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#### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends & Benefactors,

I am delighted to welcome you at Liberty International where we identify and strengthen freedom in the world we live in. I trust you will enjoy reading this Annual Report.

It is never easy to sum-up a year as there are so many factors, good and bad, that contribute to the final makeup. But when I think of Liberty International in 2022, it is almost entirely a positive picture. It was not just a year filled with very successful projects that you can read about in this Annual Report. Our endeavors, such as Liberty International World Conference in Tbilisi turning into a true festival of freedom, have a very strong backing from its participants – their testimonials are the answer for the most important question at Liberty International: Why are we doing all that? But 2022 was special not merely because of the projects and their lifechanging energy. It was the year when we totally rebuilt our organizational structure: created departments and expanded the team tremendously but according to our needs and ambitions. I am very proud that we became a truly international organization: our team members come from three continents (South America, Europe, Asia) and five countries (Colombia, Argentina, Poland, Ukraine, India). For me it is truly a pleasure and honor to run such a hard-working, dynamic and simply happy pool of talents.

I can say a lot about the needed changes that we are experiencing at Liberty International and it will not be too much to say that truly big and tasty fruits are only yet to come. But in this short piece I also want to express that we are finding and expanding freedom in a more and more unfree world. Our negative predictions from the COVID-era unfortunately were right: the ratchet effect is there – we see more government intrusion in our life than ever, all across the globe. We also see free global trade shrinking which is very alarming. Finally, in Europe where I live, we witnessed an unprecedented colonial-style invasion of an authoritarian regime (Russia) against a sovereign country (Ukraine) that dared to choose its own path against the will of the aggressive neighbor. It is not just a tragedy of an attacked country but most importantly it is a tragedy of individuals who lose life, property, often family members. Military interventionism, this time wearing a Russian uniform, showed its barbaric side once again. We, the people of freedom, shall have no illusion about who is who in this madness. And free people show an amazing response, proving that without government we can do more and better for those in need. Freedom is unstoppable!

Thank you for being with us in these uneasy times.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR** 



The last year has seen many changes within Liberty International that don't necessarily show up in annual reports, but perhaps should. One of the biggest is the retirement of our beloved Executive Director, Jim Elwood. Mr. Elwood still promotes the organization, but is no longer with us full time.

Fortunately, our team of truly international younger folks have stepped forward to take over the functions that Mr. Elwood used to do and went beyond. This has allowed LI to expand its reach. For example, our third iteration of Libertarian Solutions: How to Share the Libertarian Message with Just About Anyone garnered 288 attendees from over 48 countries. LI expects to extend the Libertarian Solutions franchise in the near future and is posting the recorded courses on the Udemy platform.

We also expect record attendance at our World Conference in Madrid in August 2023. Our newest Board member, Jose Cordeiro, is bringing his years of experience in organizing conventions to make this Conference one of our very best.

Per Bylund is developing an Immigration Index for nations similar to the Freedom Indices that have been produced in the past. Such an index will serve as a guide to those considering voting with their feet to another nation. Perhaps more importantly, the Index may very well do what hasn't been done before: encourage countries to review their immigration policies as the Index creates measurable competition between countries to attract the best and brightest immigrants.

Ken Schoolland's The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible, which has been translated into over 50 languages, is now morphing into an animated cartoon. Special thanks go to a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Our president, Jacek Spendel, has brought his management skills to bear on these new and exciting projects. Having served as an interim CEO for many years, I can attest to Mr. Spendel's proficiency in taking LI to levels that we were not able to achieve in the past.

LI's future is bright, but only because our dedicated donor base makes it possible. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for supporting LI, no matter how small you think your contribution may be. I also want to invite those of you who aren't yet donors to consider helping LI to spread the message of liberty throughout the world.

If the Covid crisis showed us anything, it was that the world needs much more liberty. With your help, Li can counter the misinformation that liberty is archaic and out of date. As you are well aware – and others are becoming more aware – liberty is the means to global harmony and abundance. Help LI awaken the world to a better way!

Yours for Liberty,

Jacek Spendel President

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, the only thing that ever has.

— Margaret Mead

## MISSION

Finding and Expanding Freedom in An Unfree World

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We want to make freedom a global matter. All our activities aim at bringing the philosophy of liberty closer to every person around the world. We believe that it doesn't matter where we start as long as we build relations. We mainly work with students and recent graduates. We see the world free of governmental overpower yet full of individual responsibility. We see the world freer, more open, and more individualized.

## MEET THE TEAM





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## LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL WORLD CONFERENCE TBILISI GEORGIA 2022



The 36th edition of the Liberty International (LI) World Conference, held in Tbilisi, Georgia from August 11th to 15th, 2022, was an outstanding success. It marked a significant milestone as the first in-person event of this magnitude following the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference was attended by a diverse audience comprising students, young activists, and professionals



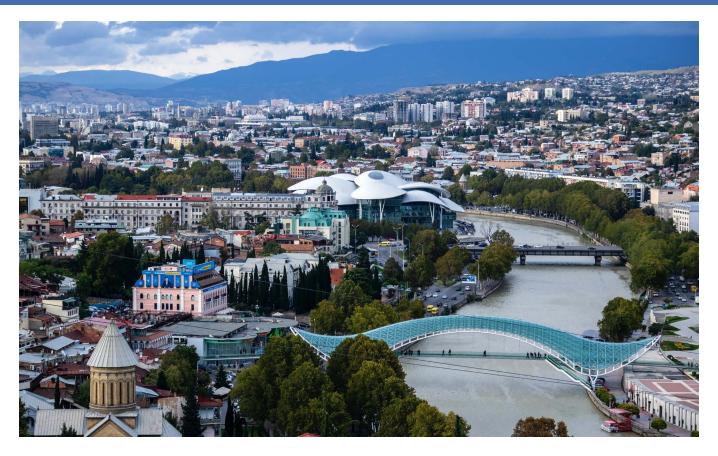
from different fields, united by a strong commitment to promoting liberty.



The conference centered around the theme of "How to Expand Freedom Throughout Your Life." It featured an impressive lineup of 26 speakers who explored various aspects of freedom, including mental, financial, tech, global citizenship, and objectivism. Attendees were treated to an immersive cultural experience, with traditional Georgian dances, wine tasting, and a wide array of delicacies on offer.

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One of the primary objectives of LI conferences is to engage young activists and students who share a passion for liberty. This edition of the conference saw a significant turnout of such individuals from Asian countries, who actively participated in the conference's discussions and contributed to its success.

The support of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation, the New Economic School - Georgia, and the Prometheus Foundation was crucial to the conference's success. These organizations were valuable partners and patrons, and we express our gratitude for their unwavering support. The LI World Conference was a truly inspiring event that reinvigorated our commitment to promoting liberty and freedom in all spheres of life. We are excited to continue our efforts and collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations worldwide to expand freedom and promote the values that underpin it.





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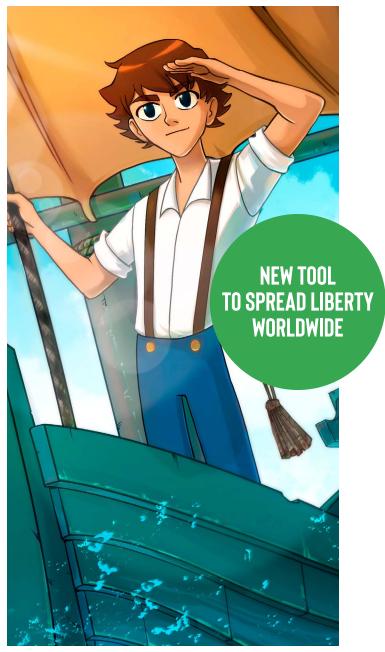
## **CARTOON SERIES, JONATHAN GULLIBLE**

The power of cartoons to engage and educate youth cannot be overstated. They are a fun and exciting way to communicate complex ideas and issues in an easily digestible format. In the world of socio-political issues, cartoons have become a vital tool for teaching young people about the core principles of libertarianism.

In line with this, we are excited to announce the development of a 3-part cartoon series based on the hilarious fable "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free Market Odyssey" by Professor Ken Schoolland. This story has been highly effective in teaching free-market economics to the youth and is a perfect fit for the cartoon medium. The series follows the titular character, Jonathan Gullible, on his journey through a fantastical world where he encounters a wide range of characters who teach him about the principles of the free market. From greedy politicians to benevolent merchants, Jonathan learns about the benefits of free trade, the dangers of government intervention, and the importance of individual liberty. The cartoon series is still under development, and we are working hard to ensure that it lives up to the high standards set by the original fable. Our team is composed of talented animators, writers, and producers who are passionate about libertarian ideas and committed to creating an engaging and informative series.

We believe that this series has the potential to reach a wide audience of young people and introduce them to the principles of free-market economics in a fun and accessible way. It is our hope that this series will inspire young people to think critically about the role of government in our lives and the importance of individual freedom and responsibility.

We invite you to stay tuned for future updates on the series and encourage you to share it with the young people in your life. Together, we can use the power of cartoons to educate and inspire the next generation of libertarians.



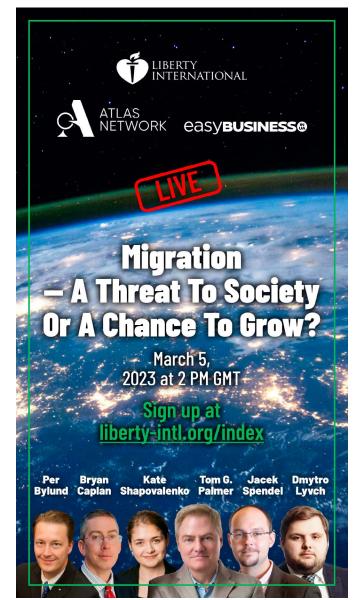




#### **INTERNATIONAL WORK MIGRATION INDEX**

#### liberty-intl.org/index

Liberty International is proud to announce the launch of the International Work Migration Index (IWMI) in collaboration with Atlas Network and EasyBusiness, a comprehensive study aimed at measuring and evaluating the freedom of work migration in different countries around the world. The project is a joint effort by experts in the fields of economics, immigration, and liberty to provide



an objective and transparent analysis of the policies and regulations that affect the freedom of individuals to work and migrate across borders.

The IWMI will evaluate each country based on several key factors such as the ease of obtaining work visas and permits, the presence of discriminatory practices, and the availability of job opportunities for foreign workers. The index will also take into account the cultural and social factors that may impact the integration and assimilation of migrants into the host country.

The main objective of the IWMI is to promote the principles of free-market economics and individual liberty by identifying the policies that support the freedom of work migration and highlighting the benefits of an open and inclusive approach to immigration. By providing an objective evaluation of the policies that impact work migration, the IWMI will serve as a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders who are interested in promoting the freedom of work migration as a means of fostering economic growth and prosperity.

The IWMI is an ongoing project, and the team at Liberty International is committed to updating and refining the index as new data and information become available. We believe that the IWMI has the potential to make a significant contribution to the global discourse on immigration and work migration and we are excited to continue working towards promoting the principles of liberty and individual freedom through this project.

## 200 000 PEOPLE REACHED 3 COUNTRIES ANALYZED

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Project Arizona is an initiative that helps young entrepreneurs learn and succeed in a supportive environment. The most recent program took place in Phoenix, Arizona, and despite the challenges of the pandemic.

Six students from the class of 2022 attended the program and received intense training in free-market economics from expert faculty at Arizona State University. They learned about topics such as market research, financial management, marketing, and business planning.



They also had the opportunity to attend meetings with local libertarian groups and learn about the importance of free-market policies and entrepreneurship.

In addition to the training, the students interned at libertarian-leaning companies, gaining valuable work experience and learning about the challenges of running a business. They also enjoyed a Grand Canyon tour, which allowed them to appreciate the natural beauty of the region and learn more about the local culture.



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students but also on the local business community. It provided a platform for young entrepreneurs to learn, network, and grow their businesses in a supportive and conducive environment.

The program's success was due to the hard work and dedication of the organizers, faculty, and mentors. It provided a comprehensive learning experience that combined theoretical knowledge with practical skills. Its focus on promoting free-market policies and entrepreneurship is crucial for creating an environment that encourages innovation and economic growth.

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In conclusion, Project Arizona is an initiative that helps young entrepreneurs learn and succeed in a supportive environment. The 2022 edition of the program was a success and had a positive impact on the participants and the local business community. Its focus on promoting free-market policies and entrepreneurship is crucial for creating an environment that encourages innovation and economic growth.



## **LIBERTARIAN SOLUTIONS 2.0**



In today's world, the concept of freedom seems to be elusive, and many people feel that their lives are constrained by various factors outside of their control. However, Dr. Mary Ruwart has come up with an innovative solution that offers hope for those seeking freedom in an unfree world.

Her brainchild, "Libertarian Solutions", is an online learning course that is designed to equip individuals with the tools they need to find freedom in all areas of their lives. The course is now in its second edition, and it continues to attract a growing number of participants from all around the world.

Libertarian Solutions 2.0 is a comprehensive online learning course

designed to provide a practical guide to those who are seeking to live a life of freedom in an increasingly unfree world. With the theme of "How to Find Freedom in an Unfree World", the course delves into four essential pillars of freedom: Mental & Emotional Freedom, Financial Freedom, Global Citizenship, and Health Freedom.

Each session of the course is led by experts in their respective fields, who provide valuable insights and practical tools to help participants achieve freedom in their personal lives. The course is structured in a multilayered format that enables students to learn at their own pace and interact with like-minded individuals from around the world. The second iteration of the course witnessed the participation of 80 students from diverse backgrounds and regions, all united in their quest for freedom. Dr. Mary Ruwart's vision of creating a course that empowers individuals to achieve freedom in their lives has resonated with many, and the course has received glowing reviews



from participants.

Libertarian Solutions 2.0 is a remarkable resource for those who are committed to living a life of freedom and self-determination. By providing access to top experts in various fields, the course equips participants with the tools and knowledge needed to achieve their goals and aspirations. The course is a testament to the power of education and the potential it

holds to transform lives and societies.

80 STUDENTS
12 SESSIONS
4 PILLARS

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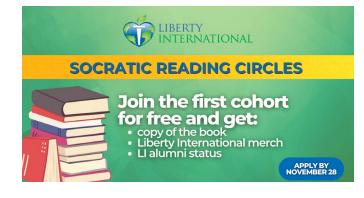
## **SOCRATIC READING CIRCLES 2023**



Liberty International is proud to introduce Socratic Reading Circles, a program designed to promote critical thinking and effective communication skills among the youth. The program is based on the renowned book "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free-Market Odyssey" by Ken Schoolland, which has been translated into over 55 languages and has won numerous awards. The program aims to address a minimum of 5 chapters in each meeting, with a target to complete the book in 8 meetings spread across 8 weeks.

The participants will engage in an intellectual discussion on the book's themes and ideas, with a focus on developing their own individual powers of reason and understanding. The program will promote habits of critical thinking and effective communication, helping each participant arrive at intelligent opinions of their own. In addition to the intellectual discussion, participants will have the opportunity to interact with the author, who will join the concluding meeting to address any doubts and distribute certificates. The program emphasizes the importance of voicing questions and confusion, as this will help participants and others gain a better understanding of the book's concepts. In everyday conversation, it may be considered rude to ask too many questions or to ask people to justify their opinions. However, in Socratic Seminars, this is encouraged, as the goal is to get to the roots of our opinions and see which opinions are more justifiable and reasonable than others. This often requires examining assumptions that we have never been required to justify before.

Overall, the Socratic Reading Circles program is an excellent opportunity for youth to engage in intellectual discourse and develop critical thinking and effective communication skills. The program's focus on the renowned book "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free-Market Odyssey" by Ken Schoolland will provide participants with a deeper understanding of the concepts of classical liberalism and free-market economics, empowering them to become future leaders in promoting liberty and individual freedom..





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## **LIBERTY CAMPS 2022**



Liberty International has been actively promoting the ideals of classical liberalism through their Liberty Camps held in various parts of the world. In 2022, they expanded their reach to Nepal, India, and the Republic of Georgia, where they organized in-person five-day workshops aimed at educating and empowering the youth.



The Liberty Camps provided a platform for young minds to engage in meaningful discussions on the principles of classical liberalism, entrepreneurship, and free-market economics. The participants were mentored by a team of expert faculty members, including renowned names such as Professor Ken Schooland, Ms. Li Schooland, Mr. Glenn Gripe, Mr. Martin Hooss, Mr. José Luis Cordeiro, and Mr. Barun Mitra. These experts enlightened the participants on the basics of liberalism, entrepreneurship, and free-market economics, and encouraged them to think critically and independently.

The workshops were designed to be interactive and engaging, with a focus on experiential learning. Participants were given the opportunity to engage in roleplaying exercises, debates, and group discussions, which



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helped them to develop their communication, leadership, and teamwork skills.

The Liberty Camps were not only a great learning opportunity for the participants, but also provided them with a platform to network and build lasting relationships with like-minded individuals. The program also encouraged participants to become advocates for classical liberalism in their respective communities, empowering them to take action towards creating a freer and more prosperous society.

Overall, the Liberty Camps organized in Nepal, India, and the Republic of Georgia in 2022 were a huge success, providing young minds with a unique learning experience and empowering them to become future leaders in promoting liberty and individual freedom.





#### PUBLICATIONS

## HOW TO THINK ABOUT THE ECONOMY: A PRIMER BY DR. PER BYLUND

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## HOW TO THINK ABOUT THE **ECONOMY** A PRIMER



Per Bylund's latest book is a game-changer for those seeking to understand the true power of economics. With this book, Per Bylund aims to ignite a passion for economic literacy and provide a deeper understanding of how the economy works. The book is intentionally kept short, making it accessible to everyone, and is written in a way that is easy to understand, without any intimidating jargon or technicalities.

Bylund's book emphasizes the importance of economic literacy in uncovering the underlying workings of the economy and society as a whole. Economic reasoning



provides a powerful tool for understanding the world around us and for making informed decisions in our personal and professional lives. It offers a fresh perspective that reveals the inner workings of the economy and why things happen the way they do.

This book is an invitation to gain life-changing insights into how the economy works. Bylund's writing style is engaging, informative, and will leave you excited about the possibilities that economic literacy offers. In a world where economics is often seen as a dry and complicated subject, Per Bylund's book offers a refreshing take that is both accessible and empowering. It is a must-read for anyone looking to gain a deeper understanding of the world we live in.

## TRANSLATIONS OF JOHNATHAN GULLIBLE

Over the years, "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free-Market Odyssey" by Ken Schoolland has gained popularity worldwide, and its translations into various languages have increased exponentially. The book, which promotes the ideals of classical liberalism and free-market economics through the protagonist Jonathan's adventures, has been translated into over 55 languages, including Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Arabic, and many more.

The increasing demand for translations of the book can be attributed to its engaging storytelling style, which makes it easy to understand and relatable to people of different cultures and backgrounds. The book's ability to convey complex economic and political concepts in a simple and entertaining manner has made it a valuable resource for individuals, educators, and organizations seeking to promote the values of classical liberalism and free-market economics.

Moreover, the book's popularity has led to the creation of various adaptations, including audio versions, comic books, and even a stage play. These adaptations have helped reach even more audiences and have contributed to the book's continuing success.

Overall, the increasing translations of "The Adventures of Jonathan Gullible: A Free-Market Odyssey" reflect its growing popularity and its ability to promote the values of classical liberalism and free-market economics across cultures and languages.





## 2023 A WAY FORWARD



The liberty movement is a global phenomenon that has been gaining momentum over the last several years. This movement is made up of individuals who believe in the principles of individual freedom, limited government and free markets. They advocate for policies that promote these principles, and they work to educate others about the benefits of these policies.

One of the organizations that has been instrumental in promoting the liberty movement is Liberty International (LI). LI is a non-profit organization that works to promote individual freedom and free markets around the world. The organization has been around for several decades, and it has played an important role in educating people about the principles of classical liberalism.

In recent years, LI has been expanding its reach and impact. The organization has been working to promote liberty in new regions of the world, and it has been successful in attracting new members and supporters. LI has also been leveraging its talented human resource and innovative ideas to reach more people and spread its message more effectively. Looking ahead to 2023, LI has a bold plan to continue its expansion and impact. The organization plans to hold more conferences, workshops, and training programs to educate people about the principles of liberty. It also plans to work with other organizations and individuals who share its vision to promote liberty in new regions of the world.

In addition, LI plans to leverage new technologies and social media to reach even more people and spread its message more effectively. The organization will also continue to publish books, articles, and other educational materials to help people understand the benefits of individual freedom and free markets.

Overall, the future looks bright for the liberty movement, and LI is well-positioned to continue playing a leading role in this important movement. By promoting the principles of individual freedom and free markets, LI is helping to create a better world for all of us.

## **HOW TO SUPPORT US?**

At Liberty International, we are committed to promoting individual freedom, free markets, and limited government. We believe that these values are the foundation of a free and prosperous society. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the generosity of donors like you to support our mission and help us make a positive impact in the world.

If you would like to support our mission and make a donation to Liberty International, there are several convenient options available.

**Website:** You can make a donation through our website at **liberty-intl.org/donate**. This option allows you to enter a custom amount and make a secure online payment.

**PayPal:** Another option is to make a lump-sum or monthly pledge through PayPal to **isil@isil.org**. This is a convenient and secure way to make a donation.

**Phone:** If you prefer to make a donation by phone, you can call us at **+415**-**656-7417**. Our team will be happy to assist you with the donation process.

**Mail:** You can also make a donation by mail with a check or credit-card. Simply send your donation to **Liberty International, 539 W Commerce St, #6427, Dallas, TX 75208, USA**.

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If you have any questions about making a donation or would like to inquire about supporting a special project, please feel free to contact us by phone or email at info@liberty-intl.org. Our team is always happy to assist donors with any questions or concerns they may have.

We appreciate your interest in supporting our mission and hope that these donation options make it easy for you to contribute to our cause. Thank you for considering a donation to Liberty International!



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