

## Awareness-raising activity



*Specialized training on monitoring of places of detention within the internal affairs authorities system (Lviv)*

### **Training of civil monitors of places of detention in police was held in Lviv**

From 30 March to 1 April the first specialized training on monitoring of places of detention within the internal affairs authorities system according to the "Ombudsman+" national preventive mechanism model was held in Lviv. It was organized by the Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL), Association of Independent Monitors (AIM) and the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights.

Among the participants were the top activists of the police civil monitoring campaign which is carried out by the Association UMDPL for three years in a row. The activity within the NPM is the next step for the Association in the sphere of civil control over the law enforcement authorities. Having passed such trainings and received the authorization from the Ombudsman, civil monitors get the possibility to visit places of detention subordinated to the system of internal affairs authorities. Thus, the civil control over the observance of human rights in the activity of law enforcement officers goes to another level – access to closed institutions.

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### **The next basic training on police monitoring took place in Chernihiv city**

Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL) continues holding trainings on monitoring of activity of Ukrainian police officers. The consecutive training was held on 17-19 May 2013 in the city of Chernihiv. Invited to participate were the NGO activists, journalists and others interested in the topic.

Besides lectures, interactive conversations with situation modeling and search for their solving, participants are to complete practical tasks which foresee monitoring of patrol duty and police control rooms in the place where training is held. This time, the participants checked the activity of Chernihiv city police. It should



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be mentioned that practical tasks are to be completed by participants themselves using only handbooks where they can find all the requirements for the activity of different services and police units.

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### **Human rights in the activity of Ukrainian police - 2012**

Research and practice issue "Human rights in the activity of Ukrainian police - 2012", prepared by the Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL) is published. This analytical report is a traditional annual review of the state of human rights observance in the activity of Ukrainian police that is being prepared by the Association experts since 2008. It is based on different sources of information – state statistics, Ministry of Internal Affairs departmental regulatory acts, results of sociological research of NGOs, materials of the All-Ukrainian monitoring campaign "Police under control", individual citizens' petitions, information in mass media etc.

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### ***Ivano-Frankivsk region: Human rights – a state priority***

On 5 June there was a round-table “Places of detention. Community and government” that was held on the premises of Ivano-Frankivsk regional council at the initiative of the Ivano-Frankivsk regional center of Association UMDPL and the All-Ukrainian union “Holos”.

Among the participants of discussions were representatives of mass media and NGOs who pointed out the necessity of participation of community in the processes of control over governmental agencies. Thus, in particular, the Head of the All-Ukrainian union “Holos” Mr. Rostislav Hudsinskii stressed that when the community is active there are less violations. The Ukrainians are not used to protect their rights and often don't even know them. The speaker called the public to be more active and attentive since officials violate civil rights only when people agree to that but as soon as the case becomes public – it is a lot easier to solve it.

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### ***Volyn region: To future law enforcement officers about how not to violate human rights***

One more lecture was held in Lutsk within the educational strategy of the Association UMDPL. This time among the participants were 50 future law enforcement officers – students of Law Lyceum. Therefore the main points of this lecture were somewhat changed – besides the issues of “how not to become victims of police arbitrariness” a lot of attention was drawn to the issues of “how to act in order not to violate citizens' rights when on duty”.

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### ***Lugansk region. Around thousand young people from Lugansk city learned how to prevent police illegal actions***

An interactive lecture “You and police: how to act in order not to become a victim of police arbitrariness” took place in Lugansk at night on 1 June within the framework of the 6th Night Festival of teenage social movies “May 32nd”.

The festival took place out in the open on one of the main squares of Lugansk city and, as always, gathered almost a thousand spectators. The Festival is already a traditional platform for discussion of acute issues that are topical for youth. Therefore the lecture on the limits of authority of the law enforcement officers and our rights during contact with police officers caused the expected interest and a lively discussion.

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*Interactive lecture “You and police” in Lugansk within the framework of the Festival of teenage social movies “May 32nd”*



## News from regions



### **Crimea: Youth of Simferopol city learns to withstand police arbitrariness**

75 pupils of 10th and 11th grades of the Simferopol High school № 12 learned about their rights when in contact with police during the three lectures, held on 25 April by the lawyer of the Network of human rights reception centers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the activist of the Association UMDPL Ms. Alena Luniova.

Pupils were interested in what the police officers should do in cases when young people

commit minor offences and what to do if the police officer wants to identify a person but there is no accompanying documents, or when a police officer refuses to introduce himself to a citizen when putting requirements on him, what to do if police officers make you open up your pockets for no reason. As it turned out during classes, victims of law enforcement officers arbitrariness become not only young people but also their teachers – one of the teachers told about his illegal detention.

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### **Lugansk region: Those who risk the most also have to know how to protect themselves from illegal police actions**

On 22 May an unusual lecture was held in Lugansk city on the effective protection from illegal law enforcement officers actions – it took place in Reception center for children and among its participants were 14 senior high school students being under strict control of Juvenile criminal police. However this time lecturers spoke with them not about not violating the law but about what to do if their legal rights are being violated by police officers.

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#### **More news from regions:**

Chernivtsi region: [People in Chernivtsi were taught how to deal with police](#)

Transcarpathian region: [Citizens of Uzhgorod city were taught how to communicate with police](#)

Zhytomir region: [First lecture on combating police arbitrariness was held in Zhytomir city](#)

Chernihiv region: [Pupils from Chernihiv continue acquiring knowledge in order to protect themselves from police violations](#)

Kharkiv region: [Students will know how to observe the law and stand up for their rights](#)

Volyn region: [Pupils from Volyn also learn how to control police](#)



*During training for youth in Chernivtsi*



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## Cooperation with authorities

### **Monitoring visits to places of detention in the Ministry of Internal Affairs system within the framework of "Ombudsman+" national preventive mechanism (NPM) model**

Representatives of the Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL) continue taking part in the joint visits to places of detention together with the officers of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. Below you can find the examples of reports:

[Representatives of the Ombudsman's Office and the Association UMDPL elaborated propositions concerning the elimination of flaws in the activity of Kyiv city police that will be submitted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for proper reaction](#)

[The representatives of the Association UMDPL joined the officers of the Ombudsman's Office during their monitoring visit to Holosiivskiy district court in Kyiv](#)

[NPM visit to police units in Vinnitsa](#)

[State of human rights observance in the activity of Crimean police is being under control of the representative of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea](#)

[Monitoring of human rights observance in the activity of Darnitsa and Podil district departments of Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Kyiv city was carried out.](#)

## Event announcements

### ***How to protect yourself from illegal police actions – training from Association UMDPL***

As of this spring the Association UMDPL conducts systematic open educational awareness raising events for youth and other target audiences in different regions of Ukraine. Short lectures and workshops are designed to teach the participants to protect themselves from illegal actions of law enforcement officers. During their training, the Association UMDPL experts and the representatives of partner organizations review the most common conflict situations arising during communication with police, advise how to avoid negative consequences and problems and explain how to appeal against law enforcement officers actions and renew violated rights.

A possible victim of illegal actions of law enforcement officers can be anyone, therefore we have the intention to give as much knowledge as possible to as many as possible people which would help avoid conflicts and dangers. As it's always easier to prevent the rights violation rather than to combat its consequences.

If your colleagues, partners or a target audience you are working with have the need in acquiring knowledge on how to communicate with police – you can organize a similar awareness raising event in your city or for your organization and invite Association UMDPL or partner organizations experts to carry it out.

To do this you need to contact us via e-mail at [umdplassociation@gmail.com](mailto:umdplassociation@gmail.com), in order to discuss the details of events organization.

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*Photo-participant of competition of creative works 'Police under control'*



### ***Competition of creative works «Police Under Control»***

It is the third year in a row that the Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law Enforcement (Association UMDPL) holds the competition of creative works "Police under control". The competition will be held from 6 June to 1 November 2013 with the financial support of International Renaissance Foundation.

There were around 50 works gathered during the first month of the competition that can be found on our [facebook page](#).

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