

# ACTIVITY REPORT

## Organization for Nonviolent Movements (ONM)

15 August 2025 – 15 August 2026

All ONM foundational documentation can be found [here](#)

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### Curriculum Development and Education

#### Online course in French: Les Fondations théoriques et pratiques de la lutte non-violente

Partners: Non-violence XXI, LUCHA, CNCR, Centre pour des ressources sur la non-violence, Institut pour la paix

Using individual donations, ONM delivered two sessions of the previously co-created [online course in French](#) on nonviolent struggle, focused on Francophone Africa, entitled "The Theoretical and Practical Foundations of Nonviolent Struggle": Sessions took place in winter 2025 and spring 2026, with 128 total enrolled participants from 20 African countries, 91 of which graduated (a 71% completion rate, which is exceptional considering the digital divide and prevalence of violent conflict in the DRC, a key country where participants are based). Individual cohort evaluation reports are available upon request.

Significant learning gains and attitude changes were documented in both sessions, but the greatest value of the course lies in propulsing activists out of isolation and creating a space for regional networking. Approx. cost per participant for organizing the course: 35 euros. ONM is fundraising to continue and expand this project.

### **Pinpoints of Resilience: Veterans (a course curriculum co-creation)**

Partners: Ternopil National Pedagogical University (Veterans Psychological Resilience and Well-Being Center), ActionAid Eastern Europe, CNCR

ONM also obtained funding from ActionAid Denmark to run its first Pinpoints of Resilience course co-creation program focusing on different society identities, starting with veterans, researchers, and activists in Ukraine. The forthcoming co-created course focuses on theory and practice of unarmed civilian-based defense and, because co-creators requested it, nonviolent communication and conflict resolution as well, to enhance the value of the course for veterans seeking to reintegrate into a highly violence-traumatized society.

The co-creation runs from 1 May 2026 to 30 September 2026, in partnership with AAEE and Ternopil National Pedagogical University (Ukraine). As part of the project, co-creators are conducting research to document Ukrainian veterans' civil resistance tactics, expanding the definition of civil resistance to include also actions of democratic resilience and of community resilience, making an important contribution to the civil resistance literature.

A separate midterm evaluation report is available upon request. Learnings and insights gathered so far with resisters in a live conflict are profound and give the project a genuinely pioneering edge.

### **The REACT (Research-in-Action) collaboration**

Donor: ActionAid Denmark (also an active partner)

Partner: Center for Nonviolent Conflict Research (CNCR)

As implementing partner, ONM published [34 blog posts published](#) (content housed on CNCR's blog, Minds of the Movement) and organized an [open mic webinar](#). Notably, the REACT [Ukrainian Freedom](#) blog series became ONM's inaugural journal issue in [Across Fault Lines](#) (ISBN: 3130-6918) and further is now a [forthcoming edited volume](#) by Amber with Columbia University Press and Ibidem Press with a foreword by Oleksandra Matviichuk, 2022 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, receiving a preliminary batch of four

positive back-cover review blurbs (see Annex). The book will benefit from international distribution.

ONM is organizing an interactive workshop bringing 11 activists and REACT core team members to Arusha, Tanzania (facilitating African participants' visas/travel), to workshop REACT from a blog/webinar model into a full-fledged fellowship, with a co-created curriculum on editorial leadership and writing as power for nonviolent movements.

### ONM in the Community

June 2026

- Amber designed and taught a new course entitled "Civilian Agency in Comprehensive Protection of Civilians" at the European Security and Defence College "Comprehensive Protection of Civilians" [training course in June](#), hosted by the Austrian Ministry of Defence in Vienna (30 participants from a dozen countries).

May 2026:

- [Ukrainian Civil Society Week](#): 3 events in Paris, [1 online event](#), organized under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine in Paris and in partnership with the Paris Centre for Democracy — more than 130 participants in total for the 4 events.
- Marshall Ganz's book tour event, an activist [workshop](#) organized with the Leading Change Network, Non-violence XXI, Friends of the Earth, and Institut pour la paix.
- Amber spoke virtually at the [Kyiv StratCom Forum](#).

March 2026:

- Upon invitation and selection from 100+ proposals, ONM organized and moderated a round table at the Paris Defense and Strategy Forum entitled "The Democracy Arsenal: Ukraine's Civic Shield against Russia's War of Aggression", bringing some 45 attendees (a near-full room) and [317 views on ACADEM's YouTube](#) (4,500+ followers).
- In partnership with Modern Security Consulting Group (MOSECON, Berlin), ONM organized an [ONM launch event](#) also celebrating the release of *Across Fault Lines*' inaugural issue, "Ukrainian Freedom: Collective Agency in National Defense".

February 2026:

- Amber presented on a [webinar](#) entitled, "Civil Resistance and Institutional Resilience in Wartime Crisis Response: Insights from Ukraine Since the Russian

Full-Scale Invasion” by EuroISME in association with King’s Centre for Military Ethics (KCME) & School of Security Studies, King’s College London.

December 2025:

- Cross-sector working seminar on civilian-based defense and nonmilitary mobilization, bringing together 21 scholars, civil society leaders, and one French defense establishment representative (from IHEDN). Audio recordings of presentations available and being processed for dissemination on ONM’s website.

### Private Sector Engagement

ONM led a low-key, small-circle, informal co-creation with One Philosophy/Resilient Ukraine (private enterprises), two French corporate team leaders, one Ukrainian civil society leader, and a number of Romanian and Ukrainian researchers on democratic resilience and organizational resilience to develop ONM Corporate Services (a 90-minute teambuilding exercise in team resilience and leadership in crisis). These revenue-generating services will be launched this fall.

### Fundraising

Funds raised and income generated: a total of €69,990.43 between January 1 and August 15, 2026, and approximately €100,000 in seed money from the Center on Nonviolent Conflict Research (CNCR covered start-up costs directly for ONM and supported Amber and a Chief Operating Officer to set up ONM), prior to ONM opening a bank account in December 2025. Total est. funds raised during the Aug. 15, 2025-Aug. 15, 2026 period: €170,000.

Full financial reporting is due December 15, 2026 (Board to soon vote to adopt the annual reporting closing date of December 15).

### Social media performance

ONM launched and runs accounts on [LinkedIn](#) (541 subscribers), [Instagram](#) (150 subscribers) and [YouTube](#) (relatively inactive, 11 subscribers).

### Website

ONM launched its website, which it [redesigned](#) in spring 2026.

## Management and volunteers

- 4 members of the Board of Directors: Veronique Dudouet (Co-President, Germany/France) and Col. Andrii Ordynovych (Co-President, Ukraine), Maria Kovach (Board Member, Ukraine), Hortense Blazsin (Treasurer, France).
- 4 members of the Scientific Advisory Committee: Bienvenu Matumo (DRC), Andreas Umland (Ukraine/Germany), Oleksandra Keudel (Ukraine/Germany), Felip Daza (Spain), and growing (two new members under consideration, Jari Kickbusch, Ari Hershowitz).
- Volunteers (a few come and go).
- A [membership campaign](#) is imminent.

## Organizational network (team, partners, others)

- 3 co-founders: Amber French-Griette, Ivan Marovic, Erin Helfert-Moesse (now departed and no longer active)
- 1 director: Amber French-Griette
- 8 international consultants: Jean-Pierre Mutumambila (DRC), Mike Kunka (DRC), Mariam Azeem (Pakistan), Merab Ingabire (Uganda), Kai van Rosendaal (Netherlands), Felip Daza (Spain), Raho (Djibouti), Tounkara (West Africa)
- Network of alumni of the French-speaking course in 20 African countries and Haiti
- 10 Ukrainian veteran and activist co-creators
- 15 institutional partners: Center for Nonviolent Conflict Research (USA), Institut pour la Paix (France), Non-violence XXI (France), Friends of the Earth (France), Leading Change Network (USA), MOSECON (Germany), NAKO Independent Anti-Corruption Commission (Ukraine), Paris Centre for Democracy (France), Kolo Community Space (France), Space Network (France), ActionAid Eastern Europe (Ukraine), Center for Civil Liberties (Ukraine), Ternopil National Pedagogical University (Ukraine), One Philosophy (Denmark), Resilient Ukraine (Denmark/Ukraine)
- 1 official patronage of events: Embassy of Ukraine in Paris
- 2 institutional donors: Center for Nonviolent Conflict Research, ActionAid Denmark and 9 individual donors
- Countless allies cheering for us in the wings!

## Publications

- [ONM's strategy brief](#)
- The inaugural issue of *Across Fault Lines*, “[Ukrainian Freedom: Collective Agency in National Defense](#)”.

## Annex 1: Ukrainian Freedom Endorsements

Back-cover review endorsements of *Ukrainian Freedom: Collective Agency in National Defense*:

“When Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, it was not only armies that stood in the way — it was teachers, museum workers, volunteers, feminists, and neighbors. As Nobel Peace Prize laureate Oleksandra Matviichuk writes in this journal's foreword: “We are used to thinking in terms of states and intergovernmental organizations, but ordinary people have much more power than they even imagine.” Across Fault Lines takes that insight seriously, bringing together Ukrainian defenders and civil society voices to document the remarkable — and largely untold — story of civilian agency in Ukraine's resistance. At ActionAid Denmark, we believe this should change how all of us think about defending democratic societies: not as something simply done for us by governments and militaries, but as something we do together, as citizens. This journal is an invitation to policymakers to expand their toolkit beyond weapons and sanctions alone — but it is equally an invitation to us, as ordinary people, to recognize our own power and responsibility. In a moment when Europe's security debate risks becoming purely reactive, Across Fault Lines calls for something rarer: strategic reflection and a broader conversation about what civil solidarity and defense can look like.”

- Tim Whyte, Secretary General of ActionAid Denmark (Denmark)

“This is a collection of lively and readable essays on the past, present and future of civil resistance. It is mostly about the Ukrainian population's impressive resistance against Russia's occupation. It shows how the social struggles against corruption, and the actions to protect museums, are integral parts of a larger struggle with both military and civil aspects.

This work raises questions. It covers some of the setbacks that civil resistance has suffered in the past 70-plus years, including Czechoslovakia in 1968–9, but omits other disasters: from Cairo to Minsk, and from Yangon to Istanbul. Here's a topic for subsequent issues of Across Fault Lines. We need to learn from setbacks. Meanwhile, this multi-faceted collection broadens our understanding of Ukraine's extraordinary struggle.”

- Prof. Adam Roberts of Oxford University (UK)

“National resilience is the cornerstone of defense against aggression. Its vital core lies in the collective agency of the people. In *Ukrainian Freedom*, Amber French-Griette delivers a ground-level analysis of how civic courage becomes a formidable shield of national defense. This work is essential reading for anyone studying asymmetric warfare, total

defense, or societal endurance, clearly demonstrating that failing to account for national resilience is an invader's greatest mistake.”

- Otto Fiala, lead author of the Resistance Operating Concept

“For those aiming to understand or act upon nonviolent strategies in support of their cause, this is an indispensable edited volume. Amber French-Griette collects the lessons, experiences, and insights from the voices and places where nonviolent resistance and civilian-based defense mechanisms are contesting grossly violent forms of power. Profound, powerful, and a timely update on an understudied form of power.”

- Brian Petit, Colonel (ret.) USA Special Forces, irregular warfare educator

*Forthcoming: Maksym Beznosiuk, Analyst on Russia, Ukraine, and European Security, Associate Fellow, GLOBSEC, and others*

## Annex 2: Photos

### *ONM Founding*



*December Working Seminar (Paris)*



*ONM in the Community (networking and presenting at conferences)*



With ONM ally, Guillaume Lasconjarias, IHEDN director of training and research



Amber participated in the Paris Defense Innovation Forum. This says “Doing Things Differently” (in Defense)



Action Justice Climat conference in Paris



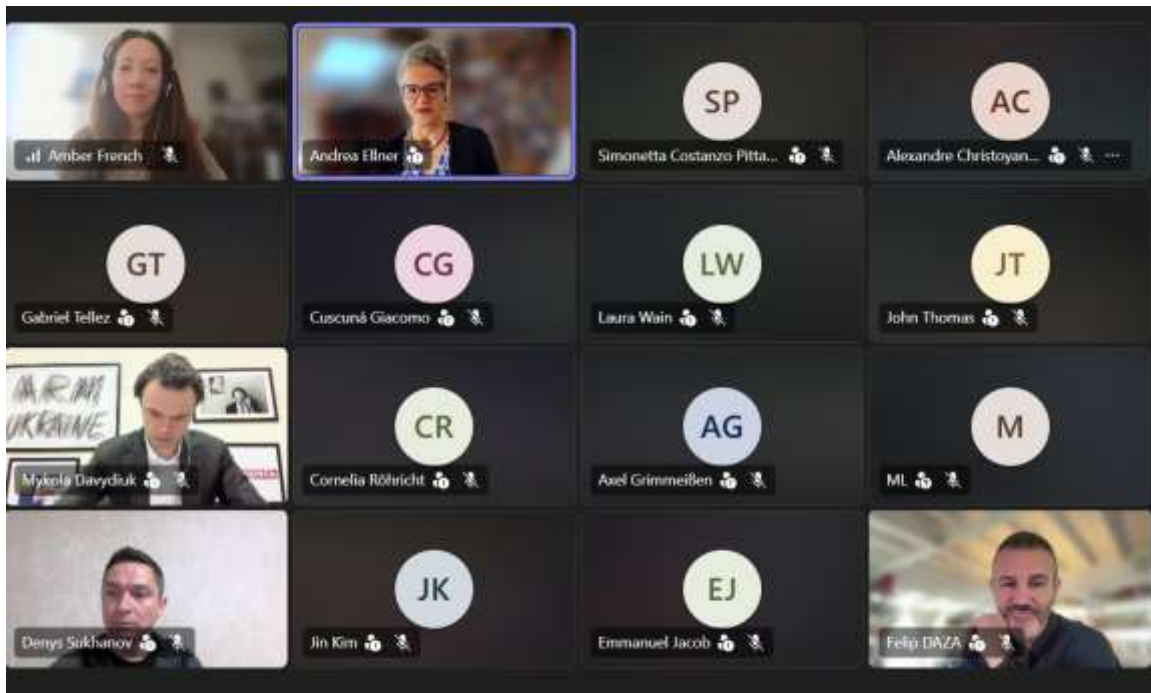
Auditing an IHEDN workshop with a business school defense club



Interview with the founding father of civilian-based defense studies, Adam Roberts, Emeritus professor at Oxford



Independent research at King's College London to recover archives of Roberts' 1964 conference on civilian-based defense



Amber presenting on civilian-based defense during a EUROisme/King's College London webinar



Attending a conference on resilience studies at a university in Sweden



Attending Freedom Games in Lodz, Poland



*Moderating a panel at a conference at the Assemblée Nationale*

# ONM BULLETIN

December 2025

Season's Greetings from



ONM

Organization for Nonviolent Movements



## Illuminating a Path Toward a Better World

ONM launched in Paris in July and got straight to work! We are an ICNC partner organization focusing on the study and practice of nonviolent action in Europe and Africa. Amber French-Griette, our CEO, and Erin Helfert Möesse, our COO, aren't the only ones who "founded" ONM—our purpose found ONM too, and in a hurry. Our work to [promote unarmed strategies](#) for defending freedom, human dignity and security brings timely and constructive thinking about national defense. Just 5 months from launch, we landed a spot to organize a panel on this topic at a major upcoming EU defense forum.



What comes first when starting an NGO, the chicken or the egg? Solidarity. In our first months, we prioritized the HRD communities ICNC entrusted to us, running a session of an [online course in French](#) and commissioning activist [blog writing](#). We also organized a [seminar](#) in Paris, presented at [conferences across Europe](#), and launched our [Strategy Brief Series](#). We are particularly proud to now have all-star, all-HRD teams running our editorial and educational projects! L-R: Steward Muhindo, Mariam Azeem, Merab Ingabire. Below right: Jean-Pierre Mutumambila. Also pictured: ONM Senior Advisor Olena Tregub.



## WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2026

- Inaugurating our Across Fault Lines journal, focusing on unarmed civilian-based defense (UCBD) in Ukraine, with articles from diverse sectors of Ukrainian and European society.
- Holding 3 sessions of our partner-led [online course](#) on NV action in French.
- Organizing a panel on UCBD at the Paris Defense and Security Forum (March).
- [Publishing blog posts](#) and running webinars for our Activist Writing work w/ ActionAid Denmark and ICNC.
- Launching our [Corporate Services](#) in Team Resilience... *and much more!!*

*Thank you*

Amber & Erin,  
ONM Co-founders

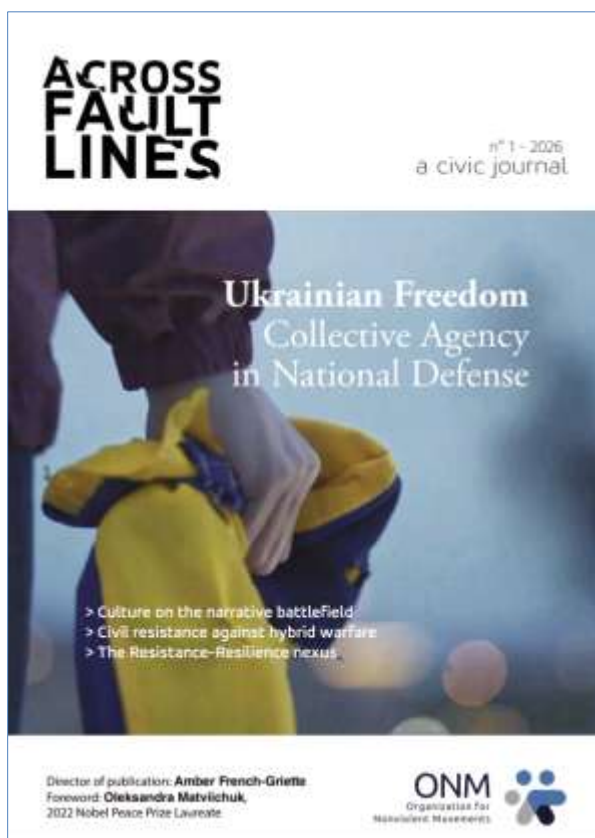


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[nonviolent-movements.org](https://nonviolent-movements.org)

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*Publications*



*ONM Launch Event, also launching Across Fault Lines Journal*



Across Fault Lines inaugural issue contributors gathered in Paris

*Podcast & Radio Invitations*





Amber accepted an invitation to be interviewed on *Journal libre de la Francophonie heureuse*, a far-right radio program, on a personal basis, indicating her desire to emerge come out of her echo chamber and interact with new audiences.

*Paris Defense and Strategy Forum*





Left to Right: Amber; Tomas Godliauskas, now former Vice Minister of Defense, Lithuania (now leads an NGO devoted to preparing comprehensive defense); Olena Tregub, Sec Gen. of NAKO Independent Anti-Corruption Committee (Ukraine); Svitlana Kobzar, NATO Eastern Europe Officer; Felip Daza, Sciences Po professor and researcher with NOVACT (Spain), and Col. Andrii Ordynovch, Ukrainian Air Force and now ONM Board Co-Chair



*ONM Meet and Greet*

**WEBINAR: 28 MAY 2026**  
**16:00 TO 17:30 PARIS/CET**

On LinkedIn LIVE  
 via our page

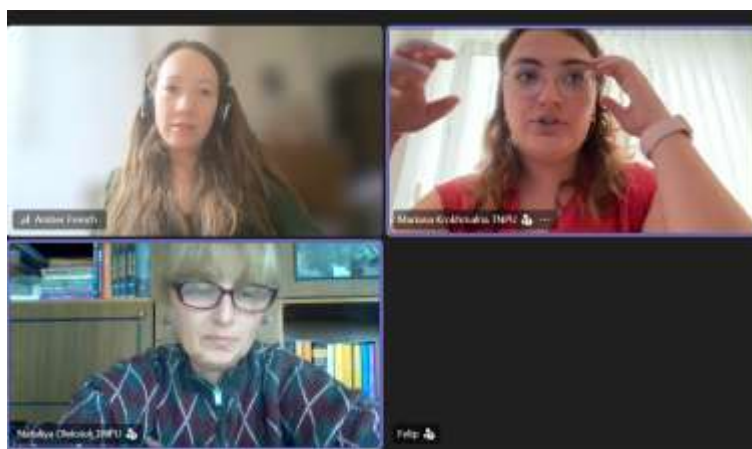


## ONM NETWORKING MEET & GREET



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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Amber French-Griette</b><br>Co-founder & Director | <b>Veronique Dudouet</b><br>Board Co-Chair            | <b>Col. (Ret.) Andrii Ordynovych</b><br>Board Co-Chair | <b>Mariia Kovach</b><br>Member of the Board          |
| <b>Bienvenu Matumo</b><br>Scientific Advisory Board  | <b>Oleksandra Keudel</b><br>Scientific Advisory Board | <b>Felip Daza Sierra</b><br>Scientific Advisory Board  | <b>Hortense Blazsin</b><br>Scientific Advisory Board |

**Learn about ONM's work, meet our leadership, and find out how to get involved!**

*Pinpoints of Resilience Veterans Co-Creation*

Ternopil National Pedagogical University, Ukraine (university partner)

*Screenshots of co-creator Zoom calls are not available for reasons relating to security and confidentiality.*

*REACT (Open Mic Webinar)*





## Kyiv STRATCOM Forum



## Ukrainian Civil Society Week

SEMAINE DE LA SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE UKRAINIENNE | 26 JUIN - 3 JUILLET 2026 | EVENT N° 2  
#UKRCIVILSOCIETY2026

## Résonances franco ukrainiennes

Soirée culturelle en présence d'Emeric Lhuisset, photographe, artiste et politologue

30 juin 2026  
Place Network, Paris 11e

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| <b>Emeric Lhuisset</b>                                                              | <b>Nadiia Bernard-Kovalchuk</b>                                                               | <b>Amber French-Griette</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Kateryna Prunchak</b>                                                            |
| Photographe et artiste primé, auteur, professeur à Sciences Po, Paris               | Historienne de l'art, scénariste, cofondatrice du Musée de l'École de photographie de Kharkiv | Experte en matière de résistance civile, directrice d'ONG, rédactrice, auteure : Ukrainian Freedom (à venir chez Columbia Univ. Press) | Intégriste, enseignante, responsable programmes et opérations, PADEM                |

*La propagande russe et la liberté ukrainienne au regard de la photographie, de l'art et de la résistance civile...*

PARIS CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY | ONM | Ambassade d'Ukraine en France | KOLO | PLACE



***Online Course in French***

No visuals or screenshots are available for this project for reasons relating to security and confidentiality.