



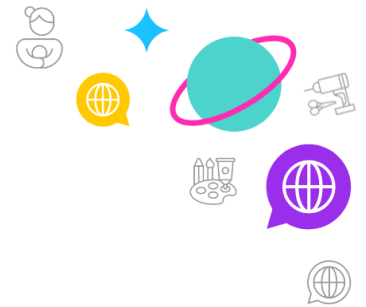
# Library for All. Different. Equal. Important.

## Project information

In selected libraries in Poland, classes are held as part of the project **Library for All. Different. Equal. Important** implemented by the **Save the Children International** and the **Information Society Development Foundation**. As part of the project, children and adolescents from Ukraine and Poland and their guardians can take free classes, make friends and learn each other's languages and cultural customs. Libraries that stand out with their rich cultural and educational offer and carry out activities that catalyze Polish-Ukrainian cooperation have been invited to participate in two editions of the project.

More than **24,500 participants** have taken part in classes conducted by librarians and animators as part of the project "Library for All. Different. Equal. Important." Classes for children, teenagers and adults were held in libraries. Digital Education Centres were also operating. Numerous webinars and in-person training sessions were organized to support development of innovative skills for librarians involved in the project.

Libraries have conducted **more than 2,840 classes so far**. Groups of children regularly meet in Digital Education Centres to get support from Ukrainian-speaking teachers, use the equipment, the Internet and educational materials. Only in autumn, the project reached several hundred students from Ukraine, learning both in the Ukrainian online schools and in the Polish education system. **In 2023, several dozen new Digital Education Centres were created.**



In addition, libraries offer **workshops, courses, learning circles, language classes** and **meetings for children and adults from Ukraine and Poland.**

**„Library for All. Different. Equal. Important.” is a project enabling children and adolescents, both from Ukraine and Poland, to learn, play, build relationships with one another and regain a sense of security in a difficult reality. Children and their parents and guardians from both countries can participate in innovative classes and courses, learn each other’s languages and culture. The project is implemented by the Information Society Development Foundation (FRSI) in partnership with Save the Children International (SCI).**

The aim of the project is to support children and adolescents, who came from Ukraine to Poland in continuing their education at Ukrainian online schools, as well as in adapting to the Polish education system and building relationships in their new environment. The program uses various forms of activities and courses that take place in libraries. Participants can also learn Polish language to be better prepared for the challenges of participating in another country’s education system and to feel more comfortable in a new environment, being able to establish fruitful social, educational and professional life in an extreme situation they found themselves in. Libraries participating in the project are supported financially, participate in training sessions and receive equipment necessary for the implementation of the programme (interactive robots and tablets, music and educational sets etc.). They can use the grants for the employment of tutors and teachers from Ukraine, purchase of teaching aids and additional activities for children and adolescents. Libraries also organize Digital Learning Centres for children and adolescents from Ukraine continuing their education in Ukrainian online schools, where students can get teachers’ support in the classroom, integrate and contact in person with their peers or help them with their homework if they also attend Polish schools.

The libraries participating in the project carry out educational classes in areas such as teaching Polish and Ukrainian, STEAM, DIY, basic programming, engaging music, movement and art classes, as well as learning circles. The TeamUp formula implemented as part of the project gives excellent results, allowing to rebuild a sense of peace and security and establish relationships with other participants in an intuitive, natural way. All classes are conducted by experienced animators, trainers and teachers, as well as trained librarians. Libraries receive substantive and financial support. The equipment necessary for the implementation of the programme, including computers, interactive robots, music and educational sets, is provided by FRSI. Libraries also create Digital Education Centres with Ukrainian-speaking teachers.



Participation in the classes is free of charge. The project started with the "Summer in the library". Then, a pilot edition was carried out (from September to December 2022) in 20 pioneer libraries. In January 2023, several new libraries joined the project.

Helping our friends from Ukraine has a huge potential for good. At the same time, the scale and pace of migration can cause problems that we are all aware of. The project "Library for All. Different. Equal. Important." is a response to the challenges facing the Polish and Ukrainian communities. The educational needs of children and adolescents, supporting the process of intercultural dialogue, as well as ensuring the availability of appropriate infrastructure, animators, trainers and teachers are the areas in which the Information Society Development Foundation and Save the Children International support libraries. In this project, they become the heart of integration, education, as well as a safe place for children, youth and their carers.

### **Projects data:**

- Budget: 4.921.961 PLN –provided by [Save the Children International](#) (libraries participating in the project receive tablets and laptops as well),
- Duration: June 2022 – June 2023,
- Coverage: nationwide: 50 libraries.

### **Activities:**

- providing libraries with grants for the employment of tutors from Ukraine and for the purchase of teaching aids and additional classes for children and adolescents,
- conducting training for librarians, providing educational support as in-person classes, meetings and webinars,
- providing libraries with equipment, educational materials and accessories for online school classes and additional courses and activities (educational robots, laptops, tablets, music sets etc.),
- introducing new methods and forms of activities in libraries (learning circles, Team Up classes for children with difficult experiences),



- development and launch of an educational platform for managing learning circles,
- expanding the [Libraries for Ukraine](#) website with educational materials, other resources and information helpful in working with migrants and refugees.

### **Thanks to this project:**

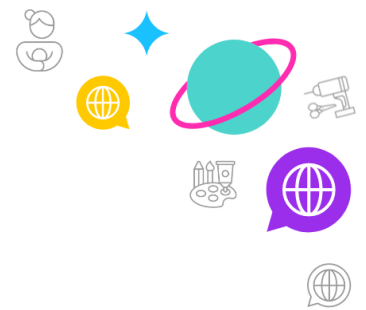
- Students from Ukraine will be able to learn online in accordance with the Ukrainian curriculum, which will allow them to be up to date with the material during their stay in Poland, and Ukrainian students of Polish schools will receive support in learning,
- Children and adolescents from Ukraine will be able to establish good relationships with their peers from Poland and use the offer of the libraries together, which might help them integrate with the local community and adapt to the Polish education system, especially if they live in Poland for a longer period of time,
- Children from Ukraine will be able to participate in creative activities, such as: STEAM, artistic classes, Team Up, creative DIY to mention just a few, which will allow them to develop their potential, interests, hobbies and talents in a friendly, safe atmosphere in the library,
- Librarians will gain new knowledge and skills, and expand the offer of their libraries with activities aimed at children and youth from Ukraine and their parents and guardians.

### **Safeguarding policy:**

- While implementing projects aimed at children and youth, FRSI cares for their well-being. Information about suspicious behavior or any kind of violence against children can be provided (also anonymously) by completing this form or by sending an email to: [chronimydzieci@frsi.org.pl](mailto:chronimydzieci@frsi.org.pl).

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