



STAND WITH UKRAINE DURING BOLOGNA CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR

After eight years of military aggression against Ukraine (occupied Donbas and occupied Crimean Peninsula) Russia has launched an unprecedented full-scale war against our country.

On 24 February 2022, at 5 am the armed forces of the Russian Federation attacked Ukraine. It is a completely unjustified and disproportionate attack that inflicts unnecessary suffering throughout Ukraine. It is a completely unjustified attack that, as of 17 March, killed 834 civilians, including 108 children, and caused great destruction of civil infrastructure, including kindergartens, hospitals, libraries, and cultural heritage. Over three million people took refuge in other countries. Explosions, bombings and air raids have hit most of major Ukrainian cities.

Russian invasion has the potential of becoming bigger and even deadlier than any other conflict that took place in Europe since World War II. United in rage and determination, Ukrainians are fighting the aggressor on all fronts.

The Ukrainian Army continues to defend every piece of the Ukrainian territory, every civilian, and the very spirit of freedom and democracy. Ukraine resists and strives for peace.

That is the reason why the national Ukrainian stand in Bologna is empty this year. Ukrainian publishers, writers, illustrators and the whole Ukrainian literary community are on the frontline – they serve in the army or territorial defense, volunteer, organize shelters, or try to escape from intensive shellings.

We feel that we are not standing alone and despite our absence this year we are sure that next time we will come back here in Bologna to a strong, renewed community of our colleagues from all over the world that help us to promote Ukrainian diverse and multinational culture. Thanks to all our partners and friends for support and action, allies for imposing economic and political sanctions on the Russian Federation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP UKRAINE HERE, IN UKRAINIAN STAND WHILE WE'RE AT THE FRONTLINE:

- Make a photo/video at the Ukrainian stand and publish posts on your personal and institutional social media pages to condemn the Russian aggression and support Ukraine using #StandWithUkraine, #StopRussianAggression.
- Print our stickers, posters and put them on your stand – download [here](#)
- Explore how you can Translate Ukraine ([Translate Ukraine 2021](#), [Drahoman Prize](#))
- Explore rights catalogs of Ukrainian publishers – проект [Література на експорт](#)

HOW YOU CAN HELP UKRAINE WORLDWIDE:

- Read and share verified information about Russia's attack on Ukraine: war.ukraine.ua
- Support Ukraine – war.ukraine.ua/support-ukraine
- Donate to Ukraine's defenders – war.ukraine.ua/donate
- Read and share information about book market of Ukraine under Russia's attack – chytomo.com/en/
- Boycott Russian cultural activities. We ask you to suspend all your projects that involve Russian institutions and individuals and not engage in any cooperation with Russian culture or education sector. Please make sure you communicate your decision publicly and issue a formal statement outlining your decision. You may use the hashtag #BoycottRussia, along with #StandWithUkraine, #StopRussianAggression – <https://cutt.ly/KSaquZW>

The international cultural community has the power to help put an end to this war. We ask for your support in the name of democratic values, peace, truth, and freedom of choice.

Stand with us.
Translate us.
Help us to come back next year.



The Ukrainian Book Institute is a government entity affiliated to the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine. Its mission is to develop state policy in the book sector, promote reading in Ukraine, support book publishing, encourage translation activity, and popularize Ukrainian literature abroad.



The Ukrainian Institute is a public institution affiliated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. Its mission is to strengthen Ukraine's international standing through the means of cultural diplomacy. The Institute facilitates international connections between people and institutions and creates opportunities for Ukraine to interact and cooperate with the world.



PEN Ukraine is a cultural and human rights public organization uniting 138 members, Ukrainian intellectuals – writers, journalists, scholars, publishers, translators, human rights defenders, cultural managers. The Ukrainian PEN is one of 146 national PEN Centres of PEN International. PEN Ukraine is focused on protection of freedom of speech and authors' rights, promotion of literature development and international cultural cooperation.



International Book Arsenal Festival is an annual project of the Mystetskyi Arsenal (Kyiv) and an intellectual event in Ukraine, where the book, literary and artistic scenes develop and interact with each other, and important issues of human existence, as well as society and culture are raised, prompting the proactive position of the participants and visitors.



Lviv International Book-Forum has taken place annually, since 1994. It is Ukraine's largest literary festival, one of the biggest festivals in Central and Eastern Europe. Over the past 28 years, the purpose of the Festival is the creation of a full-fledged dialogue between representatives of Ukrainian and foreign literature; dissemination of Ukrainian culture abroad; definition of the main tendencies and directions of development of the world literature process into the Ukrainian context.