



CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Center for Civil Liberties
Annual report
of activities for the year 2012

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General Information About the Organization

The public organization "Center for Civil Liberties" (hereinafter referred to as CCL) was registered by the Holiivskyi District Justice Department in Kyiv on May 30, 2007. The state registration of the organization was carried out by the Holiivskyi District State Administration in Kyiv on June 6, 2007.

In its activities, CCL does not aim to generate profit. According to the Decision of the State Tax Inspectorate in the Holiivskyi District of Kyiv No. 4/15-413 dated January 10, 2012, the organization has been assigned a non-profit status under code 0006.

The organization's management structure and the distribution of responsibilities among its governing bodies are defined in the organization's Charter. All internal rules and procedures are regulated by relevant internal documents, which are approved by the Board of the organization.

Official Website of the Organization: <http://ccl.org.ua/>

Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/ccl.org.ua>

Core Principles of Operation:

Mission of the Organization: We work to uphold human rights values in Ukraine and other newly independent states.

Values of the Organization:

- Respect for human dignity
- Effectiveness and professionalism
- Responsibility and impartiality
- Transparency and openness

Our Team:

- **Olexandra Matviichuk** – Chair of the Board
- **Nazarii Boiarskyi** – Education Programs Coordinator
- **Olexandra Delemenschuk** – International Programs Coordinator
- **Valeria Rybak** – Project Manager
- **Hanna Rozhkova** – Project Manager
- **Liubov Honcharova** – Accountant

Areas of Activity:

Area 1: Protection of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

"Access to Master Plans – Towards Corruption-Free Urban Planning" in partnership with the East Ukrainian Center for Public Initiatives

The master plan of a settlement is a crucial document in urban planning, approved by local government bodies and outlining the city's development for the coming years. Unfortunately, in most Ukrainian cities, this document remains inaccessible to citizens and is illegally restricted with labels such as "For Official Use Only" and "Confidential." As part of this project, CCL analyzed access to master plans in 26 cities of Kyiv Oblast. The results are available on the website [cityplan.in.ua](http://www.totalaction.org.ua/content/rezultaty-ekspertyzy). Additionally, together with partners, a public examination of the Ministry of Regional Development's activities concerning the formation of the List of Information Constituting Official Secrets was conducted. The document is available at the following link: <http://www.totalaction.org.ua/content/rezultaty-ekspertyzy>

Coalition's Work on Combatting Discrimination in Ukraine

The Coalition Against Discrimination in Ukraine (hereinafter - CAD) was founded on April 5, 2011, as a coalition of civil society organizations and independent experts working together in solidarity for the benefit of discriminated groups in Ukraine to achieve true equality (see <http://www.antidi.org.ua/coalition/>). A representative of CCL in the CAD Coordination Council is responsible for the Coalition's educational activities. As part of this work, CCL collaborated with the Kharkiv Human Rights Protection Group (HHRPG) to organize the training course "Combatting Discrimination through Strategic Litigation" and worked with interested CAD members to organize and hold the national conference "Development and Implementation of Anti-Discrimination Legislation in Ukraine: The Role of Civil Society Organizations," as well as other educational initiatives of the Coalition.

Monitoring of Political Persecution of Civil Society in Ukraine in partnership with the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union

CCL has monitored and documented cases of persecution of human rights defenders, civil society activists, and journalists through both legal and extralegal means. These persecutions have been driven by various political motives, primarily aimed at preserving power by restricting fundamental human rights and freedoms, particularly violations of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly. A detailed account of political persecution in Ukraine can be found at the following link: <http://helsinki.org.ua/index.php?r=a1b7c8>

Work in the Youth Collective Security System "MAMA"

CCL was one of the initiators of the Youth Collective Security System "MAMA," established by several youth civil organizations and movements. MAMA protects members of youth organizations, activists of informal youth groups, and students from political persecution resulting from their actions in defense of rights, freedoms, and legal interests. As part of this work, CCL provided legal assistance and consultations to members of youth organizations, including those illegally detained, such as members of the public movement "Oposition," participants in the action to protect students in Kherson, and others.

Area 2: International Solidarity

Work in the Committee for International Monitoring of the Human Rights Situation in the Republic of Belarus

As part of this work, CCL was one of the initiators of several public events. These included a public photo session with "welcome posters" for the President of Belarus in connection with his attendance at the UEFA Euro 2012 final, the commemoration of International Solidarity Day with Belarusian civil society on August 4, and a celebratory event organized with Amnesty International on September 25 in Ukraine for the birthday of imprisoned human rights defender Ales Bialiatski, among others. Additionally, in partnership with the Polish Helsinki Foundation, CCL organized an international meeting to plan the further activities of the Committee for International Monitoring of the Human Rights Situation in Belarus, which took place from August 26-28 in Kyiv.

International Observation Mission to the Republic of Kazakhstan

Over the course of a year, CCL organized four observation missions to monitor human rights in the Republic of Kazakhstan. The first mission took place from April 23-30, 2012, and included Ukrainian human rights defenders and journalists: Nazarii Boiarskyi, Kostyantyn Reutskyi, Tetiana Pechonchyk, Andrii Chernousov, Olena Ashchenko, and Volodymyr Nestorak. A report detailing the findings of the Observation Mission regarding the December 16, 2011 events in Zhanaozen and their aftermath was presented to the European Parliament. The document is available at: [<http://khpg.org/index.php?id=1343031755>] (<http://khpg.org/index.php?id=1343031755>). The conclusions of the international observation missions were publicly released during press conferences addressing the human rights situation in Kazakhstan.

Work in International Coalitions of Civil Society Organizations

As one of the founders of the International Platform "Civic Solidarity," CCL hosted the second meeting of the Platform's most prominent human rights organizations from February 26-29 in Kyiv. During this meeting, CCL was elected co-coordinator of the Platform's Working Group on Fundamental Human Rights. CCL was also one of the initiators of the Coalition of Non-Governmental Organizations concerning Ukraine's chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2013, which was presented at the annual OSCE review meeting on the implementation of commitments in the "human dimension" in September of that year. In collaboration with partner organizations, CCL prepared and published civil society recommendations at the OSCE Ministerial Conference in Dublin.

Additionally, in partnership with the Dutch Helsinki Committee, CCL organized a training and practical meeting for non-governmental organizations regarding Ukraine's OSCE chairmanship on November 24-25 in Kyiv. Furthermore, CCL continued its work in the international network "Society and the Army" (<http://nis-army.org/>), the International School of Human Rights and Civic Action (www.inthschool.org), the Coalition Against Hate (www.mhg-cah.org), and the Coalition for the Defense of Fundamental Freedoms in Eurasia (<http://hr-nis.org/>).

Area 3: Education and Awareness

Human Rights Exhibition "Human Rights Out of Play," Dedicated to the UEFA Euro 2012 Football Championship

On the occasion of the UEFA Euro 2012 football championship, CCL, in partnership with the Czech organization "People in Need," launched the traveling photo exhibition "Human Rights Out of Play." Through real-life stories of victims of "unfair play," the exhibition uses visual art to highlight major human rights issues in Ukraine over the past two years, including political repression against activists, censorship, the dispersal of peaceful assemblies, police torture, and unfair trials. The exhibition was displayed outdoors before major football matches in Kyiv, Donetsk, Lviv, and Kharkiv.

Scientific and Practical Seminar "Workshop on Street Actions"

CCL initiated a training seminar focused on the planning and organization of successful street actions, including the execution of such actions during the event. The seminar, held from July 18-20 in Kyiv, brought together 20 selected participants and 11 recognized experts from Ukraine, including Yurii Bilousov, Tetiana Mazur, Volodymyr Chemeris, Oleksandr Solontai, Tetiana Pechonchyk, Hanna Hopko, and Yevheniya Malykh. On the final day of the seminar, participants had the opportunity to develop and independently organize three creative street actions, engaging television and print media.

Online Course on Project Management

CCL developed an online training program on project management, which is part of the nationwide educational program "Understanding Human Rights." The course is focused on providing specialized training in the development and implementation of projects related to human rights and democracy, as well as deepening theoretical knowledge in project management. The course ran from October 20 to December 20 and included three online sessions. Nineteen young individuals who are starting their careers in the field of human rights and democracy graduated from the program.

Resource Center for Supporting Civil Society

CCL has launched a special program to support civil society, offering the following services: access to a public library on human rights and democracy, free space for hosting events, webinars, specialized equipment for public events including peaceful demonstrations, and workspace and equipment for volunteers. Starting from autumn 2012, CCL also began conducting monthly thematic and instrumental workshops on human rights and democracy to build the capacity of civil society. These sessions were led by specially invited experts in various fields, with participants including members of civil organizations and public movements.

In the Media

Throughout the year, CCL's activities have been covered on television, radio, national and local print media, and online. Below are some specific links:

Television:

<http://5.ua/newsline/232/0/91858/>

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http://24tv.ua/home/showSingleNews.do?ukrayinski_pravozahisniki_zaklikayut_prezidentiv_ne_di_vitisyia_futbol_z_lukashenkom&objectId=231309

News Agencies:

http://photo.ukrinform.ua/ukr/current/indexa.php?asearch=TRUE&event_id=469283

<http://www.unian.ua/news/522886-pravozahisnik-rozstril-robotnikiv-u-kazahstani-poznachitsya-y-na-ukrajini.html>

<http://human-rights.unian.net/ukr/detail/197442>

<http://un.ua/ukr/article/395189.html>

<http://zik.ua/ua/news/2012/06/12/353256>

Internet:

<http://www.pravda.com.ua/news/2012/06/29/6967717/>

<http://life.pravda.com.ua/society/2012/08/15/110220/>

<http://www.radiosvoboda.org/content/article/24798505.html>

<http://khpg.org/index.php?id=1343031755>

<http://helsinki.org.ua/index.php?id=1341203204>

<http://gurt.org.ua/news/recent/16433/>

<http://www.poryad.com/?p=17194>

<http://www.civicua.org/news/view.html?q=1932831>

<http://maidan.org.ua/2012/06/marafon-lystiv-na-pidtrymku-alesya-belyatskoho/>

<http://delo.ua/world/predsedatelstvo-ukrainy-v-obse-mozhno-li-reshit-problemu-pridne-192518/>

<http://tyzhden.ua/News/54236>

About Us in the Regions:

<http://www.gromada.lviv.ua/article/590>

<http://www.kharkovforum.com/showthread.php?p=29246174>

<http://ngo.donetsk.ua/photoreport/u-donecku-pokazali-vistavku-proti-cenzuri-svavillya-miliciyi-ta-sudiv-fotoreportazh>

<http://www.62.ua/article/160441>

http://takeinfo.net/news/view/rozsliduvannya_vidkritosti_generalnogo_planu_rivnogo

<http://dozor.zt.ua/home/news/540-milicia-ne-dala-provesty-vistavku>

By the Numbers

Financial Inflows in 2012			
№	Donor Name	Project Name	UAH
1	Renaissance Foundation	Establishing Cooperation Between Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and the Verkhovna Rada Commissioner for Human Rights	80 000,00
2	AOSI	Meeting of Representatives of the International Platform Civic Solidarity in Kyiv	360 450,00
3	NED	Monitoring the Human Rights Situation in Belarus	120 753,00
4	European Commission	Effective Regional Cooperation and Joint Platforms for Civil Society in Eastern Partnership Countries, Russia, and Central Asia to Protect and Promote Fundamental Rights in the Region	3 753 124,53
5	Lifeline	Human Rights Photo Exhibition "Human Rights Out of Play," Dedicated to UEFA Euro 2012	79 656,91
6	Dutch Helsinki Committee	Conducting the Training and Practical Seminar of the Coalition of Civil Organizations on Ukraine's 2013 OSCE Chairmanship in Kyiv	22 903,00
Total:			4 416 887,44

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JSC "UkrSotsBank"

Accounts:

- UAH: №26004000036196

- EUR: №26005000036195

- USD: №26006000036194

MFO (Bank Code): 300023

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Account Number: 32008152402

EDRPOU Code: 00039019

Tax ID: 00390126658, Certificate: №35478990

SWIFT Code: UKRSUAUX

Telex: 131190 USOBA UX