

► EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

A NEW EPISODE OF A CARTOON «YOU AND POLICE» WILL TEACH TEENAGERS HOW TO BEHAVE AT PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY

Dedicated to International Law Day, on **28 September**, Real Stories Production studio together with the Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors in Law Enforcement (UMDPL) prepared a new episode of cartoon series «You and Police» – «You are at Peaceful Assembly».

The seventh episode shows cat Pashtet, a friend of main character Vas-Vas, who finds himself in the situation any teenager can be in. The example of characters is aimed to teach senior teens how to behave with police during peaceful assembly according to the law, protect their rights and how not to become a victim of police arbitrariness.

[Read more and watch a new episode](#)



HOW TO TALK ABOUT SERIOUS THINGS WITH ART: 7 ADVICES FROM A FILM DIRECTOR

On **26 July** during the Educational Human Rights Fest Kseniya Kravtsova, director of documentaries and head of Real Stories Production, held a master class «How to get from an idea to a ready-made documentary».

Together with a working group, Kseniya described main stages of preparation to filming documentary movies, peculiarities of composition and montage. A theoretic information was illustrated on the examples of movies of a director and Real Stories Production studio, particularly a movie «White Dance», participant of international film festivals.

[Learn about 7 advices on creation of own movies](#)



HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION ACTIVITY: ALGORITHM OF ACTIONS FOR ACTIVE YOUTH

On **6 August** in village Zazimya of Kyiv Region Serhiy Pernikoza, coordinator of monitoring campaigns «Police under Control» held a master-class «Human Rights Protection Activity» for participants of FRI-camp PROJECT CAMP 5.0.



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GOGOLFEST 2017 VISITORS CHECKED THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO SPEAK WITH POLICE

On **9 – 10 September** within the framework of International Festival of Modern Art GogolFest in Kyiv visitors of the NGO zone Growmada checked their level of readiness to speak with police and learned how to improve the result. Association UMDPL prepared a test comprising of 10 questions aimed to check the knowledge of your rights when talking to police in specific life situations.



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YOUTH AND RIGHTS: KNOWLEDGE STUDENTS STRIVE FOR

Within the European week of local democracy Patrol Police of Ukraine and Association UMDPL discussed with students their rights when talking to police and what a person breaking a law can expect. Series of seminars-trainings «Youth has rights» were held on **19 – 21 September 2017** in Kyiv with the support of Department for Education and Science, Youth and Sports of Kyiv.

Among their participants were students of the National Aviation



University, Dragomanov National Pedagogical University, Kyiv University of Market Relations and Kyiv University of Law of National Academy of Science of Ukraine.

First film of the video project «Life behind bars» was actively discussed. Kseniya Kravtsova, director of the film and the head of the creative studio told students about filming process in Romen Penitentiary Colony and Sumy Pre-Trial Detention Center.

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► MONITORING CAMPAIGN

SERHIY PERNIKOZA: «CASES OF TORTURE IN POLICE HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED PROPERLY» (VIDEO)

Such a statement was made by Serhiy Pernikoza, coordinator of monitoring campaigns «Police under Control» of Association UMDPL, during the briefing of participants of the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) in the Ukrainian Crisis Media Center. The event was organized on **27 July 2017** by the Center of Human Rights Information in partnership with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and Association UMDPL supported by International Renaissance Foundation.



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«POLICE IN FOCUS»: CIVIL MONITORS REPORTED THE PROGRESS IN THE WORK OF PAVLOGRAD POLICE UNIT (VIDEO)

After a series of trainings «Civil monitoring of law enforcement agencies: «Evaluating Openness» monitors of Association UMDPL continue supervising the work of police units. Within the framework of All-Ukrainian flash mob «Police in Focus»

activists video recorded their visit to Pavlograd City Police Unit of Directorate General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine in Dnipropetrovsk region.

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Association UMDPL monitors also filmed their visit to Ternopil Police Unit of Directorate General of National Police. «With our actions we help Ternopil Police become more open to people» - mentioned Volodymyr Shevchenko.

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A flash mob «Police in Focus» was initiated by the editor of Internet-almanac «Antidote» in order to illustrate that any citizen has the right to «aim» their camera at policemen without any special permissions.

ICEBERG IN THE OCEAN OF REFORMS: EXPERTS PRESENTED RESULTS OF MONITORING OF THE NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STRATEGY

Two years ago the Association UMDPL joined the Civic Monitoring Platform of Implementation of National Human Rights Strategy. Within the joint work organization took an obligation to systematically



▶ monitor the execution of Action Plan to the National Human Rights Strategy by designated authorities, and make regular reports on this at public events. On **5 September 2017** in Kyiv during the presentation of results of analysis of implementation of the Strategy Ivan Yurchyk, expert of Association UMDPL, described certain aspects of ensuring effective investigation of crimes, connected with torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.



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ASSOCIATION UMDPL PRESENTED INTERIM RESULTS OF MONITORING OF LEVEL OF ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION IN THE NATIONAL POLICE OF UKRAINE

On **29 September** during the conference «Right to Know Day: provision for access to public information» experts of the Association UMDPL, representative of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights Valentyna Kumeda, Department



for Observance of Right to Information and Representation in the Constitutional Court of Ukraine, as well as police officers and regional monitors had a comprehensive discussion about presented interim results of monitoring the level of accessibility of public information in the National Police of Ukraine, identified problems that caused such results as well as ways to solve them.

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▶ EXPERT GROUP «POLICE UNDER CONTROL»

SECOND ISSUE OF INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN ON THE REFORM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IN UKRAINE (JUNE-AUGUST 2017) WAS PUBLISHED

Informational bulletin is dedicated to the state of reform of law enforcement authorities in Ukraine, first of all police, Prosecutor's Office, State Bureau of Investigations and changes in criminal and criminal procedure legislation.

Second issue was prepared by the team of the Expert group: Maryna Tsapok, Eugene Krapyvin and Serhiy Baglay.

Let us remind you that starting from



▶ March this year we inform society, expert circles and international institutions of the state of reforms of law enforcement authorities and spheres of their activity.

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EXPERT GROUP TOOK PART IN THE WORK OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE «HUMAN RIGHTS IN UKRAINE: STARTING POINT»

Eugene Krapyvin, Vadym Pyvovarov and Ivan Yurchyk took part in the international conference «Human Rights in Ukraine: starting point», which took part in Kyiv on **5 – 6 July 2017**. Experts discussed the results of questionnaire of civil servants, judges and policemen regarding their understanding and attitude to human rights. In the end a questionnaire «What Ukrainians Know and Think of Human Rights» indicate on unclear understanding of human rights by policemen. Most of them do not realize on their values level that violation of human rights mechanisms is prohibited and leads to a specific legal responsibility.

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EXPERTS OF THE POST-SOVIET COUNTRIES RESEARCHED THE SITUATION WITH PEACEFUL ASSEMBLIES AND POLICE PRACTICES

Within the framework of OSCE International Conference «Human Dimension Implementation Meeting (HDIM)» on **12 September 2017** in Warsaw experts presented the results of research «Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in Post-Soviet Countries. Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine 2016-2017».

A report, prepared by the Expert group «Police under Control», is a result of a joint work of the analyst of the group Serhiy Baglay (Ukraine), Pavlo and Olexander Postyk, Promo-LEX (Moldova), Olexiy Kozlov, Moscow Helsinki Group (Russia) and Dmytro Chernykh, Belorussian Helsinki Committee (Belarus).

Materials presented the main tendencies in reaction of authorities and law enforcement agencies to assemblies of citizens in these countries

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EUGENE KRAPYVIN TOOK PART IN PREPARATION OF A PUBLICATION «REFORMS UNDER MICROSCOPE»

«Reforms under microscope» – a second publication of a series of coalition of civil organizations «Reanimation Package of Reforms», where experts of Reanimation Package of Reforms analyze main tasks of Ukraine on its way to institutional, economic and social reforms, as well as evaluate state of their regulatory support and implementation for the last year (information in the 2nd issue as of April of 2017). Section dedicated to reform of law enforcement authorities is written by our expert, lawyer Eugene Krapyvin.

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EUGENE KRAPYVIN: REFORM OF CRIMINAL BLOCK OF POLICE: PROBLEMS AND PERSPECTIVES (WEEKLY MIRROR, 7 JULY 2017)

In the article expert of the Group «Police under Control» Eugene Krapyvin mentions that without quality reforms in other spheres – prosecution, introduction of criminal misdemeanors, making criminal statistics an effective instrument etc. – joining functions of investigator and operative officer will give no result. [Read more](#)

SERHIY BAGLAY: ACT WITH FORCE INADMISSIBLE TO THINK. POLICE TACTICS DURING PROTECTS (WEEKLY MIRROR, #29)

In his article Serhiy Baglai, analyst of the Expert group, mentions that well-known events in Dnipro on **9 May** made the leadership

of the agency think of methods which can be used with protesters. However, do the elaborated strategies correspond with real actions of officers on the streets, and why it is only now that the Ministry of Internal Affairs started talking about this?

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ANALYSIS OF THE DRAFT LAW #6556: NATIONAL GUARD RECEIVES POWERS TO INDEPENDENTLY ENSURE PUBLIC ORDER

Analyst of the group «Police under Control» Serhiy Baglai gave his opinion on threats for human rights that a draft law #6556 entails. According to him, National Guard is given authority to independently secure public order (independently patrol streets, draw up administrative protocols, make admin warrants etc. for smoking, drinking alcohol in public or for petty thievery (the list is not exhaustive).

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INTERVIEW WITH AN EXPERT OF THE GROUP EUGENE KRAPYVIN: PR-PROJECT «MY NEW POLICE» DID NOT REACH THE INTENDED RESULTS (POLITEKA, 5 JULY 2017)

In his interview Eugene Krapyvin shares his thoughts regarding the reform of police in the context of its two-year work since the the Law «On the National Police» has been adopted.

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► HUMAN RIGHTS BEHIND BARS

PRISONS IN UKRAINE: WHAT CHANGED AND WHAT SHOULD BE CHANGED IN THE SYSTEM OF PUNISHMENT EXECUTION (VIDEO)

Olexander Fedoruk, head of the program «Human Rights behind bars», took part in the discussion «Penitentiary System in Ukraine: principles, mechanisms, alternatives», which was held within the framework of discussion and exhibition project «Places of Detention» on **1 July** in the Center of Visual Culture.



[Read more and watch video of discussion](#)

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS: ALL ABOUT «HUMAN RIGHTS BEHIND BARS»



Material provides answers to questions regarding the guideline «Penitentiary System and Human Rights», website and

mobile application about a penitentiary system and human rights behind bars, developed within the activity of the program «Human Rights behind Bars» of the Association UMDPL.

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WORKING GROUP OF THE PROJECT «PASSPORT OF REFORM OF PENITENTIARY SYSTEM» STARTED STRATEGIC PLANNING

On **19 July** in Kyiv there was a first session of the working group of the project «Passport of reform of penitentiary system». Participants of the event got acquainted with the concept and discussed proposals on improvement of the strategic action plan of the project.



Association UMDPL was represented by Vadym Pyvovarov and Olexander Fedoruk. [Read more](#)

During the second session which was held on **4 August** in Kyiv, participants of the working group defined operational goals and tasks. Members of the project's team were divided into three subgroups according to strategic spheres: security, human rights and reintegration. After a fruitful discussion participants presented results of work. Work of the session was built following the methodology of results-based management. [Read more](#)



OFFICERS OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING MISSION IN UKRAINE: «PERSONS DEPRIVED OF LIBERTY, ARE PUNISHED WITH IMPRISONMENT BUT NOT WITH TORTURE»

On **19 July** Association UMDPL together with the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine conducted an informational class «Prevention of acts of torture, cruel and degrading treatment and punishment within UN human rights system» at the Bila Tserkva Training Center for Personnel of the State Criminal and Executive Service of Ukraine.

Practical part of class was moderated by Serhiy Pernikoza, coordinator of monitoring campaigns «Police under Control» of Association UMDPL. Officers of the penitentiary system were modelling specific cases of solving problems in cases of tortures in these establishments.

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OLEXANDER FEDORUK TOOK PART IN EDUCATIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL MEETING WITH HEADS OF PRE-TRIAL DETENTION CENTERS

On **10 – 11 August** in Kharkiv Penal Institution #27 there was an educational and methodological meeting with heads of pre-trial detention centers of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. Two-day meeting was held with the aim to show main results of conducted by the above mentioned institution work to improve conditions of service for personnel and conditions of detention for persons in custody and convicted, as well as to exchange positive experience of activity and discuss problematic issues leading to systemic violations of human rights. Among the participants of the meeting was Olexander Fedoruk, head of the program «Human Rights Behind Bars» of Association UMDPL.

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On the second day of the meeting, when discussing the organization of operative and service activity of pre-trial detention centers, Olexander Fedoruk delivered a report «Organization of Activity of PTDCs through the prism of human rights observance».

Human rights defender turned participants' attention to the place and role of the head of the PTDC in cooperation with local authorities, mandate of which also includes control over human



rights observance. In the of the speech Olexander gave to the leadership of 29 pre-trial detention centers (penal institutions) copies of legal guideline «Penitentiary Sysytem and Human Rights» as well as business cards with links to electronic and mobile version of the guideline.

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WORK OF CIVIL SOCIETY: LET AMNESTY BE

On **7 September 2017** the Law of Ukraine «On Amnesty in 2016», signed by the President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko came into force. The law foresees full or partial exemption from criminal liability for representatives of the most vulnerable categories who committed minor crimes.

Olexander Fedoruk, head of the program «Human Rights behind Bars» of Association UMDPL was engaged to the work on this law.

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► OTHER NEWS

NPM FORUM: PARTICIPANTS JOINED FOR COMMON GOAL

Team of the Association UMDPL joined the work on summarization of results of activity of the National Preventive Mechanism during the 5th Forum of NPM monitors that was held

on **7 – 10 September 2017** near Kyiv. Results of their work monitors discussed together with the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and representatives of international institutions. Participants of the Forum also formed joined vision of NPM development having in the end identified 6 main steps for the nearest period.

Besides that, organizers of the event announced names of the best representatives of the National Preventive Mechanism. Vadym Pyvovarov and Serhoy Pernikoza received awards in the nomination «Drivers of Change».

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