



Freefilmers are raising money for underground artists suffering during the war

Who we are

Freefilmers is a collective of filmmakers and artists, originally from Mariupol, Ukraine. For the past five years, we have been working with topics of urban transformations in East Ukraine and its multicultural vibes. We have also researched the working-class creativity and industrial past and present of post-socialist cities. Our current projects focus on memories and archives beyond official historical narratives and gender violence in patriarchal capitalist society. We have always stuck to an anti-capitalist agenda and intersectional feminism, and our goal was to create a different form of filmmaking, based on cooperation and an ethical approach.

On 24 February, Russia started a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The cities where we used to work are now bombed and shelled on a daily basis. Many of us have lost our homes and tools of work. And we are still out of touch with many members of artistic communities in the Eastern Ukraine, because there is no cell network in the areas destroyed by the Russian army. It is true that the loss of human life is enormous, and as of 20 March 2022 almost 3,000 civilian deaths have been confirmed only in the city of Mariupol, which has been besieged by the Russian army since the beginning of the month. So currently the most important sequence on our timeline is not about movies, but about building a network of solidarity and support for Ukrainians who are suffering from and fighting against Russian imperialist aggression.

Now the Freefilmers are based in different parts of the world, but we are working together on recreating our home and making the whole planet a place free of violence and aggression. This

should be the last imperialist colonial war. Ukraine happens to be at its centre, but it concerns every single person on the planet whose values are freedom and equality.

We don't need producers and directors from the Global North to come to Ukraine now and hire us as fixers for their revealing feature-length movies about the war. We don't want our stories to be re-told to the whole world while we are struggling to protect our basic rights.

Help us to survive, and we will make our own films about what we have had to live through.

What we are doing

- Support for underground artists, queer activists and neurodivergent people affected by war on a horizontal basis of mutual aid;
- Support not only for our own community, but the people around us, hospitals and volunteer centres;
- Transport of humanitarian aid, essentials, medical supplies and equipment to the regions most affected by war and taking refugees back to safer places.

How you can help

- Spread the word about us, follow us and share our posts: [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/Tvorch.Skhid) (<https://www.facebook.com/Tvorch.Skhid>), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/freefilms.ua/) (<https://www.instagram.com/freefilms.ua/>), telegram (https://t.me/tvorch_skhid), [Website](#)
- Donate

We only accept donations from abroad. Ukrainians, please consider using your funds to support the resistance and your community's survival strategies.

We are accountable and will keep you updated on our expenditure. We are trying our best to keep you posted about our actions in our social networks.

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