

FIGHT FOR RIGHT

Report 2023



Fight For Right follows the key humanitarian goals and principles:

- **Humanity:** Human suffering must be addressed wherever it is found. The purpose of humanitarian action is to protect life and health and ensure respect for human beings
- **Neutrality:** Humanitarian actors must not take sides in hostilities or engage in controversies of a political, racial, religious or ideological nature
- **Impartiality:** Humanitarian action must be carried out on the basis of need alone, prioritizing the most urgent cases of distress and making no distinctions on the basis of nationality, race, gender, religion, class or political opinions
- **Independence:** Humanitarian action must be autonomous from the political, economic, military or other objectives that any actor may hold with regard to areas where humanitarian action is being implemented

● Protection and Support

We helped **14,963 people with disabilities** in Ukraine!

In 2023, we continued to implement the **TEPLO** project.
More than **6,000 people** received assistance within this project.





Our team provided Vladyslav with an electric stove from Sumy.

Neighbors in the hostel did not allow the man to cook in the common kitchen because he was blind. Now, Vladislav feels more independent due to his blindness and can always prepare a hot meal for himself.

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A humanitarian mission to Slavyansk (Donetsk region) was conducted within the framework of the 'TEPLO' project to provide aid to 56 deaf people residing in the city.



A meeting took place with the **Advisor to the President of Ukraine on Barrier-Free Ukraine, Tetiana Lomakina**, on the occasion of two years since the approval of the **National Strategy for Creating an Barrier-Free Environment in Ukraine until 2030**. Oleg Karpenko from the Ukraine's Recovery Fight For Right Team participated in the meeting.



● Спільнота



Together with participants of the Fight For Right Disability Rights Network, Fight For Right created [📎 a documentary '24/02: Stories of People with Disabilities During russia's Full-Scale War Against Ukraine'](#).

Fight For Right team provided 760 assistive technologies, namely:



275
walking frames



130
canes



115
folding toilets



87
wheelchairs



55
crutches



30
toilet nozzles



38
wheeled walkers



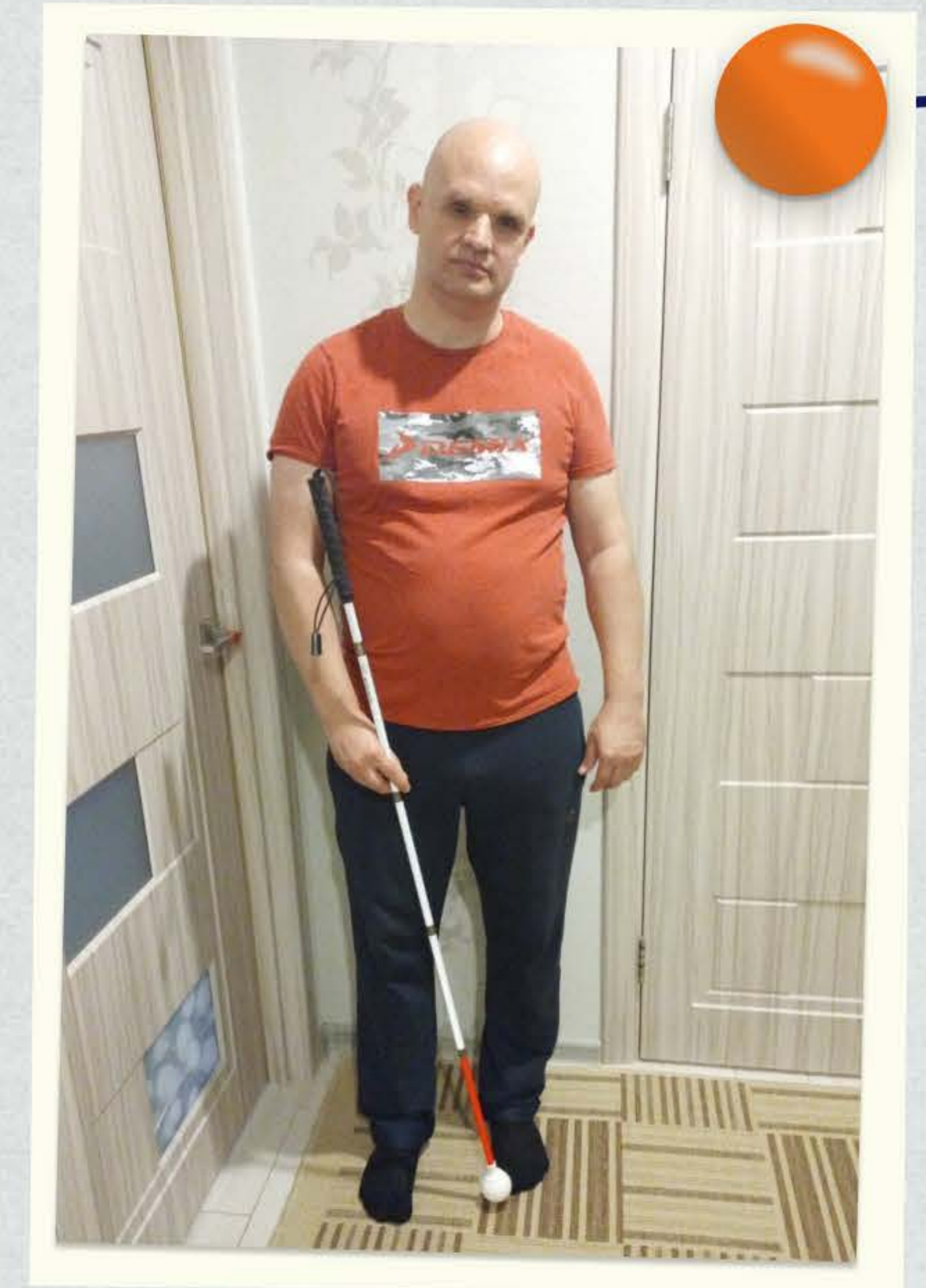
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hearing aids

Each item was selected according to the individual needs.

| We have provided rehabilitation for 13 girls and women with disabilities.

Fight For Right provided legal consultation and bought a high-quality cane for Andriy S., a soldier of the Armed Forces of Ukraine who lost his sight due to injuries.

Prior to this, the man was unlawfully denied in receiving qualitative white cane by the local social protection department because he had a simple temporary cane purchased from an online store.



Iryna Demkovich



Vasyl

Thank you very much for the wheelchair!

We provided a high-quality active-type wheelchair for Vasyl P., Ukrainian soldier who sustained a spinal cord injury during Bakhmut defense.

He underwent several surgeries to remove bone fragments and install titanium plates. Vasyl now has the opportunity to spend more active time with his two children.

Iryna and her family suffered a lot in occupied Kherson and were forced to seek protection in Lviv.

The woman dreamed of a hearing aid but did not have the financial opportunity to buy one herself. We provided Iryna with a hearing aid and received a tearful response:



Iryna

"I heard the footsteps of my child..."

We provided 400 psychological consultations and organized psychological support groups for 80 girls and women with disabilities, including those who are internally displaced, mothers and guardians of children with disabilities in Dnipro, Lviv, and Kyiv.



After the Kakhovka Dam explosion our team conducted rescue missions in Kherson city and region:

Chornobaivka, Petrivka, Zorya and other settlements where people with disabilities were affected by the disaster.



Fight For Right provided targeted humanitarian assistance, including 5 boats, 50 sleeping bags, 300 hygiene kits and diapers, 40 thermoses, as well as power banks, gas stoves and gas cylinders, and more than 5000 liters of drinking water. Additionally, medical evacuations were organized.



We saved and helped almost 1000 people.



We have carried out 12 missions to provide medical assistance to elderly people and people with disabilities in the de-occupied territories of Donetsk and Kharkiv regions. We helped 298 people.



Mission to Chornobaivka and Vysokopillia.

Fight For Right provided over 1200 hygiene products sets for people with disabilities and their families and families with babies.

In addition to diapers, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gels, shampoos, and personal hygiene items, we provided drinking water for a certain period, as well as assistive technologies.



We supported people with disabilities who were affected by the mass missile attack on Ukraine on December 29th.

57 people received financial support, thermal blankets, heaters, power banks, electric and gas stoves, gas cylinders, electric blankets, convection heaters, and thermoses.



In total - 185 warm help items



For residents of the Kharkiv dormitory for visually impaired and blind people Fight For Right helped with a 300-liter water heater in winter. People had been without hot water for a long time because their old water heater broke and was irreparable.



We supplied 10 families of people with disabilities with fuel briquettes in Kalynivka town and nearest villages in Kherson region.

We met with HIAS partners in Dnipro and announced the launch of a financial support program for 300 families of people with disabilities for warming purposes: replacing windows, doors, purchasing firewood, coal, or heating appliances.

In total, 300 families received this assistance.



● Advocacy

At the UN Office at Geneva, in collaboration with partners such as the [Validity Foundation](#) – Mental Disability Advocacy Centre, [Disability Rights International \(DRI\)](#), and [Disability Rights International - Ukraine](#), Fight For Right hosted an interactive panel discussion [“UKRAINE RECOVERY: Humanitarian Donors’ Obligations Should Ensure Inclusion, Not Institutions for Persons with Disabilities”](#) dedicated to the first anniversary of the Guidelines on Deinstitutionalisation of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).



We participated in the Zero-Conference 2023, where had the opportunity to present our emergency response mechanism and case management, as well as conduct advocacy meetings with partners, donors, and international organizations. Together with IFES, we planned further work and advocacy for inclusive recovery and reforms in Ukraine.

Number of requests

Donetsk – 28,77%
Dnipropetrovsk – 16,09 %
Kharkiv – 14,89 %
Zaporizhzhia – 6,32 %
Sumy – 5,8 %
Chernihiv – 5,43 %
Kherson – 4,53 %
Mykolaiv – 4,21 %
Kyiv – 3,86 %
Odesa – 1,77 %
Lviv – 1,14 %
Poltava – 1 %
Cherkasy – 0,97 %
Vinnytsia – 0,9 %
Kirovohrad – 0,76 %
Zhytomyr – 0,58 %
Khmelnyskyi – 0,56 %



Chernivtsi – 0,44 %
Ivano-Frankivsk – 0,44 %
Ternopil – 0,42 %
Volyn – 0,42 %
Zakarpattia – 0,4 %
Rivne – 0,3 %

In Washington DC Yuliia Sachuk, Head of Fight For Right, and Irina Fedorovych, advocacy director, held a series of meetings with political leaders and representatives of international organizations in the USA.



During the conference  **"People-centric humanitarian response in conflict: strategies, insights and dilemmas,"**



organized by the International Committee of the Red Cross together with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Yulia Sachuk emphasized the importance of including people with disabilities in the development and implementation of assistance strategies for Ukraine.

Additionally, Fight For Right independently organized and conducted an international advocacy visit to Brussels for the first time.

Over four days, we held meetings with Members of the European Parliament,

representatives of the European Commission, and international organizations. The aim was to amplify the voices and influence of people with disabilities in driving changes in Ukraine, particularly in areas such as deinstitutionalization, employment, and inclusive reconstruction, within the European integration process.



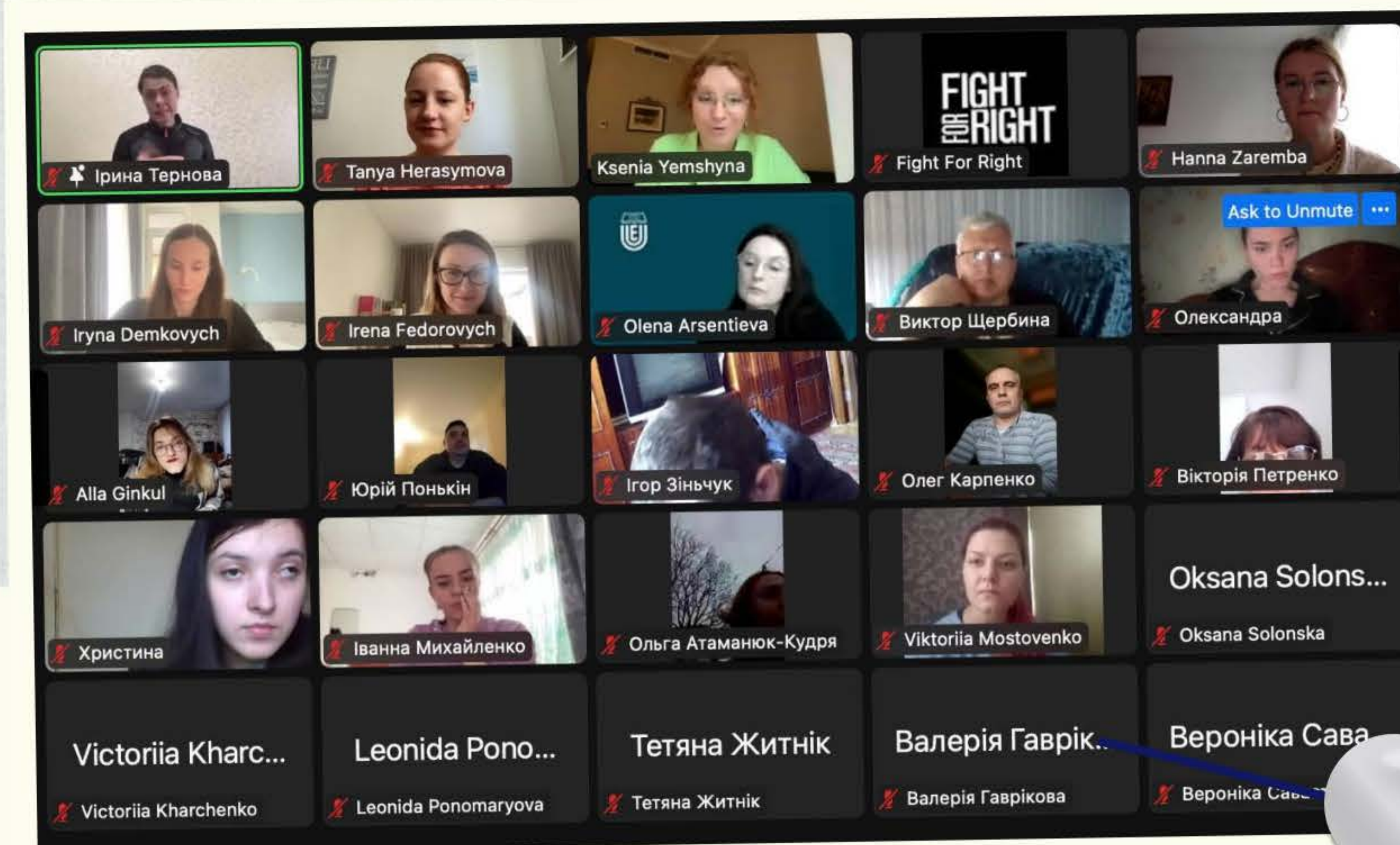
 Joined the development of a vision document
 "VISION OF UKRAINE 2030: REFORM AND RECOVERY OF THE SOCIAL AND HUMANITARIAN SPHERE"
covers the key areas of the state's life
in the perspective of 2030 in seven areas and ways
to rebuild inclusive Ukraine.



Fight For Right together with IFES took part in Ukraine Recovery Conference in London. We talked about the importance of systemic reforms, meaningful participation of people with disabilities and transparency of rebuilding processes. Head of Fight For Right Yuliia Sachuk was presented to His Majesty Charles III.

Fight For Right organized training course "Ukraine's Recovery: democratic participation and inclusive plan development".

41 participants took part instead of 20 planned ones because of the high interest.



This course provided an opportunity for Fight For Right team and trainers to enhance our skills in organizing accessible online events. We provided Ukrainian Sign Language interpretation, and learnt how to make visual materials, presentations, practical tasks, and handouts accessible to all participants with different types of disability.

Following the advocacy-focused course on inclusive recovery, **Fight For Right Ukraine's Recovery Team** was established, comprising activists from various parts of the country. They are now prepared to oversee the efforts of local governments in restoring damaged infrastructure, ensuring accessibility for all.



We launched Empowerment, a development programme for girls and women with disabilities.

Sixteen participants from across Ukraine, with their care-givers and loved ones, strengthened their resilience, leadership skills, and learned to advocate for the rights of women with disabilities during the first programme edition.



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Lviv

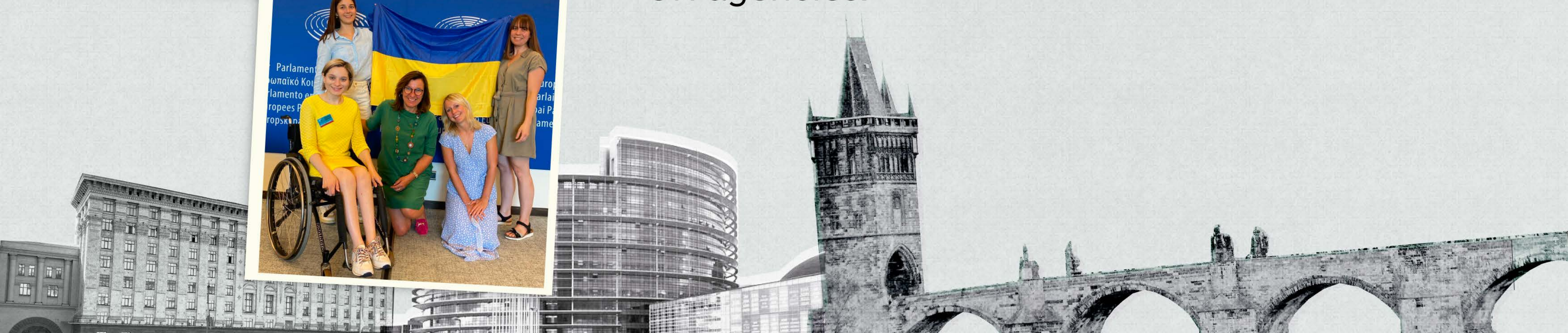


For the first time, Fight For Right conducted a political participation school for girls and women with disabilities LEADERKA abroad – in Prague.

We received 147 applications for participation from girls and women aged 17 to 49.



We organized internships for graduates of the school in Brussels: at the European Parliament and Inclusion Europe NGO, as well as in Ukraine - at the Ombudsman's office, in the Kyiv City Council, and online at two UN agencies.





Ivanna Mykhailenko, alumna of LEADERKA school, participated in the Ukrainian Youth Forum "Recovery in Unity."



From November 3rd to 6th, we launched our first LEADERKA-teens school offline in Lviv for 24 girls with disabilities aged 13 to 16.

At the same time, we organised workshops for 22 mothers and one father.



Fight For Right organized Disability Power – the Third National Conference of People with Disabilities in Ukraine!

Eighty-nine activists discussed successes and setbacks, planned new partnerships, and directions for work in 2024.

A peaceful public action, "Our Strength - Accessible Ukraine," took place during the conference.


Participants gathered on Mykhailivska Square in Kyiv to draw attention to accessibility in Ukraine and why it is important for everyone.



Порядок денний реформ,
яких вимагає спільнота
людей з інвалідністю

2023-2024 роки

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 **The disability agenda for reforms** has been updated to address new challenges for 2023-2024 with a specific emphasis on the need for deinstitutionalization and the provision of accessible and quality social services within communities.

Protection

Monitoring of accessibility was conducted in 12 shelters for persons with disabilities in Dnipro, Lviv, and Kyiv.

Based on the findings of it, a report with recommendations on improving the accessibility of temporary accommodation facilities for PWDs has been developed and published.

Чек-лист для обстеження центрів ВПО

Інструменти для моніторингу:

- цей чек-лист у роздрукованому вигляді + ручка або олівець
- рулетка (звичайна (на 5-10 м) та/або електронна) – для вимірювання відстаней та обмірів елементів приміщення
- кутомір (електронний або застосунок на смартфон*) – для вимірювання кутів нахилу пішохідних шляхів, пандусів, сходів тощо
- фотоапарат / смартфон – для фото. Зробити 2-3 фото щодо кожного з пунктів, де відмічено "зробити фото"

Моніторинг здійснюється у парах та/або трійках, щоб розподілити обов'язки щодо вимірювань, внесення даних у чек-лист та фото.





Fight For Right organized an international online discussion and a series of workshops on the experiences of different countries in setting up shelters for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

We provided the first mini-grants to shelters for PWDs in Dnipro and Mykolaiv to improve accessibility for people with disabilities there. Specifically, in Dnipro, elevator repairs have already been completed, and renovation work has begun on the restroom facilities.



Fight For Right purchased 4 EcoFlow devices for shelters:

- Municipal institution "Pohrebysche territorial center of social services (provision of social services)", Vinnytsia region
- Shelter of NGO "DZHERELO PIDTRYMKY" and shelter of NGO "SVITLO KULTURY", Dnipro city
- City territorial center of social services, Mykolaiv city



We conducted 3 online workshops for shelter workers about standards of work with IDPs with different types of disabilities and people who have experienced trauma.

Fight For Right developed a [methodology of accessibility monitoring of bombshelters according to international standards](#). Our team developed a checklist for assessing the accessibility of civil defense structures.

We started piloting the developed toolkit in Kyiv by monitoring various types of bomb shelters. Fight For Right inspected bomb shelters in the Solomianskyi district and started work on improving the accessibility of two shelters in Kyiv.



Activists continued to inspect bomb shelters across Ukraine using our methodology for assessing the architectural accessibility of civil defense structures. We shared the results of the bomb shelters monitoring on our social media.



● Communications

During World Remembrance **Day of AIDS Victims Fight For Right** team underwent HIV testing.



We discussed the challenges of intersectional discrimination faced by **LGBT people with disabilities** on the air of Hromadske Radio.

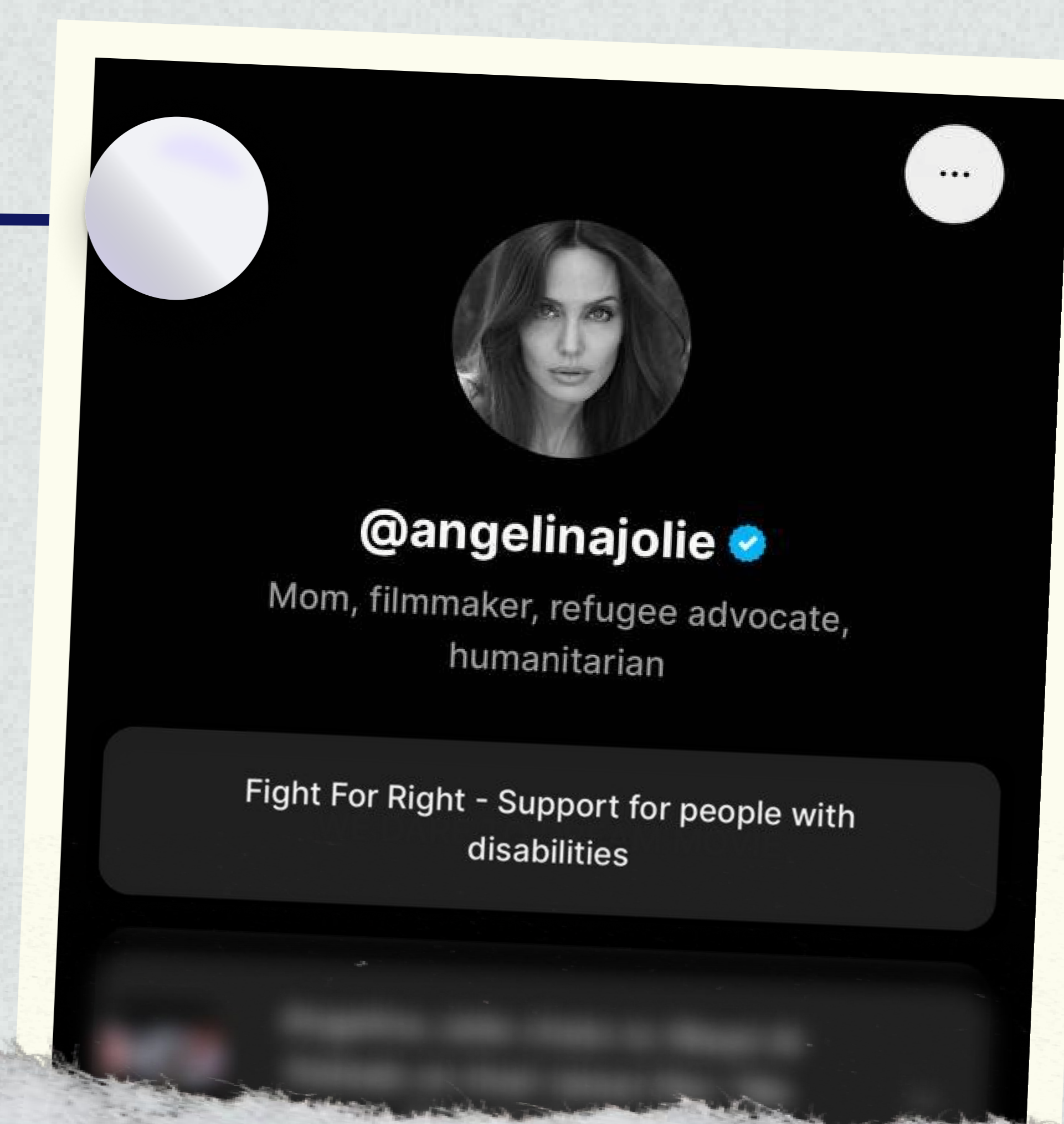
Fight For Right participated in the development of the "**Democracy through Action**" educational course, which was published on Diia.Education platform. Thanks to the partnership between Fight For Right and IFES.



During the international human-rights festival **Docudays UA**, we stated why Ukraine's recovery should follow human rights standards and ensure the meaningful participation of people with disabilities.



Angelina Jolie acknowledged our work on her Instagram.



Tetiana Herasymova, Director of Fight For Right, highlighted the challenges faced by women and girls with disabilities and importance of psychological and legal support which provides Fight For Right on the Palaie show.

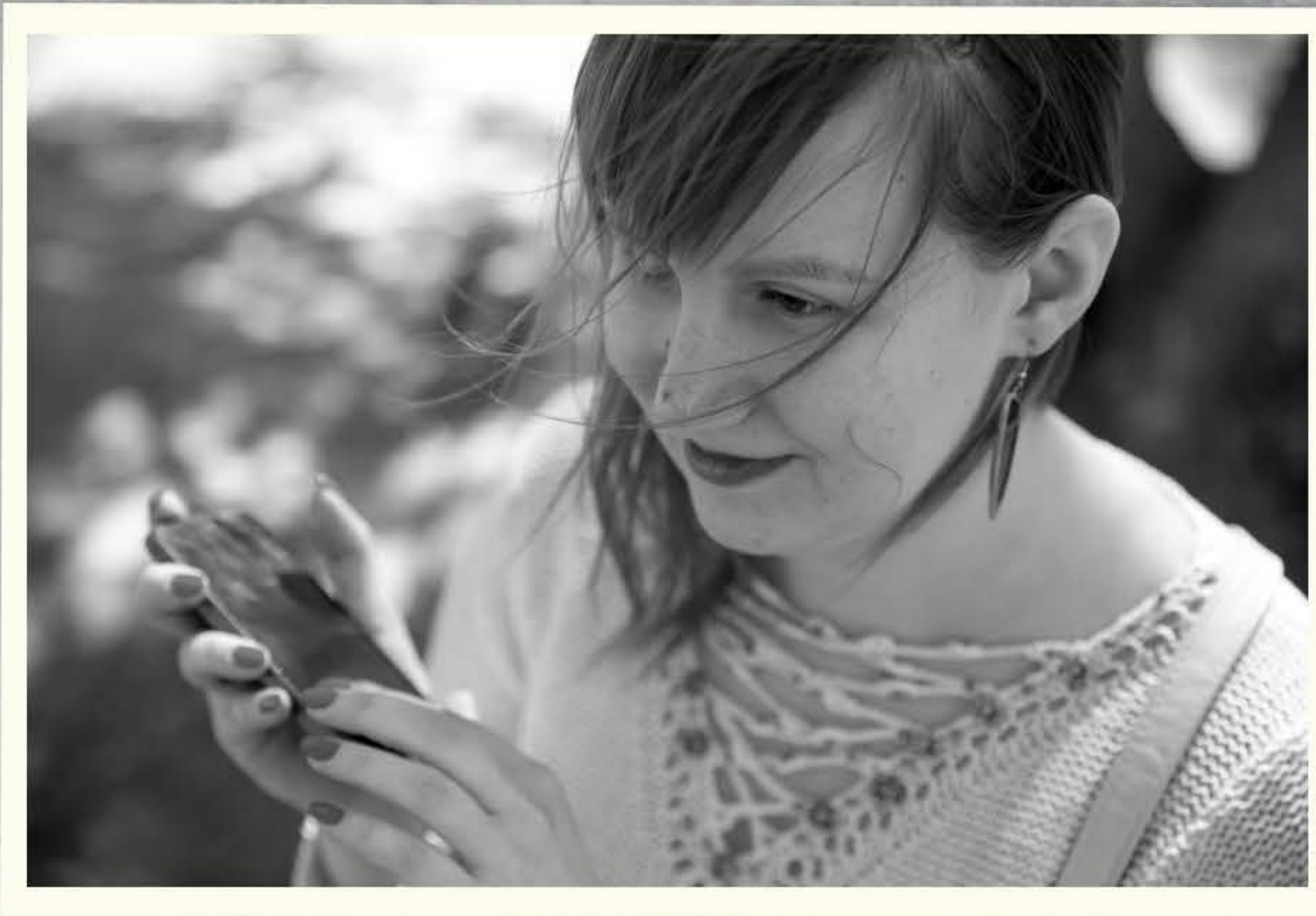


In Lviv and Vienna, we held **It Was Very Cold in the Morning and the Sun Was Incredibly Bright Exhibition** based on the [WARPATH](#) project by Fight For Right.



Team

Fight For Right held a strategic session in Malaga, Spain



Fight For Right and Ukraine lost a strong and dedicated human rights defender, our co-founder Daria Korzhavina.

Yuliia Sachuk spoke at the Kennedy Center in memory of Judy Heumann during the 2023 IFES Charles T. Manett Democracy Awards honoring Judy Heumann.





"Thanks to Judy and her fight, I have the opportunity to fight, knowing for sure that a thriving and democratic Ukraine with a priority on respecting the rights of people with disabilities is possible. Thanks to her support, personal example, and friendly advice, I fight so that every person with a disability:

- can be heard;
- can fight for their rights;
- and 'can roll for the new disability revolution".



**World Institute
on Disability**



● **Total expenses of Fight For Right in 2023: 51,058,653.00 UAH**

64 %

Protection and Support:

- Winter support project TEPLO (WARMTH)
- Rehabilitation, assistive technologies and other humanitarian aid
 - Financial support
 - Case management

19 %

Support and development of the Ukrainian disability movement:

- School of political participation for girls and women with disabilities LEADERKA in Prague
- School for girls with disabilities LEADERKA-teens
- National Conference of People With Disabilities Disability Power
 - Ukrainian Disability Fund

11 %

Advocacy:

- Research
- Analytics
- Advocacy events

6 %

Administrative costs