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of the International Scientific and Practical Conference
“Partnerships for Social Change: 20 Years of Experience”,
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Organizers-partners – *the primary membership*:

Lviv Polytechnic National University (Ukraine); University of Manitoba (Canada); International Charitable Foundation “International Foundation for Social Adaptation” (IFSA) (Ukraine); Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (Germany); Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS) (Canada); Governmental & Non-Governmental organizations of/for persons with disabilities in Lviv (Ukraine).

Organizers-partners – *the expanded membership*, involving the participants of
“No Limits” Partnerships Network:

Schools of Learning and Education – Thompson Rivers University (British Columbia, Canada); University of Nordland (Bodø, Norway); Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education in Warsaw / Akademia Pedagogiki Specjalnej im. Marii Grzegorzewskiej (Poland); Ocean County College (New Jersey, USA); University of Erfurt / Universität Erfurt (Germany); University of Coimbra (Portugal); Latvian Academy of Sport Education (Latvia); Institute of Social and Political Psychology, National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine (Kyiv); National Pedagogical University named after M.P. Drahomanov (Kyiv); Bohdan Khmelnytsky National

University of Cherkasy; Cherkasy Regional Institute of Postgraduate Pedagogical Education; East Ukrainian National University named after Volodymyr Dahl (Sieverodonets'k, Luhansk region); Lviv secondary general boarding school No.100 for blind children.

Organizations / Human Services – European Federation of Adapted Physical Activity / EUFAPA; Federal Association for Family Mediation / Bundes-Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Familien-Mediation (Germany); State Agency for Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems / Państwowa Agencja Rozwiązywania Problemów Alkoholowych (PARPA) (Poland); Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan (Canada); Würzburg Educational Centre for the blind and visually impaired / Berufsförderungswerk Würzburg gGmbH Bildungszentrum für Blinde und Sehbehinderte (Germany); NGO “Precious Kids Australia” (Australia); “Praesterno” Foundation / “FUNDACJA PRAESTERNO” (Poland); Department of Social Protection of Lviv Regional State Administration; Lviv Regional Employment Centre; Lviv Regional Branch of the Fund of Social Protection of the Disabled; Children’s Education and Rehabilitation Centre “Dzhereło”, Lviv; Lviv Regional Centre for Physical Culture and Sports of the Disabled “Invasport”; Charitable Foundation “Space Without Conflict”, Lviv; Charitable Foundation “Caritas Sambir-Drohobych Diocese of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church”; Clinical Department No.1 (Student Polyclinic) of the 10th Municipal Clinical Hospital, Lviv; NGO “New Society of Ukraine”, Lviv; NGO “Institute of Medical and Social Initiatives “LEADER”, Lviv.

The Jubilee Conference was attended by 150 participants from Ukraine, Canada, Poland and Germany, who on October 26-27, 2019 – at the conclusion of the Jubilee Conference and in its continuation in the format of *International Strategic Symposium “Mental Health and Community”* – were also joined by the participants from Italy, Austria and Netherlands. The Jubilee Conference received congratulation letters and greetings from Ukraine, Australia and Canada.

The Major Purpose of The Jubilee Conference was to consolidate efforts of representatives of public authorities, local self-government, educators and practitioners in human services on the way of developing “No Limits” Partnerships Network at the local, regional, national and international levels for social change.

According to the delivered reports, the results of the Program of Professional Development (PD Events) and the general discussion, **the Jubilee conference participants suggested the following:**

a) to highly approve the results of the implementation of Canada-Ukraine “Reforming Social Services” project in the pre-project (1994-1999), the project (1999-2003) and the post-project (2003-2019) periods; and

b) to consider the proposals for positive change in the field of education and science; the social sphere (to ensure human well-being); the sphere of international cooperation; and the area of “Ukrainian-Ukrainian dialogue” within the country, namely:

- To acknowledge the predominant role of Canada-Ukraine “*Reforming Social Services*” project, implemented based on Lviv Polytechnic National University with the financial support of CIDA in 1999-2003 and in the period after the completion of its funding (2003-2019), in the development of a national education model in particular and a system of professional training of social workers in general, and promoting sustainable development of the “Social Work” profession and field of knowledge in Ukraine;

- To highlight the fundamental role of the National Academy of Educational Sciences (NAES) of Ukraine in the training of scientific and pedagogical personnel of higher qualification and the development of the research potential of the “Social Work” profession and field of knowledge in Ukraine;

- To apply to the National Academy of Educational Sciences of Ukraine with a proposal to promote the best practices involvement in the area of adult education in order to enrich the intellectual potential in the social sphere and for this purpose to conclude a Cooperation Agreement between the Institute of Pedagogical Education and Adult Education of the NAES of Ukraine and the Institute of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Lviv Polytechnic National University;

- To expand the network of international partnership cooperation with universities and social organizations abroad as well as with leading higher educational establishments and social organizations in Ukraine;

- To orient the education process organization according to the principles of student-centered, competence-based and multidisciplinary approaches, considering the progressive achievements of international experience and best examples of education practice of international partners in the training of future professionals of the social sphere;

- To contribute to the filling of professional niches of social services related to rehabilitation, re-socialization of representatives of vulnerable groups (combatants and their families, internally displaced persons, dependents, persons with mental health disorders, etc.), their integration into society and social inclusion;

- To support the initiative of the Department of Sociology and Social Work to open “Social Work in Mental Health Care” specialization as part of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program, and for this purpose to intensify the process of the preparation and licensing of the relevant education program;

- To recommend the Department of Sociology and Social Work to consider the proposal of the Jubilee conference participants to train social work professionals for health-caring activities based on cross-sectoral interaction within multidisciplinary teams of professionals for providing integrated social services in communities;

- In this context, to facilitate the organization of cooperation and internships of students of the Department of Sociology and Social Work on a specific profile of activities in social agencies abroad, as well as the training in students’ academic mobility programs at higher educational establishments outside Ukraine;

- To intensify the cooperation of the Department of Sociology and Social Work and International “INTEGRATION” Center for Professional Partnerships of Lviv Polytechnic National University with non-governmental organizations to involve students in the planning, implementation and evaluation of social projects;

- To contribute to the realization of the idea of developing a *Healthy University*, the implementation of a “healthy policy” in all spheres of the functioning of Lviv Polytechnic and the expansion of this ideology influence in the city community and in society;

- To promote healthy lifestyles, and generate and increase public interest in health through research and education events, communication campaigns, health conferences, etc. at the University, the city and the region levels, and in the country;

- To focus on the ecosystem approach in managing social problems and finding ways to solve them, with an emphasis on assessing the needs of social work clients;

- To be active participants in the processes of the integration of theory and practice in the field of inclusive education and implementation of inclusive education policy in higher education;

- To optimize the activities of the *Counselling & Coordination Services* “Community Health Clinic of Lviv Polytechnic” based on social inclusion, and expand its sphere of influence on the community of Lviv;

- To implement a series of measures to create a healthy, accessible, and inclusive education environment at the University for all students;

- To promote the development of a network of cooperation between/among the faculty, the students, and the administration in order to “hear everyone’s voice”, as well as the involvement of various stakeholders in the implementation of inclusive education policy at the University;

- To intensify the involvement of the University students, faculty and administration in adapted physical activity (AFA) in order to improve and develop mental health as a key component of the holistic health and personal development of each participant of the education process;

- To integrate the model of individual support of persons with special educational needs and persons in difficult life circumstances in the conditions of a higher educational establishment into the academic community daily practice, particularly that of “No Limits” Services of Accessibility to Learning Opportunities of International “INTEGRATION” Centre for Professional Partnerships at Lviv Polytechnic National University;

- To proceed with the University’s active stance on the professional training of military personnel, participants of the ATO (Anti-Terrorist) Operation / JFO (Joint Forces) Operation and their families, considering everyone’s vital needs, including her/his educational needs;

- To designate Lviv Polytechnic National University as a *Centre for common ground*, reconciliation of all, coordination of interaction and development of friendly relations between / among all Veteran organizations and Veteran spaces of the region, as a *Platform for exchange of experience* and scientific justifications of all innovations in the field of professional retraining and social adaptation of Veterans and their family members in Lviv and Lviv region;

- To study the world experience in the area of Veteran work in order to improve this work in Ukraine based on Ukrainian values and cultural peculiarities, and considering political processes in the country;

- To initiate the expansion of the Norwegian-Ukrainian University Alliance (NUUA) by joining the University of Manitoba and other classical universities in Canada with the purpose of establishing comprehensive partnership cooperation, in exploring and applying the advanced, innovative experience of adaptation of military personnel and their families in particular;

- To explore the possibility of developing a project proposal and then implementing Canada-Ukraine “Professional and socio-psychological adaptation of Veterans and their families” project at the state level;

- To recommend the Ministry of Veterans, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine to actively involve universities within the Norwegian-Ukrainian University Alliance (NUUA) in the implementation of measures of social and professional adaptation of the ATO/JFO participants, persons providing security and safety measures, resistance and containment of the armed aggression of the

Russian Federation in Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and the victims of the Dignity Revolution;

- To initiate before the Ministry of Veterans, Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons of Ukraine the development of a bill on the second and third education acquisition by the JFO/ATO Veterans;

- To pursue an active policy to intensify the work of the Veteran Services at Lviv Polytechnic, both in providing services to Veterans and their families, and in attracting additional financial support;

- To emphasize the promotion of employment of the ATO/JFO Veterans as a measure to psychologically stabilize the person, raising the awareness regarding him/her having a future and that future being sustainable;

- In collaboration with the network of NGOs taking care of Veterans and the city and regional authorities, to implement measures for creating mobile brigades to assist Veterans and their families in small towns and villages;

- To support and develop a public channel for informing the ATO/JFO participants of Lviv region on the news in the Veteran sphere, current state and regional support programs, changes in the legislation, grants, and announcements of events:

https://t.me/loda_sector_ato ;

- To intensify the cooperation with the Department of Social Protection of Lviv Regional State Administration and Lviv Regional Employment Center on the issues of professional and socio-psychological adaptation of Veterans and members of their families;

- To explore the possibility of creating conditions for temporary residence of the ATO/ JFO Veterans and their families in Lviv during their studies at the University;

- To summarize the experience of the Lviv region organizations with respect to professional and socio-psychological adaptation and physical rehabilitation of the ATO/ JFO Veterans in order to disseminate this experience in other regions of Ukraine;

- To promote the development of a culture of tolerance and humanization of public consciousness, as well as the discovery of “humanity in a human being”;

- To transmit human values underpinning Social Work at the local (in the University community and the city of Lviv), regional, national and international levels;

- To explore and apply the Social Work potential in fostering an internal dialogue within society between / among different segments, groups of citizens, while considering cultural, ideological, mental and other differences for the sake of positive change in the country;

- To discuss, together with representatives of the artistic community and the public, UNDP Tolerance Envoys in Ukraine in particular, ways of cooperation with Social

Work in forming a strategy for establishing common ground and developing “Ukrainian-Ukrainian dialogue” in the country;

- To discuss together with public health professionals ways of cooperation with Social Work in forming a strategy for the development of integrated social services in the community, based on the activities of the *Counselling & Coordination Services* “Community Health Clinic of Lviv Polytechnic”, with further prospect of disseminating the gained experience in the community at the levels of the city of Lviv, the region, and the state;

- To prepare a selection of proposals for public authorities and local self-government, state institutions, higher educational establishments, governmental and non-governmental social service agencies with the purpose of implementing positive change in the activities of structures responsible for the functioning of the field of education and science, the social sphere (to ensure human well-being), the sphere of international cooperation, and providing for “Ukrainian-Ukrainian dialogue” within the country;

- To highly approve the state of the development of “**No Limits**” **Partnerships Network**, finding it to be the justification of the initiative to create *Ukrainian Association of Schools of Social Work* with further perspective of Ukraine’s unlimited and comprehensive participation in the International and European Associations of Schools of Social Work, International Federation of Social Workers, and other global, European and national organizations and projects;

- To contribute to further development of “**No Limits**” **Research Platform** and “**No Limits**” **Partnerships Network** at the local, regional, national and international levels to consolidate efforts of public authorities, local self-government, educators and practitioners in human services for social change.

The Jubilee Conference Programming and Organizing Committees



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