

List of Ukrainian-based (and Ukraine-focused) Greenpeace Speakers Available for International Media

1)

Polina Kolodiazhna

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Position: Program Lead, Greenpeace Ukraine

Based in: Ukraine

Languages: Ukrainian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (upper intermediate)

Profile

Polina Kolodiazhna leads Greenpeace Ukraine's green reconstruction and energy resilience work. She supports Ukrainian communities recovering from Russian attacks by helping them modernize buildings, transition toward energy independence, and implement renewable energy solutions such as solar and heat pumps.

Polina examines the vulnerability of nuclear power plants in times of war, with particular attention to the risks posed by military attacks, occupation, and systemic instability. She also compares these risks with the performance of renewable energy systems and studies their advantages — including resilience, decentralization, and energy security — drawing on the experience of Russia's war against Ukraine.

Internationally, Polina actively advocates for stronger support for Ukraine, increased sanctions against Russia, and recognition of the environmental and energy security dimensions of the war.

Her ambition is to help build a prosperous, resilient, and energy-independent Ukraine.

Key Topics She Can Comment On

- Green reconstruction of Ukrainian communities
- Renewable energy as a tool of resilience during war
- Energy security and decentralised energy systems
- How solar and heat pumps help communities survive blackouts
- The attack on the New Safe Confinement (NSC) at Chernobyl and its implications for global nuclear safety
- Rosatom's international activities and the geopolitical risks of continued nuclear cooperation with Russia
- The vulnerability of nuclear power plants during wartime
- Sanctions on Russia's energy and nuclear sectors
- Local stories of rebuilding after occupation and attacks

2)

Natalia Gozak

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Position: Country Director, Greenpeace Ukraine
Based in: Kyiv, Ukraine
Languages: Ukrainian (native), English (fluent)

Profile

Natalia Gozak has been committed to environmental protection since her early years. She studied Environmental Science at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and has co-founded several well-known environmental NGOs in Ukraine.

Throughout her career, she has worked with UNDP Ukraine, EcoClub “Green Wave”, WWF Ukraine, Ecoaction, and the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

Today, she leads Greenpeace Ukraine at a time of war. While members of her own family are defending the country, Natalia is focused on protecting Ukraine’s nature from destruction, documenting environmental crimes, and advocating for a green, resilient reconstruction of Ukraine.

Key Topics She Can Comment On

- Environmental destruction caused by Russia’s war
- Ecocide and accountability mechanisms
- The environmental dimension of Russia’s aggression
- Green reconstruction of Ukraine
- Climate security and war
- Role of international community in supporting Ukraine
- Civil society resilience during wartime

3)

Shaun Burnie

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Position: Senior Nuclear Specialist, Greenpeace
Based in: Frequently in Ukraine / International
Languages: English (native)

Profile

Shaun Burnie has worked as a nuclear specialist and coordinator within the global Greenpeace network since 1991. He has been engaged in nuclear issues since the mid-1980s and has spent three decades working across East Asia, Japan, and Korea, including in Fukushima since the mid-1990s.

Since 1996, he has conducted multiple missions to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant. Following Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Shaun has repeatedly visited Ukraine, including the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone, investigating the Russian occupation of the

Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP), the role of Rosatom, and the challenges facing the IAEA.

Key Topics He Can Comment On

- Russian militarisation of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant
- Nuclear safety risks during wartime
- Rosatom's role in the occupation of Ukrainian nuclear facilities
- IAEA limitations and political challenges
- Lessons from Chernobyl and Fukushima
- Long-term nuclear contamination risks

4)

Jan Vande Putte

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Position: Nuclear and Radiation Safety Expert, Greenpeace

Based in: International (frequent missions to Ukraine)

Languages: English (fluent), Dutch (native)

Profile

Jan Vande Putte has worked within the global Greenpeace network for 31 years and leads radiation safety teams in different parts of the world. He was present in Fukushima in the first days following the 2011 disaster, has worked in Tomsk (Russia), and conducted radiation monitoring in India.

In July 2022, he visited Chernobyl and directly observed the consequences of Russian occupation. He continues to investigate Russia's nuclear-related crimes in Ukraine and assess the risks posed by the occupation of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.

Key Topics He Can Comment On

- Radiation monitoring and independent assessment
- Nuclear safety risks under military occupation
- Environmental consequences of attacks on nuclear facilities
- Long-term radioactive contamination
- Russian nuclear sector accountability
- International oversight and nuclear security gaps