

# A Ukrainian Quiz.....



- What's the missing name of a delicious Chicken dish, that is related to a city in the Ukraine?  
“Chicken \_ \_ \_ \_”
- What's the population of Ukraine?
- Why is Ukraine known as the “Breadbasket of Europe”?

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- When did Ukraine become independent from Russia?
- What's the capital city of Ukraine?

From what disaster does Ukraine continue to suffer from today?

- What languages are officially spoken in Ukraine?

# .....and some of the answers...



- Chicken Kiev!
- Population 49,506,000
- Became independent of Russia in 1991
- Very rich in natural resources: was once called the “Breadbasket of Europe” because of its rich soils and climate

- Capital city is Kiev
- They continue to suffer from contaminated land following the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986.
- Languages: Ukrainian, Russian....



# What's happening to young workers in the Ukraine?

*Here are some of the experiences of the people we've met so far.....*

**Larysa, 24 years** is working 13 hours per day in a bar. For the first two years she was without contract or stable salary, and tries to take only very few holidays in order to have enough money to pay her rent and food.



**Oksana, 20 years** is a factory seamstress, and in the factory where she worked she could not speak to her colleagues, she was allowed a maximum of 4 visits to the toilet per day, and had to deal with a lot of dust without a protective mask



**Marianna 23 years,** was promised a permanent contract, but only received a temporary one, and was told she needed to work another three months as a trainee on a salary that was half of what she received in the first month, and much less than minimum wage...



**Volodomyr, 23years** is a qualified technician in the fabrication of medicine. He hasn't found work in this field, so works mainly on the factory floor. Many medicines are now imported from China or other Eastern European countries. Even though he had a contract, the salary was only enough to pay the rent. It's not enough to go out and visit friends.



**Natalia, 26 years** is earning a salary that is not enough to live on, so she is sharing a room with two others and saves money by not buying much food. She has been hospitalised twice because she was always getting sick from not getting enough vitamins, and because the heating in her room is not working properly.

**Anya, 22 years** worked in a creche, officially as a teacher's assistant, but in fact she was responsible for the cleaning during the day and after-hours she must accept this task as *“she is unmarried and without children”*.

**Svitlana, 22years,**

registered in an interim agency to help her to find work as a primary school teacher. The agreement was that she must pay half of her first month's salary to the agency, even though the only job they found her was as a cleaning lady.

Sergij , 23 years, is unemployed at the moment and looking for work in the construction field. He has had several jobs in construction, and most are without contract, so he cannot register in the unemployment centre since his work is not officially recognised.



**Mykola, 24 years** doesn't believe that the unemployment centre is any use for finding work. "It's always this – I don't have experience; where will it come from my experience? Everyone asks me the same question. 'Have you got experience?' "

# So why does the CAJ want to start in the Ukraine?

Well, the reasons are pretty much the same as they are for starting the CAJ in Germany...

- .....because we believe all young workers – everywhere – are more valuable than the stock market, and have a right to
  - A living wage
  - Affordable living conditions
  - Good health
  - Security and decent working conditions
  - Social Protection

.....and to live according to their Personal and  
Collective DIGNITY as people.....

.....and because we all love Chicken  
Kiev, and Ukrainian food.....



# What are we doing now in the Ukraine?

- Our work is starting in L'viv.
- We have employed one young worker fulltime who is making contact with young people in the streets, in workplaces, factories, cafés
- The fulltimer has written more than 20 testimonies of young workers from these different experiences of work (factory workers, unemployed, café workers, service sector workers, office workers...)





- By analysing the stories of these young workers, we have identified concrete facts in the reality that we could respond to.....

From the more immediate facts: (such as lack of protective masks) to facts such as lack of permanent contract – requiring a longer-term action strategy.

- There are three key active young workers identified, and the fulltimer is developing an action plan with them:
  - Marianna, Oksana and Anya



- Though they probably don't know it yet, these three young workers together with Anna (the fulltimer) are who we consider the beginnings of the movement in the Ukraine, and need the support from us to involve more young workers to act together with them...