

## CAMPAIGN FOR YOUNG ACTIVISTS (age 11-14)

### SOLIDARITY ACTION

#### Send a message of support

**Suggested message:** Emil enjoys studying and reading. He is particularly interested in economics and business. Tell him about your interests.

**Language:** Russian, Belarussian or English

#### Can I

- Send a religious card or message?  
**Emil is Catholic, so you can send him Christmas greetings**
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty? **Yes**
- Include my name and address? **Yes**

### SOLIDARITY ACTION

Send a letter to the Prosecutor General of Belarus and ask him to release Emil.

**Start your letter:** Dear Prosecutor General

#### SEND ALL YOUR CARDS AND LETTERS TO

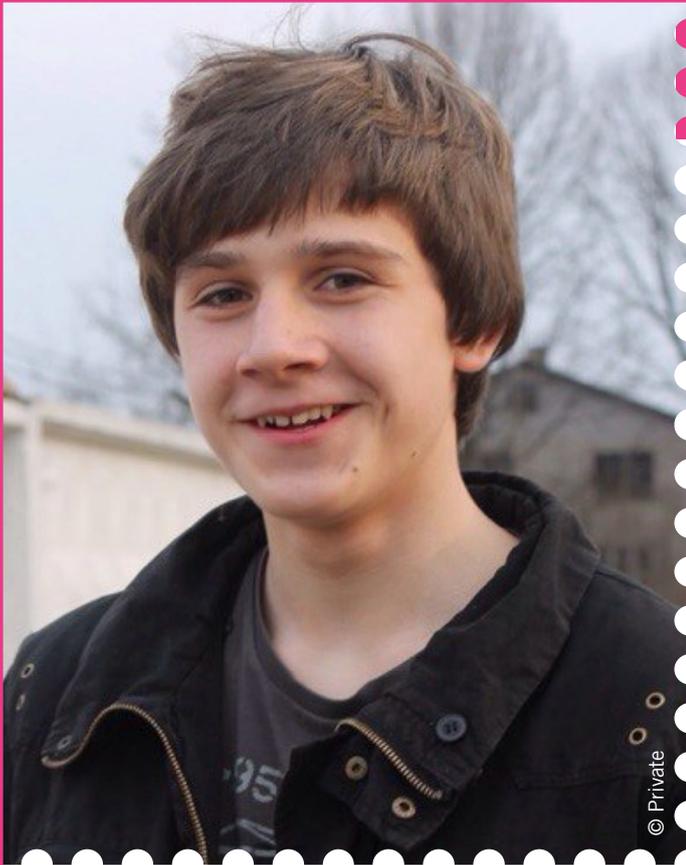
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#### GET CREATIVE

Send Emil the latest news on economics, business and innovation.



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## BELARUS

## EMIL OSTROVKO

### Jailed teenager hopes to study again

Seventeen-year-old Emil Ostrovko was waiting for his girlfriend at a bus stop on the outskirts of Minsk in April 2018 when police officers arrested him for delivering illegal drugs. Earlier in the year, Emil got an after-school job as a courier. His boss told him the parcels contained legal smoking products.

After months in detention, Emil was given a 10-year prison sentence for drug trafficking. This was later reduced to eight years. The investigators did not look for the owner of the company Emil worked for or anyone else: Emil was the only one to be punished.

Around 15,000 children and young people in Belarus are serving long prison sentences for minor drug offences. They are treated far worse than other prisoners and forced to do lots of hard labour. Emil got frostbite from clearing snow with his bare hands.

He is now in an adult situation, where conditions are a bit better. But Emil still dreams of returning to his studies.

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