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Exeter Celebrates Independence Day of Ukraine and Launches Ukrainian ‘Yarmarok’ Fair

To celebrate The Day of the National Flag and the Independence Day of Ukraine, Maketank, Exeter’s cultural laboratory, and the Devon Ukrainian Association are presenting a celebratory gathering at Bedford Square, Exeter on Wednesday, 23rd of August 5:30-6:30pm. Followed by the celebration, Maketank and DUA are launching the first ‘Yarmarok’ in South West, a Ukrainian fair to celebrate Ukrainian food, culture, and community on 24th of August 12pm-5pm at Maketank.

The State Flag of Ukraine is a symbol that has been woven into Ukrainian history for centuries. The celebration of The Day of the National Flag (23rd August) is also intertwined with another significant event of the following day (24th August) - the Independence Day of Ukraine. Two dates that are symbolically placed side by side on the calendar of Ukrainian history. The gathering has invited special guests who will share their thoughts on how the support and solidarity of Great Britain contribute to the growth and independence of Ukraine.

In the same week of the celebration, Maketank and DUA will also be launching the first ‘Yarmarok’ in the South West on the 26th of August. ‘Yarmarok’ (ярмарок), which means ‘fair’ or ‘market’ in Ukrainian language, carries a significant cultural importance in Ukraine for its spirit and role in supporting artists and crafters. Bringing Ukrainian food, Arts & Crafts, traditional performances and master classes in Ukrainian Arts under the same roof, Maketank and Devon Ukrainian Association hopes to bring awareness on Ukrainian culture to the British public. (furthermore, empowering Ukrainian in Exeter through business experiences etc)

When:

Please join us for the celebratory gathering for The Day of the National Flag and Independence Day of Ukraine at **Bedford Square, EX1 1LR on 23 August at 5:30pm.**

We will then invite everyone for a short prayer service to Ukraine, followed by a reception and a friendly conversation at **Maketank, 5 Paris Street, Exeter EX1 2JB from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.**

The Ukrainian Fair “Yarmarok”
will take place at **Maketank on Saturday 26 August, 12-5pm.**

Who:

Maketank is a cultural laboratory for social change, located in the city centre of Exeter.
www.maketank.org.uk

The Devon Ukrainian Association was established to build a thriving Ukrainian community in Devon by creating platforms where people meet, exchange and help each other. We focus on the needs of newly arrived people from Ukraine and opportunities to amplify their voices concerning their wellbeing which is inextricably linked to Ukraine's fight for freedom and independence.
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