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Maria Artemenko is a public relations specialist and an expert on effective charity. Maria implemented over 45 social, educational and cultural projects within the leading PR agency Gres Todorchuk PR, founded the Charity Organization “Klub Dobrodiiv”. Since 2011, it helps orphans. More than a dozen educational programs were implemented, motivating children to learn and expand their perspectives and worldviews. In 2017, Maria organized a “Volunteer School”. Through the exchange of experience and knowledge, the school lays the foundations for effective work of non-profit organizations and their sustainable development. In 2018, she became the curator of the Giving Tuesday project in Ukraine. #GivingTuesday is a Ukrainian day of good affairs, which first took place on November 27, 2018. In 2018, Ukraine officially participated in the Global Charitable Movement #GivingTuesday.

Tamar Chapidze



Tamar is an Executive Director at Tbilisi-based Civil Development and Research Institute. Previously, she has worked as an Editor in Chief at bilingual newspaper “Observer Georgia”. She has over five years of experience in proposal writing, fundraising, consulting and coordinating EU-funded projects and programmes. She has also worked as European Project Manager and Consultant at international consulting company Formac in Krakow and Warsaw, Poland.

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Grigory worked for a variety of leading Russian nonprofits including The Civic Assistance Committee, Greenpeace Russia and Golos Association for Fair Elections, where he was responsible for development and external relations. He holds MPA degree from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. Grigory was awarded with both a Fulbright Scholarship and Muskie Scholarship.

Tamila Tasheva



Tamila Tasheva is a co-founder and coordinator of the “CrimeaSOS” public organization (<http://krymsos.com/en/about/krym-sos>). Tamila is a Crimean Tatar, whose family came back to Crimea in the early 90s. In 2007 she moved to Kyiv where she continued to promote interests of the Crimean Tatars as an officer of the Parliamentary Committee for education and science and as a producer for Crimean Tatar musicians in Kyiv. Ms Tasheva also has a great experience in public relation sphere and was a political and media consultant.

Inna Pidluska



Inna Pidluska is Deputy Executive Director at the International Renaissance Foundation (IRF), a national entity of the Open Society Foundations established by George Soros. She oversees programs and strategy development and assessment, and leads collaboration with other civil society donors. Prior to joining the IRF in 2011, Inna served as Executive Director of the Yalta European Strategy (YES, 2006-2011). She was a civil society activist since 1992 and co-founder of the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research and the Europe XXI Foundation, focusing on Ukraine’s democratic transition, governance, anti-corruption, and civic participation in policy processes. She was a member of the IRF’s Executive Board (2005-2010), the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy (2006-2012), and is currently a member of the Board of the Prague Civil Society Center. Inna also chaired the Board of the Ukrainian Philanthropists Forum. She was educated at the Kyiv State Linguistic University, the Institute of Journalism of the Kyiv National University, and held an Open Society Policy Fellowship and a Chevening scholarship in international relations at the Keele University (UK).

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