

LC Warszawa Host

General informations





Lionism

The Lionism currently consists of over **1.4 million people** around the world (about 900 people in Poland) who offer voluntary service, social commitment and international cooperation.

The idea was created over 100 years ago, in 1917. It was then that Melvin Jones, a businessman from Chicago, decided to start helping others with his friends from the business club. The first association was called the Association of Lions Clubs (now Lions Clubs International).



The Lionism motto is
We Serve



We are the oldest club in Poland

Our club was registered on **July 24th, 1989** in the Lions Club International (Oak Brook) with the participation of the sponsoring Lions Club Aalst (Belgium). That makes us the oldest club in Poland and one of the oldest Lions clubs in post-communist Europe. To confirm this fact, we have been awarded the prestigious **title of Host**, awarded to "the first in the region" clubs in the world.

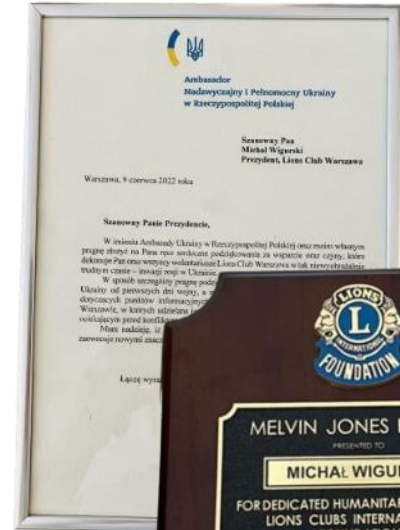
Our activities encouraged two other clubs to merge with us – LC Warszawa Żoliborz (1998) and LC Warszawa Gentium (2022), and we ourselves contributed to the creation of three new ones: LC Opole, LC Białystok and LC Lublin.





We have many awarded members

In our Club, we can distinguish many people who have contributed to activities for Lionism in Poland, in particular Ewa Hełka (DG 2018), Michał Wigurski (2VDG 2024) and Patryk Osęka. Among the awards, we should highlight the Service Award: Kindness Matters and the Melvin Jones Fellow.





Club authorities



Patryk Osęka, MBA	Dariusz Sarti, MD	Robert Majewski	Ewa Hełka, PDG	Luigi Lai
Prezydent Klubu	Wiceprezydent Klubu	Wiceprezydent Klubu Marketing Chairperson	Członek Zarządu Service Chairperson	Członek Zarządu Lion Tamer (szef protokołu)



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Actions



Humanitarian

Further support for refugees from Ukraine
Social Welfare Homes assistance



Vision

Sight screening
Recycling of glasses



ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance)

Organization of lectures and trainings
Cooperation with ELSE



Diabetes

Meetings and informative lectures
Preventive sports campaigns



Charity Point by LCI

Shortly after Russia's aggression against Ukraine, in consultation with the Embassy of Ukraine and Polish Lions clubs, we launched information centers for refugees, creating:

- a point in front of the Embassy of Ukraine in Warsaw,
- a point in front of the Consulate of Ukraine in Warsaw,
- points in other cities - Krakow, Wroclaw, Lublin, Gdansk.

So far, more than **400 thousand Ukrainian refugees have been supported** at the points.





Help for Ukraine

- Launch of projects for refugees from Ukraine worth over **1.2 mln PLN** (ca. \$300k)
- Extensive cooperation with Polish and Ukrainian NGOs e.g.: Banki Żywności SOS, United Volunteers Foundation, Kamiliańska Misja Pomocy.
- Involvement of LC Warszawa Host members in the work of Team Ukraine, which in 2022-2023 initiated aid projects worth nearly **12.5 mln PLN** (ca. \$3 mln).
- Organization and distribution of a **thousand school starter kits** for Ukrainian children starting education in Warsaw schools.
- Raising funds and purchasing medical backpacks, life-saving at the front.





ESG focused Foundation

We have established cooperation with IME (Instytut Myśli Europejskiej, **Institute of European Thought**), and we have taken patronage of the Sustainability Leadership Academy, which educates future leaders

- motivates them to look for solutions to social challenges,
- teaches the "working together" approach in teams,
- promotes ESG strategies.





Lectures

We took the initiative to organize lectures by international public personalities, who, by sharing their experiences, inspire and give strength for our further activities.

- **Ambassadors** (e.g. Andriej Deszczyca, Francois Ronse, Johannes Bauch)
- **Politicians** (e.g. Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Leszek Balcerowicz, Jan Krzysztof Bielecki)
- **Professors** (e.g. prof. Jean Cuvelier, prof. Zbigniew Religa, prof. Adam Noga)
- **Journalists** (e.g. Dariusz Fikus, Adam Michnik, Jerzy Urban)
- **Outstanding entrepreneurs** (e.g. Andrzej Ziaja, Feliks Sujkowski, Jan Jabłkowski)





Sight exams

We have started a campaign of mass **screening of children's eyesight**. Thousands of babies were examined. During this test, we can determine or exclude the occurrence of the following vision defects:

- MYOPIA - nearsightedness
- HYPEROPIA - farsightedness
- ASTIGMATISM - blurred vision
- ANISOMETROPIA - polyopia
- STRABISMUS – eyes misalignment
- ANISOCORIA – pupillary unevenness





Collection of glasses



- Our activities are part of the global Lions Recycle For Sight campaign.
- In Warsaw and the surrounding area, we are collecting corrective glasses and sunglasses (UV protection).
- The collected glasses are sent to the LERC Lions repair and sorting points.
- Then they are distributed free of charge to the neediest regions of the world. These regions are often in Africa, South America, and Asia.
- Through these activities, we enable education, work, and improve the quality of life of people in need.





Join our partners

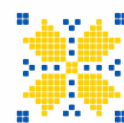


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Children of Ukraine Educational Center



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... along with dozens of Lions and Leo clubs from all over the world – from Europe, through America to Australia



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