



Sotsialniy Rukh

(Social Movement)

is Ukrainian political organization and initiative towards the legal registration of the Left political party based on the principles of democratic anti-capitalism, feminism and ecosocialism.

Organization was established in 2015 and united Ukrainian leftists of different backgrounds who participated in the revolutionary events of the so-called Euromaidan of 2013-2014, where they announced the program of radical deoligarchization of Ukraine.



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Key points of our program:

Sotsialnyi Rukh is advocating for radical democratization of political, social and economic order. From corporate taxation and tackling offshores to worker's control in the workplace, placing the economy to public control using planning institutions.

We call for social lustration (disfranchisement and preventing ultra rich from accessing official power), full transparency of state and private businesses, free access to knowledge and abolition of intellectual property rights.

We by no means limit ourselves to economic demands – political and social demands are just as important priorities for us. We consider it necessary to democratize public life, decentralize politics, stand up for LGBTQ+ rights, to fight against patriarchy, climate change, and discrimination based on nationality and language. We also fight for free healthcare and education for everybody.

The board (Rada) of Sotsialnyi Rukh

elected in 2021 general assembly consists of seven members:

Vladyslav Starodubtsev, Artem Tidva, Lesia Alam, Olexander Skyba, Taras Bilous, Kateryna Kostrova and Vitalii Dudin.

Vitalii Dudin is the acting chairman of the Rada of the Sotsialnyi Rukh.

Sotsialniy Rukh activities:

Sotsialnyi Rukh developed a comprehensive network of trade-union activists, grassroots initiatives, academics and students active all over Ukraine. All together we provide critical analysis of the government's neoliberal policies and economic development of Ukraine.

From the creation of Sotsialnyi Rukh, we participated in countless protest activities, legal aid, educational work and so on. Sotsialnyi Rukh organized solidarity campaigns and legal support to the 350 km march of nurses of Romny ambulatory, drivers strike in Kurenivsky trolleybus depot, miners strike in Kryvyi Rih, organized protests against deregulation of employment relations, tariffs neoliberalisation and rise of cost of public transportations, protests against far-right and police brutality, student protests and so on.

Before the full scale Russian invasion started 24 February 2022, Sotsialnyi Rukh always called for a cease-fire on Donbas and stressed the need for peaceful reintegration of the Ukrainian territories occupied by Russia in 2014 in Crimea and Eastern Donbass. At the moment we see no other way to protect life, future and dignity of Ukrainian working people than to fight against the Russian army and force it to lose this war.

Members of Sotsialnyi Rukh are now fighting in ranks of Armed Forces of Ukraine and Territorial Defense, involved in various humanitarian activities to support refugees, civil population and defenders of Ukrainian cities including Kryvyi Rih miners, rail workers and their families. Those who are abroad are active in the solidarity campaigns with Ukraine calling to support the country's war effort.

Cancel the Ukrainian Debt campaign coordinated by Dr. Yulia Yurchenko and Vladyslav Starodubtsev is advocating full cancellation of Ukrainian foreign debt as illegally accumulated by oligarchs who mostly flee the country and for social, feminist, inclusive and sustainable reconstruction of Ukraine with the debt cancellation as the first step.

