UKRAINIAN ACTION: HEALING THE PAST 2010..2014
Achievements

- Summer outreach programmes in 2010 and 2013 on gathering live stories of people living in Ukraine.
- Participation in the Caux Forums on Human Security, Switzerland.
- Programme of Healing the Past seminar dialogues: 10 dialogues, team of 5 facilitators.
- Publication and presentations of the book of life stories “Letting Go”, which includes 22 oral stories gathered from 29 persons in 13 towns and villages.
- Campaign of Dialogues on searching for mutual understanding in the Ukrainian society in Kyiv, Simferopol, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Lviv.
- Project “Building Network of Dialogue Facilitators in Ukraine”: 20 dialogue facilitators passed the 8-day training programme in NVC/RC.
Our mission and vision

To foster the development of truly free and just society through encouraging healing of the past and reconciliation at the levels of individuals, communities and nations in East Europe.

Hopeful future built on trust and strong partnerships in Eastern Europe grounded on the respect for human life and historical memory.
We set the goals

• To facilitate the process where individuals and communities find healing experience and freedom from victim and victimiser mindset in the historical context.

• To raise awareness both of communities and their members in taking responsibility for learning lessons of the past and shaping the future.

• To raise dialogue culture both on local, national and international levels.
We run outreach programmes, dialogues, seminars and conferences seeking reconciliation of competing views of history perception.

- Organisation and participation in the Ukrainian National Campaign “Week of Trust”
- Presentation of the experience during the Caux summer conferences, Switzerland.
We seek to use our experience to develop processes and methods for dealing with potentially destructive attitudes and behaviours in order to make forgiveness, reconciliation, and collaboration possible.

- Dialogues on searching for mutual understanding in the Ukrainian society.
- Healing the Past dialogue seminars across Ukraine.
- Outreach programmes on gathering life stories in Ukrainian communities.
We aim to be fully inclusive and respectful of diverse historical memories, belief systems, faith traditions, and ethnic cultures.

- Presentation of the “Letting Go” book of life stories.

Participation in the annual Ecumenical Social Week campaign.
Dialogue in Lviv, May 2012

- 18 participants from Ukraine, from Moldova and Romania
- Lecture “Memory constructor” by O.Zinchenko
- Topics raised by participants: Crimean Tatars, International tourism in Ukraine, Stereotypes of the past, Modern borders of Ukraine, Soviet holidays, Preserving traditions, Building family and just family relations, Inter-ethnic marriages, Divided groups and communities in Ukraine, Self-identification of a Ukrainian.
- Recognising the warriors of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army. Awarding with the Hero of Ukraine award.
Caux Forum for Human Security, 2012

- Participation of a group of project in the CFHS conferences in Caux, Switzerland.
- www.cfhs.iofc.org

- Just Governance
- Healing the Past and Interethnic Dialogue
Dialogue in Crimea, September 2012

- 18 participants, who represented different national and culture communities of Crimea, representatives from the West, South, Centr of Ukraine, a guest from Algeria
- “Ethnic Memory” lecture by I.Brunova-Kalisetska
- Studied topics: How efficiently overcome the depression, Ukraine as one single corpse, Conflict management, Heroes and winners, Trust between nations, Harmony with the environment, Happiness, Self-identification issues, Right of Crimean Tatars on their own Autonomy, Uniting factors in the familty, USSR echo.

International situation in Crimea.
Deportation, conflicts and solutions in international and cross-religious marriages, Appearance of the “western” Ukrainian in Ukraine, Youth is our future, Why me, we — we are as we are at the moment, Life abroad, Stereotypes, Non-ordinary places in Ukraine.
Project presentations

- Presentation of the project within the Social Ecumenical Week organised under the support of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Autumn, 2012 and 2013

15 participants, who represented different social, professional groups mainly from the East, South and the Centre of Ukraine

“Memory Constructor” lecture by O.Zinchenko

Family tree-building by participants

Studied topics: Conflict of identity on home level, Family historical memory, Sovietism-Modernity, Reaction on the past, Techniques of manipulation, Renaming streets, Takedown of monuments.
Zakarpattia dialogue, February 2013

18 participants represented different national, ethnic, social groups from different parts of Ukraine

“Memory constructor” lecture by O. Zinchenko

Building the timeline of Ukraine since 1930s until present days

Studied topics: Genetic fear reasoned by repressions, 9th May: Veterans' day as the Day of Forgiveness, Great Patriotic War vs. 2WW, Reconciliation of warring sides: UPA, Soviet Army warriors, warriors of Polish armies.
11 participants represented different professional groups mainly from the Centre, South of Ukraine and a guest from Romania

“Values of Ukrainians and Readiness to Reconcile” by Alim Aliev

Studied topics: “Moskals” vs. “Khokhly”, Acquired social helplessness, Sexual minorities, Racism and antisemitism in Ukraine, 2WW, Politicised toponimics, Language issues
First topic dialogue focused on the attitude of Ukrainians to the 9th May 1945 event and the consequences of the 2WW for Ukrainians

11 participants who took part in the previous Healing the Past dialogue

“9th May. Facebook pictures and b/w reality” lecture by O.Zinchenko

Thematic outing in Lviv “Reality around us”, visit to the monuments and the Prison on Lontskoho Museum
UKRAINIAN ACTION: Live History of Generations

Polularusation of studying, fixing, keeping, and presentation of the life stories of people of old age who became witnesses of tragedies and cataclisms of 20 century; assist to transformation of the Crimean Ethnographic Museum into a spot of live story of Crimea; support to healing the wounds of the past through exchange with oral tellings between representatives of different generations.

April-October 2013

www.fb.com/groups/crimea.live.history

Foundations for Freedom Centre of Regional Development “Top-Kaya”, Crimea
Club of Young Leaders, Simferopol
Crimean Ethnographic Museum
42 interviewed persons (29 women / 13 men)

Average age of respondents: 73

43 visits into 12 different sites in Crimea

22 ethnic groups represented by respondents


Project team included 9 persons

40 volunteers took part in the project
2nd Dialogue in Crimea, October 2013

- 15 participants, who represented different communities of Crimea, representatives from other parts of Ukraine
- “What we do with the history? How history influence on us?” lecture by I.Brunova-Kalisetska
- Studied topics:
  - “Gender education in Crimea”, “Box fight between Ukrainian and Russian boxer Klychko and Povetkin”, “Is Bander a hero?”, "USSR and EU: from a union to another union?”, “Does Ukraine need the holiday of 9th May?”
Our heritage and its modern implication: monuments and names of streets, Chernihiv, December, 2013

- Second topic dialogue was focused on the attitude of dialogue participants towards historical heritage represented by monuments and toponymy of different historical periods of Ukraine.

- 15 participants from Ukraine, Moldova and Romania.

- “Ukrainians. Who are we?” lecture by Vika Bryndza.

- Thematic outing in Chernihiv around the monuments of Soviet time and the time of Independence.
Development of the Dialogue Facilitators Network in Ukraine Project, 2014

- 80-hours training course based on the methods of non-violent communication and restorative circles, two 4-days sessions and supervision.
- 20 participants from 10 different regions of Ukraine.
- Practicing the methodology during a dialogue between local community members and border guard in Novohrodivka, 15 km from ATO zone.
Dialogue for Peaceful Change Training in Lviv, 2014

- Trainers: Jaap van der Sar (OikosNet, Netherlands), Ben Craig (Different Tracks, UK).
- 3-day (out of 5 days) demo training on presenting the DPC methodology in conflict resolution.
- 18 participants from Lviv, Kyiv, Vinnytsia.
- Conflict is a natural part of our life. The matter is about not to evolve it to the violence.
- Next steps on coopetation with DPC to be elaborated.
Programme 2014

- Strategic planning of the programme.
- Campaign of short dialogues on searching for mutual understanding in the Ukrainian society in Kyiv, Simferopol, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Lviv.
- Project on development of the dialogue facilitators network in Ukraine.
- Dialogues for Peaceful Change training in Lviv.
- Presentation of the "Letting Go" book of life stories.
- Preparing the Live Stories of Crimea online exhibition
  http://www.iofc.org/uk/ua-susidy-zhyvi-istoriyi-krymu
- Development of the project “History begins in the Family” together with Gedenkstätte Bergen-Belsen (Germany), International Youth Meeting Centre in Osviencim (Poland).
- Presentation of the dialogue methodology worldwide.
Partners and donors

- Civil Dialogues on Maidan (Kyiv)
- Lutheran Church in Kyiv
- Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv)
- Pro.Mova Consulting Agency (Ukraine)
- The Center for Non-Violent Communication (USA)
- Centre of Regional Development “Top-Kaya” (Crimea)
- Club of Young Leaders, Simferopol
- Crimean Ethnographic Museum (Simferopol, Crimea)
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- CCC Creative Centre (Kyiv)
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Organisers

Foundations for Freedom – an international NGO, which aims to promote development of truly free, democratic and fair society where citizens understand and practice the values on which freedom thrives, in particular honesty, integrity, personal responsibility and servant leadership.

Initiatives of Change International – world-wide movement represented in more than 60 countries of the world. Initiatives of Change have a special consultative status with UN Economic and Social Council and a participative status in the council of Europe in Strasbourg.
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“It doesn’t matter who’s your grandfather: a former KGB officer, a soldier of the Red Army or of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), a Chornobyl cleanup veteran or the Afghan War veteran, a Jewish sufferer or a Polish lord, a deported Crimean Tatar or a dissident victimised in a GULAG labour camp, an obedient system element, a metallurgist, or a Carpathian craftsman… One is a man and one lived one's life.

The values of your ancestors are in your consciousness. What are they? Maybe other people’s points of view radically differ from yours, but what do you actually know about others living in your country? What lies in their heritage? What is the history of their families? What environment has shaped them? Why are they as they are? And what can you learn from them?”