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Opportunities

Young diaspora leaders are allowed to participate in the activities of the highest branches of government, the decision-making process, political analysis and in the development of state policies.

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Participants

Program nominees are the winners of the "30 under 30" campaign. They are the most active and productive young people, as recommended by the UWC leadership and Supervisory Council.

It is planned to include 5 to 10 leaders.



Further actions

1 Formalization of initiative

Developing and approving the internal document on the Foundation establishment, including the "30-under 30" campaign as the main element for nominations, and preparing presentation to be announced and submitted to donors.

3 Campaign launch

March 2025 — an official launch of the Foundation and "30 under 30" campaign, that includes fundraising to provide for the program operation.

2 Online presence

Separate page on the UWC website containing information about activities and the "30 under 30" campaign, as well as the feature enabling to submit applications, news and button "donate" to raise funds.

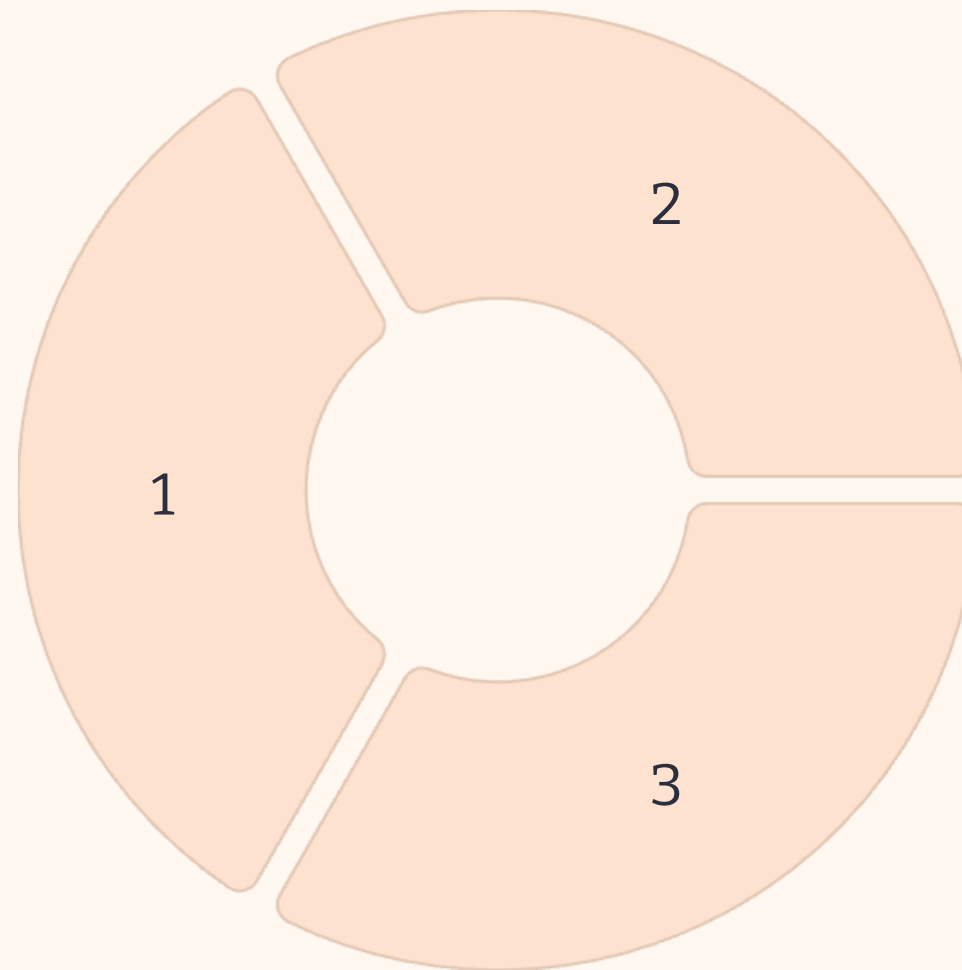


Financing the Foundation



Donations

Accepting donations from Ukrainians around the world via online platform and particular campaigns organized by the UWC and partners.



Charity events

Organizing special charity events and campaigns aimed to support the "30 under 30" initiative and other programs of the Foundation.

Sponsor donations

Accepting funds from donors, businesses or business associations interested in supporting the development of youth leadership in the Ukrainian diaspora.

***“Young people should become
a force that drives national life”***

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