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UCC holds successful Advocacy Day on Parliament Hill

On October 21, delegates representing Ukrainian organizations from across Canada participated in Ukrainian Canadian Congress Advocacy Day on Parliament Hill.

UCC delegations met with over 50 Members of Parliament and Senators. The UCC advocated for Canadian support for Ukrainian Victory which requires increased military and economic support for Ukraine, a tougher response to Russia's genocidal war against Ukraine, and continued support for Ukrainian displaced persons.

UCC delegations met with the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, several Cabinet Ministers and Liberal Party MPs. Delegations also met with Shadow Ministers and Conservative Party MPs, the Bloc Québécois, New Democratic Party and several Senators.



Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal Recipients Honoured

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and the Ukrainian War Veterans Association of Canada (UWVA) announced that Canadian heroes who gave their lives fighting for the freedom of Ukraine were honoured with the Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal. For a full list of recipients please visit the UCC's website.



"The Ukrainian Canadian community has a deep gratitude and appreciation to Canadians who took up arms and sacrificed for the freedom of Ukraine. It is our privilege to bestow the Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal to these Canadian heroes," stated Taras Jackiw, Chair of the Medal Committee and Treasurer of the UWVA.

Established by a Resolution of the XXVII Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians in Winnipeg in Fall, 2022, the Ukrainian Canadian Sacrifice Medal will honour Canadian citizens who have been killed or wounded in action serving with Ukraine's Armed Forces in defence of Ukraine's freedom against Russia's genocidal war.

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2024 National Conference for Ukrainian Educators

We are thrilled to reflect on the success of the 2024 National Conference for Ukrainian Educators organized by the National Ukrainian Education Council (NUEC). This year's conference, themed "Ukrainian Education in Canada: New Realities, New Innovations," offered a dynamic blend of online and offline sessions in select cities across Canada. Educators from various regions came together to explore effective teaching strategies, technological advancements, and innovative methodologies that are shaping the future of Ukrainian education in Canada - marking a pivotal moment for our community's educational development.

Together we are sustaining the UCC and UCC Charitable and Educational Trust. Thank you for your support and trust in us.

Here's what some of our participants had to say:

- "It was very educational and beneficial for every teacher."
- "I loved the new teaching methods for kindergartens and activities with children."
- "Interesting approach to using modern technologies combined with heritage."
- "Speakers were amazing!"

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing presenters and moderators for their contributions.

This year, we were honored to host 117 delegates from around the world, with 83 from across Canada alone. Among the Canadian cities, Toronto had the highest representation, with 44 delegates attending. Other significant participation came from Winnipeg (12 delegates), showcasing the vibrant involvement from communities coast to coast.



Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to announce that the next National Conference for Ukrainian Educators will be our first in-person conference since 2019! This highly anticipated event is scheduled to take place in Toronto, Ontario, from May 16-18, 2025, at the prestigious Trident Banquet Hall & Conference Centre.

The 2025 conference promises to be filled with engaging sessions, networking opportunities, and inspiring discussions about the future of Ukrainian education in Canada.



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UCC President addresses threat of Russian interference, disinformation

Alexandra Chyczij, National President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) visited Ottawa on October 1-2 to address the threat of Russian interference and disinformation in Canada's democracy.

"The Ukrainian Canadian community has been the target of Soviet and now Russian disinformation for many decades," stated Chyczij. "The Canadian government has not acted forcefully enough to counter these persistent, insidious and destabilizing Russian attacks on our community or Canadian democratic institutions."

Chyczij testified at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security (SECU) and the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions, where the UCC has standing to represent the Ukrainian Canadian community.

Chyczij presented the Ukrainian Canadian community's recommendations on actions the Canadian government needs to take to respond to Russia's interference and disinformation campaigns in Canada.

At the end of October, the UCC made Final Submissions to the Public Inquiry. The Inquiry's Final Report is due to be published in the coming weeks.



Senate adopts Ukrainian Heritage Month Bill



On November 19, the Senate adopted An Act respecting Ukrainian Heritage Month. Introduced by Senator Stan Kutcher, the bill would establish September as Ukrainian Heritage Month in Canada. The UCC calls on the House of Commons to swiftly adopt this legislation.

Ukraine is defending liberty, democracy and human rights from Russia's genocidal onslaught. Russia seeks to destroy Ukraine, the Ukrainian language, traditions and culture. It is all the more important for us to remember and honour the heritage in defence of which Ukrainians are heroically fighting.

UCC Daily Briefing on Ukraine

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UCC Welcomes Five New Branches

In the past year, the UCC has been incredibly proud to welcome several new communities who have joined us in our mission.

- UCC Wellington Waterloo Branch (Ontario)
- UCC Prince Edward Island Branch
- UCC Whitehorse Branch (Ukrainian Association in Yukon)
- UCC Fredericton Branch (Ukrainian Association of Fredericton, New Brunswick)
- UCC Newfoundland & Labrador Branch (Ukrainian NL)

As you can see from the photos below, these communities are very active, working tirelessly to support Ukraine and contribute to its resilience. These vibrant communities are actively working to support Ukraine and foster unity through events, cultural initiatives, and aid efforts.

Many UCC Provincial Councils have also welcomed new communities to their membership, and we look forward to hearing more about their work in the year ahead.

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Meet some of our Ambassadors

Mariana Savka, UCC Program Manager

The Youth Ambassador Program is an 8-month-long program which aims at empowering young Ukrainian Canadians to become leaders within their communities.

The program has seen tremendous progress and engagement since its launch. Notable events include the onboarding session with Senator Stan Kutcher and UCC President Alexandra Chyczij in July, followed by a scheduled session on Advocacy in September; Project Management in October; and Budgeting & Fundraising in November.

Since the start, Youth Ambassadors have been actively involved in external initiatives, including participation in the Federal Minister of Health Youth Roundtable, the UCC National Newcomer survey review, and UCC Advocacy Day on Parliament Hill. They have also contributed to various media outlets, such as New Pathway, Kontakt TV, and Ukrainian World Congress Blog, and participated in community events like Folklorama, Centennial and Bloor West Village festivals.

The Youth Ambassadors are leading a variety of meaningful projects spanning multiple areas, from educational and research initiatives to cultural sharing, advocacy, and policy efforts. For example, Victoria Hrushetska in Nova Scotia, has already made a significant impact by organizing and hosting the first session for displaced Ukrainians learning English.



Tetiana Rymska, PEI

Tetiana Rymska is originally from Ukraine and currently studying in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. She is affiliated with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of PEI, where she holds the position of Director of Student Affairs for the Ukrainian Canadian Student Union (SUSK-PEI) and volunteers at the local Ukrainian school. She is currently working to establish a Ukrainian community library in Charlottetown, which will offer both Ukrainian-language books and English translations of Ukrainian literature. This project will not only provide valuable resources for the local Ukrainian community but also encourage greater cultural awareness and appreciation among Canadians.



Cody Mackoway, AB

Cody Mackoway currently lives in Sturgeon County, Alberta, and is a recent graduate of Politics and History at the University of Alberta. He works as a researcher and policy analyst at a large government relations firm in Edmonton. Through his varied volunteer roles in organizations such as the University of Alberta Ukrainian Students' Society, UCC-APC 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, and the Sturgeon County Youth Advisory Committee, Cody advocates on behalf of Ukrainian and Youth communities. In 2024 Cody joined the inaugural cohort of UCC's Youth Ambassador Program where he is leading a project to help provincial UCC branches plan effective government advocacy strategies.



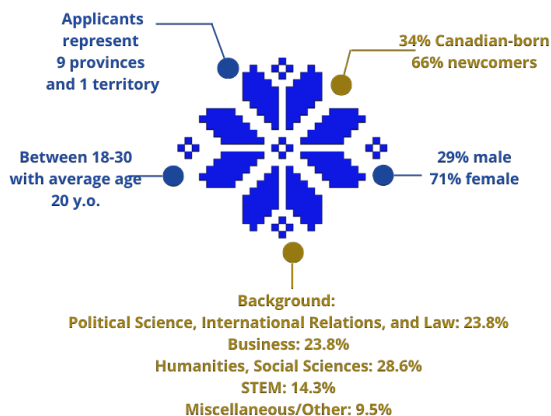
Kateryna Osyppova, YK

Kateryna Osyppova is from Whitehorse, the capital of Canada's Yukon Territory, known for its stunning natural beauty and vibrant arts scene. She works for a local craft brewery as an Events Representative, where she collaborates with almost every charity and fundraising project in town. She is proud to be a member of the Ukrainian Canadian Association of Yukon, an organization actively raising funds to support the hospital in the town of Chortkiv, Ukraine. Currently, she is working on a special project—a Ukrainian-themed tree for the Yukon Festival of Trees. This auction will raise funds for the Yukon Hospital Foundation, supporting the construction of a new unit within the Mental Wellness Center.



Michael Radomsky, SK

Michael Radomsky was born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, and moved to Canada about 7 years ago. He currently resides in Saskatoon and works for the local school division. At this time, Michael is working with UNF and UWC as well as UCC to promote Ukrainian youth programs. He hopes to be able to help influence more youth to become involved in the local community.





Olena Zubrytska, ON

Olena Zubrytska is a first-generation Ukrainian-Canadian student and aspiring physician living in Toronto. She has an Honours Bachelor degree in Health Sciences from the University of Ottawa, and is currently studying Nursing at the University of Toronto where she is active in the Ukrainian community. She works at Toronto General Hospital as a Research Assistant in the Peter Munk Cardiac Center, and hopes to continue future research in her area of interest - immigrant health. As a Youth Ambassador with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, she is designing a research project to examine the mental health outcomes of newly-arrived Ukrainians to Canada to inform resource allocation and mobilization. Olena is grateful for the opportunity to join the UCC and local Ukrainian organizations to advocate for her community and for Ukrainians living in Canada!



A special briefing and reception was hosted by the Embassy of Ukraine as part of UCC's Advocacy Day, including the Youth Ambassadors

The UCC Youth Ambassadors Program paves the way for a stronger, more engaged, participatory and inclusive community. Investing in youth engagement is an investment in the future leadership of the Ukrainian Canadian community.

Visit our website to learn more about the Youth Ambassador Program



Meet our Mentors

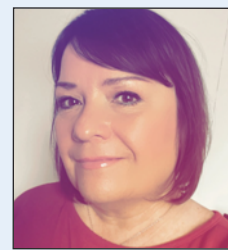
UCC C&E Trust is grateful to our incredible team of mentors who bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to the program. These individuals are not only accomplished professionals in their respective fields, but they are also avid volunteers, deeply committed to helping the Ukrainian Canadian community and our next generation of leaders succeed.



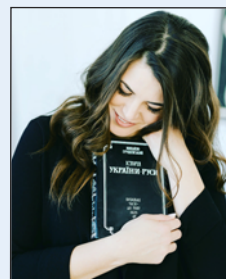
Dr. Olga Andriewsky

"It's exciting to be working with the next generation of Ukrainian Canadian community leaders. My mentee is working on promoting public awareness of history to fight disinformation about Ukraine, Ukrainians, and our community. We're the myth-busters!"

"I'm thrilled to be mentoring Andrii and Madeleine, two bright young leaders in the Youth Ambassador Program. Andrii is laying the groundwork for national webinars to support Ukrainians in their job search, while Madeleine is focused on helping branches strengthen their online presence and community ties by developing a national communication policy and guidelines. It's a privilege to support them as they shape the future of our community."



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"The UCC Mentorship Program is an important investment in our community. It gives young professionals access to more, more guidance, more support, more networks, so our community can become more in turn. This investment is the key to our longevity and our stamina as a united hromada."



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This year, we have once again partnered with Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv. Their students paint Christmas artwork that we print on our Christmas cards. Presenting acrylic on canvas: "Christmas Miracle" by Marko and Oleh Zaruma, with the assistance of Oleksandra Stepura.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lesia Skyba, National Fundraising Manager

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Internship Report Andrii Hryenko

It has been three months since I started my journey with the UCC Parliamentary Internship Program. This time has been marked by my thorough and hard work through learning, dedication, and making new connections and friendships.

When I was selected for this internship, I was thrilled to move to Ottawa and further my growth as an individual and a member of the Ukrainian Canadian community. So far, the UCC Parliamentary Internship has been a great opportunity for me to meet these goals. I have had the privilege to attend question period at the House of Commons, as well as multiple sessions of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

I selected the MP I am working with through my personal interest – refugees and displaced people. Having researched precarities that Ukrainian newcomers in Canada are facing due to certain limitations of the current policy in place, I am sincerely pleased to have a placement with MP Jenny Kwan. Ms. Kwan has dedicated many years of her life to fighting for the fair treatment of migrants and refugees, as an MP and a critic. I find my time in this internship particularly fulfilling as it is a real opportunity for me to make a difference.

I am currently working on a project that addresses gaps and challenges in the current refugee resettlement process. Regardless of the outcomes, I am incredibly grateful to be a part of the work that may make meaningful differences in people's lives.

My time as the UCC Parliamentary Intern has been defined by me learning about and witnessing parliamentary processes and the inner workings of the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. I have acquired various new skills while doing some marketing work and writing communications for constituents. I am honoured as a parliamentary intern to give my insight and advocacy as a member of the displaced Ukrainian community. I am excited to continue this internship program and learn even more as this exciting year ahead unfolds.



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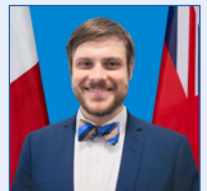
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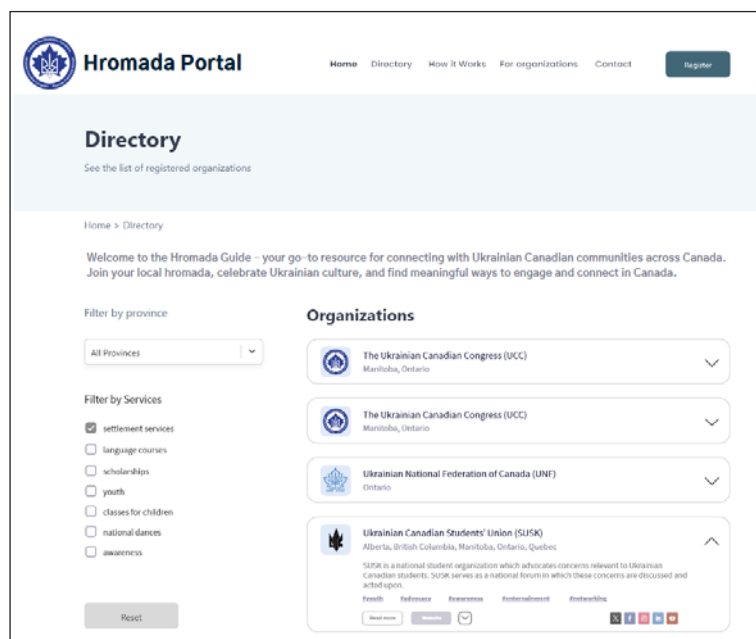




The UCC team is excited to announce the upcoming release of our new “Hromada Portal” – a comprehensive online directory showcasing UCC member organizations and community groups across Canada.

The Hromada Portal will serve as a valuable resource for Ukrainian newcomers and community members by providing essential information about local organizations, services, and activities.

The guide will provide newcomers with a clear pathway to connect with local resources and find support. By making information more accessible, we aim to foster greater involvement in community events, programs, and volunteering opportunities for newcomers and other community members.



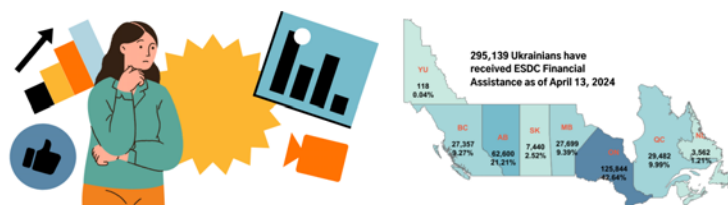
ALSO COMING in 2025! – Our new Ukrainian Newcomer Community Survey

Our up-and-coming survey seeks to gain insights into the needs, expectations, and engagement levels of Ukrainian newcomers to Canada. The survey will consist of 20-30 questions with the option to respond in Ukrainian, English, or French.

This new survey will provide critical data to refine UCC's programming and community outreach efforts to meet the needs of the Ukrainian newcomer population. The findings will also guide the development of future strategies and initiatives that promote more effective community integration, encourage volunteerism, and strengthen connections between newcomers and existing Ukrainian Canadian communities.

For more extensive demographic data regarding Displaced Ukrainians in Canada, please visit:

<https://ukrainesafehaven.ca/data/displaced-ukrainians-in-canada/>



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National Events



Canada-Ukraine Free Trade

On June 26-27, Alexandra Chyczij, National President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), joined a business delegation to Ukraine led by the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade, and Economic Development.



UCC Calgary Hosts Leadership Meeting

The UCC Calgary Branch was pleased to welcome Alexandra Chyczij, National President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, and Paul Grod, President of the Ukrainian World Congress, at a special meeting with local community leaders.



UCC attends Conference on Peace Formula in Montreal

On October 30-31, Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) representatives attended the Ministerial Conference on the Human Dimension of the Peace Formula, hosted by Canada, Norway, and Ukraine, in Montreal. The conference, with over 70 countries and international organizations present, focused on returning Ukrainian children, civilians, and prisoners of war from Russian captivity.



Women Leadership Power Morning in Calgary

The Calgary Ukrainian Women's Business Foundation was pleased to welcome Alexandra Chyczij, UCC National President, as their special guest speaker at the "Women Leadership Power Morning."



2024 Trillium Awards

The UCC Ontario Provincial Council was pleased to present the 2024 Trillium Awards in Toronto as part of Ukrainian Independence Day celebrations. More information on the award winners is available online at www.uccon.ca



2024 Hetman Awards

The UCC Alberta Provincial Council was pleased to present the Hetman Awards in Edmonton on November 10, 2024. More information on the award winners is available at www.uccab.ca



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PROJECTS.**

The UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL was launched in January 2022 by the CANADA-UKRAINE FOUNDATION and the UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS to coordinate the efficient provision of humanitarian aid to war-torn Ukraine after Russia's full-scale invasion, including relief for displaced persons in Europe and Canada.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING UKRAINIANS WARM THIS WINTER!

The CUF-UCC Winterization Campaign has raised over 2.3 million dollars, which will all go towards securing food, medicine, wood-burning stoves, and other supplies necessary to keep Ukrainians near the frontlines warm while enduring power outages due to Russia's attacks.

We could not have reached our fundraising goal without you, our donors, and the generous organizations who helped us get there. The Roadburg Foundation, which matched \$100,000 in donations, and The Myhal Family Foundation, which matched \$1 million in donations, made it possible to generate an incredible \$2.3 million to ensure that Ukrainians across the country are ready for winter. Your donations have brought light to one of the darkest times.

From the bottom of our heart, **THANK YOU** to the Roadburg Foundation, the Myhal Family Foundation, and to each and every donor who contributed.

To learn more about CUF-UCC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal projects and donate please visit cufoundation.ca.



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