# Project for Psycho-Emotional Support "LIFE After Trauma"

# Rapid Anxiety Relief, Stress Reduction, Prevention of PTSD/ Depression for Ukrainians Under Attack in Ukraine and Refugees

# **Looking For Partners to Implement a Large-Scale Program in Ukraine**

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My name is Ugis Strauss. In March 2022 I established the Psycho-Emotional Support Project "LIFE After Trauma" - Rapid Anxiety Relief, Stress Reduction, Prevention of PTSD/ Depression for Ukrainians Under Attack in Ukraine and Refugees.

From March till October more than 7000 Ukrainians participated in a 4-week online course, consisting of 6 zoom large-audience training sessions and a small group coaching for people needing additional support. 80% of participants were people in Ukraine, many going through a series of life-threatening events - actual war - while taking the course, 20% refugees worldwide.

Given the circumstances we have achieved stunning results. Those people who attended the whole 6 sessions reported significant or extraordinary improvements with their trauma symptoms. Significant improvement of sleep patterns, stopped nightmares and flashbacks, no reaction to bad memories including war memories, significant reduction of stress, ability to cope and no to react to the ongoing war trauma. The study we are conducting alongside the program shows a stunning average 42% decrease in PTSD symptoms for all participants who completed the program, just in 4 weeks! And that's for trauma that is ongoing (war), not finished. Additional study we conducted 1 month after the course shows that the result is sustainable. Methodology: 6 BSW neurokinesis intervention techniques.

To implement a project of this scale I have recruited and trained a team of 20 Ukrainian therapists/psychologists/medical doctors/ coaches who helped me execute and organize this project. We have done it on a 100% voluntary basis.

Me and my team are ready to scale the project in Ukraine and abroad (for refugees). Target audiences are civilians suffering from war-induced PTSD and soldiers returning from front having similar issues. We know we can drastically decrease soldier post-war suicide rates, PTSD symptoms and make their return to normal life much easier.

We are looking for partners who would like to implement such a project on a large scale, for instance helping up to 100.000 people a month! We have methodology that works online and proven track record plus experience in implementation of such projects.

This report outlines all the details about the program we have implemented. And namely:

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Please contact me if you can be a help in scaling this project or are in a need to implement programs like this anywhere in the world.

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# 1. Project History/Background

My name is Ugis Strauss, I am a management trainer, stress and trauma mentor, entrepreneur and own several management training companies in Europe.

War in Ukraine.... It caught me by surprise. Even though papers and intelligence were warning us about it I never believed it could happen.... I live in Europe, Latvia, and we were not affected directly, but still most people in my country felt threatened that Russia might invade us as well. It has already happened back in 1940 once.... The first days were a shockwave to me, I simply couldn't function. Not much of what I did before made sense to me since the perspective of war has changed the perspective of what is important and what is not. In about a week I got myself together and started thinking what CAN I influence instead of what I cannot. To help Ukraine, Ukrainian people and.... myself.

It took a while to realize that the best and biggest impact I can make is to employ the skillset I already have and am best at: training and coaching people, building systems. And namely: help Ukrainian people cope with trauma induced by war.

I am also a certified coach and trainer of BSW Neurokinesis, the most effective technology to cope with trauma and its consequences quickly and almost the only intervention that produces results WHILE the trauma is actually ongoing, not post factum. And I speak fluent Russian. So, combined with my training company background I decided that the issue of war trauma is the direction I can make the most impact to the world. So that when my sons will later ask me of what I did when there was a war in Europe, I with clear conscience can answer that I did the best I could...

I decided to directly help Ukrainian people affected by war but who are not soldiers - mostly woman, elderly and kids, both refugees abroad and those still under life threat in Ukraine. I created a free 43-week crisis response training held online in a FB group. Course consisted of 6 BSW neurokinesis live group sessions (held in Zoom) with powerful home assignments, recordings also were available. Later we started offering additional (optional) small group coaching on top of the course for people needing extra help. I advertised the first training in FB groups for refugees and got about 300 people to sign up. The sign-up process was really easy: just join the FB group where the free training was held. For the next groups we had even more and even more people signing up.

Until now I have conducted 6 trainings:

- Group #1 300 signups
- Group #2 400 signups
- Group #3 500 signups
- Group #4 1500 signups
- Group #5 2000 signups
- Group #6 2000 signups

# 2. Symptoms and Results

#### The trauma symptoms many people were mentioning were:

- panic attacks
- inability to sleep
- nightmares and flashbacks
- hyper-anxiety
- emotional numbness
- inability to function
- hyper-alertness

- intrusive memories
- extreme stress
- anxiety about future
- triggered past trauma
- avoidance
- depression
- different kind of negative thoughts

#### **Fast results**

Already on the first session participants learn a technique that is very effective in reducing stress, anxiety and panic in the moment, they start practicing it immediately after the session. Many participants achieve significant changes in their emotional and physical state as well as release of the long-term stress already after the second session. The last 4 sessions finetune that and work towards deeper long term sustainable results.

#### Long-term results

Those people who attended the whole 6 sessions reported significant or extraordinary improvements with their trauma symptoms.

- Significant improvement of sleep patterns
- Stopped nightmares and flashbacks
- No reaction to bad memories including war memories
- Significant reduction of stress
- Ability to cope and no to react to the ongoing war trauma.
- Much better and positive emotional state.

- Many people allowed themselves to laugh for the first time in the last 2/3 months.
- Many started having future again.
- Some mentioned that they started "functioning normally" again, just because of these sessions.
- Some admitted having terminated obstructive suicidal thought patterns.

## Ukraine Doctors, Psychotherapists and Psychologists are joining our team.

Many Ukraine Doctors, Psychotherapists and Psychologists requested to be trained after personally experiencing the results for themselves right in the midst of the bombings. Their own trauma from the war was neutralized by the end of 6 BSW sessions to the point that they consistently requested to be immediately trained how to use the BSW techniques in their medical practices. These medical professionals are currently caught in the life and death trauma of a WAR!!! These medical professionals voluntarily said they had never seen such an effective solution before now.

#### Risking her life for my program

One of the most touching stories was about a woman from Nikolaev. She instead of keeping herself in security of a bomb shelter was coming home to participate in my online live sessions (no internet in shelter). Just because they helped her so much, she was willing to (reasonably) risk her life to participate.

# 3. Training Details

## **Key Facts**

- Crisis response training consists of 6 BSW neurokinesis live group sessions (held in Zoom), about 2hours each.
- Training is FREE for participants
- Training is delivered at 2 levels:
  - Level 1: Rapid Stress/ Anxiety Reduction and Sleep Improvement Techniques (2 sessions)
  - o Level 2: In-depth Trauma Release and Reduction of PTSD symptoms (4 sessions)
- Time span: 3-4 weeks
- Those participants who could not attend live sessions could watch recordings available in the FB group. Due to sensitive nature of the topic and war situation about 20% of participants attend live sessions, 80% watch recordings.
- Starting from group 3 we started offering additional (optional) small group coaching on top of the course for people needing extra help. It was delivered by my Ukrainian team.

## Level 1: Rapid Stress/ Anxiety Reduction and Sleep Improvement Techniques (2 sessions)

- 3 unique quick self-help techniques
  - o They instantly relieve stress, anxiety and fears.
  - o Participants learn how to quickly calm down after any stressful or traumatic event and not to allow the consequences of these events in their lives.
  - o Techniques also reduce the accumulated stress
  - They can be used even during situations where life is in danger
  - As a result, sleep improves significantly.
- Being so powerful after once learned these techniques become an instant go-to resource for participants when a difficult situation arises.
- For many participants learning these techniques are enough to cope with their current war trauma.
- About 90% of sign-ups complete the Level 1 training.

# Level 2: In-depth Trauma Release and Reduction of PTSD symptoms (4 sessions)

- 3 more techniques plus a 3-week program to get long term sustainable results and release majority of participants past trauma.
  - o Permanent reduction of anxiety and fears
  - Permanent break-out of the current war related stress cycle
  - Letting go past trauma (not only war)
  - o Getting out of destructive states feeling much more pleasure instead
  - Trainees master the skill to manage their emotions and feelings at any moment
  - Participants first learn how to cope with panic attacks, then how to stop them from occurring
  - Many get rid of different psychosomatic symptoms in the body
  - Many start seeing future again (that has been lost with the war)
- About 50% of Level 1 participants sign up for the Level 2 training (it requires commitment to deal with past trauma right now and have enough energy to do a lot of homework)
- About 70% of signing up for the Level 2 training complete it (do all the homework in the 3-week time span, some complete it later).

# 4. Methodology

#### **BSW Interventions**

The unique BSW Techniques developed by Karen Sabourin are the most ethical intervention protocol available today. It is a fast-acting intervention that has been proven to permanently resolve trauma based on exposure to violence and distressing events. With these Techniques, there is no risk to the client. This intervention is based in "brain based" neurokinesis and does not require any form of disclosure or diagnosis from the client. Nor does it require therapy or medication like other "mind-based efforts".

## It is a wellness program.

This is a wellness program with a wellness product. There is no possibility of addiction. Coaches teach the Techniques to the client. The client can then immediately self-administer the Techniques whenever any symptom appears; anytime, anywhere. BSW Techniques minimize the negative symptoms of PTSD, trauma, anxiety, panic and depression.

#### **2016 study**

2016 study of 60,000 client responses showed significant reduction of trauma symptoms from the use of the BSW Intervention Techniques. Study participants self-administered the BSW techniques for 28 days, reporting their results daily. This study has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Jill Moncilovich, known for her research expertise.

# Live blood test results

In May 2020, a recognized scientist determined through the use of advanced laboratory technology, that the USE OF the Brain Stimulated Wellness (BSW) NEUROKINESIS Techniques definitely achieved the first physical indicator of "wellness" that can be seen at a cellular level in a live blood test of "before and after" blood samples. The blood sample proves that the parasympathetic and sympathetic systems are actively compelled to expel negative chemistry and eliminate habitual reactive states.

#### How the techniques work:

Each of the 6 BSW Techniques taught in our Level One course are intended to redefine the "experience" of a stressor. This is achieved when the biokinetics are triggered to prioritize the "now" experience over ancestral experiences. ANY BSW Technique that is selected to be used, is intended to offer the brain an experience of responding rather than reacting.

This use of "imprinting" at a cellular level communicates neurologically to enhance the capacity to survive by producing chemicals known to produce a spontaneous response rather than a reaction. Such a response does not disassociate from reacting if needed. Instead, the micro-seconds of assessing a situation are based in a true and logical assessment of the threat. "Wellness" prevails. Fear is not needed to indicate a threat. Fear is also not used to trigger a reaction.

# 5. Group #3 PTSD Symptom Client Study

With group #3 we did a study assessing the impact of our methodology to 21 key PTSD symptoms. Each study participant was asked to evaluate the 21 symptoms on a 0-5 scale before, in the middle and at the end of our training program, provided they completed the program and did their homework. Participants were mostly women aged 30-55, majority living in Ukraine (and experiencing death threats) as well as refugees in Europe. The symptoms assessed were:

Intrusive memories	Negative changes in thinking and mood		
Recurrent, unwanted distressing memories of the	Negative thoughts about yourself, others or the world		
traumatic event	Hopelessness about the future		
Reliving the traumatic event as if it were happening	Memory problems, including not remembering		
again (flashbacks)	important aspects of the traumatic event		
Upsetting dreams or nightmares about the traumatic	Difficulty maintaining close relationships		
event	Feeling detached from family and friends		
Severe emotional distress or physical reactions to	Lack of interest in activities you once enjoyed		
something that reminds you of the traumatic event	Difficulty experiencing positive emotions		
	Feeling emotionally numb		
Changes in physical and emotional reactions	Avoidance		
Being easily startled or frightened	Trying to avoid thinking or talking about the traumatic		
Always being on guard for danger	event		
Self-destructive behavior, such as drinking too much	Avoiding places, activities or people that remind you		
or driving too fast	of the traumatic event		
Trouble sleeping			
Trouble concentrating			
Irritability, angry outbursts or aggressive behavior			
Overwhelming guilt or shame			

A person could score maximum 105 points (21 symptom assessed at 5). Our average individual score was:

• Before training **53,1** 

In the middle of the training
 At the end of the training
 21,5 (60% decrease)

# 3 symptoms with the biggest decrease before and after the program were:

Symptom		Score	Improvement
Severe emotional distress or	Before training	3,6	
physical reactions to	In the middle of the training	1,4	60%
something that reminds you of the traumatic event	At the end of the training	1,0	72%
Recurrent, unwanted	Before training	3,4	
distressing memories of the	In the middle of the training	1,5	55%
traumatic event	At the end of the training	0,5	85%
Negative thoughts about	Before training	3,5	
yourself, other people or the	In the middle of the training	1,3	62%
world	At the end of the training	0,5	85%

Currently we are conducting a study with our group #4 and #5 participants and preliminary results are about the same.

# 6. Group 4, 5 and 6 Client Results

With groups 4, 5 and 6 we continued to conduct our study assessing the same 21 key PTSD symptoms.

- 1. before the course
- 2. after 4 weeks (at the end of the course)
- 3. 4 weeks after the course end (8 weeks from beginning)

A person could score maximum 105 points (21 symptom assessed at 5).

# Group 4 results.

•	Before training	62,7

After training 36,4 (42% decrease)
4 weeks after the training 34,9 (44% decrease)

## Group 5 results.

•	Before training	69,2
•	Defore training	05,2

After training 39,6 (43% decrease)
4 weeks after the training 37,2 (46% decrease)

## Group 6 results.

• We are still waiting on exact numbers but preliminary results show similar results to those in groups 4 and 5.

We also need to take into account that first groups were conducted in March/April 2022 when the war just begun. Trauma was rapid and recovery from it as well. Later in Summer 2022 (groups 4, 5, 6) we started to get people who were more traumatized from the prolonged war.

# 7. Some Scientific Background

# The concept of brain "plasticity"

The nanotechnology information scientists have gathered about the effects of trauma on the brain compared to the rest of the neurological system, has proven the original concept of "plasticity" was actually true. In 2008 the discovery of the "interstitium" as an organ lying just below the skin explains the sensory spectrum of the blue and purple spectrum. The human history of sayings like "it made my skin crawl" indicates the interstitium organ can be a finite communication system that determines our social aptitude. Now we have the nanotechnology that proves the darkfield microscopic field can be a source of explaining the effects of the accurate participation in the quantum field of touch. Such a spectrum of communication has enabled human touch to learn how to be capable of taming the majority of the wild animal species.

That's why the human can now be trained to use other forms of "body to brain to body" communication to gain the capacity to work towards a mutually beneficial remedial "language".

#### "Brain to body to brain language"

BSW trains the "brain to body to brain language" by communicating with the accuracy that is needed to alleviate all forms of trauma. The greatest threat to the human race, is the trauma that is sourced from the overwhelming fear that can lead to the annihilation of all forms of life in this moment in time. Today, our weapon is our knowledge of fear that is directed into technology. The capacity of learning the resolution is being learned to be self-administered. The pattern of BSW touch directly communicates the touch to activate a response rather than a reaction.

## Teaching the brain "responding rather than reacting"

In the here and now, all humans as a collective are called to develop "plasticity" by learning to learn the full spectrum of how to utilize "The act of responding rather than reacting". The impetus is the exposure to the spectrum of trauma alerts during the pandemic, the global financial crisis, and now followed by the Ukraine invasion. Our fears of the escalating threats becoming a war over the primary food and energy supply chain in a global economy are capable of annihilating individuals and groups. "Living off the land" is limited to a few because of climate change and insufficient numbers of wildlife for food sources. Wildfires are wiping out the sources of vegetation for land feeding of humans and animals. And now drones and other types of technology are limiting the capacity to find somewhere to safely hide. This type of a trauma exceeds the trauma of the previous WW1 & WW2 because of technology broadcasting the war 24/7 in a live spectrum while the time to distance ratio has become about commercial travel to the moon.

# 8. Some Testimonials

These testimonials are translated from Russian and Ukrainian and we have permission to share them.

I sincerely thank the Universe for a post on FB that led me to the online training "Quick relief of anxiety and stress ..". I remember that day very well, because it was when I woke up from the "phantom siren" in my head. The horror of the imagined sounds in my head called for action, and the heart (thank you, my heart) pointed the right way. Not only I got rid of the "phantom siren" – in just 3 weeks I also solved a lot of issues that I have been working on for years in psychotherapy. This is just an unimaginably valuable course. The trainer is so sincere in his urge and mission to help that it cannot touch anyone deeply. Ugis, you brilliantly deliver the "work with the Hands". Thank you!

#### Svetlana Valerievna

Ugis, my huge gratitude for this program. I have already gone through it twice; I do my hands daily. My sleep has normalized, I am in a stable calm state albeit turbulent circumstances of war and daily bomb threats of war around me. Once again I have the desire to live and create. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

#### Elena Kopychenko

It seemed very strange: how a simple "rubbing" of your hands can help internal pain, heal injuries, and take away a sense of hopelessness .... It turned out that miracles in our lives manifest themselves in the simplest way.

The most important for me was that that now it is possible to remove my negative anchors more quickly, gently, ecologically without retraumatization - and not spend endless months working with a psychotherapist on a single episode. Another big surprise for me was that I became resourceful again, when training finished I had regained regained my inner strength, level energy and I am dreaming again.

Thank you Ugis for the course and miracle you have created for me. These techniques literally work for everything that used to bother me.

#### Irina Matvienko

It so happened that the beginning of classes for me coincided with the peak of a long-standing chronic stressful situation. I have always been unwittingly involved in it and usually it took a lot of effort and time to get back to normal. When I began to practice BSW techniques, I found that after a couple of days the whole volcano of emotions just disappeared. I quickly returned to normal life and even had new ideas and strength for a possible solution to the situation. The method is simple and very effective I have been practicing hand technique for almost 2 months now. I am very satisfied with the results. It was possible to get rid of panic attacks, fears and anxieties. In general, I look at life with great optimism and confidence. The technique is simple and really effective!

Thank you so much for such a priceless gift!

#### Irina Sennikova

The technique came at a time when it was really needed both for my outer world and the inner. I have achieved great results and deeply changed myself. When I started to practice, I

met with traumas from childhood, it was not easy, but Ugis Strauss professionally helped to reach a positive solution. I am very grateful for that.

I recommend the training to everyone; it is a very good method especially for the circumstances right now.

#### Kristine Ozolina

Just after a week of practice, my inner tension disappeared and the internal storm calmed down, the level of anxiety decreased significantly. There was also no panic or confusion any more. A smile appeared on my face again. I got rid of the old fear that had been holding me back for years. The technique helps me reduce the level of anxiety or irritation in the moment and get rid of the effects of old stress. I also practice it at night if I wake up from a terrible dream, then I fall back asleep really quickly.

#### Nadiya Voroniak

I am far from the war, but I was hit hard, which harmed my family and my work. Conscience did not allow to disconnect myself from the conflict. The course helped to remove my destructive states and emotions and helped to forever close the issues that I couldn't resolve on my own even with a lot of effort and perfect understanding of the situation. Many thanks to Ugis for the good work you are doing  $\bigcirc$ !

## Olga Simonova

I want to express my deep gratitude to Ugis Strauss for his work, for the method, for the desire to help us in such a difficult and traumatic period! The method works! And the most valuable thing is that you reduce / remove not only your current and recent adverse situations and conditions, but also that you can deal with issues from your past. Negative memories you still remember, insults, traumatic situations, and much more — you can resolve them in such a short period of time. I realized that for the last 10 years I could not move forward in my life just because of situations from my past. I understood that dealing with my past was necessary, I tried many different methods, and I was sure that I had dealt with everything, but only in the classes with Ugis it turned out that I haven't really and that those situations still affected me. It's just a miracle that you can "get" any bad memory, feel it and deprive it of a negative charge in just a few minutes and be at peace with it forever! Once again, a big thank you!

# Victoria Vayzhgela

We left Kyiv on 1.03.22. And despite the fact that since 03.03.22 we have been safe, surrounded by attention, love and warmth, I felt fear, guilt, helplessness, often cried, did not sleep well. Thanks to the course, I feel much better: I almost don't cry  $\bigcirc$ , and if I cry, I know what to do about it; the feeling of helplessness is gone; I plan my future and am not afraid of it, but rejoice at new opportunities. I am very grateful to you Ugis and the techniques that you share!

## Inna Kuzyuberdina

Dear friends! I recently completed an online training with Ugis Strauss on how to quickly relieve anxiety, reduce stress, and prevent symptoms of PTSD and depression using the Neurokinesis (BSW) methodology.

As a professional coach, I was interested in learning about a new quick, easy to learn and versatile method for dealing with anxiety and stress.

In short, BSW techniques - Brain Stimulated Wellness - effectively affect the brain and turn on its hidden reserves.

In the last 2 years me like many of my compatriot friends, learned to cope with life in constant tension, under pressure. Since I devoted many years to study yoga, it helped me maintain my physical health and mental balance in the face of an ongoing COVID epidemic. Nevertheless, long-term stress is very dangerous because negative changes occur imperceptibly for a person. In particular, if a person is in a hostile social environment, if he cannot openly share his values and beliefs with others, admit his likes and dislikes, if he is forced to express his opinion metaphorically only- this gradually leaves an imprint on his psycho-emotional state. Fortunately, the method of neurokinesis helped me in time to detect and transform this tendency in myself. In the process of mastering the technique, I experienced vivid insights, and I managed to achieve a powerful and sustainable resource state. With the technique it is important that the student does everything himself, and the coach is like a guide, besides, the method is extremely easy to learn. I express my gratitude to Ugis Strauss for the opportunity to learn a new method.

In these moments, when millions of people are suffering from acute stress, and millions more from long-term anxiety, it is so important to learn an incredibly simple and super effective method of self-healing.

It is very important that Ugis Strauss treats this as a mission, so the entire course is free of charge. There will be another course very soon. I will definitely go again to repeat everything well and consolidate. I recommend all my friends, colleagues and clients to take the BSW course with Ugis Strauss.

You never know where life may pleasantly surprise you. You often think that you've been there, done that and know everything. But if you are open enough to new knowledge and modest to your own achievements, then Existence will surely reward you with either insight, or at least help you take the next step.

Andrew Pushkarev