

# Advice and Guidance on Hosting Ukrainian Refugees in the UK

## Top Web Resources

### **UK Government “Homes for Ukraine” Scheme**

Government portal for registering interest in offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees. Links to official Government advice, guidance and resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine>

### **Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

Government department with the main responsibility for delivering the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Official guidance for sponsors, FAQs and a welcome pack for Ukrainians arriving in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-sponsor-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/welcome-a-guide-for-ukrainians-arriving-in-the-uk>

### **Hampshire County Council**

Local councils have responsibility for carrying out various pre and post arrival checks required by the Homes for Ukraine scheme and administering payments to refugees and hosts. HCC site now has details of the inspection process and how Ukrainian families can apply for school places.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/ukraine>

### **Winchester City Council**

Information on action being taken in Winchester to support Ukrainian refugees.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/winchester-city-council-pledge-support-for-ukraine>

### **Sanctuary Foundation**

National charity acting as the main coordinating body assisting Ukrainian refugees seeking sanctuary in the UK. Works closely with Government, local authorities, other charities and voluntary groups.

Resources include a short online course on refugee safety, wellbeing and support, videos on relevant topics and specific information and guidance on hosting families with young children.

<https://www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

### **Reset**

Charity providing advice and learning resources for Community Sponsorship groups – Community Sponsorship is the UK’s established refugee resettlement programme.

<https://resetuk.org/>

Reset runs the “Homes for Ukraine” website, which matches potential hosts with Ukrainians seeking refuge in the UK. If you are thinking about acting as a host, but do not have any contacts with people in Ukraine, you can register your interest here.

<https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>

**Ukrainian Institute London**

UK-based charity with the main aim of promoting understanding of Ukraine and its people. Comprehensive advice, guidance and resources for refugees and hosts.

<https://refugee-support.ukrainianinstitute.org.uk/>

**Winchester City of Sanctuary**

Part of the City of Sanctuary UK movement working to build a more supportive environment for people forced to flee their homes in other countries. Website provides links to other organisations and suggestions on supporting Ukrainian refugees. Useful information on local resources including translation services and free English language classes.

<https://winchester.cityofsanctuary.org/ukraine>

**Church of England**

Advice on how church communities can respond to the war in Ukraine. Contains various resources including a Parish Toolkit and guidance on safeguarding.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/community-action/war-ukraine-responding>

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)**

CSAN coordinates action on social justice by the Catholic community in the UK. Extensive advice and guidance on how to support Ukrainian refugees including a useful summary of Homes for Ukraine process. Regularly updated.

<https://www.csan.org.uk/ukraine/>

**NACCOM – The No Accommodation Network**

UK-wide network of frontline charities, including 31 hosting organisations, providing accommodation and support to refugees and asylum seekers. They offer a series of resources for people and organisations interested in hosting refugees, which they are currently updating to support those thinking about hosting guests from Ukraine.

<https://nacom.org.uk/resources/hosting-resources/>

**Opora UK**

Charity based in UK and Czech Republic providing support for Ukrainian refugees. Operates Homes for Ukraine matching platform. Excellent Homes for Ukraine Sponsor Guide includes step-by-step guidance for those thinking of hosting Ukrainian refugees. Useful FAQs.

<https://www.opora.uk/>

**Ukraine Refugee Support Group (URSG)**

Support group based in central Hampshire for refugee families and hosts. Useful step by step guide to the practicalities of hosting. Runs very active Hosts 4 Ukrainians Hampshire UK Facebook group (see below).

<https://ursg.org/index.html>

## Social media

### **Facebook**

#### **Hosts 4 Ukrainians Hampshire UK**

A very active Hampshire-based group providing information and mutual support for people hosting, or interested in hosting, people fleeing the war in Ukraine. Search Facebook for the group and ask to join or access through URSG website (see above).

### **WhatsApp**

#### **Winchester hosts4Ukraine**

Winchester based group sharing information locally. Quite busy! If you want to join we can give you a contact.

### **Ukraine Support**

Small group set up by us to connect those within the Parish of St Matthew with St Paul who are hosting, considering doing so, or can offer other forms of support for refugees and hosts. Let us know if you would like to be added to this group.

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