

REDEFINE NEXT100

Kateřina Slaná

Project focus: *The Story of Democracy*

 **Central Moravia, Czech Republic**

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About the project

Kateřina is leading a project titled *The Story of Democracy*, based in a small town in Central Moravia. Her goal is to build a platform for open, inclusive dialogue that bridges divides of age, education, gender, and background. Her approach focuses on fostering understanding—not confrontation—especially in politically polarized environments. The town she works in, her hometown, is emblematic of the Czech periphery and often diverges from national voting trends. Her ambition is to create a replicable model for community engagement in similar towns across the Czech Republic.

In parallel, Kateřina serves as the station manager of Radio R, a community radio based at the Faculty of Social Studies in Brno. She works to sustain and expand its outreach—connecting with schools, students, and journalists, and offering excursions to local institutions. She is also currently pursuing two master’s degrees in international relations and political science.

What she’s working toward

Over the next 12 months, Kateřina aims to strengthen her ability to communicate across ideological divides, especially when addressing older audiences with different political leanings. She sees confidence, humility, and real listening as crucial tools for this work. She also prioritizes improving her time management—balancing academic demands, radio leadership, and grassroots activism.

Regional relevance

Kateřina’s work directly addresses democratic resilience in Central Europe. At a time when liberal democracies face erosion, she focuses on building bottom-up civic engagement. By choosing to work in small-town settings, she’s highlighting the importance of reaching beyond major cities—ensuring that the just transition includes peripheral voices.

How the ReDefine community can support her

Mentorship, particularly around communication in difficult settings, would be most valuable. She is also open to sharing experiences at conferences, and would benefit from peer learning around engagement methods in politically sensitive environments.