

BEST PRACTICE UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S CLUB' (POLAND)



Short description

The main goal of the “Our Choice” Foundation is to integrate Ukrainian migrant-women into Polish society, support the development of cultural, educational, economic and political contacts between Poland and Ukraine, and promote democratic values and civil society. Most activities are aimed at migrants from Ukraine in Poland, but the foundation regularly gets engaged in initiatives and projects concerning other groups of foreigners residing in Poland.

The Ukrainian Women’s Club is an informal association of women based in Warsaw, operating since May 2014 for education, integration of the Ukrainian community and cultivation of Ukrainian culture in Poland. The club provides regular workshops, Polish language course, meetings, concerts, and organizes charity and social and cultural events. The club is open to representatives of various nationalities and age groups from multiple backgrounds and ethnicities.

The example workshops:

- collective cooking
- archaic singing/ country folklore (songs, dances, games)
- literature
- handicraft

The example trainings:

- vocational counseling
- modules counteracting domestic violence and discrimination
- legal counseling
- creation of social mini-projects
- planning the budget
- Polish language courses

Individual sessions:

- psychological support

Moreover - study visits, festivals etc.

The Ukrainian Women's Club was founded by the "Our Choice" Foundation with the financial support of the Stefan Batory Foundation and the European Economic Area Funds under the "Citizens for Democracy" program.

Title of the practice

‘„Klub Ukraińskich Kobiet” (Ukrainian Women’s Club) operating by fundacja ‘Nasz Wybór’

Place and date

Nationwide

Duration

Continuous

Target group

Migrant women from multiple backgrounds

Institutions involved

·fundacja “Nasz Wybór” (foundation “Our choice”)

Goals / objectives

Main goals:

- integration of the Ukrainian community into Polish society
- widely understood education and cultivation of Ukrainian culture in Poland
- increase of the capacity of migrant women in every (private and professional) aspect of their lives
- complex support (collective and individual) for migrant women depending on their needs

Success factors

- it fosters integration of migrants into Polish society
- a better command of the Polish language thanks to peer-to-peer learning
- greater motivation to participate in voluntary services and providing peer-to-peer support to one another (in many aspects)
- greater knowledge, skills (in many fields) and capacity to function in a foreign country
- putting social mini-initiatives into practice and benefiting from them
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Link of the source

- <https://ukrainskidom.pl/nasze-projekty/klub-ukrainskich-kobiet/>