

Who are you, who am I? Languages of communication

Integration summer camp for high school students from Poland and Ukraine
(refugees living in Poland)

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Participants: 10th/11th graders, 10 high schoolers from PL and 10 from UA

Place: Carpathian Mountains - Bieszczady, Mchawa

Date: July 20 - July 30, 2024

About Our Program:

Youth is when we look ahead and try to define ourselves beyond what's familiar. What if the familiar is taken away? How can language be a gate rather than a barrier? A home without home? A connection to others? A window into a world beyond us?

Our participants will be living daily in Ukrainian, Polish and English. They will be immersed into languages of nonviolent communication (Hanna Żylicz), language of art and creative expression (Małgorzata Cichocka), language of local history (area historians), philosophy and literature (Joanna Cutts, Lissy Kelly, Bobby Jaycox), and the powerful language of nature in the Carpathian Mountains (local guides and naturalists).

There will be workshops, conversations, hikes, walks, bonfires, visits to local museums and orthodox churches.

Participants come from different backgrounds, with different possibilities, hopes, fears. How can we live and work together?

We will learn to question: who are you, who am I? On this foundation, we will build.