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## **Youth IGF and partners to develop special support activities to assist young Ukrainian refugees**

### **The Youth IGF is looking to give displaced young people from Ukraine a voice to convey their current needs**

Since 24 February, millions of Ukrainians have fled their country to seek refuge in various countries across the world, in what is a forced migration on a vast scale. The situation is particularly difficult for young Ukrainians, who are faced with having to re-imagine their future. Digital tools and digital skills can help to smooth their integration into their host countries and also facilitate their return to Ukraine once the conflict is over.

Digital skills can help to make their present less painful, as well as provide them with vital information and knowledge.

**It is difficult to remain silent, so the Youth IGF is fulfilling its mission and developing a special programme to assist young refugees from Ukraine.**

The Youth IGF's mission includes both taking action to improve lives locally and helping nations to create better human resources for the future. Ukraine will need both. The Youth IGF's initiative to assist young Ukrainians will therefore be built on three main approaches:

1. Work with partner pharmaceutical and brand industries through the Youth IGF Rely on Youth programme ([www.globalyouthigf.org/relyonyouth](http://www.globalyouthigf.org/relyonyouth)) to provide urgent assistance, including funds for Ukrainians in need of medicines and everyday goods such as clothes.
2. Use Youth IGF Media ([www.globalyouthigf.org/media](http://www.globalyouthigf.org/media)) to allow young Ukrainians to convey their current needs to world decision-makers and citizens as part of the special media programme Hidden Voices.
3. Work with partners and board members of the European Cybersecurity Skills Summit ([www.globalyouthigf.com/](http://www.globalyouthigf.com/)) to adapt its cyber skills programme for young Ukrainians to assist them with new skills to help them integrate into their new host countries. This will create a pool of young Ukrainians, allowing companies to offer them special internship/recruitment opportunities.

*"Young people have an important role to play in helping other young people in need. Therefore we call on all our partners and policy-makers to support our youth community in helping to achieve the goals of our special programme for Ukraine, and allow displaced young Ukrainians to have a bright future," says Yuliya Morenets, founder of the Youth IGF.*

#### **About the Youth IGF**

Created in 2011, the Youth IGF ([www.youthigf.com](http://www.youthigf.com)) is a recognised part of the UN IGF. The Youth IGF brings the voice of youth on all things digital to you from 35+ countries. Social media@globalyouthigf  
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