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PJSA's Resources for Teaching, Studying, & Engaging with the Russian-Ukrainian War



The goal is to collect resources from all of us so educators and activists interested in peace & justice can learn from one another. [More about this document here.](#)

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Teaching Resources

● Curated Teaching resources

- [Resources for teaching about the war from the *New York Times*](#)
- [Resources for teaching about the war from the National Education Association](#)
- [Resources for teaching about the war from ACTFL](#)
- [Resources for teaching about the war from the Illinois Civics Hub](#)
- [Resources for teaching about Ukraine: Journal of Yiddish Studies](#)

● Teach-ins, seminars either up-coming or recorded

- Upcoming
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- Recorded seminars/talks
 - Civil Resistance in Ukraine and the Region, Panelists include leading experts in civil resistance, hosted by Kroc Instit. for Intl. Peace Studies, March 22 recording [here](#).
 - [Understanding the War on Ukraine through Its Musical Culture](#), webinar with Maria SonevytskyMichael Klare: The Ukraine-Russia Conflict in the Era of "Great Power Competition"<https://youtu.be/9fRkQ2Z3fwY>
 - Phyllis Bennis: Today's Ukraine / Russia Conflict and the Path to a Ceasefire <https://youtu.be/s687AxOoma4>

● In relationship to nonviolence/alternatives to war

- [“Defect: Come Home Alive” Massive hack Russian government websites](#)

- [Respond to Putin's Illegal Invasion of Ukraine With Diplomacy, Not War](#) by [Phyllis Bennis](#) (Feb. 25, 2022).
- [Nonviolent Civil Defense to Counter Russian Hybrid Warfare \(2015\)](#) by Maciej Bartkowski who teaches graduate courses on strategic nonviolent conflict.
- **George Lakey**, [The dangerous assumption that violence keeps us safe.](#) (Feb 26 '22) Resources recommended by Lakey:
 - [Why Civil Resistance Works](#):
 - [Erica Chenoweth. Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs to Know.](#) New York: Oxford University Press, 2021.
 - Ukrainian woman offers seeds to Russian soldiers so ["sunflowers grow when they die" \(video\)](#)
- Stephen Zunes <https://progressive.org/latest/us-hypocrisy-on-ukraine-zunes-220301/>
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● Relationship to Climate change/Petroleum based extractive economy

- ["Toxic Nostalgia, From Putin to Trump to the Trucker Convoys](#) by [Naomi Klein](#) *The Intercept* (March 1, 2022).
- ['This is a Fossil Fuel War': Ukraine's Top Climate Scientists Speak Out](#) by Oliver Millman in *The Guardian*

● Connections to US foreign policy

- [The U.S. Hypocrisy on Ukraine](#) Stephen Zunes in *The Progressive* (March 1, 22)

● Nuclear dangers

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● Possible Off-ramps

- [World Court Orders](#) Russia to halt the invasion of Ukraine

● Intersectional insights

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Activist Resources

● Curated Activist resources

- [Resistance to War in Ukraine: Actions, News, Analyses, and Resources for Nonviolence](#) from Metta Center for Nonviolence
- [Pulling Away Putin's Pedestal: Opportunities and Challenges for Nonviolent Resistance](#) from the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict
- [\(anarchist\) Tool Kit for Solidarity with Ukraine](#): 18 mutual aid, grassroots, and/or solidarity efforts to donate to, and other ways to offer aid, plus musical and cultural organizing
- [International solidarity with draft and military resisters in and from Russia and Ukraine](#)
- [Russian government websites face 'unprecedented' wave of hacking attacks, ministry says](#)

Suggested Media/Social Media Resources

● Curated Media resources

- [A visual guide to understanding the Ukraine-Russia war](#) by *The Guardian*
- [Russia's war in Ukraine explained](#) by *Vox News*
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Suggested literature, art and films

- [Here are general films on peace and justice collected by PJSA](#)
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Verified Locations to Donate or to offer support

- Website for hosting Ukrainian refugees/ or those fleeing may find hosts
<https://www.ukrainetakeshelter.com/>

The Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund & Other Verified GoFundMe Campaigns

GoFundMe [has set up a hub](#) with links to all of the fundraiser campaigns the charity site has verified as being legitimate. Every fundraiser is reviewed to make sure that funds are delivered to the correct recipients. The list includes the [Ukrainian Humanitarian Fund](#), which is collecting, “Tax-deductible donations will be distributed to verified nonprofit organizations providing relief to those impacted.”

The International Rescue Committee

The [International Rescue Committee](#), a global humanitarian organization that has been in existence since the 1930s, set up a fund to help Ukraine. The IRC’s website says, “Families affected by the Ukraine crisis need your help. The IRC is on the ground in Poland and preparing to support displaced families. Your emergency gift will help us provide food, medical care and emergency supplies to refugee families in countries like Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Yemen. Please give what you can today.”

Voices of Children Ukraine

[Voices of Children Ukraine](#) has been providing help to children who have been affected by the Russian military’s actions in Ukraine since 2015. “Thanks to you, we provide psychological and psychosocial support to children. It helps them overcome the consequences of armed conflict and develop. Today, during the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine, we are providing non-stop assistance to affected children and families from all over the country, providing emergency psychological assistance, and assisting in the evacuation process,” the charity’s website says.

Army SOS Ukraine

[Army SOS Ukraine](#) is collecting money to support soldiers and civilians fighting in Ukraine against Russian forces, including through donations of medical supplies and tactical equipment, according to its website.

United Help Ukraine

[United Help Ukraine](#) is raising money for medical supplies, humanitarian aid, wounded warriors and to raise awareness.

Razom, a Grassroots Organization Providing Humanitarian Support in Ukraine

“[Razom’s Emergency Response](#) is the SOS button that is pressed in times of need. We created this project to provide urgent help and support in face of an extreme and unforeseen situation in Ukraine. Today, the sovereign nation of Ukraine has to deal with the most horrendous and catastrophic emergency – a brutal invasion. Razom is responding to this by providing critical medical supplies and amplifying the voices of Ukrainians,” the charity’s website says.

FARA Foundation: Providing Help to Refugees in Romania

The Fara Foundation has set up a fund to help Ukrainian refugees who are now in Romania, [according to its website](#).

Polish Humanitarian Action: Helping Those Who Have Been Displaced to Poland

[Polish Humanitarian Action is,](#) ” providing humanitarian aid including food and other forms of support to people who had to leave their homes. Our actions

include people affected by conflict both internally displaced as well as refugees coming to Poland.”

Keep Ukraine’s Media Going: A Fundraiser to Help Ukrainians Telling Their Story on the Ground in the Warzone

A [GoFundMe campaign](#) has been set up to help Ukrainian journalists who remain on the ground tell the story of what is happening in their country. “They have shown extraordinary courage, but the reality on the ground is that most operations cannot continue from Ukraine alone. This fundraiser is aimed at helping media relocate, set-up back offices and continue their operations from neighboring countries,” the campaign says.

Help Children With Cancer in Ukraine

This [Global Giving verified fund helps children](#) who are battling cancer amid the crisis in Ukraine. It supports the [Tabletochki Charity Foundation](#).

UNICEF

The long-running charity UNICEF has created a fund to help children in Ukraine. [The charity’s website says](#), “Children are the least responsible for armed conflict in Ukraine, but they suffer most from its consequences. Your 100% tax-deductible donation will help UNICEF ensure that Ukraine’s children have access to safe water, nutrition, health care, education and protection. Less than 3% of funds go to administrative costs.”

Project C.U.R.E.: Support Ukrainian Hospitals Directly

[Project C.U.R.E.](#) is providing financial support to hospitals in Ukraine. “Project C.U.R.E. meets global health challenges at the community level every day by delivering critical medical supplies to hospitals, rural clinics and community

health centers in need in developing countries. Your gift will give the most vulnerable patients, families and children around the world access to healthcare and access to hope,” the website says.

Support the Kyiv Independent News

The [Kyiv Independent has set up a fund](#) to help it continue its English-language newsgathering efforts on the ground in Ukraine’s capital city.

World Central Kitchen

Chef Jose Andres and the [World Central Kitchen](#) is providing food to refugees who fled from Ukraine.

The Global Empowerment Mission

The [Global Empowerment Mission has set up a fund](#) to help Ukraine.

The Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund by Global Giving

Global Giving has set up the [Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund](#). “Russia has invaded Ukraine in the biggest state-against-state attack since World War II. Millions of civilians are caught in the middle of an escalating war and humanitarian crisis, and casualties are rising. Your donation to this fund will support Ukrainians in need, with a focus on the most vulnerable, including children,” the charity’s website says.

Save The Children’s Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund

[Save the Children](#) has set up a fund to help in Ukraine. The charity says, “Ukraine’s children are in grave danger of physical harm, severe emotional distress and mass displacement. Save the Children is concerned for children caught in the middle of armed conflict, forced from their homes in freezing temperatures, and exposed to injury, hunger and cold.”

The International Medical Corps

The [International Medical Corps](#) is providing support on the ground in Ukraine. “International Medical Corps relieves the suffering of those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, often in difficult and dangerous environments. We deliver vital healthcare services and training that help devastated populations move from relief to self-reliance,” the charity says.

Sunflower of Peace

Sunflower of Peace is named for the official flower of Ukraine. The charity prepares and provides medical aid backpacks and first-aid kits to paramedics and doctors on the frontlines, according to [its Facebook page](#). The charity was started in Ukraine in 2014 by Katya Malakhova .

Revived Soldiers of Ukraine

According to its website, “Revived Soldiers Ukraine (RSU) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing aid to the people of Ukraine so that they may fulfill fundamental rights and freedoms such as right to life, right to appropriate and affordable medical care, freedom of belief and freedom for an adequate standard of living.”

Ukrainian Red Cross

The [Ukrainian Red Cross](#) is working on the ground in Ukraine and in areas where refugees from Ukraine are being displaced to. The Red Cross says, “For its part, the Ukrainian Red Cross has sprung into action distributing more than 30,000 food and hygiene parcels and assisting with the evacuation of people with disabilities. On Monday night alone, Red Cross teams provided basic food and necessities to over 8,000 people sheltering in subway stations during the shelling. Additionally, teams have provided first aid training to 2,000 people in metro stations and bomb shelters. Across the country, more than 3,000 staff and volunteers are supporting firefighters, medical and civil

protection units. Meanwhile, volunteers are welcoming people at reception centers set up in schools and coordinating with partners like the Polish Red Cross to assist people at the border.”

Project Dynamo

Project Dynamo, which started as a group to help rescue Americans and allies from Afghanistan during the 2021 withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops from the country, is now assisting with evacuations from Ukraine.

Lifeline Ukraine

[Lifeline Ukraine](#) provides suicide prevention support and help to Ukrainians suffering from mental health crises.

Vostok SOS

[Vostok SOS](#) helps internally displaced Ukrainians and those in the country who have been exposed to violence and war. It is also raising money for soldiers and civilians who are fighting Russian forces.

Come Back Alive

[Come Back Alive](#) is a fund to help the Ukrainian military. The fund provides military equipment and other support. It was founded in 2014 during Russia’s invasion of Crimea.

Phoenix Wings

According to its website, [Phoenix Wings](#), “provides the Ukrainian army with the necessary assistance in regards to the appropriate equipment & uniform, personal non-lethal protection (vests, helmets), required treatment of the wounded soldiers and acquisition the personal first aid kits, and repair of the buildings used by the army.”

Hospataliers

According to its Facebook page, “Hospitallers” is a volunteer paramedic organisation. It was founded by Yana Zinkevych at the beginning of military action in 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea and initiated warfare actions in the South of Ukraine with the assistance of the Russia-quasi-controlled forces.”

Ukrainian Pacifist Movement (w/ Yurii Sheliazhenko):
<https://www.ipb.org/members/ukrainian-pacifist-movement/>

The European Bureau for Conscientious Objection (EBCO): <https://www.ebco-beoc.org/>

World Beyond War: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/>

Peace in Ukraine Website: <https://www.peaceinukraine.org/>

CodePink – Stop the War in Ukraine: <https://www.codepink.org/ukraine>