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## **VOST "VOLYA" (VOST) and Trade Union "VOLYA", membership organization of VOST in Western Ukraine, held events dedicated to the World Day for Decent Work**

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VOST "VOLYA" (VOST) and Trade Union "VOLYA", membership organization of VOST in Western Ukraine, held events dedicated to the World Day for Decent Work: a conference for activists of VOST "VOLYA" trade unions of western oblasts of Ukraine and the meeting - lecture for representatives of youth Christian organizations.

The conference was held under the slogans "VOST - for decent wages!" "VOST - for safe and healthy working conditions!", "VOST - for decent jobs!", "No – to slavery labor code!", "For Trade Union Reform – to be!", etc.

Participants of conference stressed the unsatisfactory work of the government and local executive authorities, particularly in Western Ukraine, to promote decent work, lack of proper control over the activities of employers who often ignore the rights of workers for wages, safe working conditions, freedom of association. Western oblasts of Ukraine have the highest unemployment and the lowest wage that does not contribute to creating the conditions for decent work. As noted by the participants, one of the major obstacles to decent work in Ukraine is the situation in the trade union environment. To overcome this obstacle in Ukraine there is a need to start democratic fair transparent trade union reform, which has not held from the time of the restoration of independence of Ukraine.

At the meeting – lecture with representatives of Christian youth organizations the leaders of Youth Committee VOST "VOLYA" (VOST) spoke about the main principles of decent work, the origin of the term "decent work", the role of the ILO and the ITUC in promoting the idea of decent work, the activities of VOST "VOLYA" (VOST) as a Christian trade union association. Discussions were held during the meeting, in particular on the harmony of decent work program and the provisions of the social Christian doctrine, which pays considerable attention to labor as it is, respect for people of labor and the dignity of labor.

Participants of both trade union events stated that decent work program is an important element in raising the living standards of workers and their families and ensure sustainable development of State.

**Reference.** VOST “VOLYA” (VOST) is an independent democratic trade union association, whose activity is based on the universal principles of Christian morality. Trade union organizations that formed VOST have operated since 1989, and Trade Union “VOLYA” was the first in Ukraine free interbranch union. VOST unites more than 150000 members and is a membership organization of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and Trade Union “VOLYA” is affiliated to the World Organization of Workers (WOW). VOST comes out for the trade union reform in Ukraine and implementation of the motto “The challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century – new trade unions”. Oleksandr Dzhulyk is the VOST president. The VOST “VOLYA” (VOST) headquarters are located in Lviv.

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