



Lublin, January 12, 2023

Lublin is the capital again!

Presentation of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023

I. #SpotkajmySię / #Let'sMeet

Season ONE introduces the concept of the European Youth Capital and presents assumptions behind celebrations of the title in Lublin. It also lets you get to know the city and people around it. The Opening Ceremony of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023 and the events happening on the First Day of Spring mark the climax of the Season.

Key Season's Events are:

**January
12, 2023**

Lublin is the capital again – assumptions of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023 get presented

*Organiser: City
of Lublin*

Presentation of the assumptions of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023 "Lublin becomes the capital again" together with various teams that have been engaged in devising both the strategy, assumptions of the European Youth Capital and selected elements of the programme. Assumptions will be laid out presenting contributions from the people of culture, sports and youth organizations.

**January
20-22, 2023**

#Let's get to know each other! in Lublin – Young Activists' Congress

*Organiser:
Lublin Youth
City Council*

Nationwide meeting of over 200 young people involved in social affairs. This Congress is all about networking. The organizers want to look at the diversity of perspectives and use them to develop best practices of engaging non-activated youth. We can assure you that all participants of the Congress will leave Lublin enriched by new plans and ideas. After all, the future belongs to the young!

**February
16-19, 2023**

2023 Suzuki Polish Basketball Cup

Full of sporting emotions, a four-day event that will feature the basketball teams like: Polski Cukier Start Lublin (hosts) and seven other top teams in the Energa Basket League (after 15 rounds) such as: WKS Śląsk Wrocław,

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BM Stal Ostrów Wielkopolski, King Szczecin, Trefl Sopot, Legia Warszawa, PGE Spójnia Stargard and Anwil Włocławek. The Cup will feature 7 games plus LOTTO Slam Dunk contest and AEROWATCH 3-point Shooting Contest.

**March
2023**

Circus musical "Nana na nana"

"Research Creation" method led to a multidisciplinary performance where both the content and the form resulted from such collective and creative explorations. This spectacle has been inspired not by a pre-existing work, but by the sensitivity and creativity of the young Lublin artists. The content of "Nana na nana" reflects on the unpredictability and randomness of life, on the chance events and its consequences. It is a spectacle about interpersonal relations, the search for a balance between individualism and collectivism. The Spectacle is also about the inner need to express oneself and one's emotions, that we all share. Sztukmistrze Foundation initiated works on the performance. They were inspired by the values of the European Youth Capital. It has been written in Lublin with a bottom up approach and is performed by local young artists. Play's form and content touch upon personal and real issues.

*Organiser:
"Chatka Żaka"
Academic
Cultural and
Media Centre,
Sztukmistrze
Foundation and
Folk Movement
Animators
Association*

**March
1-31, 2023**

Get to know Lublin – get inspired by the history of our City

An educational programme prepared by the Tourism Development Bureau, addressed to young people, implemented jointly with Lublin museums and cultural institutions. We encourage young Lublin residents to have a closer look at their city, its history and culture. It is an opportunity for the young to discover places that witness the city's ups and downs with their peers. Organisers open museums and prepare special programmes – themed weeks that bring back the history of inspiring places, events and people.

*Organiser:
Tourism
Development
Bureau
in cooperation
with museums
and cultural
institutions from
Lublin*

**March
3-4, 2023**

Conference "Education is a relationship"

"Education is a relationship. Lublin and Reykjavik cooperation for education" – it is a project aimed at strengthening the knowledge, competences and experiences of school staff for building a friendly school environment. The project also aims to strengthen students' social competences. The motto of the project says: good relations at school, with a particular focus on: communication, developing students' social competences and creating a friendly school environment.

*Organiser: City
of Lublin –
International
Cooperation
Centre*

**March
16-17, 2023**

We're taking over the city! – opening of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023

*Organiser: City
of Lublin*



In the evening of March 16 there will be a theater, dance and circus show plus a series of activities prepared by the Lublin youth. This event will also be linked to the First Day of Spring events.

II. #LublinToTY / #LublinisYOU

Season TWO is about broadening civic awareness, getting involved in youth volunteering, and implementing one's own initiatives. Initiatives that stem from youngsters' needs. It will also be a time to present the activities of Lublin pupils and students during two events: **May Music Box** and **Youth Energy Month: The city is ours** (held in June). This is the time of student's festivals, Children's Day, fun and learning – the time of school finals and exams at the end of the academic year.

Grants for your own activities:

School Participatory Budgets – an excellent tool for learning and promoting civic engagements among students in Lublin. The competition is addressed to the city's educational institutions. The plan is to select parties that in the school year 2023/2024 can gain funds in the amount of PLN 4,000 as well as organizational support to carry out the School Civic Budget. Pupils, students, parents, teachers and other staff in the school, submit ideas, create projects, and then select the ones that are the most attractive and sought-after in youngsters' opinion.

Organiser: City of Lublin – Social Participation Office

City Youth Scholarships – Granting European Youth Capital 2023 to Lublin was an impulse to launch a new type of funding for young people working around cultural projects. So far, we have supported 22 projects. Applications for the next edition may be submitted by March 31.

Organiser: City of Lublin – Department of Culture

City Youth Activator and Youth Inspires Districts – young people will receive support in implementing their own initiatives. This project fosters youth leaders in Lublin. It enables preparation, promotion, and carrying out the so-called “small grants” for cultural, social and civic initiatives by youngsters. Projects can be implemented by informal groups of young people. Overall objective is to encourage young people to implement their ideas and to be active in Lublin. Thanks to this, initiatives resulting from the actual needs of young people will come to light complementing the offer that Lublin already has.

Organiser: City of Lublin – Office of Social Participation and the Department of Culture



April
28, 2023

Lublin Intergenerational Solidarity Day

This holiday, established by the European Commission in 2011, is to promote intergenerational understanding among people of different ages. It is also to foster friendly coexistence between all age groups.

May
1-31, 2023

May Music Box – month of Lublin students

A month of cultural, sports and civic events organized mainly by Lublin universities and the "Chatka Żaka" Academic Cultural and Media Centre. The programme includes, among others: Students' Festivals, National Student Theater Spring, Polish Academic Floorball Championships, Polish Academic Basketball Championships, Polish Academic Beach Volleyball Championships, as well as Polonez dance on May 3 to honor Lublin, Europe Day and Gala of Culture.

Organiser: City of Lublin

May
24-27, 2023

European Congress of Youth Councils

European Commission representation in Poland, partnered with the European Parliament Liaison Office, the Civis Polonus Foundation, Europe Direct Info-Points and Team Europe, invite youth councillors for the European Congress of Youth Councils (EKRM). The Congress aims to propagate European values, priorities, projects and objectives among the young generation that work in youth councils and provincial assemblies.

Organiser: Civis Polonus Foundation

May
26-28, 2023

International Goalball Tournament

The event allows young athletes with visual impairment to enjoy sports. The tournament will be played by sports teams from Poland and abroad, including Ukraine, Hungary, Romania, Denmark and Sweden.

Organiser: City of Lublin - Sports Department

June
1-25, 2023

Youth Energy Month: The city is ours

A series of events and festivals pivoting around the Night of Culture (June 3-4). An opportunity for official delegations of twin and friendly cities to come together for joint session of the Lublin City Council and the Lublin Youth City Council. The 24 days of June are filled with a programme that includes, for example, Children's Day; Alphabet – Book=Life Festival. Literary Cooperative for the Development of Children and Youth (June 1- 4); 30th PKO Solidarity Run (3 June); Arena Grand Prix Polish Cup Finals (June 2-4); Youth Week held by the Lublin Youth City Council, schools and institutions; Balance. All-Poland Dance Meetings (June 6); CreActivity. Lublin is YOUth 2023: First Lublin Congress of Non-formal Learning (June 12-14); Entrepreneurial Kids Gala; Multicultural Lublin (June 15-18); European Taekwondo Cup (June 15-18); Spotlight Award. Poetry Début Contest held by the Józef Czechowicz Literary Museum

Organiser: City of Lublin



in Lublin (finals June 17); outdoor concert by the Old Theatre on the Old Town's central square (June 17); BMX Polish Cup (June 23); the series culminating with the Lublin Youth Festival (June 22-25).

June
3-4, 2023

Night of Culture

The Night of Culture is a night-time city festival featuring hundreds of free artistic events in the public space of Lublin. Come and see thousands of smiling people walking the streets of Lublin in search of unforgettable experiences. This is the only night of the year when everything is possible! Concerts, light installations, performances, shows, workshop activities, and many, many more events that cannot be easily defined or labelled. This seven hours' long journey encapsulates extraordinary experiences and adventures. It is only up to each attendee whether they want to entertain themselves through crazy concerts and performances or small-scale and intimate literary meetings. The installations accompanying the Night of Culture transform Lublin's streets beyond recognition: you can smell a gate, stroke shaggy walls, or peep through a keyhole into fantastic worlds. Make sure your camera battery is not low before going out into the night. [\[https://nockultury.pl/\]](https://nockultury.pl/)

Organiser:
Workshops
of Culture
in Lublin

Venue: Lublin.
Old Town and
central districts

Night of Culture 2023 | Connecting the Dots

We all know the thrilling experience of slowly discerning an image emerging from a messy constellation of numbered dots. What seemed chaotic on the face of it turns out to be a beautiful, detail-rich and often complicated content. The more dots and time spent with a pencil, the greater the fun. The Night of Culture is a plethora of dots and people that connect to them and to one another. Each of them follows their own paths and creates their own memories.

"People's mind is delighted when it sees every-day things in a new and unknown form, as they have never been seen before." [Jan Parandowski „Alchemy of Words"]

Lublin may seem anything but extraordinary when you look at it every day, but it will certainly surprise and charm you again if you let yourself see it through new possibilities, imagination, and ingenuity on this one and only night of the year.

June
2-4, 2023

Final Arena Grand Prix Polish Cup

Organized in cooperation with the Polish Swimming Association, a nationwide swimming competition for the best contenders. About 700

Organiser: City
of Lublin –
Sports



competitors from all over Poland will take part in the event. It will be an opportunity to watch the participants of the last Olympic Games in Tokyo live.

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III. #CziluJwLublin / #ChillInLublin

Season THREE is Summer chill&charge time! Time to charge batteries and happy-go-lucky adventures! This Summer festival programme is a great chance to spend some time in Lublin by inviting artists and guests from all over the world. It is also an opportunity for young people to arrange a special Birthday event for our City.

July –
August 2023

Central Playground

A unique place, design and idea! An attractive space is designed for various artistic, animation, educational and sports activities in July and August. The project venue is the area adjacent to Centre for Culture in Lublin, a square with playgrounds and originally arranged spaces of this cultural institution. Special sections and structures dedicated to various disciplines and activities are available daily for urban sports fans and people who are interested in uncommon activities. Everyone can join animation projects, shows, workshops, screenings, concerts, happenings and events for children, youth, adults and seniors.

Organiser:
Centre
for Culture
in Lublin

July –
August 2023

Wild Children Reserve

Adults set up the Reserve, but it is the young people who form it according to the rules of free and unrestricted play. All decisions about the form or usefulness are up to a younger generation. The pilot and the only initiative of this type in Poland, took place for the first time in August 2017, gaining immense trust and concern of residents together with support from the Lublin Civic Budget. In the following years, the Reserve yearly operated for 6 months! Additionally, activities like concerts, workshops and family days are also conducted in the Reserve.

Organiser:
Centre
for Culture
in Lublin

July
6-9, 2023

East of Culture Festival – Different Sounds + Little Different Sounds Festival

Different Sounds Festival is not only about the sound. The rich and multi-layered programme also includes events for challenging movie, literature

Organiser:
Workshops
of Culture
in Lublin

and contemporary art lovers! The youngest participate in Small Different Sounds prepared especially for them. This is an innovative educational and creative programme that introduces children and teenagers with sound, various music genres to show that music is a rich and cognitive domain. This is one of the most inspiring and revealing music events in Poland. We will hear world-class musicians and local artists in the very heart of Lublin.

**July
8-13, 2023**

International Folklore Meetings of Ignacy Wachowiak

Groups of children from all over the world will take part in the event. The programme of the Meetings includes shows, street parades and concerts of bands and dance groups. It will all be located in the Old Town. During dance and music workshops, young artists will grasp the idea of Polish and foreign music as well as folk and national dances. They will have a chance to present their gained skills during the Gala Final Concert.

*Organiser: Folk
Song & Dance
Ensemble
"Lublin"*

**July
13-16, 2023**

15-year-old Polish Junior Swimming Championships

The Polish Junior Swimming Championships is a nationwide event organised in cooperation between the City of Lublin and the Polish Swimming Association. About 500 young players from all over the country will take part in them.

*Organiser:
Sports
Department
of Lublin City
Hall*

**July
18-20, 2023**

77th PZLA Polish U20 Championship

Athletics championships are organised in cooperation with the Polish Athletics Association. It will be a competition for young people up to 20 with International Master Class as the competition class. Lublin will be visited by the best young athletes in Poland, who will compete for the Polish U20 Champions titles during three days of competition.

*Organiser: City
of Lublin –
Sports
Department*

**July
27-30, 2023**

Carnaval Sztukmistrzów + Urban Highline Festival

The biggest new circus festival in this part of Europe will be an opportunity to present artists from all over the world. New circus shows and workshops for the youngest residents will fill up the Carnaval while Urban Highline will be an opportunity to walk the lines with your head in the clouds.

*Venue:
City Centre
Organiser:
Workshops
of Culture
in Lublin*

**August
4-6, 2023**

Meeting of Styles

This is the International Graffiti Art Festival and the oldest graffiti festival in the world. The main idea of the event is to present graffiti as one of the developing art directions in public space. It gives young people space to be creative and to develop their passions and interests. Since 2011, Meeting Of Styles has hosted the best graffiti writers from all over Poland and the

*Organiser:
Magnifico
Group*



world in Lublin. The event allows you to take advantage of the worldwide experience and popularity of this form of art. The success of the previous Meeting of Styles editions proves that there is a heavy demand for this type of event in Lublin. Extremely dynamic local community is involved in the art of graffiti what makes the programme more and more diverse and engaging.

**August
12-20, 2023**

Youth City Birthday

A series of events that will start on August 12 on International Youth Day (established by the UN General Assembly in 1999) and will end with Re:traditions – Jagiellonian Fair (August, 17-20). 706th Birthday of Lublin (August 15) will be the Grand Finale of the programme.

*Organiser:
City of Lublin
and Youth City
Council*

IV. #FutureToMY / #WeAreTheFuture

Season FOUR means the fulfillment of our European Youth Capital title commitment. During these weeks, Lublin will be the real Capital of Europe – venue of the most important social, political, sports and cultural international events.

**September
27, 2023 –
October
1, 2023**

Basketball World Championship U23 3x3 women and men

The most important sports event in the European Youth Capital 2023. 40 teams from around the world will take part in the Championships. The tournament will be held on a special pitch at Plac Zamkowy. A fan zone with a sports and cultural programme will be created in Błonia near the Castle. The Championships will be accompanied by the Basketball Partner Cities Tournament.

*Organiser:
Sports
Department
of Lublin City
Hall*

**September
2023**

9th edition of activation workshops for women

A drive of the Lublin Women's Forum dedicated to the inhabitants of the city of all ages. Three discussion panels will be led by experts in different spheres of life. One of them is "Lublin – a city of young people" panel – a discussion on position reinforcement of this social group and building a European identity.

**October
1, 2023 –**

Artistic Youth Autumn

From October to mid-December, key artistic festivals are held in Lublin:

*Organisers:
Lublin cultural*



**December
10, 2023**

Theatre Confrontations International Festival, International Dance Theatre Festival, St Nicolas Day International Festival of Folk Music, Partner Cities Choirs Festival and National November Concert. The events will be an opportunity to meet the best European theatres, dance and music groups and to welcome students with Siema Żaki concert!

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**October
9-11, 2023**

Cross-Border Cooperation Congress

The Congress has become an integral component in the agenda of the most significant international events in Lublin, as a meeting place for practitioners of cross-border cooperation from the countries of the European Union and the Eastern Partnership. This year, 2023, will be dedicated to youth issues. Within that, discussion panels, workshops, Partners' Forum and Grants' Fair will be organised. The programme will also cover study visits to places related to the European Youth Capital programme and youth activities in Lublin. Young people and representatives from Partner Cities, youth organisations from all over Europe will be invited to participate in the Congress. The programme is created together with Sempre a Frente Foundation – advocates of Lublin's participation in the European Youth Capital competition.

*Venue: Hotel Ibis Styles Lublin Stare Miasto
Organiser: International Cooperation Centre Office in Lublin City Hall*

**November,
27, 2023**

Award Ceremony

The European Youth Capital 2026 Award Ceremony, co-organised by Lublin EYC 2023 and the European Youth Forum, will showcase the work done by the finalist cities for the EYC 2026 title, and announce the winner of the competition. Stay tuned, join us to celebrate this special moment and find out which city will be the next European Youth Capital.

*Venue:
Organiser: City of Lublin*

**November,
28, 2023**

European Youth Forum sessions

Meetings and sessions of the European Youth Forum, the largest European platform of youth organisations in Europe, bring together almost 200 entities from all over the continent. Its members are national youth councils and international youth NGOs. Together they speak with one voice of young people in Europe. During the meeting in Lublin, the European Youth Capital 2026 will be selected.

*Venue: Lublin Conference Centre
Organiser: City of Lublin*

**December
7, 2023**

Closing Ceremony of the European Youth Capital Lublin 2023

The official Closing Ceremony of European Youth Capital Lublin 2023 programme. During the ceremony, the title of the European Youth Capital 2024 will be handed over to Ghent.

*Venue: Lublin Conference Centre
Organiser: City of Lublin
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