

Love Your NEIGHBOUR

Love Ukraine

THE VISION

Since the war broke out in Ukraine in 2022, over 200,000 Ukrainian refugees have moved to the UK and we have seen an astounding and supportive response from church communities as they have welcomed Ukrainians into their homes, provided English lessons, meals, employment support and so much more.

As many Ukrainians still live in the UK, Love Your Neighbour seeks to support churches who are helping Ukrainians integrate into society longer term.

WHAT WE OFFER

Advice & Support

Love Your Neighbour provides ongoing support for churches serving Ukrainian communities. This can include:

- Andriy Kopylash (Head of Love Ukraine) visiting your church to pray, encourage and share experiences and open up conversations with the Ukrainians in your community.
- Zoom Calls to pray for your leaders and Ukrainian communities.
- Receiving & sharing practical advice on Love Ukraine programmes, travel arrangements and visa applications.
- Receiving & sharing lessons learnt & building connections and relationships with other churches who support Ukrainian communities.

Grant Funding

If you are supporting Ukrainian refugees within your community, you are invited to apply for grant funding to resource your valuable work, continue your current activities and expand your reach as needs arise. The grants are provided on the basis of match funding.



How Your Church Can Get Involved



Following Love Your Neighbour's 'Crisis', 'Cause' and 'Community' model and through listening to the experiences of churches running Love Ukraine programmes, see below some suggestions of Love Ukraine activities you could run in your Church.

CRISIS

- **Provide Resources** to meet immediate needs – food, toiletries, clothing, short term accommodation
- **Identify Hosts** – Invite more refugees to find safe passage in the UK by identifying and connecting them with host families

CAUSE

- **Employment Programmes** – Address the cause of challenges that Ukrainian refugees are facing by running Employability Programmes
- **English Speaking Classes** – Run classes to help Ukrainians learn English
- **Education Support** – Provide educational support for all age groups
- **Mental Health Support** – Source Ukrainian speaking counsellors for ongoing mental health support

COMMUNITY

- **Provide Community** – Help individuals integrate into UK life by running events and groups such as coffee mornings, community meals, football leagues and more
- **Permanent Housing Solutions** – Provide support and advice on securing permanent housing



We'd love for you to partner with us and churches from across the UK, as we support the Ukrainian community!

If you are interested, please email:
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How Other Churches Have Been Involved



Pattern Church, Swindon

In Swindon, Pattern Church run 'The Table' – a weekly dinner for Ukrainians arriving in Swindon and the surrounding area. In partnership with Swindon Borough Council and Swindon Welcomes Ukraine, their aim is for people to make friends, eat together and build community.

Holy Trinity Hastings

Holy Trinity Hastings have run weekly English lessons, knowing that increased English language fluency will enable greater opportunity for Ukrainians settling in the UK.

B&A Church, Bristol

Our Love Your Neighbour Bristol Hub, B&A Church have been hosting a Ukraine Welcome Hub where Ukrainians staying in the local area can gather to share experiences. They report:

There's a real buzz and sense of relief as people find others facing similar challenges who speak their language. Newcomers arrive looking tense and nervous and leave smiling, with bunches of flowers we've been giving out.

