



Goal 5. Gender equality

«Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls».

Graduate and employee of the School of Sociology, Marina Litovchenko, achieved victory at the European Para-Table Tennis Championships (ITTF), which took place from September 4 to 9 in England (Sheffield).



The success of a female athlete at the international level helps to overcome gender stereotypes in sports.

Marina Litovchenko demonstrated a high level of skills and sportsmanship, impressing both fans and experts at the event. In the final match with a score of 3-0, she defeated a Polish player and secured the gold medal in the individual standings. Marina is a true example of what can be achieved with strong determination and perseverance. She has once again confirmed her status as the best athlete in her class, becoming a world champion in table tennis.



Working Meeting within the Project 'Gender Education for Foreign Students' (Supported by UNESCO)



A working meeting within the project "Gender Education for Foreign Students" under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine took place at V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University. The project is implemented by the NGO "La Strada - Ukraine" in collaboration with V.N. Karazin Kharkiv National University and the Government Commissioner for Gender Policy, Katerina Levchenko, with financial support from UNESCO. Its goal is to introduce gender approaches to the education of foreign students in Ukraine. The meeting was attended by the administration of Karazin University, led by Rector Tetiana Kaganovska, who welcomed the participants at the beginning of the event. During the meeting, Dean of the School of Sociology, Olena Muradian, presented the results of a sociological study on the presence of gender competencies conducted in the summer of 2023 among students from African countries and teachers at Karazin University who work with them. Participants discussed the research findings and planned further work within the project, which aims to spread knowledge about the importance of gender equality, especially in education, among all participants in the educational process. This includes the preparation of African students studying in Ukraine, using Karazin University as an example.



Achieving Gender Equality and Empowering All Women and Girls

The main goal of the project is to develop gender competence among educators and students.

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Kharkiv National University Alumna Ksenia Minakova Made History by Representing Ukraine for the First Time at the World Summit on "Advancing Science, Creating Technologies for a Better World" in Singapore



Overcoming Gender Barriers in Traditionally Male-Dominated Fields.

Research in theoretical physics and solar panel engineering led by Kseniia reflects the gradual normalization of women's presence in high-tech and fundamental science fields.

Supporting the Global Initiative for Achieving Gender Equality in Education and Science.

The participation of Ukrainian women scientists in prestigious international events is a step toward overcoming structural barriers and strengthening gender inclusivity in the global scientific community.



Researcher from Kharkiv, Ksenia Minakova, represented Ukraine at the World Summit "Advancing Science, Creating Technologies for a Better World" in Singapore.

From January 8 to 12, she participated in the Global Young Scientists Summit (GYSS) 2024, a world-class summit for young scientists, where she represented Ukraine for the first time in its history. This forum is one of the most prestigious events in the field of science, with over 350 young researchers and leading scientists from 38 countries participating. Among the distinguished guests were Nobel laureates, Fields medalists, and winners of the Millennium Technology Prize.

Ksenia Minakova is an alumna of the Institute of Theoretical Nuclear Physics at the Institute of Physics and Technology, having graduated in 2011. Currently, she is an Associate professor at the Department of Physics at Kharkiv Polytechnic Institute and holds a Ph.D. in Physics and Mathematics. Ksenia's scientific interests include theoretical calculations and modeling of thermophysical processes in solar cells. She is also actively involved in promoting, educating, and developing women and youth in STEM education.

During the summit, Ksenia conducted a lecture session where she presented the results of her research on nanostructures, which received high praise from her colleagues at the Institute of Functional Intelligent Materials at the National University of Singapore.

We are proud of the achievements of our graduates and congratulate Ksenia!

Note: The GYSS was initiated in 2013 with the aim of engaging young scientists in pursuing their scientific dreams through close interaction with outstanding scientists, researchers, and other colleagues. The summit covers disciplines such as chemistry, physics, medicine, mathematics, computer science, and engineering.

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Events on the Occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science



Supporting Women's Leadership in Science and Promoting Their Contributions to the Academic Community

The event demonstrates support for gender balance in the field of science, in line with Target 5.5: “Ensure women’s full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership.”



On February 11, the world celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, aimed at promoting full and equal access to science, ensuring gender equality, and expanding the rights and opportunities of female scientists. On this occasion, all interested residents of Kharkiv had the opportunity to attend educational events to popularize science. As a token of appreciation from the Mayor of Kharkiv for conscientious and fruitful work, high professionalism, significant contribution to the development of science in Ukraine, and on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, the Dean of the School of Sociology at Karazin University, Olena Muradian, was honored.

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The International Day of Women and Girls in Science



Karazin University has traditionally supported the idea of equality for women and girls in science

- **Ensuring equal access for women and girls to quality education and science**
- **Recognizing the historical and contemporary achievements of women scientists**
- **Supporting women's leadership in the academic community**
- ***Expanding opportunities for women's career advancement in science**



On February 11th, the world celebrates the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. This holiday, declared by the United Nations General Assembly, has been observed since 2016.

Its goal is to promote full and equal access for women and girls to science, ensuring gender equality and expanding their rights and opportunities. According to UNESCO's research in Ukraine, 44.7% of women are scientists, marking one of the highest percentages among European countries.

Karazin University has always supported the idea of equal rights, freedoms, and opportunities. Regardless of age or gender, everyone has the opportunity to receive a quality education. This belief was shared by the university's founder, Vasily Karazin, who in 1842 argued for the importance of girls receiving education. However, they gained this right only after the activist's death.

The first Honorary Doctorate for a woman was awarded at Karazin University. This happened in 1910 when the historian Oleksandra Yefymenko joined the ranks of Honorary Doctors. In 1935, the university welcomed its first female professor, Klara Roll. The community of Karazin University has, does, and will have many outstanding women scientists in both exact and humanitarian sciences. In 2023, four women achieved the title of professor, and 21 women were granted the title of associate professor.

The university congratulates every woman and girl who contributes to the science of Ukraine and the world! We wish for new achievements, success, and discoveries.

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Karazin University Participates in STEM Exhibition Dedicated to International Day of Women and Girls in Science



Promoting the Participation of Women and Girls in STEM Fields

Increasing the visibility of women scientists as role models

Creating an inclusive space for learning and development

Advancing gender equality through educational initiatives and partnerships



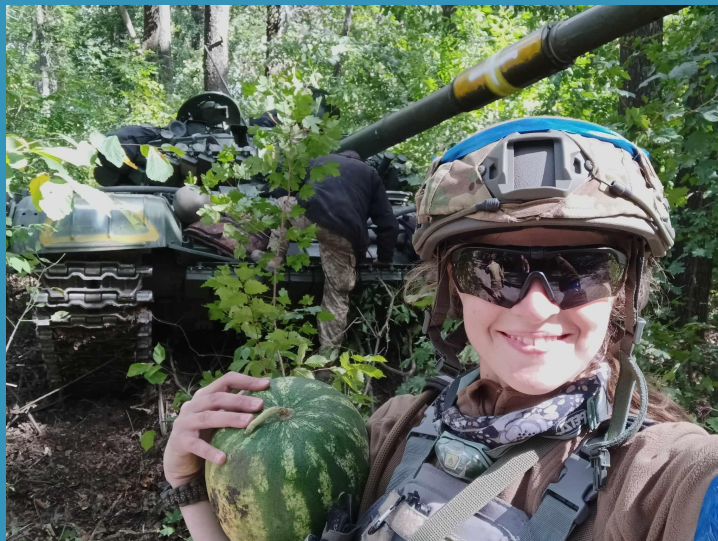
On February 18, at the initiative of the youth organization "Successful Kharkiv" and with the support of the Department of Family, Youth and Sports Affairs, the Department of Education, and the Department of Culture of the Kharkiv City Council, a STEM exhibition took place in honor of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

In this challenging time for the university community, it is highly valuable and important to be able to share our achievements with schoolchildren, students, and citizens. As part of the event, 18 higher education institutions presented scientific developments and talked about their activities. Some areas of humanities, sports, recreation, security, arts, and cultural events were also featured.

Karazin University actively participated in this event, showcasing a poster exhibition titled "Women of Karazin University in Science" and an interactive STEM zone where attendees could familiarize themselves with the research of our scientists and researchers.

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Karazin University Alumni on the Front Line Lastivka



"It is difficult to make plans for the future because our main plan is to win the war. And as quickly as possible." This statement was made by "Lastivka," a graduate of the School of Radio Physics of Karazin Kharkiv National University (now RBECS), a current military service woman standing in defense of Ukraine today.

Karazin University conducted an interview with Lastivka about her life before and during the war, daily life on the front line, and the challenges of the present. This is a story of a brave young woman who chose not to remain indifferent.



Overcoming Gender Stereotypes

The story of Lastivka is a powerful example of the implementation of UN Goal 5, as it embodies gender equality in action, demonstrating strength, leadership, and the right of women to be who they want to be — even under the harshest conditions of war.

The International Day for Women's Rights and International Peace



Karazin University continues to consistently implement the principles of gender equality, inclusivity, and dignity in all aspects of its activities — from education and scientific research to international cooperation and project work.



The International Day for Women's Rights and International Peace was established by the United Nations in 1977.

Today, we celebrate the achievements of women in various fields, made possible by the efforts of women in the 19th century who organized rallies to secure rights and opportunities. Women holding positions such as a woman rector, woman dean, woman professor, woman director, and woman student — all these categories exist because women have successfully gained equal rights.

During times when women could not get education, Karazin University initiated discussions on higher education for women. Vasyl Karazin was one of the first to propose introducing education for women.

Today, we specifically express gratitude to women in the military and women volunteers. Their courage knows no bounds as they carry out incredible feats in the hottest spots of Ukraine. We also remember the strong women waiting for their loved ones to return from war, those who believe, gather aid, and experience a whirlwind of emotions every day.

Karazin University actively implements projects aimed at achieving Goal 5 of sustainable development, "Gender Equality: Ensuring gender equality, expanding the rights and opportunities of all women and girls." In partnership with European universities, Karazin is implementing the project "Gender Studies and the Challenges of War in Ensuring the Sustainability of Universities in Ukraine: Networking for Excellence in Teaching and Institutional Development."

The university congratulates every woman on International Women's Day! May all your plans and dreams come true. Reach new heights and be happy. Peace and prosperity!

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Representatives of Karazin University Participated in the Final Meeting of the 4EU+ for Ukraine Project in Warsaw, Poland



On December 10–11, 2024, representatives of the International Relations Department, Daria Rashchupkina and Tetiana Psota, visited the University of Warsaw. Together with participants from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, they took part in training sessions on effective communication with stakeholders in both university and international environments.

Additionally, the representatives acquired new skills in ensuring equal opportunities for participants in the educational process through an informative training on developing and implementing equality policies in higher education institutions.



Empowering Women Through Education and Professional Development

Engaging women in decision-making processes in an international context

Promoting the representation of women in the professional higher education environment on equal terms with men

Supporting inter-university initiatives focused on inclusion and equality

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