

**World For Ukraine Summit 2023. The Roadmap to Freedom and Recovery:
 A Lineup of +60 Illustrious Speakers and Leaders at the Second Edition
 of the Unprecedented Humanitarian Event in the heart of Europe**

Rzeszów-Jasionka/Warsaw, August 2nd, 2023 – Anatolii Fedoruk, Mayor of Bucha; John Hewko, General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International; Matthew Booth, UK Strategic Communication Adviser to the Government of Ukraine at the British Embassy in Kiev; Valeriia Palii, President of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine; and Michael Capponi, Founder and CEO of Global Empowerment Mission – these are just a few of the 60+ speakers who have already confirmed their attendance at the World For Ukraine (W4UA) Summit 2023. The second edition of the recognized humanitarian event will be held on September 28th – 29th, 2023, again at the G2A Arena in Rzeszów-Jasionka.

The World For Ukraine (W4UA) Summit was created with the aim of integrating civil society, which plays a key role in supporting Ukraine. One of the biggest challenges in the context of aid delivery is to coordinate the activities of many independent actors. The first edition of the W4UA Summit (December, 7th - 9th 2022) hosted more than 100 NGOs from all over the world as well as representatives of authorities, local governments and business from Ukraine, Poland and many other countries. It was honoured by the presence of 33 mayors and local government officials from Ukraine.

It is a unique event because of its inclusiveness, lack of political agenda and international profile. Admission to the W4UA Summit is free for all participants. It has gained a reputation as a place where real partnerships are formed, resulting in real action for Ukrainians and Ukraine. Since the first edition, a community of experts and activists has built up around our event.

Bartosz Staniszewski, Spokesman for World for Ukraine, says:

"Like last year, our summit will boast a number of prominent speakers from all around the world. We will be pleased to welcome to G2A Arena government and legislative representatives, leaders of large humanitarian organizations active in Ukraine, international experts on media, mental health and human rights, as well as representatives of civic society organizations. They are all united by their concerted efforts to bring relief now and better future in the years to come to the people of Ukraine."

Among more than 60 prominent speakers who have already confirmed their attendance (<https://w4ua.com/summit-2023/speakers-2023/>) are:

- **Anatolii Fedoruk**, Mayor of Bucha, a town in the suburbs of Kyiv that has become the symbol of despicable war atrocities and successful reconstruction efforts, for which he was awarded the State Order "For Merit" III and II degrees;
- **Oleg Dunda**, People's Deputy at the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine, a Member of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on the Organization of State Power, Local Self-Government, Regional Development and Urban Planning, and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Construction and Design;
- **John Hewko**, General Secretary and CEO of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, who is also a member emeritus of the board of trustees of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations;
- **Matthew Booth**, UK Strategic Communication Adviser to the Government of Ukraine at the British Embassy in Kiev, deployed by British Embassy Kyiv to support counter disinformation efforts in Ukraine;
- **Michael Capponi**, Founder and CEO of Global Empowerment Mission, which has been present in Ukraine since the second day of the Russian aggression, where, apart from ongoing aid delivery to towns and villages all around the country, it has also been involved in rebuilding Bucha near Kyiv ("Hope for Bucha" project) and delivering drinking water and essentials to the victims of the flooding caused by the destruction of the Kakhovka dam;
- **Valeriia Palii**, President of the National Psychological Association of Ukraine, who together with her colleagues, runs the psychological support hotline for Ukrainians, which is active in Ukraine and 21 European countries;
- **Brock D. Bierman**, President and CEO of Ukraine Focus, a Washington, DC based 501c3 humanitarian organization committed to working directly with communities across Ukraine to meet urgent assistance needs through direct cooperation and collaboration with Ukrainian local, state and federal authorities;
- **Shams Asadi**, Human Rights Commissioner and Head of the Human Rights Office of the City of Vienna, charged with multi-level governance, promoting and capacity building for human rights in local administrations, urban security, and human rights education;
- **Oksana Savytska**, First Deputy of the Ukrainian Institute for Educational Development, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine;
- **Eoin O'Shea**, Psychologist & MHPSS Lead (Eastern Europe) at DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture, who consults with DIGNITY's local partner organizations – such as Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (KHPG) – to ensure that their staff are equipped to meet the challenges they face as part of their important work;
- **Jean-Christophe Bonis**, Founder of Team4ua and HIT (Humanitarian Innovative Technologies), a global humanitarian foundation with a mission to introduce disruptive technologies into humanitarian emergency response. Originator of the idea of applying

the 3D printing technology to rebuild destroyed houses and buildings all over Ukraine, starting from a successful project of rebuilding a school building in Lviv.

Registration for the summit is now open at <https://w4ua-2023.konfeo.com/en/groups>, allowing participants to secure their place at the event. The accreditation process for media professionals will commence **on August 15th**.

Join us at the World For Ukraine Summit 2023 and be part of the global movement working towards a brighter future for Ukraine.

More information about W4UA 2023: <https://w4ua.com/>

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About World For Ukraine

The World For Ukraine Summit (W4UA) is a prominent international humanitarian event that brings together organizations, institutions, and individuals from across the globe to address the challenges faced by Ukraine. With a focus on collaborative solutions and collective action, W4UA aims to empower Ukraine towards freedom, recovery, and sustainable development. The first edition of the W4UA Summit was held on December 7th – 9th 2022, followed by a publication of the W4UA 2022 Report, released on April 19th, 2023.

More information about W4UA: <https://w4ua.com/>

The W4UA 2022 Report: <https://w4ua.com/report-2022/>

