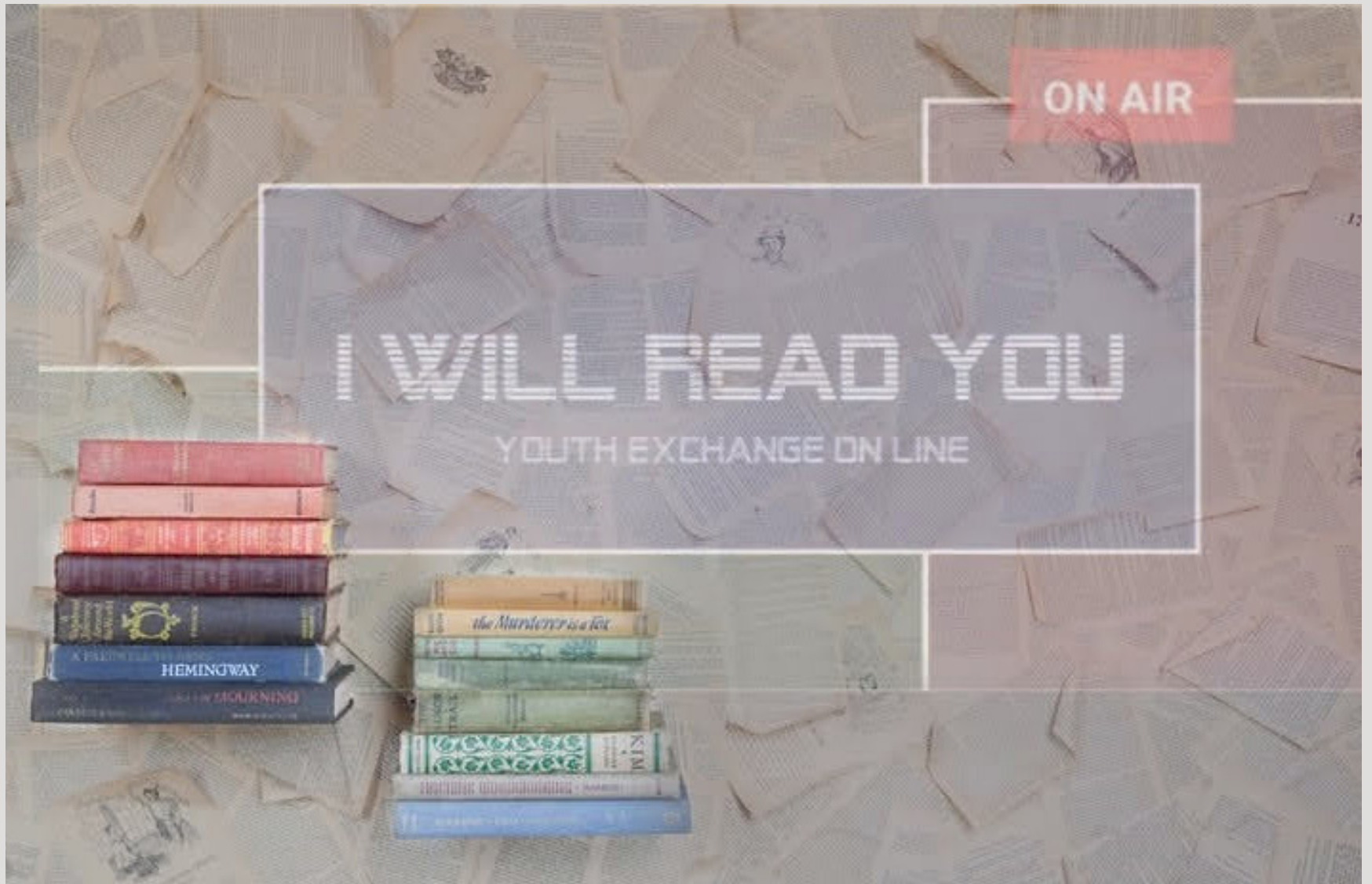




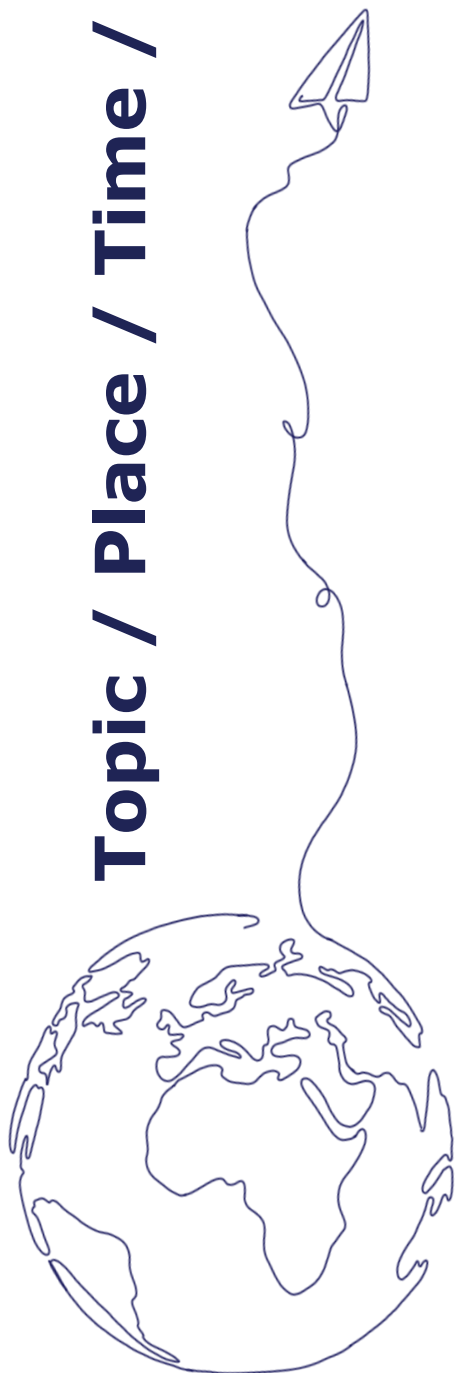
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Title: 'I will read you'

Type of event: Youth Exchange

Organiser: Heureka Generator Association

Time: 01 July – 23 September 2020

Time and place of the Youth Exchange:

17 – 24 August 2020, Internet

No. of participants: 32

Partner organisations:

Heureka Generator Association, Zamość, Poland

We Are the Future Association, Novomoskovsk, Ukraine

Language:

English with some activities in Polish and Ukraine

Who: Young, open people from small towns in Poland and Ukraine (age 15-30), interested in active citizenship, fighting stereotypes and implementation of Human Library method on local level.

What was the whole exchange about?

The Human Library is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers. A place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated and answered.

With the Project 'I will read you' we want to implement the human library on line event together with all participants. They will have chance to learn about effective method of fighting with stereotypes and prejudices. Preparations to the event will be made basing on non formal education methods.

Development of competences among young people through participation in 'I will read you' will increase their chances on labour market and help to decide about future more consciously. We will be a pattern of non conflict cooperation for other Europeans.

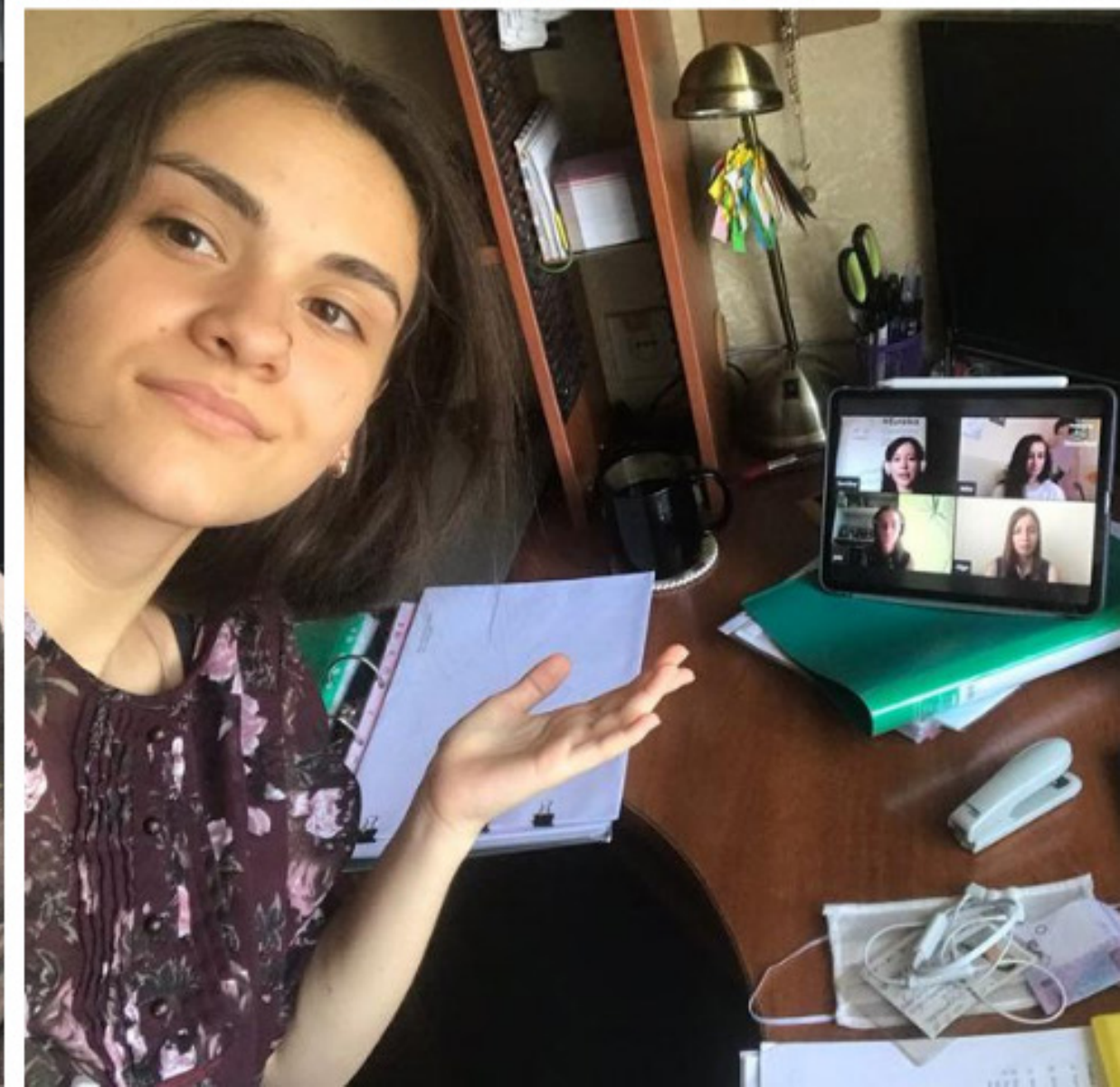
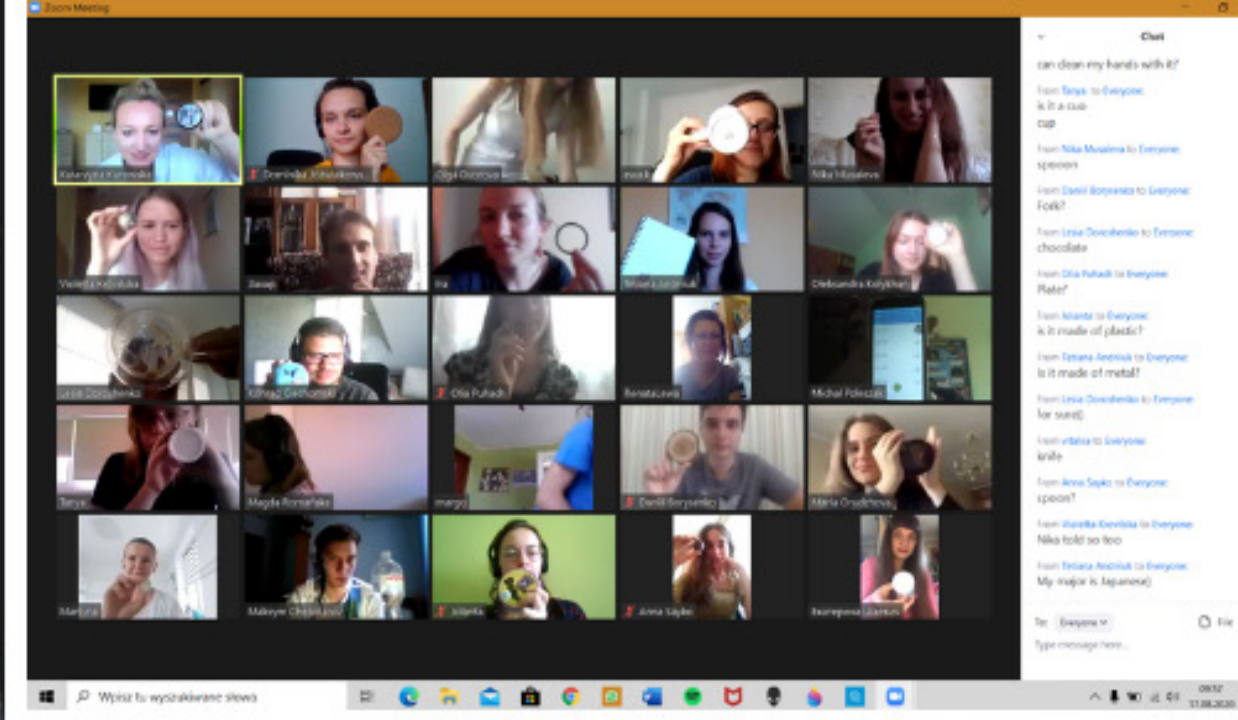
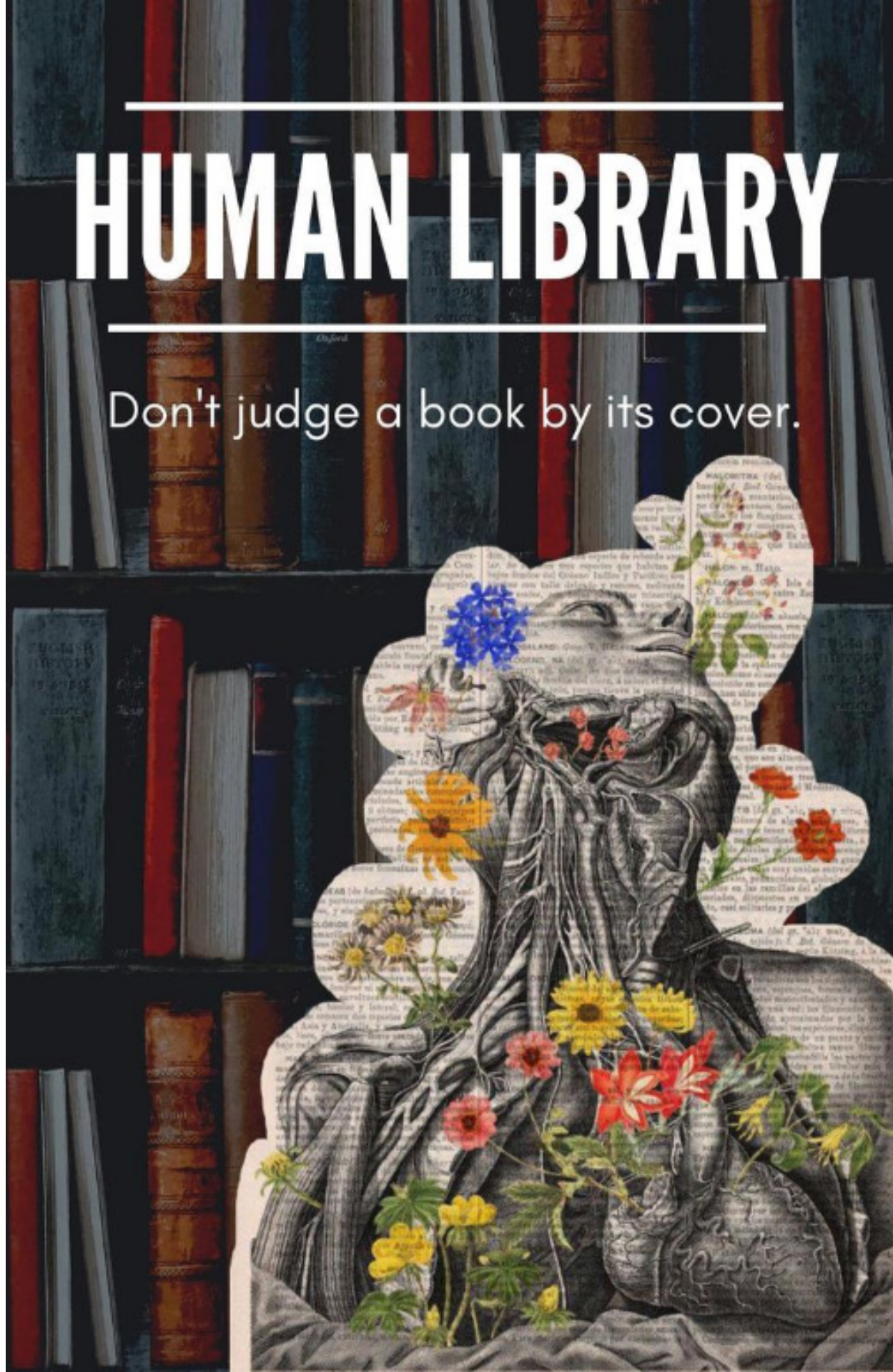
All our methods: integration games, team building, intercultural communication workshop, orienteering game, reflection groups, virtual trips on Youtube, view from each participants's window, fighting prejudices and stereotypes, stimulate our brains, creativity. Juggling and manual exercises, Human Library, presentation, discussion

What is a 'Human Library'?

The day before the living library we all met at Zoom and talked about what the Human Library is, what its roots are, where it comes from and the rules that apply when „reading” books. We will be able to use our new knowledge during our event next day.

The Human Library is an international organization and movement that first started in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2000. The goal of the human library is to prevent prejudice. The organization uses a library analogy

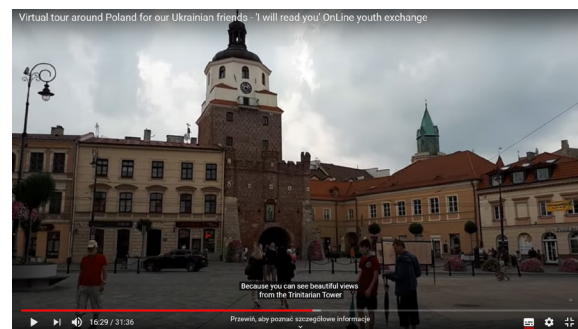
of lending people rather than books. The living library was an interesting meeting for the participants of the „I will read you” project because people as „living books” were optimistic and willing to share their life experiences with us. They also showed us how we can fight stereotypes and prejudices. Living books were people with different life experiences, e.g. disabled people with hearing loss or without two hands, immigrants, or members of the LGBT community.



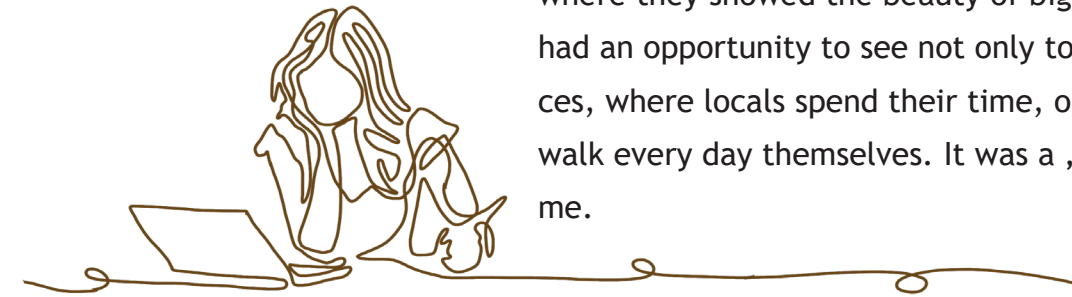
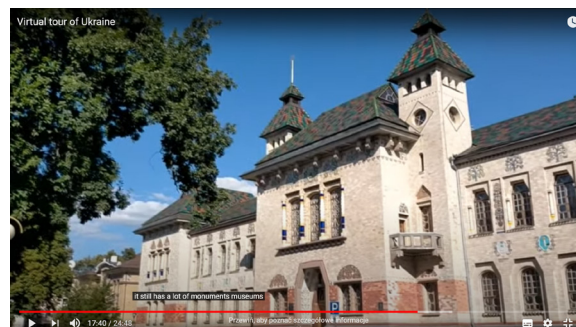
virtual trips

around Poland and Ukraine

After the publication of Virtual trip around Poland, I had an opportunity to talk about my country on our Facebook group. I answered some questions about the video, about my favourite places in Poland, Polish food etc. It was very interesting experience because I have never done something like this before. Some questions were surprising so it was difficult to answer at this exact moment. Sometimes I had an impression that Ukrainians saw more places in Poland than I did :) But in general, I liked the experience.



Jola



Our Polish friends from the project made a very interesting video, where they showed the beauty of big and small Polish cities. We had an opportunity to see not only tourist spots, but the real places, where locals spend their time, or just when the participants walk every day themselves. It was a „new view” of Poland for me.

Tetiana

Virtual trip around Ukraine showed me how beautiful and rich nature and landscape this country has. The video also showed how good international Polish-Ukrainian cooperation can be. I want to visit this country and learn the secrets of its culture.



Michał

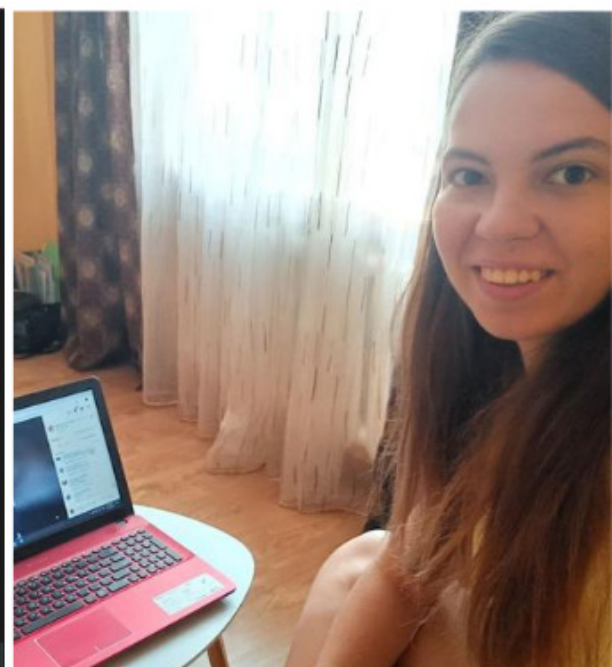
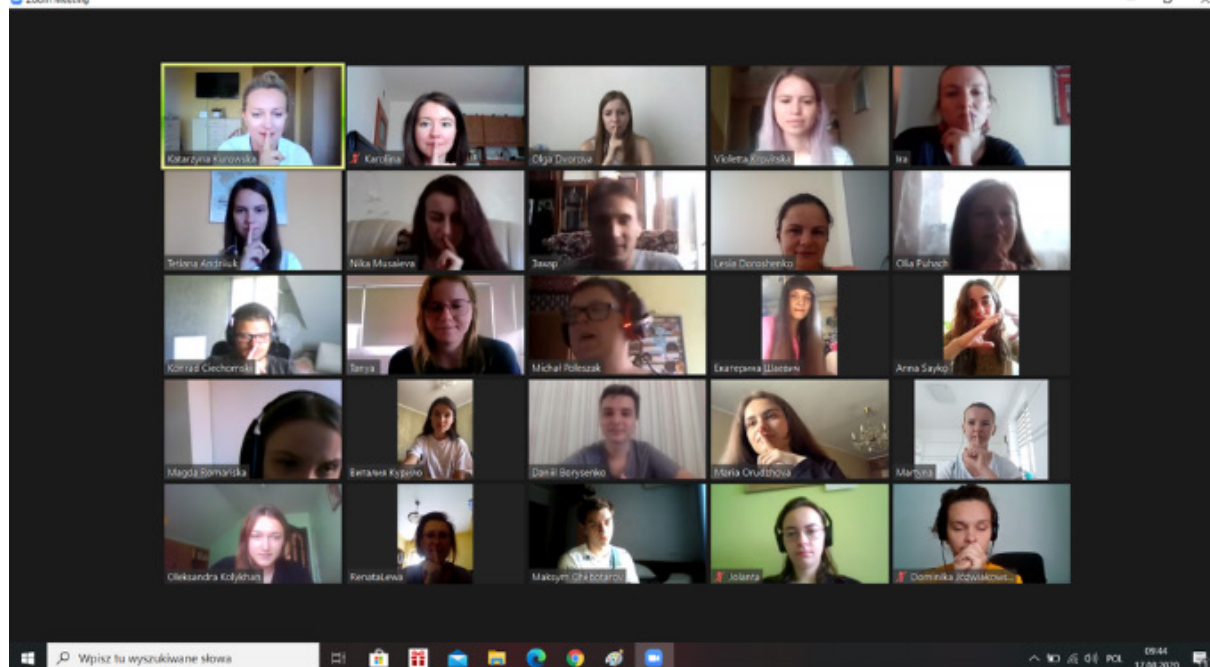
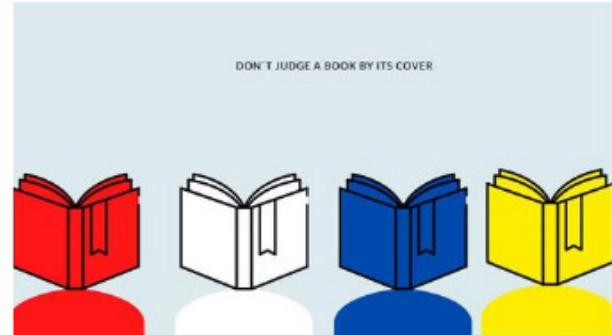
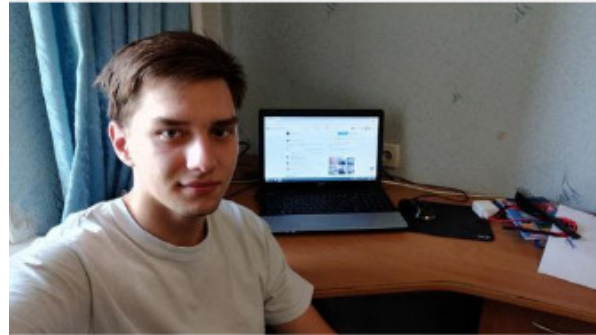
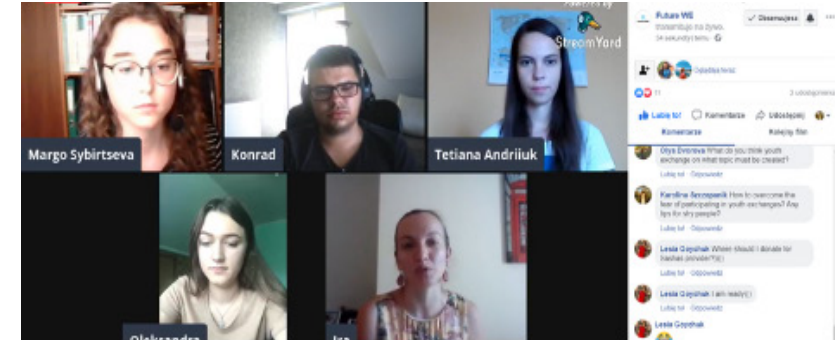
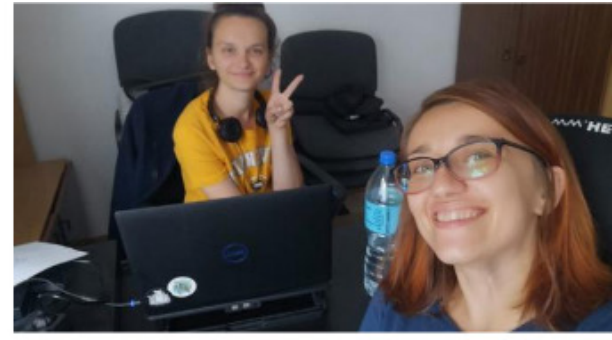
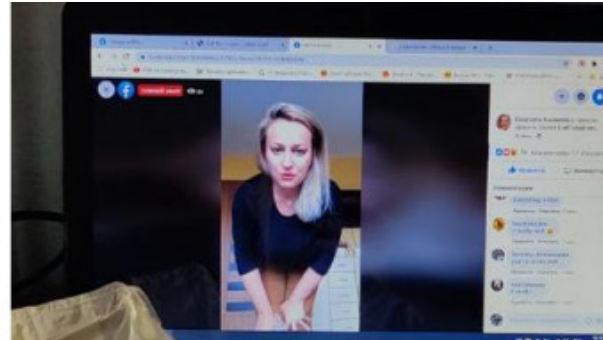
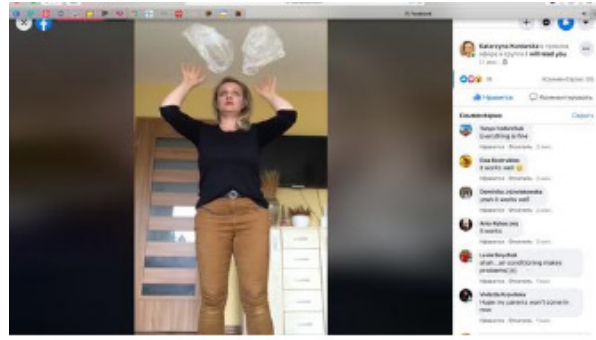
The participants from the Ukrainian group prepared an interesting and inspiring virtual trip of Ukraine for a good start of the day. After publishing and watching a video together on Youtube, Oleksandra, a participant from the Ukrainian group, answered our questions about Ukrainian traditions, food, festivals, popular sweets, etc. Thanks to them I learned a lot about Ukraine and their traditions, cities such as Lviv or Dnipro made me so interested in their view that I have to go there any time soon.

To say about virtual tour around Poland, I would like to say that I felt like I'm in western part of Ukraine. Culture, architecture, historical buildings are so similar that a sense of deja vu creeps in. On the other hand, I was surprised how clean, beautiful and colorful Poland is. If compare with Ukraine, then we have much more gray post-Soviet buildings. As a person who has never been to Poland, I was really interested to know more about the culture of the country and I have a desire to visit it.



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Human Library online

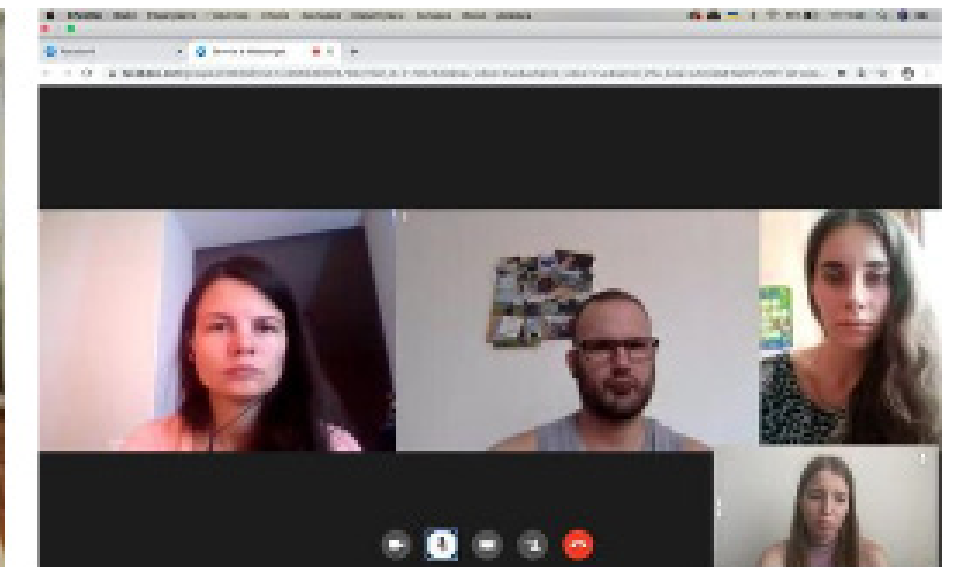
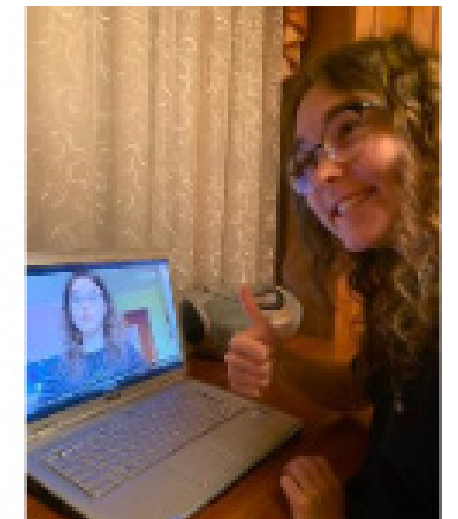
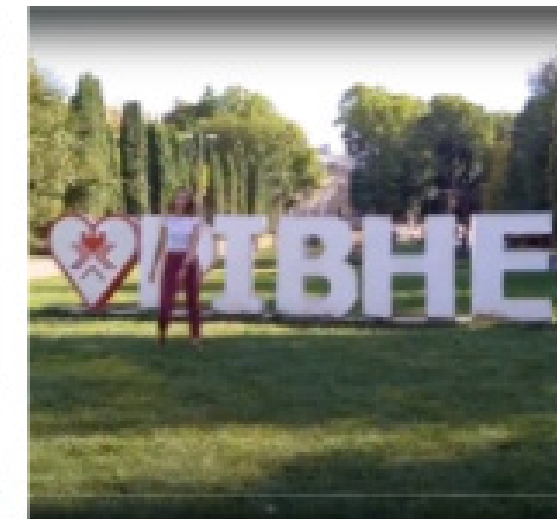
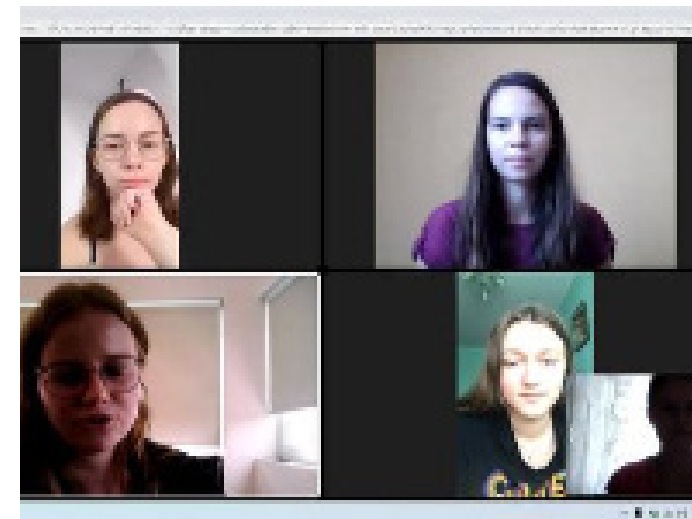
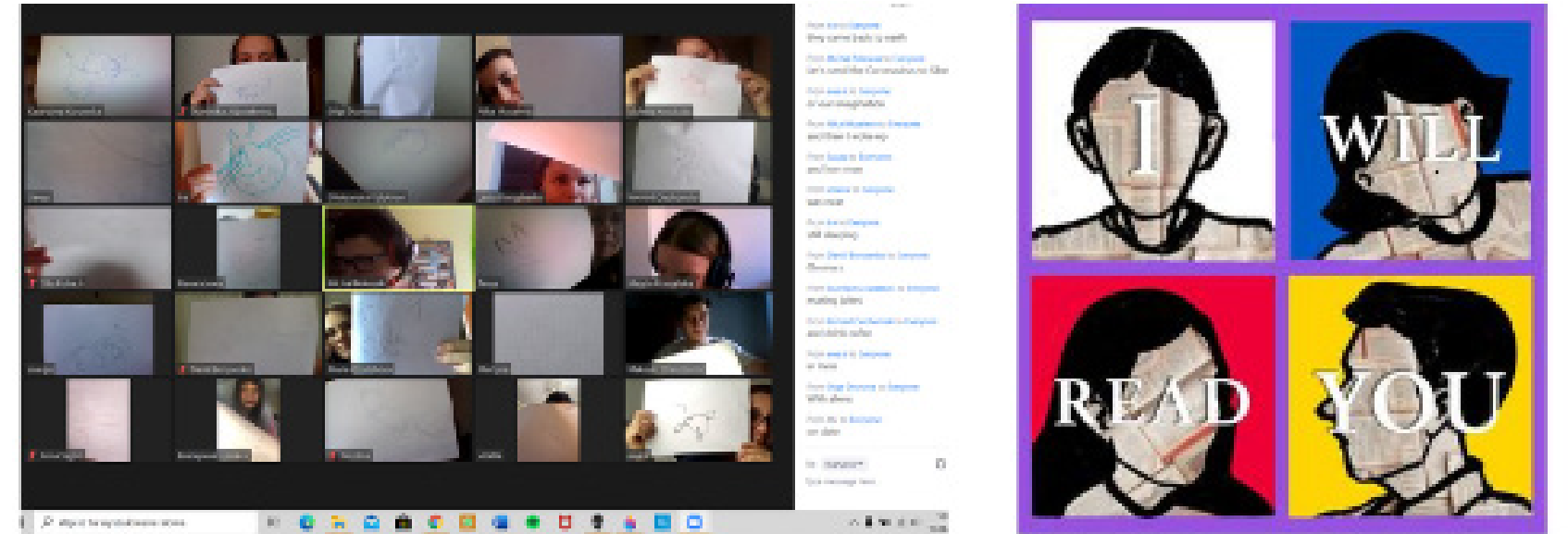
The day started at 10 am Ukrainian time with the opportunity to discuss yesterday's Human Library OnLine on a Zoom call. We've been discussing the format of the human library: is it better to make it online or offline? Which place is better to make etc. We also have been discussing yesterday's books which people from different backgrounds, from different lifestyles, with different problems have presented. I think the youth has to know about such problems. What an amazing program it is and such an amazing chance to find out about different issues and different problems the youth didn't notice before.

videos made by participants

We listened to a live broadcast with Polish stereotypes about Ukrainians. Many facts about Ukraine turn out to be stereotypes. To be honest, we were pleased to see such an interest in our culture, traditions and social problems from Poland. During the discussion, there were many significant questions to which we tried to give the most sincere answer. We believe discussion was successful and Poles began to understand our everyday life a little better.

We also made a video about stereotypes about Poland. Ukrainian participants asked questions and Polish participants answered them. Questions were about Poles being conservative and religious nation. They also asked us if Polish people are arrogant.

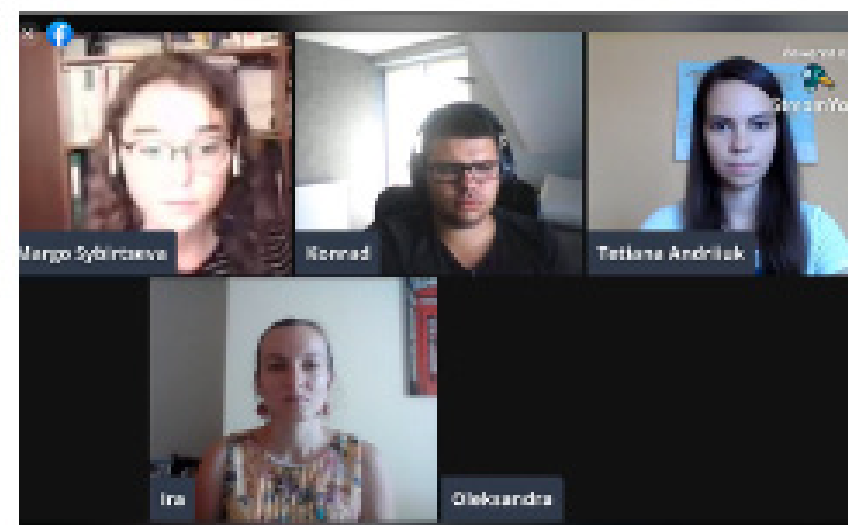
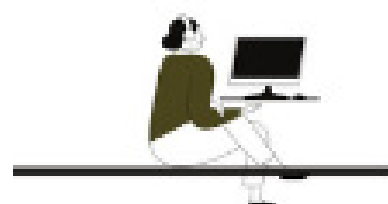
After the premiere on YouTube channel we had live on Facebook group where everyone could write comments or ask questions. We received a lot of questions about shopping and it was very funny to discuss which Polish shop is the best.





Stereotypes and prejudices through the eyes of young people

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020
at 12:00 PL / 13:00 UA



Stereotypes and prejudices through the eyes of young people

Before the first webinar, we chose two people from the Polish group and two people from the Ukrainian group. They were preparing to discuss stereotypes and prejudices. The rest of our participants worked on questions that added variety to the second part of the webinar.

Karolina Szczepanik from HEureka Generator moderated the discussion. During the conversation we discussed: what is a stereotype and prejudice, do we think stereotypically, have we ever been prejudiced against someone or whether someone was prejudiced against us.

Youth exchanges

A few days after the first webinar at 12:00 we started our second webinar. This time the topic was 'Youth exchanges'. We had one moderator - Margo, a participant from the Ukrainian group from the FutureWE Association and four participants who were answering questions. Some of them already had expe-

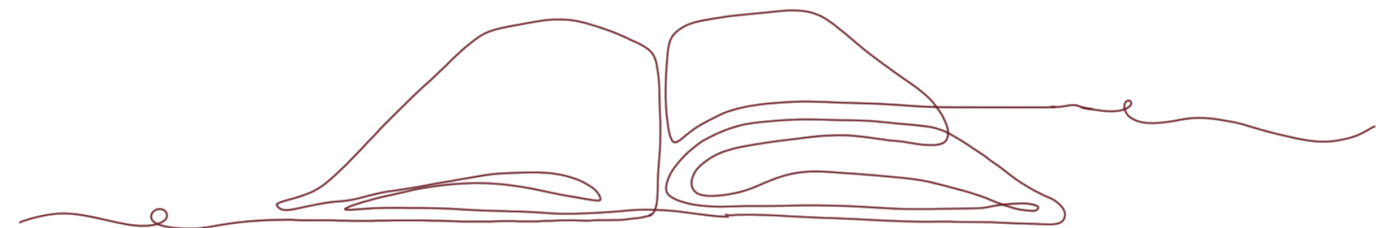
rience with youth exchanges and shared their experiences, for others it was first or one of the first meetings of this type. Most of them had some funny or memorable stories to tell as well as advices for those who are afraid to take part in their first youth exchange.

workshop & happy library

After the break we had intercultural workshop. Our task was to carefully listen to the tragic love story and choose the worst and the best characters. After some time we got additional information about characters and we had opportunity to choose once again. In fact there was no right answer but the exercise showed us how culture can shape different people's values and opinions. We also opened a virtual library, where we put the posters, photos and drawings represen-

ting our impressions on this youth exchange. In the end of the day we had a Happy Books Library. We didn't focus on stereotypes but we just listened to interesting stories of six people who joined our virtual library.

There was a book about establishing a coffee shop, about travelling, being a project coordinator etc. Books were really interesting and gave us a lot of useful information.



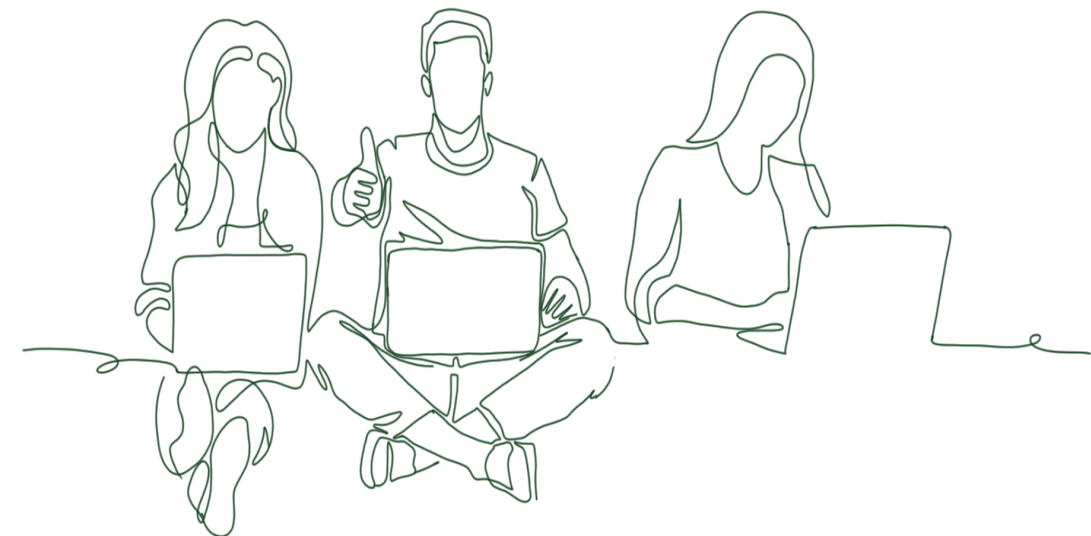
the last day

In the morning we met on Facebook group to discuss the dissemination of the results of our project. We had a lot of ideas. Some people decided to write articles for the newspapers, others decided to make presentation at school or make a video with their thoughts.

Later we filled out the evaluation questionnaire, answering how we liked the youth exchange, what we have learned and what ideas we have for future cooperation.

We met on Zoom to talk about our impressions and to share opinions about the project. Everyone had the opportunity to speak. Even though there were some connection problems, we managed to discuss all together for the last time.

Thanks to this project we improved English skills, integrated with people from neighboring country and had opportunity to get to know living books and their stories. We will definitely meet again, this time offline!





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'HEureka Generator' Association was founded in November 2016 by people with long experience in working in NGOs. Our members are professional local and international project coordinators, non-formal education trainers and young people who have taken part in a lot of local and international projects in the past. What connects us is the will be active to help our local community.

Aims/goals:

1. Increasing social activity of citizens;
2. Promoting and spreading the idea of non-formal education;
3. Organizing and supporting different forms of pro-youth activities;
4. Equaling chances for people with disabilities and those endangered by social exclusion;
5. Organizing and supporting activities aimed at preventing social exclusion.

Methods:

1. Organizing and conducting local, regional, national and international courses, seminars and study visits aimed at increasing social activity of citizens;
2. Organizing international youth meetings conducted with use of non-formal education methods;
3. Creating new tools and methods of non-formal education;
4. Creating and distributing materials and publications concerning social activity, non-formal education and problems of young people and socially excluded groups;
5. Preparing and distributing publications in the field of conducting courses concerning elicitation of young people, and problems concerning social exclusion.



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„We are the future” is a non-profit organisation, operating as a regional youth center for youth and youth workers, focused on raising awareness about non-formal education as an effective tool for self-development and youth participation. NGO works with Youth and Community workers, volunteers, youth activists, trainers and teachers.

NGO's activities are dedicated to:

1. Create conditions for initiation and development of the social entrepreneurship and youth involvement on regional, national and international level.
2. Introduction of good practices from the social impact and eco-business in the policy making on local and national level and the policy of the European Union.
3. Create positive, motivating and encouraging ambient for active citizenship spirit in the society.
4. Enhance the employability of the young people on the labour market.
5. Create international community of the young people that share interests related to social entrepreneurship, active participation, and tolerant society. Raise the awareness of the citizens for the opportunities that the social eco-entrepreneurship can give.
6. Enhance and support the youth mobility on national and international level.
7. Promoting of social inclusion via sport activities.
8. Promotion and application of the non-formal education

