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# BIOGRAPHIES OF FACILITATORS AND SPEAKERS



**Dr. Dorothy Nyambi** is a distinguished leader with over 25 years of experience in the international development, entrepreneurial, and humanitarian sectors. Her career is defined by a strong commitment to ensuring that women and girls are not left behind, particularly through her work in impact investing and blended finance. With lived experience across Africa and the Global South, Dorothy has become a champion of economic transformation, driving initiatives that create job opportunities for women and youth, particularly within agri-food systems.

As CEO of Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA,) Dorothy leads the organization's impactful work across Africa, Latin America and the Carribbeans and Southeast Asia leveraging partnerships with institutional funders, foundations, and MEDA private supporters to drive economic growth. Prior to joining MEDA, she served as Executive Vice President of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) and held significant roles at the U.S. Peace Corps, World Health Organization, and USAID. Fluent in both English and French, Dorothy has held senior leadership positions in diverse organizational phases, including start-up, growth, crisis management, and turnaround, across Africa, North America, Eastern Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Dorothy is also the Chair of CAMFED Canada, an organization dedicated to empowering girls and young women through education in sub-Saharan Africa. She serves as Chair of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Board of Governors, is a Board Member of Waterloo EDC in Ontario, and is involved with Board Room Africa, where she mentors young African women aspiring to governance roles.

A passionate advocate for system change, Dorothy believes in the power of entrepreneurship within market systems to alleviate poverty and promote sustainable, inclusive growth. Through her leadership, she continues to drive systemic transformation that expands youth employment by strengthening the agri-food sector. Dorothy is a founding member of Gender Summit Africa and a life member of AWID.



**Dr. Virginija Poškutė** is a professor at the ISM University of Management and Economics in Vilnius, Lithuania. She is an economist and social policy analyst, holds PhD in Economics from Vilnius University (Lithuania), Master's degree from Roskilde University (Denmark) and University of Bath (UK). Virginija was visiting scholar at University of California, Berkeley and Fulbright researcher at Darden Graduate School, University of Virginia (USA). Virginija has extensive international job experience (UNDP/Lithuania; International Master's Programme "European Social Policy Analysis" by CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg and Leuven University, Belgium), has participated in various international consultancy projects for the World Bank, UN, UNDP, UNICEF, EIGE, European Commission, OECD as well as national projects on economic and social issues for the Lithuanian Government. Virginija is co-editor of the upcoming *Handbook on Social Policy and Civil Society*. Greve, B., Poškutė, V. and Lopes, A. (eds.), (Elgar Handbooks in Social Policy and Welfare series, upcoming in February 2026). Virginija's main research interests are within social policy, welfare economics, and competitiveness.



**Raffi Feghali** is a theatre maker, peacebuilder, and trainer who has worked in areas affected by conflict to build social resiliency. He's directed more than 40 theatrical performances since 2009 including *Theatre of the Oppressed*, *Playback Theatre*, and improvisational theatre performances. Most recently, he directed *Home Sweet Home* (2025, Netherlands) and *Tryin'* (2025, L'Olympia – Paris). As a performer he has performed in more than 60 shows worldwide, under many international directors. Raffi is one of the people who brought improv to Lebanon in 2009, and he has recently embarked on a journey taking him back to his storytelling roots. *Halim Al-Hakawati*, the solo improv show directed by Stephen Kearin he is touring with now, resulted from this blend. He launched his first autobiographical monodrama, *Peer Gynt of Bourj Hammoud*, in 2018. More recently, he has been in *Interview the Dead* directed by Bryan Reynolds. *Anatomy of a Home*, his second autobiographical monodrama, premiered at the Amsterdam Fringe Festival in 2022 and it has been touring since. As a peacebuilder, he specializes in Systems Thinking Conflict Analysis, conflict sensitivity, and bringing the arts, especially theatre and music, to the various dimensions of peacebuilding. His experience has mostly been extensive in the Middle East; Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, and Jordan. Raffi also dabbles in audio, sound design for theatre, as well as radio dramas.



**Dr. Ivana Bendra** is a sociologist and the Head of the Institute for Social Science Ivo Pilar - Vukovar Regional Center in Croatia. She is an active participant in research, with a particular focus on the methodological and empirical aspects. With a PhD in the interdisciplinary field of science – Croatian Studies from the University of Zagreb, she is a research associate in the fields of sociology and theology. A certified project manager for the development and implementation of EU-Funded Projects, she is a member of the research team for the project Possibilities and Limitations of Religious NGOs Transformation into Social Entrepreneurship and the project Transformation of Local Communities in the Republic of Croatia- Globalization Challenges and Development Potentials. A published author, her most recent article reviews the intergenerational differences in the integration of minorities in the majority society - the case of Croats in Slovenia.



**Jolanta Blažaitė** is an experienced civil society expert and social entrepreneur with a strong academic background. Her work focuses on social innovation, cross-sector cooperation, social inclusion, and community development. She has contributed to the launch of several successful nonprofit organizations in Lithuania, designed and implemented innovative social programs, and collaborated with a wide range of local and international partners across sectors. She is the co-founder and Chair of the Board of Lithuania's food bank, Maisto Bankas. Since 2022, she has worked with the World Bank on a variety of public sector reform and regional development projects in Lithuania and other EU Member States.



**Sofya Detkina** is completing a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Development at LCC International University in Lithuania. In parallel, she works as an instructional designer at a Kazakhstan-based EdTech startup, supporting high school students through online learning. She designs curricula, assessments, and learning experiences with a strong focus on learner-centred design, practical skills, and the meaningful integration of new technologies. Her bachelor's thesis examines how education policy and history textbooks construct national identity, with the aim of informing more inclusive and critically engaged approaches to education.



**Andres Falconer** is a civil society expert with extensive experience in participation, stakeholder engagement, partnerships, transparency, and social accountability. His background includes co-founding the Center for Third Sector Studies at the University of São Paulo in Brazil, leading a Rockefeller Foundation-established Leadership for Environment and Development program in Brazil, and directing Ashoka, a global nonprofit that supports social entrepreneurs, in the UK.

Since 2012, he has collaborated with the World Bank on initiatives such as the Global Partnership for Social Accountability, and has worked with major multilateral climate funds, including the Climate Investment Funds and the Global Environment Facility.



**Dmytro Fedorchak** is a researcher specializing in collective memory, reconciliation processes, and the role of religious communities in contexts of war and social recovery. He holds an MA in nonprofit management from Ukrainian Catholic University, BA Theology from Kyiv Seminary and a Social Work MA from Ternopil National Pedagogical University. He works as a dialogue facilitator and peacebuilding practitioner with Ukrainian civil society, faith-based organizations, and international partners, focusing on trauma-informed approaches, community resilience, and interfaith cooperation. His current work includes analytical projects on memory, veterans' reintegration, and faith-based engagement in humanitarian and peacebuilding initiatives in wartime Ukraine.



**David Heiliger** is a culture conflict specialist, speaker, and strategist equipping leaders to bridge the deepest divides of color, class, and culture. As the Director of Gracism Global and the Pastor of Multicultural Bridge-building at Bridgeway Community Church, he helps leaders and organizations build healthy multicultural communities through actionable frameworks and transformative dialogue. With a master's degree in Conflict Transformation from Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Dave's work spans faith, business, and civic sectors, impacting communities across the globe.



**Igor Jakobfi, Ph.D.** was born in 1978 in Osijek (Republic of Croatia) and has lived with his wife and two children in Beli Manastir since 2012. He obtained his Master's and Doctoral degrees in the Social Doctrine of the Church at the Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb and completed his postdoctoral studies in the same field at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. He is currently employed at the Catholic Faculty of Theology in Đakovo, University of Josip Juraj Strossmayer in Osijek, where he teaches courses in the Social Doctrine of the Church. Among his other responsibilities, it is worth mentioning that he serves as Secretary of the Office for the Promotion of the Social Doctrine of the Church and Social Issues, a member of the Governing Board of the Center for the Promotion of the Social Doctrine of the Church, and the representative of the Croatian Bishops' Conference in the Commission for Social Affairs of the Council of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union. He is also a member of the Society of Social Ethicists of Central Europe, as well as the founder and president of the humanitarian association Friends of St. Martin. His main research interests focus on the promotion and practical implementation of the Social Doctrine of the Church within associations of the faithful and in the life of parishes.



**Kubra Kaya** is a fourth-year Bioengineering student at Vilnius Tech University. Alongside her scientific work, she is deeply committed to youth leadership, intercultural dialogue, and community-building. She currently serves as the President of ESN Vilnius Tech, where she leads initiatives that help international students build meaningful connections with the Lithuanian community. Together with her team, she has organized language exchanges, cultural workshops, integration evenings, and volunteer programs all designed to strengthen inclusion and foster shared understanding among people from diverse backgrounds. As a Western Union Global Fellow, she designed and implemented a peace-building event that brought together participants from different cultures and religions, aimed to create space for empathy, dialogue, and shared experience. Through her active role with the Balturka Cultural Academy, she has created culturally expressive programs and community events that reached both local residents and displaced communities, including refugees. She also teaches IB Biology at a public school, where she aims not only to support academic success but also to inspire curiosity, confidence, and global awareness in young learners. In 2025, she represented Lithuania as a youth delegate at the SDG conference that happened in the margins of the United Nations 80th General Assembly, where she spoke about the crucial role of youth leadership in building peaceful, resilient, and inclusive societies. Across scientific research, education, and civic engagement, her work is guided by a simple belief: meaningful change happens when we build bridges between disciplines, cultures, and people.



**Gretchen Ketner** earned an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second Language from Pennsylvania State University and recently completed a Graduate Certificate in Education focused on Trauma and Resilience in Educational Environments through Eastern Mennonite University. A member of the English faculty at LCC International University, she also serves as the Student Academic Support Specialist and directs the Summer Language Institute. She has given presentations and led workshops in various countries; most recently these have focused on trauma-informed pedagogy and institutional support for war-affected students.



**Dr. Dong Jin Kim** is Kim Dae Jung Chair Professor of Peace Studies at Hanshin University, South Korea and ISE Adjunct Professor at School of Religion, Theology, and Peace Studies, Trinity College Dublin. He was ISE Senior Research Fellow in Peace and Reconciliation Studies, IRC and Marie Curie Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, and Lecturer of Peace Studies and International Development at the University of Bradford. His research interests are in the areas of peace processes, peacebuilding, humanitarian, and development cooperation. He conducts engaged research, collaborating with various humanitarian, development, and peace organisations, including Okedongmu Children in Korea, and Corrymeela. He was a Goodwill Ambassador for Peace on the Korean Peninsula at the South Korean Ministry of Unification (2020-22). He is the author of *The Korean Peace Process and Civil Society: Towards Strategic Peacebuilding* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), and co-author of *Peace and Conflict in a Changing World: Key Issues in Peace Studies* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024, with David Mitchell and Gillian Wylie). He has published numerous research articles in international journals, including *International Affairs*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Globalizations*, *Peacebuilding*, *Alternatives*, *Asia Europe Journal*, and the *Pacific Review*, as well as several Korean peer-reviewed journals.



**Milvydas Knyzelis** is an Instructor at LCC International University in the Contemporary Communication Department. He holds an MA in Media and Communication Studies from Malmö University and is currently pursuing a PhD at Vilnius Tech University. Milvydas's research explores the relationship between human agency, autonomy, and digital technology, with a particular interest in how interface design, persuasive patterns, and the logics of contemporary technology shape human behavior and public discourse.



**Dr. Maria Lai-ling Lam** is currently the Chair of the International Business Administration Department at LCC International University in Klaipėda, Lithuania. She holds a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior and Marketing from George Washington University, an M.A. in Religious Studies, and both an M.B.A. and B.B.A. from the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Maria has taught various marketing, organizational behavior, marketing research, and strategy courses to undergraduate and graduate students at four Christian universities in the United States for nineteen years and at several universities in Hong Kong for eight years.

She has conducted numerous seminars and workshops at prominent universities in China and Japan. Maria has published one book and over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Her intellectual contributions cover areas such as U.S.-China business trust relationships, corporate social responsibility, empathy, human flourishing, management education, cybersecurity, smart cities, artificial intelligence, diversity, equity, and inclusion.



**Ina Merdjanova** is a senior researcher at the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, and a former visiting professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relation at the University of Coventry (2018-2021). Her research has focused on the intersection of society, religious and cultural pluralism, nationalism, minorities, gender, conflict and peace building, with particular reference to Eastern Europe and Turkey. She has extensive academic experience at various academic and research institutions: Oxford University, New York University, the Center for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at Edinburgh University, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Aleksanteri Institute at Helsinki University, and the Freiburg Center for Advanced Studies, among others. Merdjanova is the author of over fifty academic articles and six books. Her book publications in English include *Religion, Nationalism, and Civil Society in Eastern Europe—the Postcommunist Palimpsest* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2002); *Religion as a Conversation Starter: Interreligious Dialogue for Peacebuilding in the Balkans* (with Patrice Brodeur, Continuum, 2009, paperback 2011, subsequently translated and published into Bosnian and Bulgarian); *Rediscovering the Umma: Muslims in the Balkans between Nationalism and Transnationalism* (Oxford University Press, 2013, paperback 2016, translated and published into Bulgarian in 2017); and an edited volume *Women and Religiosity in Orthodox Christianity* (Fordham University Press, 2021).



**Lane Miller** is the Regional Director for Europe & Africa at the Mennonite Mission Network. He holds an MDiv from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is a current graduate student in religious studies at the University of Chicago. With eight years of experience as a macroeconomic analyst specializing in monetary theory at a U.S. wealth management firm, his current research concentrates on historical and theological intersections between Christianity, monetary theory, and finance capitalism.



**Iryna Pashkevych** is a public dialogue facilitation practitioner trained at the Nansen Peace and Dialogue Centre. Her focus is on dialogue-based approaches for strengthening social cohesion and leading constructive conversations in diverse communities. With more than ten years of experience in educational, cultural, and family-oriented projects, she combines strong operational expertise with a commitment to building trust, resilience, and human connection. Since 2022, Iryna has been part of NGO Open Nations, where she manages programs that bring together people from different backgrounds through shared experiences and public dialogue. She has organized integration camps, cultural programs, international study visits, and rehabilitation camps for families affected by the war in Ukraine. As a facilitator, she designs and leads public dialogues that help communities reflect, understand one another, and transform shared challenges into collective solutions.



**Saidas Rafjevas** is a marketing lecturer, researcher and business consultant, lecturing in LCC International University, Klaipeda Higher Education Institution, Vilnius University Business School. He is a founder of different events (Lipni Juosta, Plakatonas) for youth who are interested in marketing. His main areas of interest include digital marketing, sustainability, and social business. He holds an MA in Innovation and Business Creation from Jönköping University (Sweden).



**Ashley Ray** serves at LCC International University as the Service-Learning Coordinator. Ashley is passionate about empowering students to see how their unique knowledge and talents can make lasting, meaningful change in their communities through volunteering. With an MA in Cultural Engagement and Leadership from Denver Seminary and significant NGO experience, Ashley brings unique expertise to helping students understand social issues and solutions in a cross-cultural setting.



**Indrė Razbadauskaitė-Venske** co-founded the Lighthouse Neuromarketing Lab and is a lecturer at LCC International University, Klaipėda University and Vilnius University Business School. She is a marketing strategist, mentor, and the Chair of the Lithuanian Marketing Association (LiMA) Klaipėda division. Indrė is known for her neuromarketing and strategic marketing expertise, combining research with practical applications.



**Dr. Hannah Reich** holds a professorship on artistic and movement-oriented methods in social work in the Faculty of Applied Social Science at the Technical University of Applied Science Würzburg (THWS), Würzburg, Germany based on her expertise in interactive participatory theatre. Her proficiency lies in participatory, experienced based methods for conscientization and relationship building, focussing on conflict transformation, peacebuilding, and community building for sustainable futures and is compassionate to integrate mindfulness techniques, embodiment and somatic alignment within the curricula of Higher Education. She is the director of the project: "International Social Work in Crisis: Thinking from the Future, Recognizing and Interrelating with the Past and Embodiment in the Present (ThRlvE)", which is implemented together with a Jordanian and a Lebanese university focussing on strengthening the resilience of activists in crisis situations.

In her PhD thesis she explored forum theatre methodology as a way to generate knowledge about how to transform sectarian conflicts with a case study in post-war Lebanon. She is trained by David Diamond and August Boal, holds an MA in Islamic Societies and Cultures from the SOAS, UK, and a graduate diploma in Cultural Geography from the University of Bonn, Germany as well as a mindfulness trainer in MBSR.



**Anna Luisa Reinhardt** is a youth worker with the Lithuanian Diaconical Services. She holds a BSc(Hons) degree in Politics, Psychology, Law, and Economics at the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands). Luisa has further studied Latin American Studies in Buenos Aires (Argentina), Theology in Münster (Germany), and Ethical Philosophy in Oxford (UK). Luisa employs interdisciplinary methods to research child protection in conflict, informed by a feminist-constructivist ontology and legal-political security studies. Luisa has further followed training in contemporary dance as well as ensemble and new music at the Conservatory of Lübeck (Germany). She introduces arts and dance into childcare work, currently in a Lithuanian childcare institution. This engagement fuses practical and academic viewpoints, thereby facilitating a policy-oriented perspective on child protection in conflict. Luisa currently explores the potential of artistic resilience-building to empower children in and shield them from the adverse effects of conflict.



**Henrika Ruginė** is an economist, business practitioner and at the same time lecturer in the Business Administration department at LCC International University. She holds an MA in Marketing Management from Klaipėda University. Henrika is currently studying economics towards a PhD and is a researcher working on Circular economy implication and effects in various business and governmental organizations.



**Ieva Rükė** worked as a Program Coordinator at the Center for Dialogue and Conflict Transformation at LCC International University, Lithuania, where she assisted in design and implementation of dialogue-driven initiatives focused on conflict transformation, restorative practices, and civic engagement. With a background in political science and more than seven years of professional experience in the business sector – spanning sales, leadership, and hospitality – she brings a strong understanding of organizational systems and human relations into peacebuilding work. Ieva led a prison volunteering program that connected over twenty university students with correctional institutions, fostering trust and personal growth through dialogue-based learning. Alongside her engagement in refugee and community empowerment projects, her work centers on strengthening civil society through practical collaboration between institutions, volunteers, and communities – guided by values of empathy, inclusion, and social responsibility.



**Dr. Elena Šiaudvytienė** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations and Development and the director of the Center for Research on Faith and Human Flourishing at LCC International University and a postdoctoral researcher at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas – Angelicum in Rome, Italy, within the CREATE (Catholic Social Teaching Rome Exchange: Advanced Training Experience) program. She earned her Bachelor's and Licentiate in Social Sciences from the Angelicum, where her Licentiate thesis focused on The Role of the Third Sector in Creating New Jobs in Europe. She completed an M.A. in European Studies at Vilnius University, with a thesis comparing The Concepts of Subsidiarity in Catholic Social Teaching and EU Law. In June 2024, she defended her Ph.D. dissertation, *Just Transition in Lithuania: A Blue Marble Evaluation of the Policy Framework in the Light of Integral Ecology*. Dr. Šiaudvytienė has served as a Research Fellow at the Economy of Francesco Academy (2023–2024) and is a JTPeers Expert for Lithuania under the European Commission's Just Transition Platform. She is currently continuing her Catholic Theology studies at Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas, Lithuania.



**Sose Simavoryan** is an LCC International University 2025 alumna from with a dynamic portfolio that bridges the non-profit and corporate sectors. She holds a BA in International Relations and Development from LCC International University (2025) and is the Director of the Kooyrigs NGO in Yerevan, Armenia.



**Dr. Andrew Suderman** serves as the Secretary of Mennonite World Conference's Peace Commission as well as an Associate Professor in Theology, Peace, and Mission at Eastern Mennonite University. Although born in Canada, Andrew has spent many years living outside of Canada – a combined total of ten years in Latin America, seven years in South Africa, and 8 years and counting in the United States. Through all of his different roles, Andrew seeks to explore how we embody our theological convictions and how our lived experience and journey affect the way in which we understand God's work and mission in the world. Throughout his life, Andrew has sought ways to balance the academy and classroom on the one hand, while also finding ways of participating in different struggles and lived ministerial and practical experiences on the other. He has worked with offenders and ex-offenders in both Provincial and Federal penitentiaries in Canada, supervised a 54-bed homeless shelter, and walked with and learned from South Africans as they continue to wrestle with their painful history of apartheid and how they are working towards a new, reconciled reality based on a foundation of justice and peace. Dr. Suderman's PhD dissertation explored South African political theology, focusing on South Africa's Kairos Document, and how it intersects with Anabaptism. Andrew and his wife, Karen, have three wonderful, beautiful, and energetic children, and live on a little farmette and homestead called Little North Acres just outside of Harrisonburg, VA.



**Dominyka Svilytė** is a youth activist and social justice advocate dedicated to strengthening inclusive communities through remembrance, education, and civic engagement. As a project manager and project developer at AY Institute, one of Lithuania's leading youth NGOs, she works on national and international initiatives that empower young people, promote critical thinking, and address the impacts of discrimination, conflict, and historical trauma.

Dominyka's work centers on youth-driven memory making and innovative approaches to remembrance, using storytelling, creative methods, and community dialogue to build bridges between generations and foster resilience. She is committed to shaping environments where young people feel equipped and inspired to contribute to a more just and peaceful society.



**Tigist Tesfaye** is the founding director of Spark Valley, a local NGO established in 2021 that advances adolescent development through programs focused on cognitive growth, character formation, and practical skill enhancement. She brings over 15 years of professional experience in the development sector across international and local organizations, complemented by more than two decades of dedicated work with teenagers and young adults. Her multidisciplinary academic grounding spans human and economic development, systematic theology, and educational leadership. Tigist also serves as a faculty member at Meserete Kristos Seminary and the Evangelical Theological College in Ethiopia.



**Radvyda Vaišvilaitė** is a department chair of Lithuanian Studies and assistant professor at LCC International University. She studied at Vilnius University and has taught Lithuanian language to foreigners with a specific interest in finding methods of language learning that could help students with a variety of backgrounds for 20 years. Radvyda considers language learning as an educational experience that opens the culture of the people of the language which we are learning. She is also interested in Contemporary Lithuanian literature with a focus on Christian images in contemporary texts. Radvyda likes to tell stories, read, dance and educate people about the past and present of her LIETUVA.



**Dr. Andrew Williams** is the Director of the MA in International Institution and NGO Leadership, Director for the Institute for Philanthropy, and an Assistant Professor in Development and Civil Society at LCC International University, Lithuania. Andy has worked in the non-governmental sector for more than 25 years, including with micro-economic development programs in both Rwanda (3 years) and the Dominican Republic (4 years). His research interests include human rights, the role of civil society, and religion. He holds a doctoral degree in non-profit and global studies as well as master's degrees from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Harvard Divinity School. For fun, the Williams family (he is married with three children) enjoys a good board game, a long bike ride, a classic book, or a cup of ice cream!



**Svitlana Zaluzhna** is a Ukrainian social activist, visionary founder of the NGO Open Nations, and a dedicated professional committed to community development and fostering positive social change. With a background in business, education, and the humanities, Svitlana's work focuses on healing war trauma, promoting post-traumatic growth, encouraging mutual integration and social cohesion, and building inclusive, resilient communities.

Before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, she was a social entrepreneur. For many years, she was a principal of a private school, experimenting with the best world-renowned educational approaches and innovative practices. In 2020, she fully shifted into the field of family development with the mission to preserve and reinforce Ukrainian families by organizing family camps, educational events, festivals, and to create a movement aimed to foster conscious, humane parenting.

Since March 2022, Svitlana has been residing in Lithuania, where she has continued her active engagement in social work. She founded the NGO Open Nations, an organization dedicated to implementing social projects and initiatives that uphold principles of humanity and multicultural tolerance, especially during military conflicts, global migration, and ongoing crises.

Svitlana's areas of professional competence are diverse and reflect her multifaceted skill set: project management, resilient community building, cultural integration, facilitation and coaching, and human-centered design. Moreover, she strongly advocates for feminine leadership, recognizing women's vital role in shaping societies and driving positive change.