

Emmaus in Europe



Our assembly is just around the corner!

Are you ready? It's almost time - for those lucky enough to be participating in the assembly, there's not long left now before we'll all be heading off to Romania!

All the information and documents you may require can be found on the special regional assembly section of our website and, of course, please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Whilst we're waiting for this major event, and to give you a bit of a taste of what it will be like in Romania, here is the latest solidarity and activism news from our region.

Happy reading and see you soon in Iași!

The Emmaus Europe team

Spotlight on...

The birth of the new Emmaus Romania Federation!



On 1 June the three Emmaus groups in Romania met in Iași to finalise the creation of the Emmaus Romania Federation, the new national organisation for the country.

Thanks to this shared body the three groups will be able to overcome the geographical distance that separates them in order to better promote Emmaus' values and to work together to ensure that their voice is heard on the national level.

Gelu Nichitel, the leader and founder of Emmaus Iași, will be serving as the first Chair of the federation whilst Jean-Philippe Légaud and Rodica Bizu, the Chairs of Emmaus Satu Mare and Emmaus Targu Jiu, have been named as Vice-Chairs.

The first Emmaus group was created in Romania in 2001 when Emmaus Iași joined our movement. Emmaus Satu Mare joined in 2015 before Emmaus Targu Jiu joined in 2017.

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European Action

Coming together for the general assembly of Migreurop

On 7-8 October Emmaus Europe participated in the general assembly of the Migreurop network. During this 2-day event we worked with the other members of this Euro-African network of academics and associations to continue our efforts to protect the rights of exiled persons.



At this meeting we analysed the achievements of the network over the last two years, we worked together to strengthen Migreurop's strategic and political objectives and we were given a sneak peek of the 4th edition of the Atlas of Migration in Europe.

Read this article to find out more about the Atlas of Migration in Europe (this article is only available in French): https://migreurop.org/article3119.html?lang\_article=fr

Green Friday: get involved in the campaign to denounce Black Friday

Have you ever heard of Green Friday? Every year the textile industry throws away 4 million tonnes of clothing and sells 5 million tonnes in Europe.

The approach of this campaign is to raise awareness about more responsible consumption whilst questioning the logic behind Black Friday.

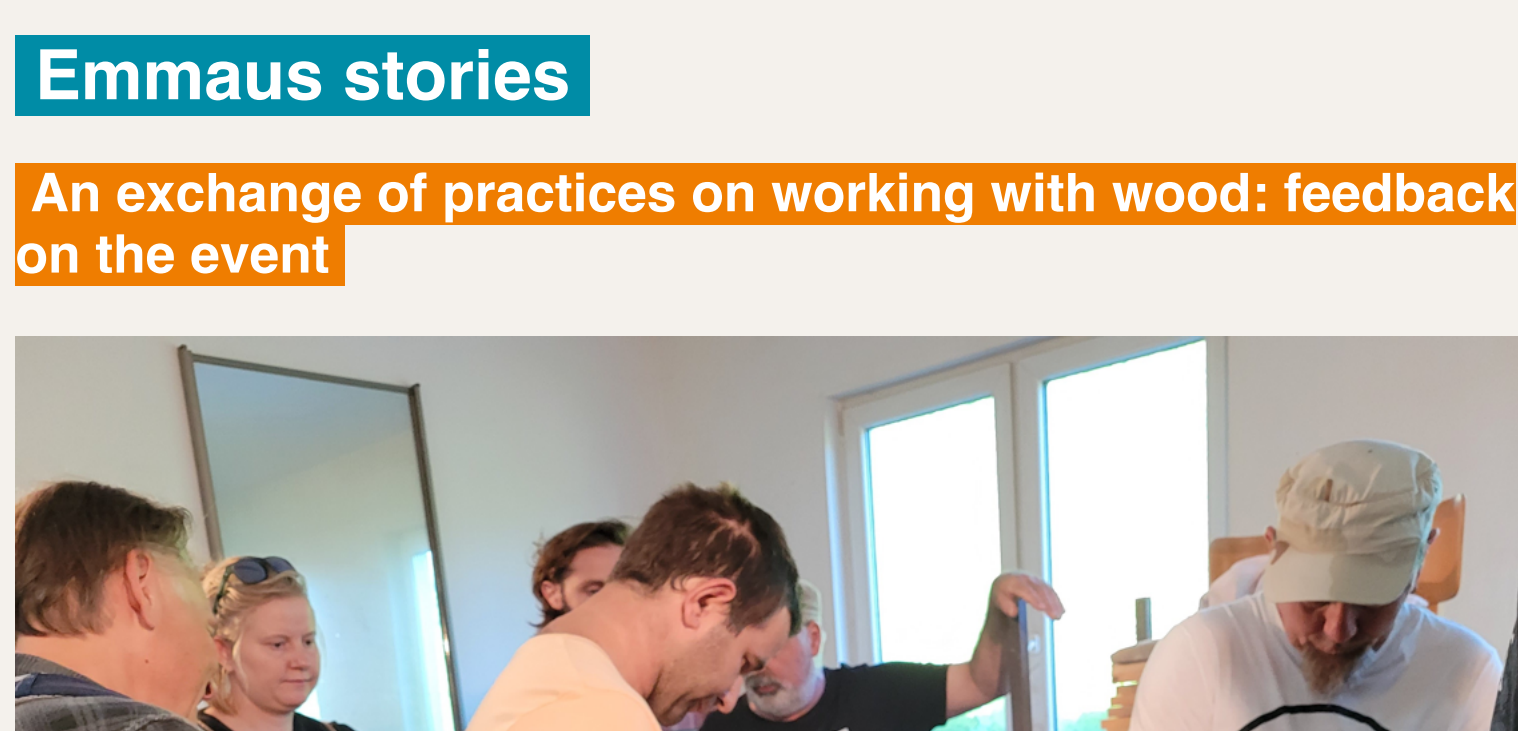
This year Emmaus Europe will be supporting this campaign, as we did last year. We are working with RREUSE to create posters for an online campaign that will be translated into several different languages.

If you would like more information about this campaign or if you would like to know if these posters will be available in your languages then please feel free to get in touch.

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Emmaus stories

An exchange of practices on working with wood: feedback on the event



In mid-September several European groups met in Krakow, Poland, to talk about the topic of wood - how to renovate wooden objects, how to re-use them, sanding techniques, etc.

First of all, could you tell us a little bit about yourselves and about how Emmaus Satu Mare works?

Our names are Iosif (warehouse manager) and Manon (educator). The objective of our association is the socio-professional integration of young people who are leaving the child protection system.

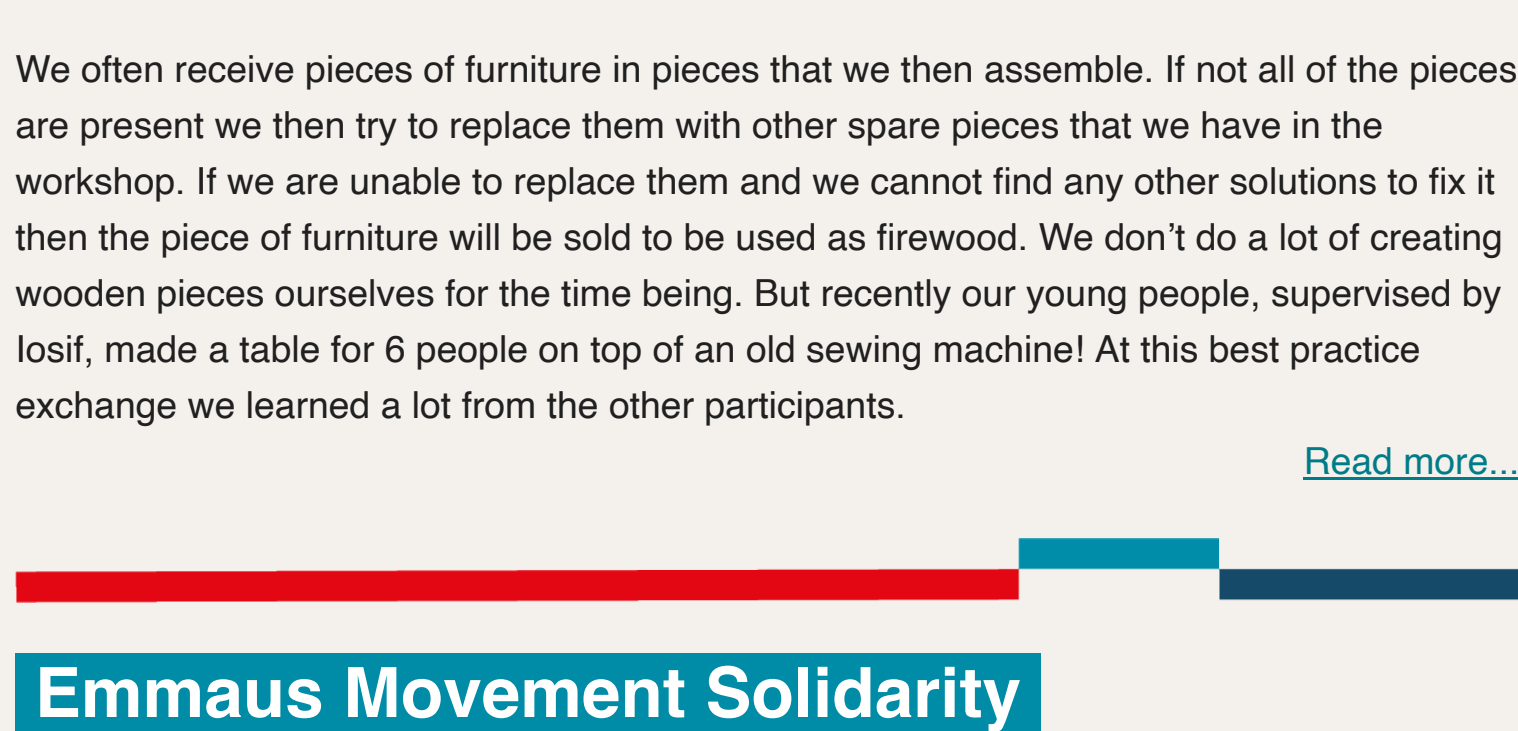
What does your group do in terms of its work with wood?

We often receive pieces of furniture in pieces that we then assemble. If not all of the pieces are present we then try to replace them with other spare pieces that we have in the workshop.

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Emmaus Movement Solidarity

Ukraine - Despite the war the Oselya group is continuing its fight against poverty



Emmaus Oselya is continuing with its work to support vulnerable people whilst also continuing to lead its income-generating activities.

For several years Emmaus Oselya has distributed over 150 hot meals to vulnerable people on Thursdays.

In addition to all of this Emmaus Oselya also offers various services at its new day centre that was opened in January 2023 and that was largely funded by the Ukraine Fund.

Some key figures about the services provided:

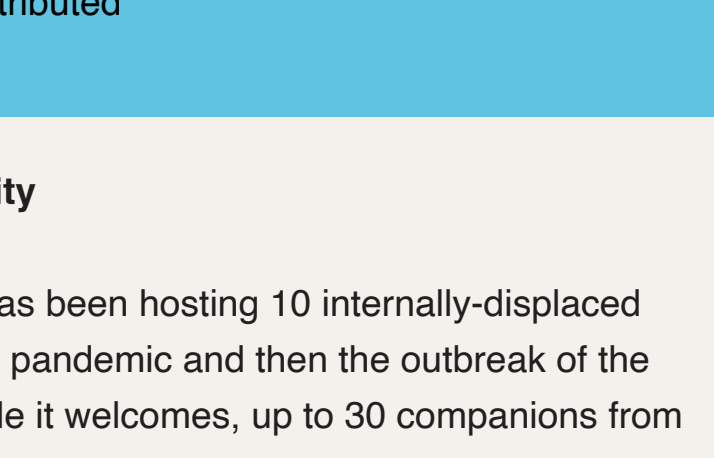
- 7,133 pieces of second-hand clothing have been distributed
8,012 hot meals/food supplies have been distributed
4,071 showers have been taken
439 people have benefitted from medical care
10 people have been regularly seeing a psychologist
19 film projections have been organised
An English class has been set up for a group of 10 people
1,631 loads of washing have been done
974 people have had their hair cut
1,832 hygiene products have been distributed

Welcoming more people within the community

Since the start of the conflict Emmaus Oselya has been hosting 10 internally-displaced persons as companions.

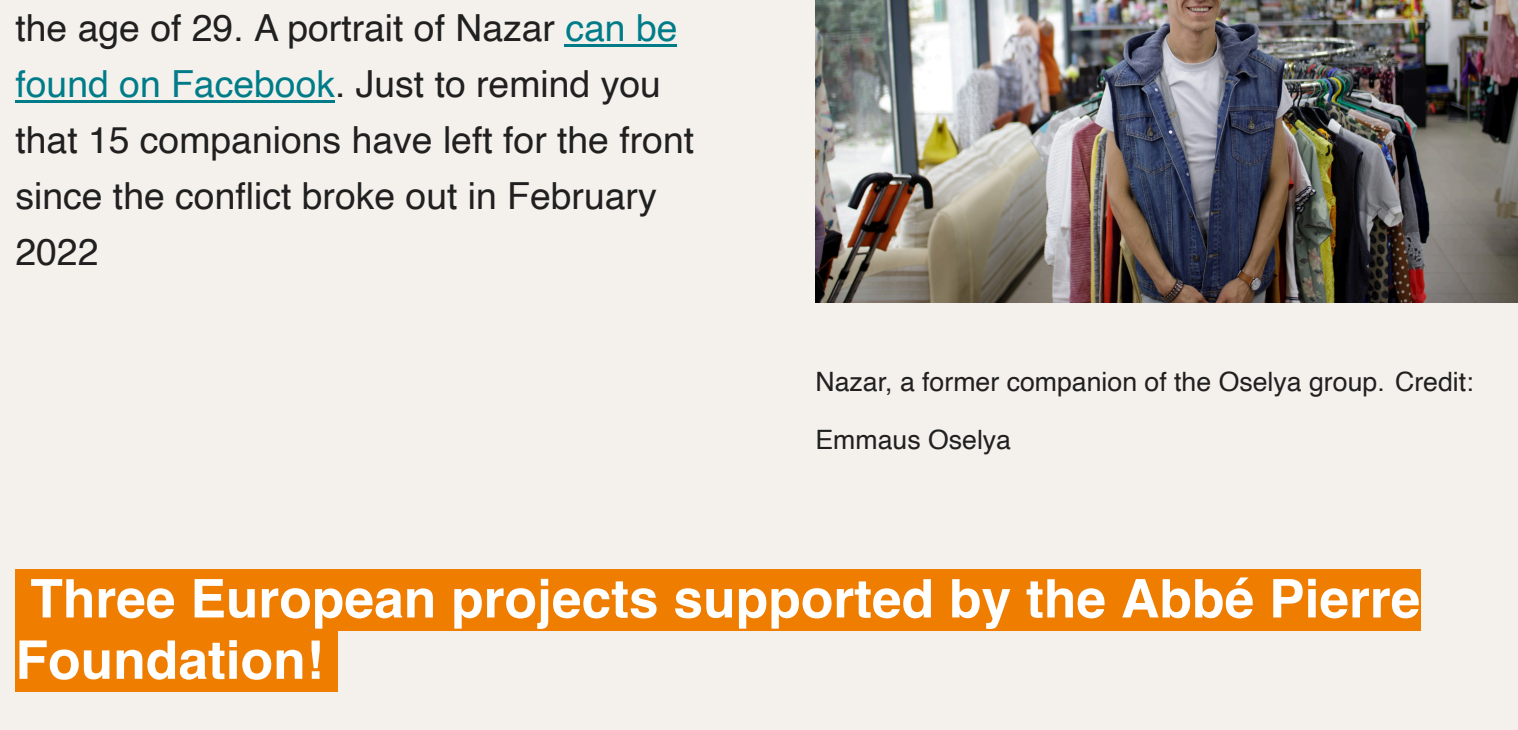
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In September 2023 the group learned of the death of Nazar, a former companion of the community.



Nazar, a former companion of the Oselya group. Credit: Emmaus Oselya

Three European projects supported by the Abbé Pierre Foundation!



Every year Emmaus Europe works with Emmaus International to present projects put forward by the groups in Europe (excluding France) to the Abbé Pierre Foundation.

IFS-Emmaus - Bosnia-Herzegovina

The group will receive €32,402 in support in order to build housing for two single-parent families that have suffered from domestic violence.

Emmaus Oxford - UK

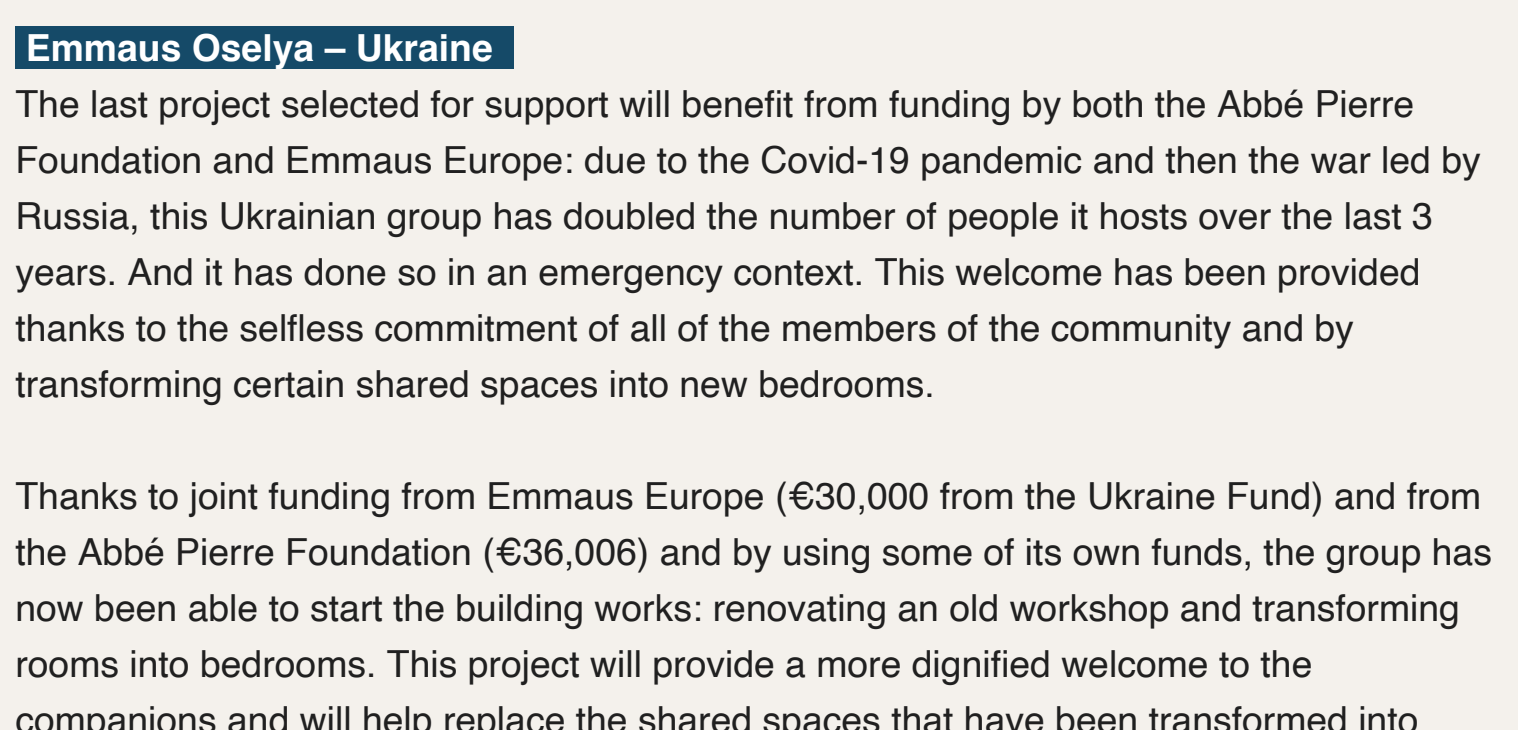
The group will receive €20,000 in support in order to build 10 bathrooms.

Emmaus Oselya - Ukraine

The last project selected for support will benefit from funding by both the Abbé Pierre Foundation and Emmaus Europe.

Thanks to joint funding from Emmaus Europe (€30,000 from the Ukraine Fund) and from the Abbé Pierre Foundation (€36,006) and by using some of its own funds, the group has now been able to start the building works.

Emmaus Lublin - inauguration of the new shop!



The Emmaus Lublin group in Poland opened its new shop on 28 September! It is located on a street where lots of people pass by and provides 400m2 of space across two floors.

And they are right to be hopeful: at the grand opening this 28-year-old group broke its daily sales record!

After several years of construction and after overcoming several difficulties, including the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, this shop will now provide better working conditions for the companions.