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Chernivtsi cell of allukranian organization “PORA!” is a non-governmental, non-political and financially independent network. Founded in 2004. “PORA!” acts on a voluntary basis, common interests, equality, respect of it members, self-government, collective leadership, legality and information transparency. The civil society development in Ukraine is the main objective for our NGO and it is realizing in 3 directions:

- Sustainable democracy development. Long term election monitoring. Realization of trainings for long and short time observers.
- Youth sector development . Law and human rights education. Mobilizing campaigns to protect students in preserving their rights. Realization of youth citizenship seminars in Chernivtsi National University.
- Prevent the social exclusion in local communities. Realization of art projects for people with fewer opportunities. Anti-discrimination campaigns for LGBT community.

From 2006 “PORA!” added the new direction – international cooperation in order to promote principles of tolerance, solidarity and cultural diversity in spirit of openness. More than 7 years the members of our organization are participating in various international youth exchanges and training courses in frame of Youth in Action Programme.

MISSION

The main mission of all our projects is “activation” of young people, fostering the active citizens, transforming them into power that could build the new society. The society based on freedoms, tolerance, solidarity, human rights and diversity.

Our main aims:

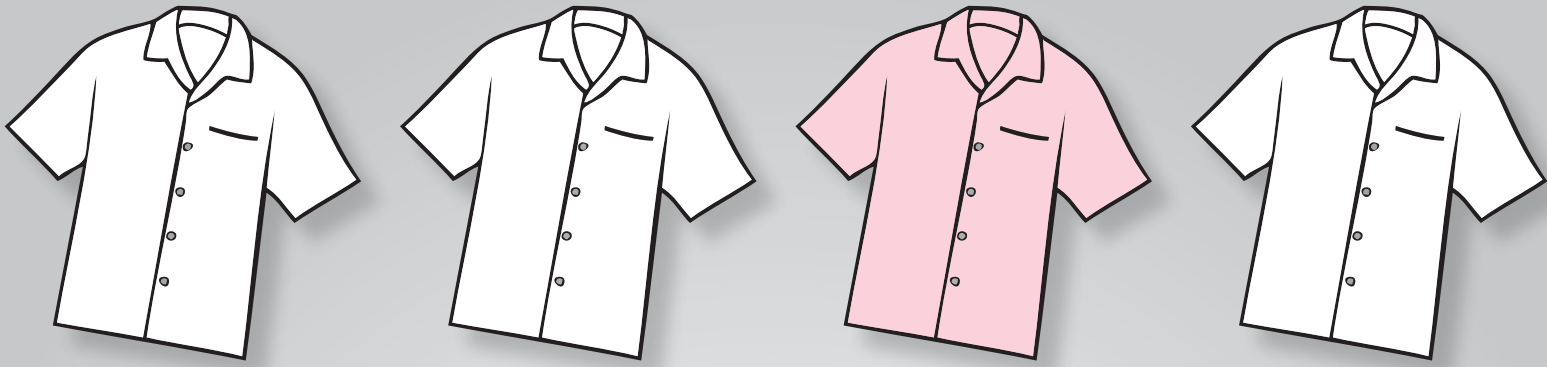
SOCIAL COHESION. To foster the social inclusion of people with fewer opportunities.

CAPABILITIES OF CIVIL SOCIETY. To provide the learning opportunities and increase the citizens’ personal, social and professional development.

YOUTH SECTOR DEVELOPMENT. To foster the development of the youth sector and provide the platform for strong partnership and follow-up projects at local, national and international levels.

SOLIDARITY, TOLERANCE, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY. To encourage the dialog (based on tolerance and solidarity) between young people from different culture backgrounds.

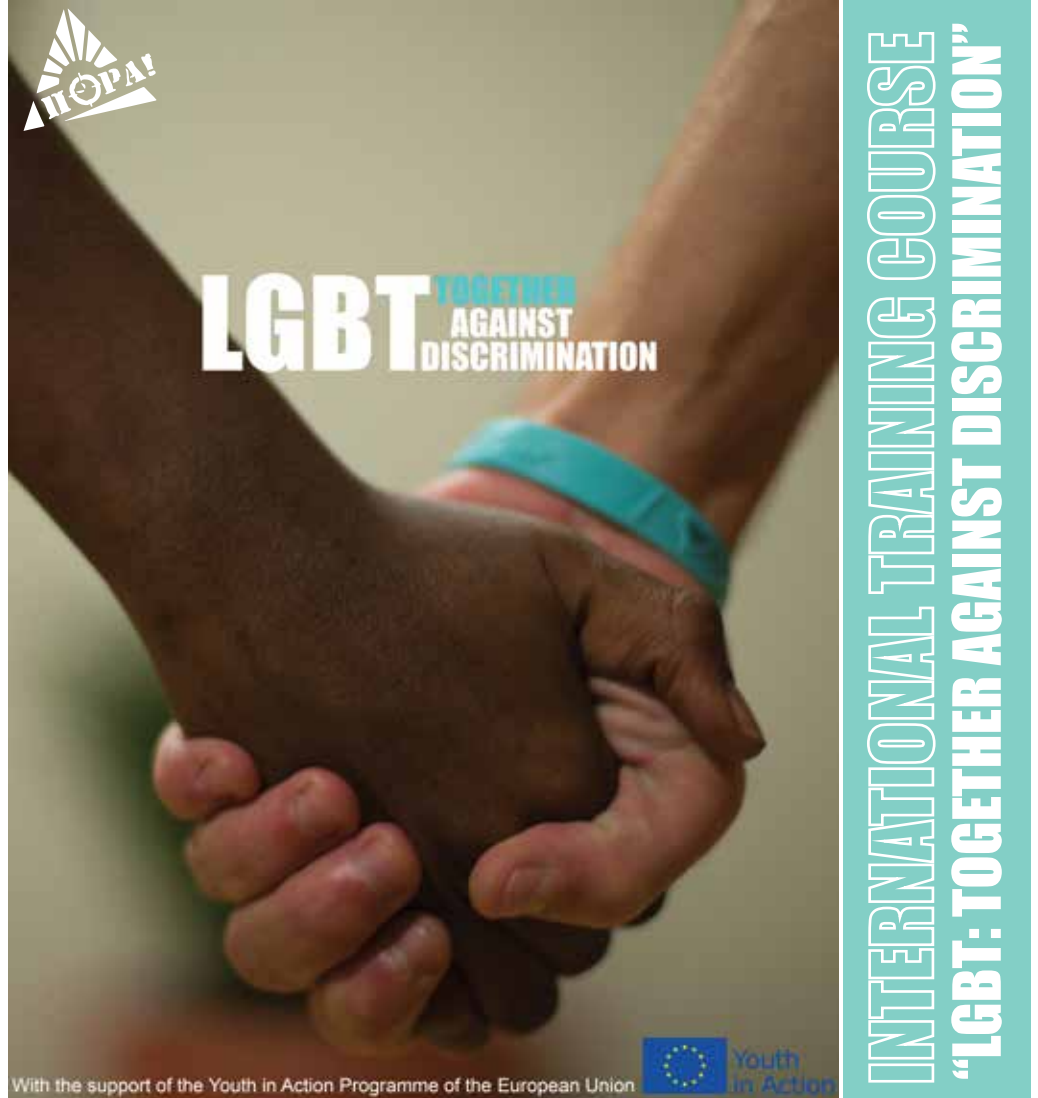
SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH ART. To foster the creative potential of young people, to facilitate the power of self-expression through creative process.



DIFFERENT DOESN'T MEAN STRANGE

Ukraine alongside is going through changes that many European countries have already gone through. That is why examples of truly successful anti-discrimination campaigns are very important for civil society development. The last tendencies with anti-gay government initiatives in countries of Eastern Europe indicated the most actual part of discrimination problem – “discrimination based on sexual orientation”. Those two themes (which are strongly connected) were the keynote for the activities implemented by our organization during 2013.

In April 2013 “PORA!” in cooperation with local LGBT NGO “LB” realized the anti-discrimination campaign in Chernivtsi. Our activists prepared, designed and spread the materials about the problem of homophobia as discrimination of the human rights in Ukraine.



From 29th of September to 7th of October 2013 in frame of Youth in Action Programme by Ukrainian NGO “Pora!” was realised the training course “LGBT: together against discrimination”. Eight countries from EU and EECA, which is 32 young people and youth workers from LGBT sector, which is huge diversity of experiences from different backgrounds and cultures, were united with ONE theme: Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation. This course was about human rights protection in practice, real freedom of self-expression, about changing attitudes and taking action in order to achieve equality. The project aimed to empower LGBT youth to take an active role in their communities in fighting homophobia and discrimination, enhance the social inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities and promote tolerance as a part of life-style.

During seven days of TC our organization as a host organization in this project provided a platform for discussion and exchange of good practice, learning opportunities for the participants, stimulated creativity through non-formal and informal learning.

The training course was held by qualified trainers and implemented through non-formal education: ice-breakers, role plays, a group discussion activity, outdoor activities, work in thematic groups, workshops, meetings with local NGO, round tables, culture evenings, evaluation, preparation of follow up and outcomes.

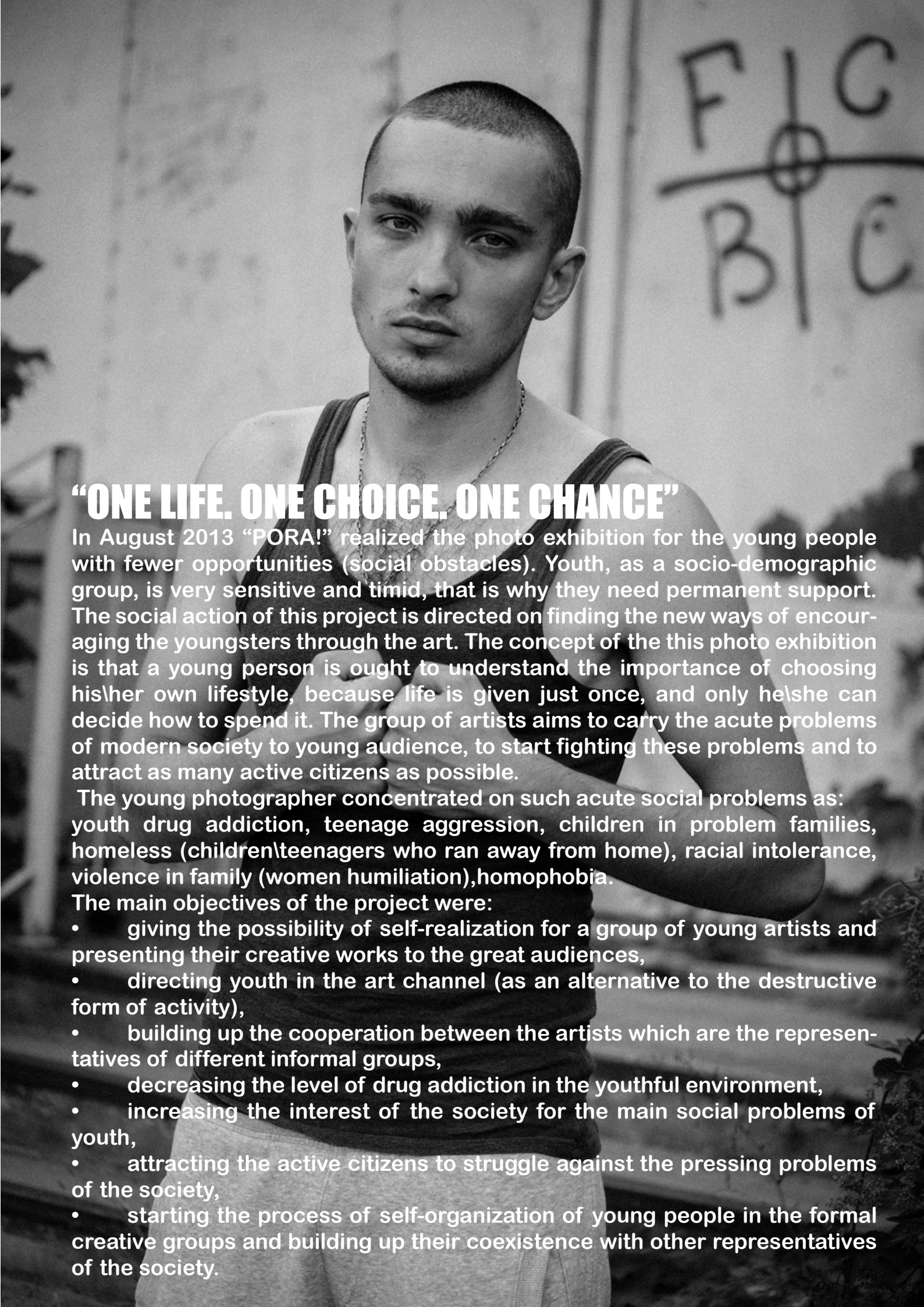
During the project we invited the guests from local community: the activists from Chernivtsi LGBT organization “Ludy Bukowyny” and lesbian activist from Lviv - Olga Reiter, the director of International Short Film Festival “Wiz-Art” and the creator of the new project “Queer Eye”. The activists from local NGO represented the picture of Ukrainian LGBT realities and learned a lot from participants of this training course. Ukraine is on its way of development and for now is far away from real democracy, that is why for Ukrainian LGBT activist it was very useful to hear about European experience and practice. So, this training course had a huge impact on local community, changed their attitudes and empowered a lot.

As a result, participants of this training course together prepared the video messages and series of posters against discrimination.

The link of the video on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FC0xLj9bYC8&feature=youtu.be>





“ONE LIFE. ONE CHOICE. ONE CHANCE”

In August 2013 “PORA!” realized the photo exhibition for the young people with fewer opportunities (social obstacles). Youth, as a socio-demographic group, is very sensitive and timid, that is why they need permanent support. The social action of this project is directed on finding the new ways of encouraging the youngsters through the art. The concept of the this photo exhibition is that a young person is ought to understand the importance of choosing his\her own lifestyle, because life is given just once, and only he\she can decide how to spend it. The group of artists aims to carry the acute problems of modern society to young audience, to start fighting these problems and to attract as many active citizens as possible.

The young photographer concentrated on such acute social problems as: youth drug addiction, teenage aggression, children in problem families, homeless (children\teenagers who ran away from home), racial intolerance, violence in family (women humiliation),homophobia.

The main objectives of the project were:

- giving the possibility of self-realization for a group of young artists and presenting their creative works to the great audiences,
- directing youth in the art channel (as an alternative to the destructive form of activity),
- building up the cooperation between the artists which are the representatives of different informal groups,
- decreasing the level of drug addiction in the youthful environment,
- increasing the interest of the society for the main social problems of youth,
- attracting the active citizens to struggle against the pressing problems of the society,
- starting the process of self-organization of young people in the formal creative groups and building up their coexistence with other representatives of the society.

TOGETHER WE ARE POWER

Nowadays art, especially street art, is a good way to interest young person. Creativity of youngsters usually has a big potential. Art activity is a serious alternative to the destructive forms of self-expression. There's a possibility to increase this potential to "urban activism", and active citizenship, if you are using the right approach.

In January 2013, during the Euromaidan revolution in Ukraine activists from "PORA!" designed and spread the motivation street art stickers with one of the slogans of this revolution – "Разом Сила" (Together we are power). The activity was made in frame of Artists support Ukraine.

It was a hard time for Ukraine and every tiny bright piece of encourage was important for young people who were standing for their freedoms.

