



*First national (un)conference  
for school teachers*

## **FINAL PRESS RELEASE EDCAMP UKRAINE 2015**

*The first national (un)conference **EdCamp Ukraine** is an unprecedented educational event in Ukraine of innovative format for the development of the teaching community initiated by the Educational Producers P@EI ([www.pael.pro](http://www.pael.pro)) took place in Kharkiv on June 23 and 24, 2015.*

*(Un)conference was held with the mentoring support of the EdCamp Foundation ([www.edcamp.org](http://www.edcamp.org)), as well as the Press, Education and Culture Department of the US Embassy in Ukraine and over 40 partner organizations.*

*Those who expressed their support for the event included the Chairman of the Board of Petro Poroshenko Foundation, First Lady of Ukraine **Maryna Poroshenko**, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, represented by the Deputy Minister **Pavlo Polyanskiy**, executive director of the EdCamp Foundation **Hadley Ferguson** and the Chairman of the Public Council at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine **Galyna Usatenko**.*

*EdCamp Ukraine 2015 gathered **more than 300 participants** who are school teachers from different regions, administrative staff in the sphere of education of all levels, representatives of the library sector, NGOs and enterprises, school students and their parents, university students specializing in pedagogy, volunteers.*

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EdCamp Ukraine represents a unique platform for professional development of teaching staff in Ukraine, created on the free-of-charge basis, pursuing the principles of independence and free initiative. Due to the new discussion format the (un)conference is subject to **the law of "two legs"**, the participants determined the course of the event themselves, chose those sessions, that met their needs.

Summarizing two days of efficient communication, we can say that the event allowed to establish numerous contacts, a lot of new ideas and joint projects emerged: this is the so-called **"long tail effect"** consisting in continued discussions, activities, generation of ideas when the event has already finished.

The analysis of the feedback questionnaire showed an extraordinary interest in the next (un)conference, and regular implementation of EdCamp Ukraine, inciting the nationwide participation and mini-EdCamps across Ukraine and even abroad – for example in Georgia. That is why a general decision to establish **the official Ukrainian association "EdCamp Ukraine"** was taken, and the organizing team is presently working on the project realization.

We already know that the second national (un)conference EdCamp Ukraine, **will be held in spring 2016**, the final date and place are to be specified.

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An indisputable achievement of the first national (un)conference EdCamp Ukraine is the desire and willingness of many people to organize similar events at various levels in their towns and cities, therefore the community of responsible teachers in Ukraine will have an **opportunity to develop!**

To support the (un)conference format in Ukraine and expand the community of responsible teachers, certain **grants for mini-EdCamp** have been introduced and are awaiting their winners. The grant competition was announced directly at the event and the application form was created jointly with the teachers at one of the sessions, now it is available with the conditions for receiving a grant via this link <http://bit.ly/miniedcampukraine>.

In its turn, the organizing committee and the entire team of EdCamp Ukraine are willing to support mini-EdCamp initiatives with all the resources available, creating a kind of an **"umbrella" for innovative developments in the Ukrainian education**. All the educators will have an access to a permanent **advisory support** on self-presentation within the public space, etiquette in social networks and modern communication, personal site of the teacher, assistance in creating and developing multifunctional free schools sites (School Champion Project, [www.schoolchampion.in.ua](http://www.schoolchampion.in.ua)), use of online education (including through virtual school resource Khan Academy, [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)), and studying foreign languages (with the emphasis on building up the educational vocabulary) to be able to work in the global educational space.

The organizational team can also **introduce you to the experts** who are willing to participate in the mini-EdCamp, and other educational institutions for joint projects to bring together school and teachers, building a community of responsible teachers.

### **IMPRESSIVE OFFICIAL STATISTICS OF EDCAMP UKRAINE 2015:**

**EdCamp format ranks the 6<sup>th</sup>** in the global ranking of the most innovative educational organizations in 2015 according to the research of the World's Top 10 Most Innovative Companies of 2015 in Education,

In 2015 Ukraine has become **the 24<sup>th</sup> country** (out of 223 countries of the world) where EdCamp was conducted,

**20 regions of Ukraine** have been represented at EdCamp Ukraine 2015.

**57 national and international experts**, including Constance Fortunato (**USA**), Mark Turrel (**Canada / Germany**), Luigi Kavallito (**Italy**), Vlada Himenko (**Georgia**), Elena Kaplun (**Switzerland**), Dima Zitser (**Israel**) and many others, were among the special guests of the event,

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**324 participants**, including school teachers from various regions, administrative staff of all levels, representatives of the library sector, NGOs and business, school students and their parents, university students, specializing in pedagogy, volunteers,

**2,640.5 years** – this is the total experience of teachers who participated in EdCamp Ukraine 2015,

**48 partner organizations** supported the first national (un)conference EdCamp Ukraine,

**5 topic-based areas** were offered to the participants considering current trends and needs of the persons attending the event; every participant could become a speaker,

**82 unique sessions** in the following areas: modern technology in education, new educational formats and tools, science in school, library resources for education, national education challenges,

**11 locations, each 8 directions** each – it was difficult to choose which session to attend,

**10 session formats:** issue-oriented and panel discussions, workshops, trainings, personal coaching, meetings with children's writers, educational cinema, interactive zones from partner organizations, creative workshops and charity events,

**2,000 photos** of the inspired, interesting and fruitful work of the (un)conference participants,

**128 cuddly toys, games, creative kits, paints, modeling clay, books** were collected by the educators within the framework of the charity campaign to be given to the children in Bogodukhovskiy orphanage and All-Ukrainian Association "Ukrainian frontiers",

**1 camera**, donated by the IT teacher from Dnepropetrovsk Olga Borysenko for the children in the health center for social rehabilitation of orphans and children deprived of parental care "Emerald City".

### **MATERIALS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF EDCAMP UKRAINE 2015:**

**official video** of EdCamp Ukraine 2015 – <https://youtu.be/haJleaQK640>,

**video of expert sessions** on YouTube channel from Educational producers P@EI – [www.youtube.com/c/EducationalproducersPaEI](http://www.youtube.com/c/EducationalproducersPaEI),

**photos:** Day One – <http://goo.gl/photos/A9Jme16RYjWexGst6>; Day Two – <http://goo.gl/photos/qhdV37WM2T7RSUV69>,

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**scribing** of Igor Zabolotniy – <http://1drv.ms/1J6X7Fu>,

**cartoon** by Natalia Kryvko on the participation in EdCamp Ukraine 2015 –  
<https://youtu.be/OmToUPU0fVw>,

**interview** of Sergiy Zapisov on the participation in EdCamp Ukraine 2015, Striy TV –  
<https://youtu.be/0sYhvowRYgw>,

**"Slobozhanshyna Foci"**, radio broadcast from Victoria Pupiyy about EdCamp Ukraine 2015  
at the Kharkov regional radio – <https://youtu.be/Ubu1EVx7CrQ>,

**"Dialogues"**, original TV broadcast of Lydia Starodubtseva on technologies in education  
and EdCamp Ukraine 2015 on Channel 7 – [http://youtu.be/9pbdK\\_muq10](http://youtu.be/9pbdK_muq10),

**"Factory of Ideas"**, original TV project from Anna Prokayeva on EdCamp Ukraine 2015  
on Kharkiv Regional Television – <https://youtu.be/aunfBkYLmZg>,

**principles of teaching of Constance Fortunato** summarized by Leila Aliyeva –  
<http://womo.com.ua/8-zolotyih-pravil-kak-sdelat-obuchenie-dlya-rebenka-interesnyim/>,

**and much more useful information** can be found at the official website and social networks.

EdCamp Ukraine is building a community of responsible teachers, which will bring together the best agents of change in the national education system. In Ukraine this unique event took place for the first time. We hope that the educational (un)conference will be a sought-after occasion held regularly.

**Official web-site:**

[www.edcamp.org.ua](http://www.edcamp.org.ua)

**Official social network:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EdCampUkraine](http://www.facebook.com/EdCampUkraine)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/EdCampUkraine](http://www.twitter.com/EdCampUkraine)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/EdCampUkraine](http://www.instagram.com/EdCampUkraine)

Hashtag for participants and reporters: [#EdCampUkraine](https://twitter.com/EdCampUkraine)

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### **Background:**

EdCamp was first held in 2010 by the inspired educators from Philadelphia (USA). At present more than 550 events have gathered 25,000 teachers and various stakeholders of the educational process from all over the globe for an open exchange of teaching experience, cooperation, and solutions to shared problems. Ukraine is the 24<sup>th</sup> country in the world to join the international community of EdCamp (un)conferences.

### **WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT EDCAMP UKRAINE 2015:**

- ✓ Educational producers "PaEI"
- ✓ EdCamp Foundation
- ✓ Global Shapers Community, World Economic Forum initiative
- ✓ School Champion Platform
- ✓ US Embassy in Ukraine
- ✓ Microsoft in Ukraine
- ✓ Intel Education in Ukraine
- ✓ Google in Ukraine
- ✓ Fund "Professional Development of Kharkiv"
- ✓ Cultural Center "Beit Dan"
- ✓ Fund "Joint"
- ✓ Charity Foundation "Art Arsenal"
- ✓ Charity Foundation of Ukraine "Open Hearts"
- ✓ Kyiv Dialogue (Kiewer Gespräche)
- ✓ Gender Information and Analytical Center "Krona"
- ✓ Gendermuseum – Museum of women's history, the history of women's and gender movement
- ✓ Parytet-Agro
- ✓ Consulting Group "Zhyva Sprava"
- ✓ Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum
- ✓ NGO "International Center of Innovative Development and Social Initiatives"
- ✓ All-Ukrainian association "Ukrainian Frontiers"
- ✓ BrainBasket Foundation
- ✓ Club of Successful Women
- ✓ Media Holding 100%
- ✓ Bristar Studio
- ✓ Hi-Tech.UA
- ✓ Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter
- ✓ Ukrainian Library Association
- ✓ Old Lion Publishing House
- ✓ Academy of Ukrainian Press
- ✓ Publishing Group "Osnova"
- ✓ Publishing House "ASSA"
- ✓ Club Facilitators.UA
- ✓ Bridal Group
- ✓ Leather Handicraft "Pilkin's"
- ✓ Club of Successful Educators
- ✓ Impact Hub Odessa
- ✓ Kharkiv Crisis Infocenter
- ✓ Innovative Education Center "Pro.Svit"
- ✓ Creating Animated Videos "Artscribe"
- ✓ Creative International Children's School (KMDSH)
- ✓ International Festival of Informal Education "Insight"
- ✓ Reanimation Package of Reforms
- ✓ Parents' club "Gravity"
- ✓ Hotel "Mir"
- ✓ Sandwich cafe "Freshline"
- ✓ Water "Roshchynska"
- ✓ Taxi "Merci"
- ✓ Shop of Tile "Kerama Expert"

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