

## Education of Ukrainian children and youth: best practices and ways forward

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 | 12:00-16:00 | Room 407

*Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, conference will be live-streamed*

This conference will bring together policymakers, academics and NGOs from across Europe, all with an interest in the integration of displaced Ukrainians. The afternoon will focus on the key integration area for Latvia - education, addressing both current needs and future challenges.

After introductions and an overview of the situation, there will be two dedicated discussions on general and tertiary education of displaced Ukrainians, followed by a closing session.

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/nNQJYkeoz8oK333h6>

12:00-12:30	Welcoming coffee and snacks
12:30-12:45	Welcome words by Kata Fredheim (SSE) and Dace Meilija (UNHCR)
12:45-13:00	<b>Keynote: Setting the scene for the Ukraine situation in 2025: Socio-Economic Insights Survey (SEIS) results from the Baltic Countries.</b> Anastasia Ilieva, Associate Information Management Officer, UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic Countries
13:00-14:00	<b>Panel on general education.</b> The panel will explore good practices and the challenges Ukrainian displaced children face in general education systems and what can be done to improve pathways for integration, including support to school communities, communication to parents, capacitation of education practitioners with relevant tools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristīne Niedre-Lathere, Deputy State Secretary for General Education and State Language Policy, Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia</li> <li>• Sigridur Vilhjalmsdottir, Head of Section, OsloMet – Oslo Metropolitan University, National Centre for Multicultural Education – NAFO</li> <li>• Agnė Klimčiauskaitė, CEO and Founder at GRAVITAS SCHOLA, Lithuania</li> <li>• Viktorija Pritulaka, Founder and Director of the Center of Ukrainian Studies in Latvia</li> <li>• Q/A session, moderated by Kata Fredheim, SSE Riga</li> </ul>
14:00-14:30	Coffee and networking
14:30-15:30	<b>Panel on tertiary education.</b> How displaced Ukrainians are accessing tertiary education and what challenges and opportunities do they encounter in institutions of tertiary education? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Kata Fredheim, Executive Vice President - Partnerships and Strategy; Associate Professor, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga</li> <li>• Sintija Šmite-Tilika, Head of Study Latvia</li> <li>• Oleksii Turin, Ukrainian higher education student</li> <li>• Q/A session, moderated by Darta Pelse, Providus</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	Final plenary discussion and closing

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