

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

The Cultural and Community Center DRUK is an alliance of socially responsible initiatives located in a historic 19th-century printing house.

DRUK

THE HISTORIC BUILDING OF THE CULTURAL CENTER NEEDS RESTORATION

The 19th-century printing house — a unique architectural monument in the old center of Kharkiv.



OUR PLAN — TO RESTORE THE BUILDING

Challenges:

- War and proximity to the border (30 km).
- €6 million needed for full restoration.
- Complicated logistics due to martial law.

Our solution:

- Step-by-step restoration — we started with the 400 m² basement to create a safe cultural space.
- So far, we have restored 625.2 m² out of 3853 m².

THE ART SHELTER

A safe space for culture.

We secured funding to restore a 400 m² basement and created a safe multifunctional cultural space in Kharkiv — The Art Shelter.

It's a place where Kharkiv cultural initiatives can safely hold their events even during air raids.

Event facilities:

- Halls for exhibitions and performances.
- Conference rooms for lectures and workshops.
- Spaces for chamber events
- Coworking area.

Autonomy and safety:

- Uninterrupted power supply.
- Backup energy systems.
- Full compliance with shelter requirements.

THE ART SHELTER



WHAT WE DO

The Center also hosts a theater, gallery, literary and ceramic workshops, and other initiatives. We work on a curatorial basis, where each curator develops their own direction.

CURATORIAL DIRECTIONS AT DRUK:

MUSIC

CINEMA

URBAN STUDIES

VISUAL ARTS

LITERATURE

THEATER

An aerial photograph of Kharkiv, Ukraine, showing a mix of urban development and green spaces. A river flows through the city, with several bridges crossing it. In the background, a large, ornate church with a tall spire is visible. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the overall atmosphere is one of a bustling urban environment.

WHY DO WE DO THIS IN KHARKIV
DURING THE WAR?

BECAUSE KHARKIV
IS THE EASTERNMOST
CITY OF EUROPE!

EUROPEAN IDENTITY = THE INNER BORDERS OF UKRAINE

OUR MISSION: to preserve and develop local and national cultures as a part of European identity in the border region of Ukraine.

Why this is critically important:

- **Culture shapes identity** — who we are as a nation.
- **Identity** protects our internal borders.
- **Kharkiv** is the stronghold of European culture.

CULTURE = PROTECTION OF IDENTITY

OUR MISSION: to preserve and develop local and national cultures as a part of European identity in the border region of Ukraine.

How we do it:

- Creating space for **Ukrainian culture**
- Supporting **Ukrainian artists** and their projects
- Shaping a generation with **European values**
- Building a **cultural community** in the border region

DRUK IS
AN INVESTMENT
IN EUROPE'S
SECURITY

OUR VALUES

PEOPLE

We create conditions for growth and collaboration, respecting each participant's unique worldview.

ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

We build horizontal connections within the team, the community, and among institutions in Kharkiv, Ukraine, and Europe.

SUPPORT

We provide space, resources, and project assistance to meet the needs of the Center's residents.

RESIDENT MEMBERS



OUR PARTNERS



DOCU
DAYS
UA

Урбанина



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PLAN & CONTROL CONSTRUCTION



DRUK IN THE PAST YEAR:

9

art
exhibitions

15

literary
events

17

music
events

16

theater
performances

625M²

restored

14

people in
the team

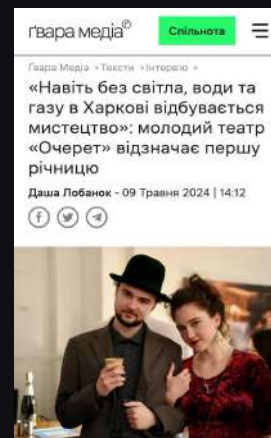
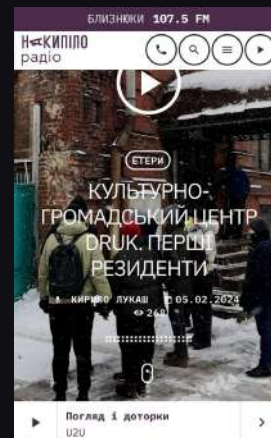
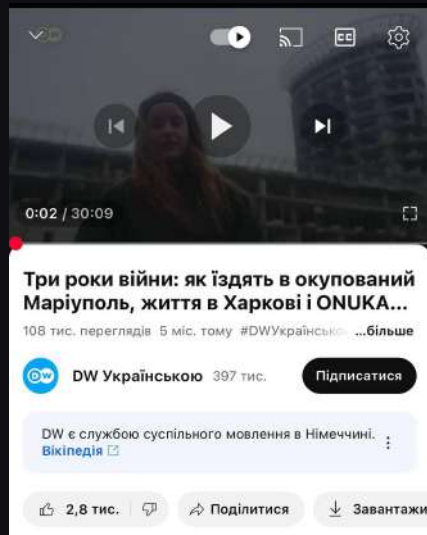
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new
partnerships

€ 86 188,75

invested

DRUK IN THE MEDIA



AND ALSO

1000+

visitors per
month

3853M²

total
area

11

resident
members

8

events per
month

3076

Instagram
followers

6

curatorial
directions

WE OFFER

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND ACCESS TO NEW AUDIENCES

International programs,
guest residencies, and
artist exchanges.

A UNIQUE HISTORIC SPACE

A historic building with
modern equipment, event
halls, coworking areas.

SHARED RESOURCES AND NETWORKING

Technical facilities,
organizational support,
and access to a network
of partnerships.

FORMS OF COOPERATION

GUEST PROGRAMS

We invite artists, curators, and researchers to implement their projects at DRUK.

PARTNERSHIPS

We collaborate with cultural institutions and develop new formats of cooperation.

NETWORKING

Building connections, sharing resources, and developing cultural clusters.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Workshops, lectures, and masterclasses to develop cultural competencies.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US

1. Realize your idea in the DRUK space!
2. Join our ecosystem projects as a contributing expert.
3. Open a branch of your business or nonprofit initiative in our building.
4. Visit our events.
5. Become our patron!

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