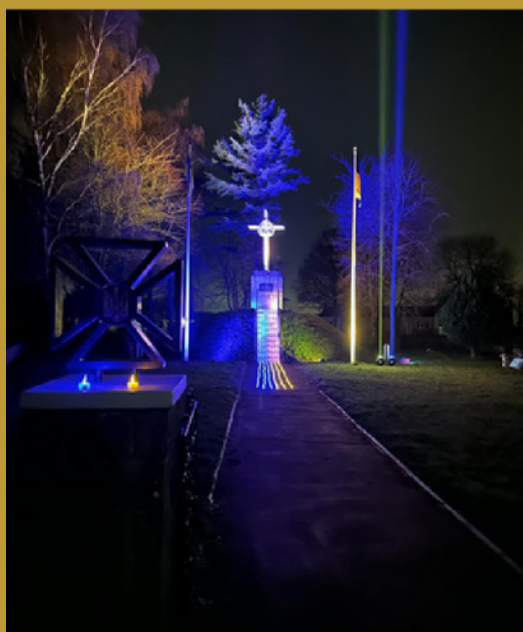


# КРАЙОВИЙ З'ЇЗД XLIV

## ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF ZVITY



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## YEARLY REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF KY CYM GB

This zvit covers primarily the period noted above as the zvit prepared for Plenum 2024 covered the period 22/4/2023 – 21/9/2024 and outlined all major activities and events for that period.

With great sadness and heavy hearts, we opened Plenum 2024 with a respectful moment of silence not only for our fallen CYM heroes but also for the passing of Vlodko Karpynec who we still miss today.

See eulogy attached.

Plenum 2024 allowed us to formally celebrate 60yrs of Tarasivka (1964 – 2024)- we created a time capsule to preserve bits of Tarasivka for future generations. Each oseredok added their own memories and together we buried the capsule at the Kaplytsia. We even re-introduced afternoon tea to the proceedings with special celebratory cakes! In the evening we celebrated together at the Hospoda.

Unfortunately, this was once again a period of work during the horrors of the ongoing war – with all the pain, grief and sorrow for our nation. Our faith and hope are unshakable, and we will continue, until victory and we remember the words of our slogans of this period - “Evil will perish and Truth will triumph” and “Honour of Ukraine, Ready to Defend!”

These slogans were born in difficult times, when Ukrainians fought for their independence. It unites generations — from the first founders of CYM, to those who revived CYM in exile, and to the youth who today study, work, and serve all over the world. And today, during a full-scale war. against Ukraine, it resounds even stronger and deeper.

Despite all this sadness, as an organisation there has been a great cause for celebration – 100 years of our existence globally. As a teren and together with sumivtsi across the world we have demonstrated our resilience as a youth organisation and as a nation – we create history. As holova I am proud of the contribution we have made in promoting and participating in this anniversary – using the logo, wearing tshirts, activities and events as part of the 100 deeds to victory, travelling to Munich and Francopole for the global Zlet and Zdvyh and our very special Krayoviy Zdvyh 100yr festival.

### Activity and events:

During this period, the Krayova Uprava (KU) continued its usual work, organizing zdvyhy and tabory, maintaining its own page on CYMnet and the management of Tarasivka. KY meetings took place monthly online and there were two face to face. Meetings with the holovy also took place monthly. 9 obizhnyky were sent out and an additional 6 from Svitova Uprava were shared. Whatsapp messaging was frequent. Members of KY attended oseredok zbory. In addition, during this period KY and oseredky had opportunities to hear first-hand from the holova of the 100 years referentura about the plans for this historic celebration in online meetings with Justin Senko. Holova attended several more with Maksym Lewitskiy.

### List of events:

**30/11/25** – a community event to plant trees at Tarasivka and pack humanitarian gift boxes for Ukraine. Together with members from across the country we planted 420 saplings and prepared 90 aid boxes.

**5/4/25** saw the naming of the main road at Tarasivka – from the gates to the Hospoda – Prospect Topoli – as voted for by tabory 2024.

**8/6/25 Tarasivka hosted Sviato Heroiv.** CYM GB as in previous years, together with representatives from other organisations and dignitaries from the Derby area laid wreaths for fallen heroes. Many thanks to Julie and Evhen Maksymuk for all their hard work in preparing Mohyla and Tarasivka for the event. Thank you also to UIS for their kind donation towards the purchase of gardening equipment to help us maintain the memorial garden.

**Regional Zdvyyh – South – 21/6/25 – in Coventry.****Regional Zdvyyh – North – 21/6/25 – in Manchester.**

Not all oseredky took part in these events and this is an issue to be addressed in the next kadensia as it needs to be understood that zdvyhy are CYM events to celebrate and commemorate anniversaries in our history and to reaffirm our commitment to God and Ukraine and not just about the concert and competition.

**Krayoviy Zdvyyh – 100yrs Festival – 4-5/7/25**

KZ is written about separately and I only want to stress the amount of work from all members of the uprava and, oseredky on the day, that went into organising such an event. Every part of the day was about our history, our present and our future. Record numbers attended and the overall success exceeded our expectations.

**CYM GB History Exhibition**

This exhibition, which was opened during KZ deserves a special mention. We owe a debt of gratitude to the curators (Lida Deremenda, Anna Karpynek, Larysa Lachman, Myroslava Lachman, Hania Szlachetko and Vlodko Szlachetko) who worked tirelessly to search our archives and prepare an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia showing our history in GB.

KZ 2025 also allowed us to formally welcome with great pleasure the revival of oseredok Edinburgh who attended and took part in all the proceedings and festivities. Since May when their uprava was formed they have been included in all our work and meetings with oseredky. We look forward to seeing this oseredok develop. Interest has been shown from other towns and cities to develop CYM and we will follow these up in the next kadensia.

**Tabory 24/25****Tabir 2024 - 60 yrs of Tarasivka «We fight for freedom»**

82 yunatatvo, 65 druzhynnyky/seniors, 20 sumeniat with parents.

**Tabir 2025 - 100yrs CYM**

55 yunatstvo, 59 druzhynnyky/seniors, 21 sumeniat with parents (26). These figures are for the main week of tabory.

These figures show a decrease in overall numbers (except for sumeniata where demand remains high) for various reasons:  
- large group of starshe yunatstvo becoming druzhynnyky, no free or discounted places for refugee children.

**Safeguarding and DBS checks**

It is the policy of The Ukrainian Youth Association (UYA) to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm. We understand that individuals thrive in safe surroundings, so we are committed to ensuring that the UYA is safe and enjoyable for everyone involved and that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and requirements. To this end we will be introducing a new Safeguarding Policy and a Safety Policy. We will also continue to reinforce the need to have all adult volunteers DBS checked as we did this year for tabory. Thank you to Lydia Pszenychniak for enforcing and processing this.

**Work with Svitova Uprava**

Work has continued as in previous years with some additional duties undertaken by other members of KU:

- Support for humanitarian projects – donations to funds for Ukraine, Blahodiyniy Tabir, Warming Hearts.
- meetings every two months for members of SU

- Holova represents GB at the Orhanizatsiyna Referentura meetings
- Holova represents GB at the Stroyi Komisia
- Maksym Lewitsky represents KU on the 100yrs Referentura
- Joe Kupranec represents GB on the Awards Komisia
- Hania Szliachetko represents GB on the Svitova Vyhovna Rada
- 2 online meetings for KU GB with Justin Senko re:100yrs planning
- Holova is Holova Tovaryskiy Sud for SU
- Joe Kupranec is a deputy member of Kontrolna Komisia for SU
- Andrej Kaminskyj – finance lead works with finance lead for SU.

In addition, we have supported all the initiatives relating to 100yrs – purchase of pin badges, purchase of new cym booklet, and contributed to the publication of a CYM 100 book (many thanks to Lida Deremenda, Maria Finiw and Irka Dobrowolska for searching our archives, preparing the materials requested and collaborating with Svyat Lypovetskiy on this project). The book is due by the end of the year.

Furthermore, we have supported and promoted the 100yrs 100 deeds to Victory project, and submitted nominations for special awards. At the request of a SU member in Ukraine we also had a red and black flag made for a soldier and sumivets being trained in GB and delivered it to him.

I am especially proud of our contribution and participation in the IX Світовий Злет і Світовий Здви́г 2-11 Серпня 2025 в Мюнхені і на Франкополі. 10 members attended the full 9 days and 90 members attended the final weekend in Francopole, making this historic event a truly memorable occasion – an occasion which included performances from Topolya, Cov Kozaks at the zabava and performances from Hoverla and Podilya dance groups at the concert, and, komanda roles for Maksym Levitsky and Joe Kupranec throughout the whole time. I should also mention that our new kapelyan, o. Taras Dovbeniuk together with the global kapelyan, Vladyka Sus attended and served a special mass. I was also able to pass on a CYM GB flag to CYM Ukraine for the final part of Zlet which took place from 14 th – 17 th August in Kyiv, and a gift of messages and 100 acorns for cym ternopil from yunatsvo in baraky prepared during tabory and lead by Hania Szlachetko and Anna Monyard. It needs to be recognised that Maksym Levitsky worked tirelessly on the 100yrs referentura and was an excellent ambassador for CYM GB.

### Invitations/External Meetings

Ukraine Solidarity Reception at Downing St – 24 th February 2025

Holodomor Exhibition at the Palace of Westminster, House of Commons – 22nd April

Prolisok Concert – Stockport Plaza Theatre – 16 th March

Invitation to attend the blessing and consecration of a stained-glass window at St James' Church in Paddington as part of VE Day commemorations – 8 th May (During the Second World War the parish was host to many Ukrainian Canadian service personnel - window was installed in their memory).

These are just a few - links with external organisations, invitations to attend events e.g. receptions at the Embassy, are detailed in the zvit by Alex Kosmirak – deputy head of KY.

Additional activity – holova attended zbory in Stockport and in Rochdale, 6 Tabir meetings, 4 Finance Group meetings and all planning meetings for KZ.

This was the overall activity of KU. Activity was positive, varied and great in volume – probably more so than in previous years. There is every indication that this level of activity will continue into the next kadensia as we continue to revive or develop new oseredky, support existing oseredky to better engage with yunatstvo and druzhynnyky to raise the standard of cym

knowledge, improve our overall communication strategies, work with svitova uprava and other tereny to encourage more international activities, (on and offline) especially now that some have experienced a global event for the first time, maintain our oselia, and promote the use of our native language.

From me personally I would like to thank every member of KU for their work and all their support. I would also like to thank the members of the kerivni orhany, upravas in the oseredky for all their work and their support of the work of KU, and all sumivtsi, partner organisations and individuals, who have supported our work throughout this kadensia.

Finally, a very big personal thank you for the caring support and understanding shown to me and my family during very difficult times.

Honour to Ukraine – Ready to Defend!

Anna Fedeczko

Holova CYM GB

September 2025

## COMMENTARY ON THE FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

### **Financial Report for Krayova Uprava**

Income for the financial year came to a total of £106,422 which is down from the £124,782 received in the previous year. Expenditure came to a total of £108,461 resulting in a deficit of £2,039.

Income from functions and Tabory represents 88% of all income, bringing in £57,729 and £36,512 respectively.

Oseredky have continued to support various causes by raising funds through their local activities, and we would like to thank the following:

- Ashton - £176 Teplom,
- Bradford £300 Teplom,
- London £100 Teplom and £100 Socks Appeal,
- Stockport £200 Socks Appeal,
- Waltham Cross £150 Teplom

Our thanks also extend to Manchester Ukrainian School, who donated £500 towards Teplom.

Whilst no major project works were completed at Tarasivka, Smiler (Petro Wintoniuk) continued his hard work in the daily care and upkeep of Tarasivka. This is supported by members who, year after year, take part in the working weekends – with more members joining in recent times. They all deserve a special thank you.

The amount spent in 2024 on maintenance and repairs came to a total of £27,687 and is represented by the following key areas:

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| - Gas Safety and Repairs           | £2,968 |
| - Electrical Repairs and Materials | £2,017 |
| - Fire Safety Checks and Equipment | £899   |
| - Tools, Machinery & Plant Hire    | £4,863 |

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| - Diesel & Fuel                  | £1,973  |
| - Media and Digital Technologies | £3,140  |
| - Routine and other              | £11,827 |

The main expenditure in functions is from our Krayoviy Zdvyh, which totalled £9,401. This is broken down as follows:

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| - Safety & Security | £3,451 |
| - Entertainment     | £3,255 |
| - Catering          | £1,305 |
| - Marketing         | £539   |
| - General           | £851   |

### Hospoda

There was no trading between the 1st January through to the 5th May due to Hopsoda completing the change from having a Club Premise Certificate to a Premises License. This contributed to the decrease in sales by £9,662. Therefore, the total revenue in 2024 came to £69,028 however the gross profit from trading increased from 50.7% to 61.2%.

Hospoda continues to provide financial benefit to some of Tarasivka's overhead costs which includes site wastage and water supply. It also supports Krayovi Zdvyh, where it covers the whole cost of the marquee hire (£7,350).

Due to the inefficiency of Hospoda's heating system, a significant outlay was required to replace the heating and boiler system which came at a total cost of £21,375.

Hospoda ended the financial year with a deficit of £6,085

### Conclusion

Krayova Uprava would like to express its sincere appreciation and thank you to the organisations, the wider Ukrainian community, and its oseredky and their members for their continued financial support and their time and efforts given where possible.

Honour to Ukraine – Ready to Defend!

Andrej Kaminskyj

Treasurer

## HANIA SZLACHETKO

### Holovniy Vykhovnyk KY

This report covers the activities of Vykhovna Rada GB during the term of office from April 2023 to September 2025. Educational work continued the traditions of the previous term. At the first meeting of Krayova Uprava, pod. Hania Szlachetko was appointed Holovniy Vykhovnyk. Following this she then formed Vykhovna Rada, inviting both members and non-members of Krayova Uprava to join. These included: Anna Monyard, Iryna Pereginyak, Maksym Lewyckyj, Vlodko Pawluk, Roman Panas and Stepan Pasicznyk. During the term, Vykhovna Rada held four online meetings at which current educational matters were discussed and activity plans formed.

2023

Pod. Hania Szlachetko represented the Chair of Krayova Uprava, pod. Anna Fedeczko, and Krayova Uprava at the meeting of the World Executive of CYM, held in Lviv on 14–16 October 2023. Druh Volodymyr Szlachetko also attended as a guest.

## 2024

In January 2024, pod. Hania Szlachetko took part in discussions on re-establishing the Reading branch of CYM. On 21 December 2024, she took part in CYM's online webinar "New Opportunities for the Ukrainian Community and Youth in Your Country", organised by Oseredok CYM Khmelnytskyi.

## 2025

In March 2025, pod. Hania Szlachetko took part in discussions on re-establishing the Edinburgh CYM branch. On Sunday, 22 June 2025, she joined an online discussion titled "100 Years and the Beginnings of CYM!", held on Google Meet.

In addition, Podruha Hania Szlachetko prepared CYM-themed souvenirs for sale at Krayovyi Zdvyh, along with explanatory materials to go with them. For the Zdvyh guests, she made up gift packs with thank-you postcards.

Educational work was again divided into four primary areas: Vykhovanya, Tabori, Ispyty and Obizhnyky. Additional areas of activity were based on special anniversaries or requests from the Chair of Krayova Uprava.

### Vykhovanya

It is becoming increasingly difficult each year to find Vykhovnyky who are willing and able to lead regular sessions with yunatstvo. The work is demanding but its importance is recognised and highly valued. A Vykhovnyk not only works with yunatstvo but must also constantly develop personally to be effective in their role. This growth is most rewarding when we see young people learning, understanding and developing through this process.

Sadly, due to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the resulting war, the central priority of our Oseredky has rightly been to support Ukraine in several ways, leaving limited scope for educational work and ispyty. We commend those branches which have continued their educational activities.

To improve communication, a WhatsApp group was created for Oseredky Holovy and Vykhovnyky. We hope members found this useful and will continue using it.

A "Vykhovni Resources" folder on Google Drive, created at Oseredkys' request, was maintained with access for all. During the term, materials on themes, events and key CYM dates were added. A separate folder on CYMoznavstva (including CYM rules (zakon)) has not yet been completed but we hope this will be achieved in future. Oseredky and Vykhovnyky are encouraged to share and add their own resources.

The official Facebook page for Vykhovnyky in the UK, "Vykhovnyky GB" continues to publish useful educational material. It has been well received internationally and nationally, and we encourage everyone on Facebook to visit and like the page.

Unfortunately, we were unable to launch a dedicated Vykhovnyk page on our website due to other priorities and unforeseen challenges, though we hope Krayova Uprava will revisit this in the next term.

At Oseredkys' request, the Vykhovna Rada provided information on discussions and Zdvyh, and responded to requests for educational materials. Examples include:

- Nativity play resources (Dec 2023)
- Unity Day information request from Manchester (Jan 2025)
- A request from Rochdale branch for a list of CYMivtsi fallen in defence of Ukraine since 2014 (May 2024)
- Discussion material for Unity Day and Kruty prepared by pod. Iryna Pereginyak, and druh Vlodko Pawluk (Jan 2024)

- Educational resources from pod. Iryna Pereginyak (Shevchenko colouring book scans, Feb 2025; PowerPoint on Kosiv ceramics, Aug 2023)
- Request received from Manchester for patriotic poetry for CYMeniata and yunatstvo (May 2025)
- Resources for marking CYM's 100th anniversary requested by Coventry branch (July 2025)
- Received educational handbooks and workbooks for all three exam levels of molodshe yunatstvo from druh Roman Panas
- Guidance for the re-established Oseredok CYM Edinburgh by pod. Hania Szlachetko

## Tabory

Each year, as part of the Vykhovna Prohrama for Tabory, pod. Hania Szlachetko worked closely with the Taborova Komisiya.

### 2023

The educational-recreational tabir took place under the name "In Honour of the 75th Anniversary of CYM in Great Britain."

Pod. Hania Szlachetko, together with pod. Anna Monyard, prepared discussions, and lessons for starshi yunatstvo on the 75th anniversary of CYM in Great Britain, with particular focus on CYM's history in the UK, its core values and principles, the rules (zakon) for starshi yunatstvo, and the commemoration of CYM Heroes who gave their lives fighting for Ukraine.

Pod. Anna Monyard organised the visit of David with his well-known "UA Flag Tesla" car to tabir.

### 2024

The educational-recreational tabir took place under the name "In Honour of Fighting for Freedom."

The commemoration of heroes was dedicated to the memory of the "Sports Angels" – athletes who were killed in the war and will no longer be able to take part in the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. On this occasion, pod. Hania Szlachetko and pod. Anna Monyard worked only with starshe yunatstvo.

Pod. Hania Szlachetko organised a screening of the film "The Way of Generations" while pod. Anna Monyard invited BBC journalist Vitaliy Shevchenko to the camp, where he led discussions with yunatstvo.

### 2025

The educational-recreational tabir took place under the name "In Honour of CYM's 100th Anniversary."

Pod. Hania Szlachetko, together with pod. Anna Monyard prepared a programme and lessons on CYMoznavstva for molodshe yunatstvo in the barrack.

As part of the tabir programme, 100 cards entitled "100 Actions for Victory" were started and developed, along with a version adapted for the barracks. A "Honouring Heroes" programme was also created and delivered, with a special focus on the 100th anniversary of CYM.

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A programme for "Honouring our Heroes" was also developed and delivered, with a focus on CYM's 100th anniversary.

## Ispyty

Ispyty were only held in Oseredok Coventry on 15 December 2023, where two yunachky achieved the first level of molodshe yunatstvo, "Otrok."

## Obizhnyky

### 2023

KY CYM Obizhnyky prepared by Vykhovna Rada were on the following topics:

- Heroes' Day (No. 10/23)
- Remembrance Sunday - 12 November (No. 13/23)
- Warm Socks for Soldiers (No. 14/23)
- "Christmas with Ukraine" Campaign (No. 15/23)

### 2024

KY CYM Obizhnyky prepared by Vykhovna Rada were on the following topics:

- Motto and Anniversaries for 2024 (No. 1/24)
- Obituary of the late Volodymyr Karpynek and participation in the funeral of the late druh Volodymyr Karpynek (No. 12/24)
- Box of Goodness for Soldiers (No. 14/24)

### 2025

KY CYM Obizhnyky prepared by Vykhovna Rada were on the following topics:

- Nominations for the Youth Ambassador of CYM-100 (No. 6/25)

## 100 Years of CYM

Pod. Hania Szlachetko approached World CYM's General Chaplain, Bishop Stepan Sus, with a heartfelt request to compose a special prayer to mark the significant jubilee occasion – the 100th Anniversary of CYM. The prayer he prepared was solemnly read during the official part of the Krayoviy Zdvych by CYM GB Chaplain, Fr. Taras Dovbeniuk.

To mark the 100th anniversary, pod. Hania Szlachetko also prepared commemorative certificates for both Okruzhni Zdvychy and Krayoviy Zdvych and organised the programme for the official part of Krayoviy Zdvych.

She introduced the concept of "CYMbassadors" – a special, one-off honorary role presented for the first time at Krayoviy Zdvych. This title was awarded to outstanding members of starshi yunatstvo and druzhynnyky (aged 16–25), who represented CYM youth as the official face of the organisation during this historic celebration.

Pod. Hania Szlachetko also initiated the CYM Centenary Exhibition, dedicated to the organisation's activity in Great Britain, which took place in Velykyi Barak. She worked on the project as part of a team which included in particular, pod. Lida Deremenda, pod. Anna Karpynek, and pod. Larysa and Myroslava Lachman. We sincerely thank them for their dedicated work, which ensured the exhibition was of high quality, meaningful and engaging. Visitors praised its standard and left deeply impressed.

## Tree Planting

As part of the tree planting event on 30 November 2024, pod. Hania Szlachetko, together with pod. Anna Monyard prepared creative workshops on the theme of trees, which yunatstvo took part in after planting the saplings.

## World Executive of CYM and Svitova Vykhovna Rada

Pod. Hania Szlachetko prepared proposals for mottos and anniversaries for 2024 and 2025 from CYM ahead of the meetings and plenums of the CYM World Executive. These were sent to the Head of the Svitova Vykhovna Rada, pod. Nelya Lavrynenko.

In 2025, pod. Hania Szlachetko developed the initial draft of the Global CYM pysanka project - "Pysankoviy Svit".

As Holovniy Vykhovnyk, she is a member of Svitova Vykhovna Rada and participated in its online meetings, chaired by pod. Nelya Lavrynenko (CYM Ukraine).

### General

At the 43rd Krayoviy Z'yizd of CYM GB (22 April 2023), pod. Hania Szlachetko chaired Vykhovna Komisiya.

In addition to the meetings of the Taborova Komisiya, members of the Vykhovna Rada also took part in meetings of Krayova Uprava. Wherever possible, members actively supported and helped with events organised by Krayova Uprava at Tarasivka and at Okruchni Zdvhyhy.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the Chair and members of Krayova Uprava for their cooperation, and all those who, in any way, have supported educational work and Vykhovna Rada's activities!

Hania Szlachetko -Holovniy Vykhovnyk

Members of Vykhovna Rada:

Maksym Lewyckyj

Anna Monyard

Vlodko Pawluk

Roman Panas

Stepan Pasicznyk

Iryna Pereginyak

## ALEX KOSMIRAK

### Deputy Chair and External Affairs Officer of KY

During my second term on Крайова Управа I was entrusted with two new responsibilities: Deputy Chair of CYM GB and External Affairs Officer. These roles gave me the chance to support the internal work of CYM GB and to strengthen our profile and relationships externally.

### Deputy Chair

As Deputy Chair, my focus has been to support под. Анна Федечко and Крайова Управа, as well as to represent CYM GB at key engagements. I have represented our CYM GB at the Ukraine Recovery Conference Reception, the U.S. Embassy's "Evening of Solidarity with Ukraine", and the launch of the "Return the Children" campaign in the House of Lords. I also had the opportunity to meet with church and diplomatic leaders, including Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski and the newly

appointed Ambassador Valerii Zaluzhnyi, to demonstrate the work that CYM GB does, and how we can collaborate with other Ukrainian Organisations.

Internally, I have served as представник Крайової Управи at Окружні Здви́ги Південь (2023–2025), attended Осередкові Збори in Coventry, and visited СУМ London during сходи́ни – a valuable opportunity to speak directly with юна́цтво and виховники.

Alongside this, I supported под. Анна and my colleagues on Крайова Управа in their projects, including offering support and guidance for the 60 years of Tarasivka and 100 years of CYM projects, sat on the Крайова Управа Finance Committee, chaired one of our Крайова Управа meetings, and helped prepare the діловий звіт for Пленум 2024, where I also served as Пресідник. I was closely involved in planning for Крайовий З'їзд 2025 and worked on the organising subcommittee for the last two Крайові Здви́ги, acting as Голова Жупи in 2023 and Командант in both 2024 and 2025. My favourite highlight for me was seeing the enormous collective effort behind Крайовий Здви́г 2025 come together so successfully and be received so positively.

### External Affairs Officer

When I took on the role of External Affairs Officer, I had 2 main priorities. The first was to build relationships with Ukrainian Organisations, non-Ukrainian Organisations and local governments. The second was to raise the profile of CYM externally, highlighting our successes and showcasing the role that we play in the Ukrainian community

One key moment was attending the Ukrainian Institute's Christmas Community Gathering, which allowed CYM to network with newly formed organisations as well as long-standing partners. From this, we developed a strong working relationship with the Ukrainian Embassy, which has now enabled CYM to receive information directly from the Foreign Ministry and the Embassy on events, resources, and partnerships that can benefit our members. For example, I have been able to share materials about Navatorfilm with Виховна Рада and Таборова Комісія for use in Осередки and at табори, and sharing information with Осередки about exhibitions such as ArtArmor at Canada House. These links have ensured CYM GB has a clear voice and presence in the wider Ukrainian community and externally, and I am especially grateful to Inna Yehorova for her continued support of our work. In the upcoming week, Inna has invited CYM GB to present about CYM's activities and work at the first forum of Ukrainian Community Leaders in GB to allow new organisations to find out more about historical organisations.

The meeting with Bishop Kenneth also allowed us to discuss important issues facing our community in Britain: the growth in numbers since February 2022, the need for strong safeguarding, ways to engage youth through our СУМівський гасло, and the importance of appointing a new Капелян from the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Together with members of Крайова Управа, we worked closely with the Ukrainian Information Service to deliver Зелені Свята, supporting with hospitality, logistics and technical arrangements on the day. This national remembrance event could not happen without the commitment of our СУМівці, and I want to thank all those who gave their time to make it a success.

We also have newly developed ties with St Mary's Ukrainian School Trust, which presents opportunities to expand CYM to new families who live outside existing Осередки.

Over the past year, through our vast network of contacts, we have now become acquainted with several bloggers, event organisers and Ukrainian media outlets in the UK who have supported the promotion of CYM and Крайовий Здви́г 2025. These activities have collectively raised our visibility and ensured CYM GB is seen as a trusted and active partner in the life of the Ukrainian Community in GB.

These relationships are important to strengthen CYM's position as a respected organisation within both the Ukrainian community and wider British society. They enable collaboration with key partners, provide access to resources and

information, and ensure that СУМ's voice is represented in relevant cultural, educational, and civic initiatives. This work also supports the growth of our membership, and provide meaningful opportunities for our СУМівці.

Advocacy has been another important element of this role. I coordinated СУМ GB's Support Ukraine акції for the anniversaries of the full-scale invasion (2024 and 2025), ensuring we wrote to the Prime Minister, local MPs and the Ukrainian Embassy, provided template letters for Осередки, a worked with our Головна Виховниця to prepare engaging and meaningful activities for Осередки and СУМівці.

Another part of my work has been drafting a wide range of correspondence on behalf of СУМ GB, including greetings to HM King Charles III on his coronation, congratulations to Prolisok Dance Ensemble on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, letters of thanks to outgoing MPs who have been key supporters of Ukraine, welcome messages to Ambassador Zaluzhnyi, and накази for Окружні and Крайові Здви́ги.

At the same time, I supported СУМ's participation in national Ukrainian community responses (with support from друг Максим Левицький & Управа СУМ London), including rallies in London and joint letters to President Zelensky regarding legislation affecting Ukraine's anti-corruption institutions, as well as cultural campaigns lobbying the Royal Opera House over Anna Netrebko's planned performances.

Finally, together and with thanks to друг Андрій Камінський, we introduced new digital materials for Крайова Управа – including updated templates, letterheads, email signatures, and virtual meeting backgrounds – all branded with СУМ100. This has given our official communication a more professional and consistent identity. The project has already been adopted by some members of Управа, and the aim is for wider implementation and eventual roll-out to Осередки in the coming СУМ season.

## Conclusion

The past two years have been rewarding and productive. Serving as Deputy Chair and External Affairs Officer has allowed me to contribute both strategically and practically to the life of СУМ GB, while also engaging directly with our members, partners and communities. I am proud of the progress made in strengthening our voice, building partnerships, and raising our profile – especially in this centenary year.

I would like to thank our Голова, Под. Анна Федечко, for her leadership and guidance, my colleagues on Крайова Управа for their hard work and collaboration, and our Осередки for their tireless commitment. I am grateful to our partners across the Ukrainian community for their support and friendship. Above all, I thank our СУМівці in the UK, whose voluntary effort, energy, and spirit give meaning to everything we do and help us continually raise our profile.

Honour to Ukraine – Ready to Defend!

Alex Kosmirak

## PETRO WINTONIUK

### Hospodar Tarasivki

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My role as Hospodar here at Tarasivka is both a privilege and a challenge. I have had the honour of serving in this position for many years. During this time, a lot has remained the same but the scope of what we need to do here has also changed significantly.

When I first started, the role was more straightforward and I was much younger. Over the years, the demands of the job have grown substantially. We're no longer just maintaining the site; we're actively developing and improving it to meet new standards and regulations. And that's no small feat.

Sadly, I and our community lost two dear friends recently, Vlodko Karpnyec and Roman Pawlowycz. Both men, dearly missed, were my close friends, and integral to supporting me in my role as Hospodar. Vlodko was always there to guide me and offer advice, while Roman was a truly great confidante to support me when times were tough. I have deeply felt their passing; but we continue, carrying their wisdom with us as we move forward. Вічна Пам'ять.

### **Volunteer Efforts and Maintenance:**

We're lucky to have a strong group of volunteers. I have spent my years as Hospodar growing these relationships, and helping our young people thrive, gain confidence and flourish so that they can now do the same for the upcoming generation.

Recruiting and retaining people is one of the most important elements of my role but can be one of the most challenging. Our volunteers give up their time throughout the year, and their help is indispensable. But as time goes on, more people are working in offices and have less technical expertise to do the physical, hands on, work. This is something we need to address as we plan for the future.

Additionally, we're always looking for ways to improve and maintain our tools and equipment to ensure everything is in working order. This is no small task, and again, it relies heavily on volunteer support and financial investment. Without this equipment Tarasivka cannot operate effectively.

### **Regulations and Compliance:**

Another big shift I've been dealing with has been the increase in regulations and the need to stay compliant. When I first started in this role, it was relatively easy to manage the space. But now, we must adhere to a variety of rules and guidelines.

- **Fire Safety Assessments and Regulations:** These are critical to ensure we're keeping everyone safe during the larger events, especially when the pub is full or when we have big gatherings.
- **Environmental Health:** Food hygiene and COSHH standards and regulations require constant attention and ongoing improvement to ensure the safety of our members.
- **Premises Licence:** Since 2024, we've had to adjust to the new premises licence, which brings more legal compliance in selling alcohol and operating at later hours

Unfortunately, compliance comes with a cost; both in terms of money and time. It's a balancing act, trying to prioritise what needs to be done while managing the limited budget we have. The income we generate from events is absolutely necessary to maintain operations, but the administrative work has also increased significantly, especially with the growing number of bookings.

### **Security and Safeguarding the Estate:**

We've also had to pay more attention to the security of the estate. With increased bookings and visitors, it's important that we safeguard the property, both for the sake of the community and the future generations who will inherit this place.

### **My role in KY outside of Tarasivka**

- I went to Francopole for Svitoviy Zdvyh 8th - 11th August
- I was the KY rep at Zbory in London 26th April, and Coventry 29th March.

### **Looking to the Future:**

First and foremost, we need to continue to develop and improve Tarasivka so that our members can continue to enjoy it and is fit for future generations.

I also have some priority projects on the horizon, such as the bed and mattress storage and external render surface coating on many of our buildings. We'll need to prioritise our spending carefully to ensure we get the most out of every penny.

In closing, my role as Hospodar may have evolved over the years, but the heart of what we do here hasn't changed. We are here to serve and protect this wonderful community for future generations.

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## MAKSYM LEWYJCKY

### Dryzhynyky 18-30 Coordinator and 100 Years of CYM Representative for KY GB

Since joining Krayova Uprava in April 2023, I have gained a deep understanding of how the national side of our organisation works.

My initial role on Krayova Uprava was Coordinator Dryzhynyky 18–30. However, in June 2023, I was invited to join the Svitova Uprava committee planning the global celebrations for the 100th anniversary of CYM in 2025. This quickly grew into a much larger responsibility, and I soon became “Coordinator 100 Years of CYM” on Krayova Uprava GB — responsible for planning Крайові activities and encouraging Oseredky events to mark CYM's centenary in the UK. I also played a significant role in planning the 60 Years of Tarasivka projects, leading the time capsule initiative and the naming of the main road.

I firmly believe that we have succeeded in celebrating 100 years of CYM in a way that honoured our past and inspired our future. One hundred years is more than just a number. It is a story of our origins and founders. It is a reminder of our duty today – to support Ukraine, to stand united as a CYMivska family, and to celebrate the achievements of past generations. Here in GB, we rose to the challenge with the most ambitious programme in our history.

While this was my primary area of responsibility, these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, time, and effort of my colleagues on Krayova Uprava and the hundreds of CYM members across the country. This has truly been a team effort, and together we have shown the very best of what we can achieve.

Alongside my main duties, I have also represented CYM GB at numerous events, including:

- Predstavnyk Krayova Uprava at Oserdokovy Zboru:
  - o London 2024;
  - o Wolverhampton 2024;
  - o Wolverhampton 2025
- 75 Years of Oseredok Coventry
- 75 Years of Oseredok Waltham Cross
- Predstavnyk CYM GB at IX Svitoviy Zlet
- Predstavnyk CYM GB at Sports Tabir 2024 & Sports Tabir 2025
- Stand with Ukraine meeting at 10 Downing Street
- Meeting with Lord Khan, Minister for Refugees
- Meeting with Pavlo Grod, President of the UWC

In conclusion, I believe this kadentsia has been extremely successful — both in my own areas of responsibility and for Krayova Uprava as a whole. I would like to thank everyone in Krayova Uprava and Oseredok London for supporting me in this last kadentsia. I look forward to the future with excitement and am eager to continue working alongside this incredible team.

Honour to Ukraine – Ready to Defend!

Maksym Lewyckyj

## LYDIA PSZENYCZNAK

### Deputy Chair of Taborova Komisiya and KY Safeguarding Officer

#### Safeguarding and DBS Checks

We have reviewed the safeguarding policy for CYM in GB and updated it to make it more relevant and in-line with current safeguarding guidance. This update represents KY's commitment to protecting our members and ensuring that we have robust safeguarding procedures in place to cover all of our activities.

In line with our updated safeguarding policy, I organised DBS checks for all over 18s attending Tabory in 2025. I organised and carried out 136 DBS checks in 2025 using the umbrella company Horus on behalf of CYMGB.

I have started working with Oseredky so that they can organise DBS checks for their 18+ members, for their activities.

#### Taborova Komissia

Over the past 2 years I have led on initiatives as part of my role in Taborova Komissia, these include:

- Working with Druh. Joe Kupranec to plan trips and excursions
- Putting together a strong Komanda to cover all weeks of Tabory
- Working with Pod. Hania S, Pod. Anna Monyard, and Pod. Anna Fedeczko to ensure that CYM's richnytsi are covered in lessons and throughout the whole of Tabory
- Supporting Druh. Andrij Kaminskij with camp forms and number of attendees
- Meeting with parents who have children attending Tabory to answer their questions and help with any queries or issues

Following feedback from Tabory in 2024, Pod. Natalya Stone, Pod. Roma Hnylycia and I held our first meeting with CYMenyata parents online in July 2025. This meeting was to go through what to expect, what to bring, answer their questions, as well as to find out their skills with a view to help out in lessons and other areas of Tabory. This was very successful, and we hope to do this again in 2026.

I want to thank all the members of Taborova Komissia for all their hard work and determination over the past 2 years. Their contribution is invaluable and ensures that Tabory runs smoothly and our CYMivtsi have the best experience!

#### Tabory

Tabory remain a vital part of the CYMGB calendar, and something which our CYMivtsi look forward to every year.

2024 marked 60 years of Tarasivka - to celebrate this we held special lessons about Tarasivka and its history with our Yunatsvo and CYMenyata. As it was an Olympic year, for Remembering our Heroes, starshi yunatstvo paid tribute to all the fallen athletes who have passed in the war.

We also warmly welcomed Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski to Tabory to meet our CYMivtsi and do a Q&A with them.

In 2025 we celebrate 100 Years of CYM! This momentous occasion has been marked with lots of activities during Tabory:

During Sports Camp, the Yunatsvo set themselves a challenge to complete 100 activities over the week. They made a note each day of their completed activities on posters, and at the end of the week were proud to have achieved over 100! The posters were displayed in the Hall for the rest of Tabory, so everyone could see their achievement!

2025 also saw the first Sports Camp awards ceremony, held at the end of the week. Yunatsvo were awarded trophies and certificates for their sporting and team building achievements over the week.

A great week was had by all!



During Educational-Recreational Summer camp the celebrations continued with lessons and activities about CYM's history, Ukrainian traditions like songs, dances and crafts, and Varenyky making! To celebrate all together, the whole of Tabir went on an exciting excursion to Drayton Manor Park, where they enjoyed the rides and activities!



Tabir CYMenyat had a special 100 Year celebration day, where they baked cupcakes, decorated tote bags and badges, and made a special montage of handprints which they proudly walked to Kaplytsia with for everyone to see!

Pod. Hania S organised a remembrance for fallen CYM heroes and fallen Ukrainian soldiers that took place at Mohyla with Yunatsvo and Vykhovnyky. This was a sombre and moving occasion, and a minute's silence was held in their memories.



I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped at Tabory over the past 2 years. Without the dedication of everyone working together, we would not be able to achieve this. A special thank you to Pod. Anna Kuszta who each year leads the kitchen with her trusted team, and plans meals carefully ensuring that we eat hearty and healthy meals throughout Tabory.



## ANDRIY TERLECKY

### Fundraising, Grants & Social Media Strategy

#### Fundraising & Grants

Over the past two years, I've focused on identifying the evolving needs of CYMGB, our osередky, and Tarasivka—while exploring funding opportunities that align with our mission and values. My goal has been to secure meaningful support for initiatives that strengthen our community and ensure long-term sustainability.

#### Neighbourly & Aldi Spring Fund (2024)

In 2024, I launched CYMGB's presence on the Neighbourly platform and successfully secured a grant through the Aldi Spring Fund. The grant was aimed at supporting those impacted by economic hardship. Collaborating with Podryha Lydia Pszenyczniak and Podryha Anna Fedeczko, we used the funds to provide essential supplies for children attending tabory—items such as crockery, cutlery, bedding, towels, and hygiene products that are often overlooked. Our transparent reporting to Neighbourly demonstrated the tangible impact of the grant on our members' wellbeing.

#### Woodland Trust Tree Grant (Tarasivka 60th Anniversary, August 2024)

To mark Tarasivka's 60th anniversary, I secured a grant from The Woodland Trust for 420 'working wood' trees—offered free for community projects. In partnership with Krayova Uprava, we hosted a vibrant tree planting day at Tarasivka, where over 100 CYM members came together to plant trees, share borsch, and pack over 120 boxes of humanitarian aid for Ukraine. The event beautifully blended environmental stewardship with cultural celebration and community action.

#### Additional Grant Support

- Supported oseredok Ashton in exploring Neighbourly for local initiatives
- Encouraged oseredky to engage with accessible schemes like Asda Green Token and Tesco Blue Token programs

These efforts reflect a growing culture of resourcefulness and collaboration across CYMGB.

### Social Media Growth & Engagement

CYMGB's digital presence has grown significantly over the last two years, with consistent storytelling across Facebook, Instagram, and our website blog. This visibility not only celebrates our heritage and activities—it also strengthens our case when applying for grants by showcasing real community impact.

Working closely with Podryha Hania Szlachetko, we've amplified our historical richytsi, shared stories from our oseredky, and brought our values to life online.

#### Facebook (24.08.23–25.08.25)

- 157,000 охоплених користувачів
- 9,900 прямих взаємодій (вподобання, поширення, коментарі)
- 205 годин перегляду відео

#### Top Posts:

- Oseredok London at 10 Downing Street (26,000 views)
- Anton Chymera's fundraising bike ride (16,000 views)
- Tabir CYMenyat 2024 video (28 hours watched)

#### Audience:

- *Locations:* Велика Британія (58.7%); Україна (11.3%); США (10.6%); Канада (7.2%); Австралія (1.5%)
- *Gender:* Women (64.5%), Men (35.5%)

#### Instagram Highlights (24.08.23-25.08.25)

- 12,000 users reached
- 2,200 direct interactions

#### Top Posts:

- Krayoviy Zdvyh 2025 videos (10,000 views)
- Sports Camp 2025 (2,500 views)
- Tabory 2025 booking reminder (2,200 views)

#### Audience Insight:

- *Locations:* UK (63.6%), Ukraine (18.2%), USA (5.7%), Canada (3.9%), Germany (1.7%)
- *Gender:* Women (65.8%), Men (34.2%)

### Looking Ahead

Our growing digital footprint is more than just numbers—it's a bridge to the wider Ukrainian diaspora and a tool for engaging newer communities. It helps us tell our story, celebrate our culture, and build momentum for the future of CYMGB.

# CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF TARASIVKA

## Druh Maksym Lewyckyj

In 2024, we marked a remarkable milestone: 60 years since the purchase of our beloved Tarasivka. Druh Andriy Terlecky and Druh Maksym Lewyckyj were responsible for shaping how we would honour this momentous occasion. Over the course of the year, four special projects were launched, each reflecting our deep connection to this place we call home.

### Project 1: Naming the Main Road

To commemorate the 60th anniversary, we chose to name the main road that stretches from the entrance gates to Hospoda. The road, which is central to Tarasivka, would become a symbol of our shared history and the vibrant future ahead. A list of six potential names was narrowed down by the members of Tabory 2024, from Kommandant to Sumenyata, who voted for their favourite. The final contenders were Topolya Avenue and CYMivski Way. These two names then faced a decisive vote at Plenum 2024, where Topolya Avenue emerged victorious.

The road signs were designed and manufactured by KY and installed in April 2025. This new name will stand as a lasting tribute to the generations of families who have lived, worked, and grown here. The aim is that this will reinvigorate the naming and signposting of landmarks at Tarasivka, for example Zalya Khortytsia.

### Project 2: Time Capsule

In honour of our 60 years, we created a time capsule to preserve a piece of Tarasivka for future generations. During Tabory members of Yunatstvo contributed arts, crafts, letters, and drawings to be sealed inside. A special focus was placed on preserving our digital memories, with photos collected through a form set up by KY. These photos were gathered, saved on a USB stick, and added to the capsule.

At Plenum 2024, each Oseredok brought memories to add to the time capsule. Together, we sealed these treasured items inside plastic bags and buried the capsule behind Kaplystia. A commemorative sign marks the spot, so that in 20, 50, or even 100 years, we can unearth it and reflect on the stories, dreams, and memories that have shaped Tarasivka.

### Project 3: Tree Planting

On Saturday 30th November, KY CYM invited our CYMivtsi to Tarasivka to take part in an incredible project to commemorate 60 years of Tarasivka and to begin our celebrations for 100 years of CYM, which take place in 2025.

With a grant secured through The Woodland Trust, 420 saplings across 6 varied species: wild cherry, common oak, silver birch, field maple, grey willow, and rowan, arrived at Tarasivka. The tree planting project aimed to create new coppices across Tarasivka and preserve our oselia for CYMivtsi in the future. Over 100 CYMivtsi of different age groups joined us for the event!

The day began with the ceremonial planting of tree saplings. Thereafter, pod. Anna Fedeczko warmly welcomed all our CYMivtsi and visitors and invited them to plant their trees. We want to thank all our CYMivtsi and visitors for embracing the project, donating goods to send to Ukraine, and making the event so successful!

We hope to repeat this project again in the future, and create even more new coppices at Tarasivka, helping to preserve our 'little piece of Ukraine in the heart of England'!

### Project 4: Sharing the History of Tarasivka

Tabory 2024 was not just a celebration, but a heartfelt journey through the rich history of Tarasivka. We were fortunate to have Pod. Lida Deremenda – whose vast knowledge and personal connection to our home – guide us through the story of

our Oselia's founding. She shared photographs, anecdotes, and insights into what Tarasivka was like in its early days, breathing life into the history that binds us all.

The road naming and time capsule projects were woven into the Tabory program, providing a deeper understanding of our collective past, and a sense of pride in what we've built together.

### A Grand Celebration

The culmination of these efforts was a special celebration held during Plenum in September 2024, where we commemorated 60 years of Tarasivka with both joy and reflection. We buried the time capsule, made the final decision on the road's name, and celebrated with special merchandise—stationery, badges, and cupcakes designed just for the occasion.

The evening culminated in a heartfelt gathering at Hospoda, where we raised our glasses to 60 years of memories, challenges, and triumphs, and to the continued strength of our home, Tarasivka.

As we celebrate this significant anniversary, we are reminded that Tarasivka is more than just a place—it's the heart of our community, a home that has stood the test of time and continues to shape our future.

Here's to the next 60 years, and beyond.

## CYM 100 YEARS

### Druh Maksym Lewyckyj

In 2025, the Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM) marked its centenary – the biggest milestone in our organisation's history. One hundred years means more than simply acknowledging an anniversary. It is about remembering our past, honouring our founders, and reflecting on our origins. It is about being active in the present – supporting Ukraine in its time of need, uniting with our CYMivska family, and celebrating our shared achievements. And it is about looking to the future – preparing for the next century and imagining the CYM of tomorrow.

To match the scale of this occasion, a year-long programme was developed. Druh Maksym Lewyckyj coordinated the initiative, with Krayova Uprava overseeing its implementation. The UK's centenary celebrations became the most ambitious programme ever undertaken by CYM GB, with 20 separate projects of unprecedented scale.

Highlights included the record-breaking Krayoviy Zdvyh 2025, themed Tabory, and our active role in the IX Svitoviy Zlet in Munich and the Svitoviy Zdvyh in Francopole. Our members sang, danced, performed, volunteered, and led – showing the world the strength, talent, and spirit of CYM GB.

This centenary year has proven what we can achieve when we work together. We have made our founders proud, strengthened our community, and inspired the next generation.

### Remembering Our History

- **Lessons on CYM History:** Throughout 2024–25, lessons on CYM history were delivered to our Yunatstvo at both Oseredok level and Tabory, ensuring every CYMivets understands where we have come from.
- **CYM Exhibition:** Podruhy Anna Fedeczko, Hania Szlachetko, Anna Monyard, Larysa Lachman, Lida Deremenda and others curated an exhibition shown at Krayoviy Zdvyh and Tabory. Through photos, artefacts, and stories, it captured the essence of CYM past and present.

- **Digitalising our history:** Discussions began about preserving CYM GB's history by creating a central digital archive. This long-term project will safeguard our legacy for future generations.

### Building Awareness

- **100 Steps to Victory:** As part of CYM's global initiative, Oseredky and Individual CYM members across GB organised humanitarian projects to support Ukraine. Together we contributed towards the goal of 100 projects of support.
- **Regional Events:** Concerts, zabavas, and fundraisers were held nationwide, uniting CYMivtsi and strengthening our community spirit.
- **Social Media Presence:** A strengthened online presence helped showcase successes, spread awareness, and built excitement – reflected in record participation at national events.

### National Celebrations

- **Krayoviy Zdvych 2025:** The key theme for this year was to make Zdvych memorable, a unique experience for CYMivtsi from across the country to come together and mark the past, present and future of our organisation. The flagship celebration in GB drew the largest attendance in modern history. Every element of Zdvych honoured the centenary – from a special Offitsiyna Section and historical exhibition to multiple concert stages, four CYM bands, and a merchandise shop. It was a powerful expression of what CYM stands for and why we are proud to belong.
- **Tabory 2025:** Centenary themes were woven into summer programmes, including Sportoviy Tabir's challenge for children to complete 100 sporting activities. Exhibitions and merchandise added to the festive spirit.
- **Merchandise:** Under the leadership of Druh Andriy Terlecky and Krayova Uprava, a wide range of commemorative items – from shirts and mugs to pins and pamphlets – were designed and enthusiastically received.

### Svitova Uprava Celebrations

- **CYM Photobook:** CYM GB actively contributed material to the official Svitova Uprava centenary photobook.
- **IX Svitoviy Zlet:** Held in Munich, where CYM was reborn after WWII, the first Zlet in 15 years brought together CYMivtsi from around the world. Eleven members of CYM GB attended, with Druh Maksym Lewyckyj serving on the organising committee. Druh Joe Kupranets and Druh Maksym Hnatiw served on Komanda Zlet. The event rekindled international bonds and laid the foundation for more global gatherings.
- **Svitoviy Zdvych:** Svitoviy Zdvych (Or "Mega Zdvych" as it was named in GB) was held at the end of IX Svitoviy Zlet, at Oselia Francopole, the home of CYM Belgium. 80 members of CYM GB attended the event, and played key roles in showcasing CYM GB's talent and energy. Our bands Topolya and Cov Kozaks headlined, dance groups Hoverla and Podilya performed, and our members played vital roles in every aspect of the event. Druh Vlodko Szlachetko was awarded the Mykola Pavlushkov award at the gala concert. CYM GB's contribution was essential to its success, earning admiration from across the CYM world. All attendees were a credit to CYM GB, showing the rest of the world the quality, talent and spirit that we have in this country.

### Looking Ahead

The centenary celebrations are not yet complete. Further projects will run throughout the year, including recognising long-serving members, creating a permanent installation at Tarasivka, and organising a celebratory dinner with partner organisations and government representatives.

### Conclusions

CYM GB's 100 Years programme has been the most ambitious and complex project in our history. It demanded enormous commitment, and the results speak for themselves.

This year has been a defining chapter for CYM in the UK. We have honoured our past, celebrated our present, and prepared for the future. The momentum of 2025 will carry us forward into 2026 and beyond.

We can proudly say: we have done 100 years justice – and the next 100 begins now.

## KRAYOVIY ZDVYH 25

From Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July 2025, Tarasivka in Derbyshire came alive as over 2,600 CYMivtsi from across the UK and members of the wider Ukrainian community gathered for Krayoviy Zdvych 25, marking an incredible milestone — 100 years of CYM.

The weekend offered so much more than just performances. Families and friends camped under sunny skies, creating a true festival vibe and a chance to soak up every moment from dawn to dusk. The site buzzed with Ukrainian food vendors serving delicious favourites, a vibrant Ukrainian Bazaar selling crafts, clothing and treats, and the brand-new CYM History Exhibition, which transported visitors through decades of photos, uniforms, and memorabilia. People wandered through the exhibition marvelling at old tabir beds, vintage polo shirts and T-shirts, and the stories that connect generations of CYMivtsi.

The official opening ceremony was a moving highlight. Prayers were offered by chaplains from the Ukrainian churches in the UK, grounding the celebrations in faith and unity. The Mayor of Derby, His Right Worshipful Councillor Ajit Singh Atwal, spoke passionately about the importance of youth, unity, and continuing the work for Ukraine. Podruha Anna Fedeczko, Chair of CYM GB, shared heartfelt words reflecting on CYM's incredible journey over 100 years and inspired everyone to look forward to the future with hope and determination. In a particularly touching moment, oak seedlings were symbolically passed from past CYM GB chairs and honoured guests to the younger generation, a powerful gesture representing the continuation of CYM's mission into the next century.

As the weekend unfolded, Tarasivka pulsed with music, dance and vibrant energy. Performances from CYM Oseredky from across the country lit up the CYMivsky Stage, showcasing the incredible talent, passion, and cultural pride of our youth. From the lively dances of Podilya and Hoverla to the beautiful vocals of Fiyalka, each performance drew cheers and applause. It was truly a sight to behold — embroidered costumes swirling, music echoing across the fields, and faces beaming with pride.

For the first time ever, a second stage was introduced, bringing even more music and excitement. Community groups showcased the talent of Ukrainians in the UK, whilst bands like Topolya, Desna, Verkhovyna, Cov Kozaks and Shelest brought their unique sounds, while DJs Coniak, DJ NZ, Stefan Fedeczko and Ange kept crowds dancing late into the night. The atmosphere was electric — people singing along, dancing under the stars, and celebrating Ukrainian culture in all its forms.

This year also saw a beautiful milestone: Oseredok CYM Edinburgh returned to the Krayoviy Zdvych stage after 41 years, a moment that drew emotional applause and reminded everyone of the enduring spirit of CYM.

Throughout it all, the weather was glorious, with sunshine and blue skies adding to the joyful, festive atmosphere. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many attendees calling it one of the most memorable Zdvychs ever.

### Thank you...

An event like this is only possible thanks to an army of dedicated people. We want to say a huge thank you to:

- The National Executive Committee, whose planning made every detail come together
- The CYM Oseredky, for taking an active part in the day and in the planning of their performances

- Volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes — from decorating and preparing Tarasivka, preparing and running the History Exhibition, keeping the site clean, and managing arrivals and working the bar
- The technical teams and MCs who kept both stages running smoothly and full of energy
- All the incredible performers — from Oseredky groups and community acts to bands and DJs — who poured their hearts into every performance
- The Ukrainian Bazaar vendors, who brought colour, flavour, and tradition to the event
- Our VIP guests and dignitaries for joining us and sharing their inspiring words
- And of course, each and every participant and family who came to celebrate this milestone with us!

### Looking Ahead...

We're already excited for Krayoviy Zdvih 26, returning on the first weekend of July 2026. After such a historic centenary celebration, we're ready to step boldly into the next 100 years of CYM — together!