

REUSABLE TABLEWARE

Disposable cups, plates, containers, and cutlery end up in landfills most of the time. That's because they are made of **cheap plastic** and are often **dirty or greasy** which makes recycling unprofitable or complicated. We search for effective ways of **switching to reusable tableware** in different spheres and work on implementing these ways in Lviv since 2017.

2017

FESTIVALS

The **Craft Beer and Vinyl Music Festival** was the first festival in Ukraine to switch from plastic to glass cups. That year we started our cooperation with the company organizing the festival and suggested the idea of glass cups for beer. Since then there have already been 9 festivals, all of them — without single use cups.

Lated that year another festival adopted the similar practice. The **Cheese and Wine Festival** offered its guests reusable glasses for wine and cups for hot wine. All of those had the festival's logo printed on them and could be taken home as souvenirs.

2019

COFFEE-TO-GO

Together with the local coffee shops KREDENS CAFE, Alternative Coffee, Rocker Espresso and OM NOM NOM we brainstormed the topic of reusable cups for coffee-to-go. We worked on ideas and implementation options.

We also did a pole for the Lviv Coffee Festival visitors on the topic.

We presented the idea of reusable coffee-to-go cups at the UNDP Innovation Lab and received the support for project implementation.

2020

COFFEE-TO-GO: FIRST TRIALS

Together with the coffee shops we experimented with wasteless coffee: promoted the bring-your-own approach, tried out deposit cups and edible cups. We also piloted deposit coffee cups at the So Green Fest and collected feedback.

WORKING WITH RESTAURANTS

As a part of the Zero Waste in Action project in cooperation with Environment People Law, we held a contest for businesses on best zero waste practices. One of the winners was the LvivSmartFood meals delivery service that used reusable containers for delivering their meals.

"COVID-19 AND WASTE"

STUDIED waste generation in view of pandemic and convinced the Lviv City Council to allow restaurants to serve food in reusable cups and plates.

WASTE COMPOSITION ANALYSIS

We **STUDIED** the contents of street garbage bins to find out how many disposable coffee cups are thrown away in the streets. For this we chose the Sichovykh Striltsiv Street in Lviv because of seven coffee shops with to-go drinks operating there.

2021

LAUNCHING ZERO CUP

This year with the help of our partners we launched the **ZERO CUP**, the first deposit system for coffee-to-go in Ukraine. Three chains of coffee shops joined the project, making the cups available to the public in 17 coffee shops across the city.

2022

REUSABLE TABLEWARE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE

We collected insulated cups and bottles to give them away at the railway station to refugees passing through Lviv on their way to other countries.

We purchased reusable tableware and containers for businesses and organizations, providing meals to the IDPs at the railway station and in residence centers:

- large steel food storage containers for delivering meals;
- large sturdy plastic boxes for delivering prepackaged meals;
- reusable plates, cups and mugs for the soup kitchen at the railway station;
- plastic food storage containers for families living at the modular camp for the IDPs;
- plastic lunchboxes for the restaurant providing lunches to the wounded soldiers at a local hospital;
- glass lunchboxes for the food delivery service cooking and delivering lunches to a local IDP residence center.

We initiated the collection of reusable tableware for locations that provided meals and shelter to the IDPs:

- residence center at the Arena Lviv stadium,
- modular camp in Stryiskii Park,
- cafe "Mriya" near the residence center for IDPs.

We also purchased a **dishwasher** for washing these dishes and installed it in the nearby Boykivska Hostyna restaurant that provided free meals to the IDPs.

We handed the spare reusable coffee-to-go cups from our **Zero Cup** project over to the volunteer and humanitarian aid headquarters along with sets of reusable tableware, hot water dispensers, benches, and tables.

Find out more on the projects and those who made it possible [HERE](#) (in Ukrainian).

REUSABLE TABLEWARE FOR THE MILITARY

We raised funds for reusable tableware for the military. This year we purchased:

- pots and sets of dishes — for 400 people,
- burner stoves — 10 pcs.,
- insulated flasks for tea/coffee — 35 pcs.

2023+ plans and dreams

REUSABLE TABLEWARE IN WARTIME

We will continue to raise money for reusable tableware for the military and to work on developing approaches to using reusable table ware in emergency situations.

WORKING WITH BUSINESS

We plan to get more coffee shops, restaurants, and other businesses engaged in reducing the use of single-use tableware.

ZERO CUP

We are searching for ways to further develop our deposit coffee cups service, to involve new coffee shops and to make the service more comfortable for the users.