



THE UKRAINIAN DANISH YOUTH HOUSE

*A concept note on the Youth House by
the Danish Youth Council (DUF) and
the Danish Cultural Institute (DCI) .*

DEAR YOUTH IN UKRAINE AND DENMARK...



In the past few years, a wide range of youth organisations in Denmark have established cooperation with their Ukrainian peers for the purpose of strengthening youth participation in society and to develop mutual relations between young people in the two countries.

Now, the youth in Ukraine and Denmark will receive an opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new ones, by the establishment of a Ukrainian-Danish Youth house in Kyiv, which will serve as a strong platform for democratic activism and youth-to-youth cooperation.

Led by **the Danish Youth Council (DUF)** and **the Danish Cultural Institute (DCI)**, the House is envisioned to be a space which may host activities of a wide range of youth organizations from Denmark and Ukraine.

This short concept note serves as a brief introduction to the vision of the House, its planned activities, the organizational set-up and the timeline ahead.

We hope this may start a discussion about you or your organizations future involvement in the House.

**Keep reading for more on our vision of the House,
the planned activities and how you can get involved**

OUR VISION

It is the vision of DUF and DCI, that the future Youth House will deepen and expand the existing Ukrainian-Danish cooperation and partnerships between the young generation in our two countries.

For that reason, the house and its future partnerships will include a broad variety of youth organisations and groups which reflects the diversity of young people in Ukraine and Denmark as much as possible - be it politically, culturally or in the types of interests or activities made.

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THE HOUSE

The Youth House is anticipated to be a multifunctional hub in Kyiv with facilities for different types of youth activities for its users and the secretariat of the house.

This may include spaces open to the public such as café, stage and exhibition rooms and spaces for registered users, such as co-working spaces, media recording facilities, meeting rooms and possibly a small dormitory for visiting Danes and Ukrainians from outside of Kyiv.

The specific facilities as well as the specific location in Kyiv is currently being identified with an expected opening date in the first half of 2021.



ACTIVITIES

ALREADY PLANNED - WANT TO JOIN?

Beginning in the spring of 2021 a number of already planned activities will be kicked off. These will be organized by DUF and DCI and we invite participation from all Ukrainian and Danish youth organizations or groups with an interest in a future involvement in the House. Do you want to join?

A Youth Leader Exchange Program providing insights and inspiration for tomorrow's leaders on democratic challenges and solutions in Denmark and Ukraine.

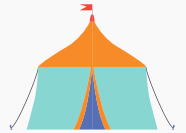
A Youth Summit with focused mutual trainings on youth organizing for young people in Danish and Ukrainian civil society

A Youth Festival fostering dialogue and understanding between youth in Ukraine and Denmark with diverse opinions and backgrounds.

An innovative program using **Arts and Culture workshops** to empower youth on the challenges they face

A Danish-Ukrainian regional outreach program addressing the interests of youth outside main cities

Local seminars addressing issues of youth rights of a broader interest and bring diverse youth groups together.



CREATE YOUR OWN ACTIVITIES - GET INVOLVED!

The house will be open as a working space and for activities for registered users of the Youth House, and we are expecting that there will be a large number of user led activities. Accordingly, an activity pool will be established allowing members to apply for funding of own activities, where activities open for the public will be of special interest.

This could be arranging inspirational talks and debates, cinema-evenings, smaller exhibitions, performances, and music events or showcasing of exemplary youth stories. The hope is to create a platform in the House where users can see their ideas come to life.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

“Join as an individual or as an organization”

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Parts of the house will be open to everyone (café, exhibition room, etc), while other parts of the house will be open only to registered users and their guests. Both individuals and organisations can be registered as users and get access to the offers of the house.

For individuals it is expected that registered users should be below 35 of age. Registered organisations should have a focus on youth, empowerment and democratization as part of their mandate.

Both individuals and organisations should undersign to submit to agree on house values, which should as a minimum include principles such as respect for human rights, including non-violence and non-discrimination on grounds of race, color, religion, gender, nationality, disability or other.

More elaborate values in support of the house vision and mission will also be developed.

ORGANIZATIONAL SETUP

The House will be open for members to influence its direction and priorities. We expect to have an annual Youth Forum inviting all interested stakeholders to discuss priorities, new themes, and new types of activities, as well as an appointed Advisory Board, who will provide more ongoing advice for the management and running of the house.

We are looking for your input on who to appoint, as well as other ideas for how to ensure that users can influence the strategy and running of the house!



SO WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

...LETS MEET UP!

From July 2020 until end of 2020 we will be in a preparatory consulting with a wide range of youth organisations and stakeholders in Ukraine as well as a search process for the future location of the House.

Accordingly, the “hoped for” opening date of the House is around mid-2021. We may however start hosting activities already from beginning 2021.

So, if you or your organization are interested in taking part in the House, in the House activities or maybe just want to hear more about the project, then **PLEASE DO CONTACT US!**

We are always curious to hear from interested youth in Denmark or Ukraine, so feel free to contact us via the information below and we will get back to you to figure out how you can get involved in the House!



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REACH US HERE

The Danish Youth Council (DUF) and the Danish Cultural Institute (DCI) are the two organisations from Denmark leading the Danish efforts, acting as a consortium led by DCI.

DUF – the Danish Youth Council is an umbrella organization which include 78 national youth organisations in Denmark (e.g. scouts, political youth organizations, cultural organizations, environmental organizations and many more).

DCI – the Danish Cultural Institute has developed collaborations with youth in the cultural area, including unorganized and informally organized youth. Cooperations have focused on cultural participation, theatre, media, film, festivals etc, with relevance to societal concerns of youth.

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