

Dear Friends,

As we mark 35 years of democracy in Bulgaria this November 10, we celebrate the journey and the dreams that keep it alive. Young leaders like Katia Simeonova, Christian Belev, Deyan Enicherov, and Tanya Bozhinova—all in their 20s and part of a generation that has only known Bulgaria as a democracy—are shaping a hopeful future. Through Katia's bold documentaries, Christian's stories that bridge generations, Deyan's visual reflections on empathy, and Tanya's animated explorations of identity, they show that democracy is not just a system but a call to engage, challenge, and dream. These "children of democracy" remind us that the future depends on those who believe in its promise.

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They are hope



From Floods to Freedom: Katia Simeonova's Camera Tells All

Katia Simeonova's films celebrate the strength and joy of ordinary Bulgarians, showing the freedom democracy brings to tell all kinds of stories.



Democracy through Old Headphones? Here's How Deyan Hears It

Deyan Enicherov uses film to explore empathy and freedom, showing that democracy is about understanding and connecting with others.

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"Ash on Your Tongue": Tanya Takes on Language & Democracy

Through bold animation, filmmaker Tanya Bozhinova invites Bulgarians to reflect on democracy and their shared language and culture.

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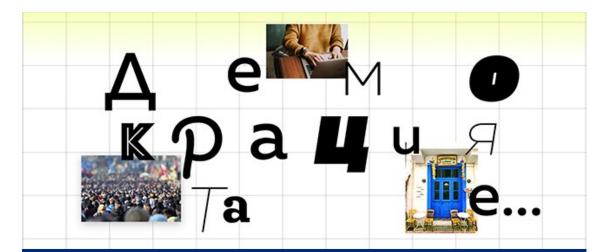


Leaving Bulgaria to Find His Way Back: Christian Belev's Story

Christian Belev's projects look at Bulgaria's past and present, highlighting the role each generation plays in keeping democracy alive.

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Over the past half year, <u>The Convo Foundation</u>, whom we interviewed in June, has been capturing the many faces of democracy in Bulgaria. <u>Their project Democracy</u> <u>Daily</u>, <u>launched in partnership with ABF</u>, <u>shines a spotlight on everyday democratic</u> <u>moments and the voices behind them</u>, using the power of storytelling to bring these experiences to life. Through a blend of creativity and insight, Convo's team celebrates Bulgarians who embody democratic values, from civic activists to ordinary citizens, reminding us of the shared responsibility in building a stronger, more open society.

Find inspiration by bookmarking <u>Democracy Daily's webpage</u> or <u>following the project</u> on <u>Facebook</u>!

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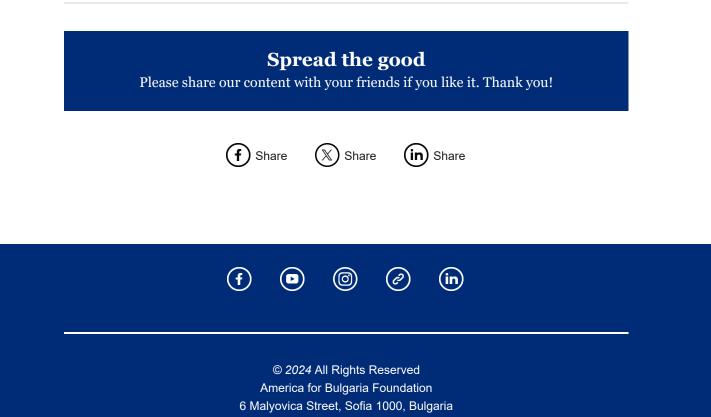


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Sending warmest regards,

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