Less labels – more values!

European Meeting Center - Nowy Staw Foundation in cooperation with the partner organization NGO "Great idea" from Ukraine implemented a project entitled "Less Labels - More Values!" The project took place on July 11-18, 2021 in the Conference Center Dom Nasutów near Lublin. The purpose of the exchange was to strengthen intercultural dialogue by creating conditions for openness and tolerance among young people. As part of the project, participants had a history and culture workshop "Slavic culture as the basis for shaping the common values of Poland and Ukraine", integration workshops, and a master class with a professional photographer. The workshops helped the participants to remember our common Slavic roots, which were one of the foundations for shaping common values.

The project was a time for 24 young people from Poland and Ukraine to realize how important it is to be open and tolerant towards other nationalities. As part of our project, participants prepared the Arch with photos relating to common values. In the Saski Garden, young people conducted a social campaign called Happening, during which participants invited passers-by to take photos with the Arc of Values, play together and talk about common values. Together, we have created a space to convey positive words and wishes that have been placed on the arch.

The Happening was very popular, it was attended not only by people from Poland, but also tourists from other countries. The efforts of our participants gained the interest of local media, which actively joined the promotion of the project on their news channels.

We can certainly say that the event we organized in the Saski Garden was very popular and aroused positive emotions. By conducting the Happening, we showed that young people from Poland and Ukraine want to build an intercultural dialogue based on mutual tolerance and openness.

European Meeting Center - Nowy Staw Foundation has also joined the celebration of the upcoming 30th anniversary of Ukraine regaining independence.

We invite you to watch the video summarizing the exchange and the coverage of the project in the Lublin media:

- <u>https://expresslubelski.pl/happening-uczestnikow-polsko-ukrainskiej-wymiany-mlodziezy-pt-mniej-etykiet-wiecej-wartosci-galeria/</u>
- <u>https://radio.lublin.pl/2021/07/happening-uczestnikow-polsko-ukrainskiej-wymiany-mlodziezy-pt-mniej-etykiet-wiecej-wartosci/</u>