

Participant 8 – river of experience

(transcribed from 3 video clips)

Videoclip 1

I represent the Volodymyr Kysil Kharkiv School No. 106. I started my teaching activity in 2000, having received my higher education at H. Skovoroda Kharkiv State Pedagogical University. My bachelor's thesis was about children's public organizations in Ukraine. When I was studying, I already started working at School No. 110 and established the first children's English Club. Then, when I transferred to Kharkiv School No. 153, I participated in the Teacher of the Year competition and was made home room teacher for pupils in the fifth and sixth grades. And I also mastered paired lessons. This was a new technology. Where others taught two separate lessons, I blended them into one. When I moved to School No.159 I set a record with a lesson that was three hundred and fifty minutes altogether. This lesson included Kharkiv city lore, the English language, the history of Kharkiv and its bioresources, as well as the study of famous people. After this, I moved on to School No. 1. A very interesting experience. They told me that I was going in circles, because it was a suburban school, and it was different from an urban school. I graduated from Solomonov University in the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, gained experience, education, and applied my new skills in economics lessons. I start working with debate technology, involving children in debates and discussions, and then I came to Kharkiv Gymnasium No. 1 as an English teacher.

It was a very fruitful period in my life. In 2010, together with like-minded people from Kharkiv City Council, the Kharkiv Department of Education, and the City of Kharkiv Children's Self-Government, we organized the Kharkiv Association of School Euroclubs, which continues to function. And more Euroclubs have been created. But this is a separate story. My scholarly partnership includes working with the Kharkiv Academy of Continuing Education, contributing my own pedagogical designs, which received awards in 2014 and 2016.

Videoclip 2

I also developed a methodology for education competition partnership. Microsoft was engaged in providing informational support for educational institutions in this regard. I also became involved in legislative activities together with the public organization 'That's So Smart'. Having completed the necessary training, in 2012 I became a human rights instructor for the course 'Where do human rights begin?' Then there was the very interesting experience of the '404' program - an international program on evacuation during the Second World War. No one could have believed that after some time we would witness this experience in person - the evacuation of Kharkiv, Irpin, Bucha, Melitopol, Mariupol, and other places. I would like to highlight the Kid's International Film Festival, where children under my guidance created films and in 2013 and 2016 made it to the finals in competition. I proceeded to the Volodymyr Kysil Kharkiv educational-training complex No. 106, where I currently work, and immersed myself in a very interesting integrated course, which is certified by the Ministry of Education, 'Creating a Good Neighbourhood Culture.' Active teachers from all over Ukraine initiate intercultural dialogue. Dialogue of friendship and mutual understanding with those nationalities, with those groups and communities, that exist in Ukraine. While continuing my legislative activities, I was included in the Kharkiv Region UN

And also, very strong, very pragmatic, pedagogical, modern, and youth oriented were my ties with the Ukrainian Academy of Leadership. I should add that distance learning began at this time, and my pedagogical toolbox had to change with its implementation. My cooperation with EdCamp Ukraine was very impactful in this regard - regional and national events, presentations, and participation.

My collaboration with EdCamp Ukraine was very strong - regional and national activities, and trips to other cities, live presentations, and active participation. That was a very interesting experience. Well, for some ten years now I have also been helping children express themselves at the Minor Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Children write papers, do their research. In 2019 I passed the Ministry of Education and Science certification through the latest certification technology. I was the only teacher to do so in our region. Later, there were others, but I was the first. And for a long time, for three or more years, I was involved in very fruitful cooperation with the public organization Osvitoria and the Global Teacher Prize Ukraine competition, in which I was a semi-finalist. A very important period in my life is represented by military activity, starting from 2014; my teaching came to include new elements: The Psychology of the enemy and The pedagogy of war (2014-2022).

