

Homes for Ukraine

In Partnership with Caritas Social Action Network

Homes for people
displaced by the
war in Ukraine



Going into the second year of the war in Ukraine, the number of people fleeing the war and in need of shelter remains high amidst continued attacks on civilian infrastructure, leaving millions living in fear of shelling and destruction.

SJOG Homes for Ukraine

Saint John of God Hospitaller Services (SJOG), in partnership with Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), are running a matching, training and support programme for UK-based sponsors and Ukrainian guests under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. SJOG Homes for Ukraine is an official provider of this government scheme, operating in the whole of the UK.

About SJOG and CSAN

SJOG is a national charity helping people to lead fulfilling lives. We believe that every person has the right to be supported in a way that does not degrade their dignity. We are part of an international family of 500,000 co-workers, working in 500 centres of care in 50 countries.

Inspired by the life and example of Jesus Christ, CSAN was established by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to develop the Church's social action in these parts of the United Kingdom. We share in the mission of the Catholic Church.

Purpose of SJOG Homes for Ukraine programme

The purpose of our programme is twofold: to evacuate people from the warzone and prevent homelessness amongst those Ukrainians already in the UK.

The programme has received funding from The Albert Gubay Foundation and the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities (DLUC).

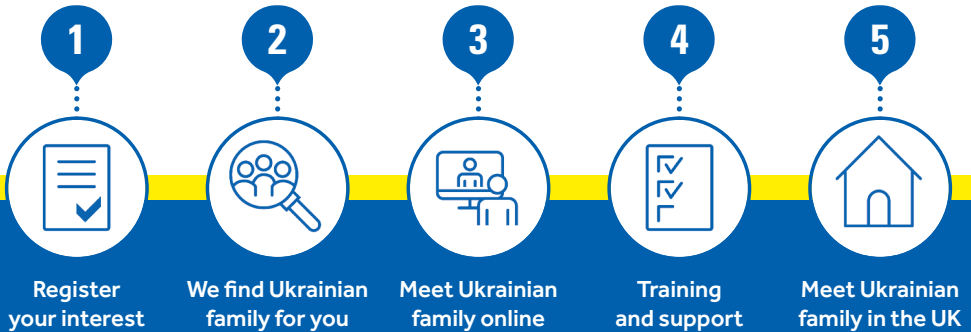
As an official provider of the Government programme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine provides:

Expertise, knowledge, and experience:

We have the expertise, knowledge, and experience to help you navigate the process, support you at every stage, and answer any questions you might have.

Informational resources: We provide you and your guests with informational resources, such as a 'welcome book' that contains detailed guidelines and useful information. We provide your guests with guidelines on life in the UK and give tips on paperwork, making it less work for you.

How our project works



People willing to share their space with those in need of a safe place, can register their interest here:



Training: We provide training and cultural orientation webinars for hosts, which will help you understand the process of hosting, the steps your guests will need to undertake before and after their arrival in the UK, the checks by the local authorities you will need to undergo, as well as understand the cultural differences that will help you manage your expectations as you prepare for hosting.

Mediation and risk management: We help mediate meetings and navigate potential risks for you and your guests, ensuring that your personal data is safe when sharing personal details.

Flights: We will pay for your guests' flights from the Ukrainian border to the airport nearest to your home to help your guests save on expenses and reduce the administrative burden on you and your guests.

Belonging boxes: Upon arrival, your guests will receive a Welcome Box from us that contains some essentials and useful sundries to make them feel welcome in the UK and help save on initial expenses.

Support during placement: We provide intensive support during the first month of placement and further support if needed throughout the placement. We can also help mediate conflict or direct you or your guests to the relevant services if needed.

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR HOSTS

We invite you to join our information for hosts. During the webinars, you will find a wealth of useful information about hosting that will give you a clear understanding about what hosting is and isn't, and how to build healthy boundaries and support your guest's independence.

Can I be a sponsor?

You will learn about:

- SJOG / CSAN matching service
- Who is eligible to be sponsored
- Portrait of Ukrainian guests
- Key considerations before deciding to host
- The hosting process
- Expectation management

Dates:

- 14 June, 7 pm
- 12 July, 7 pm
- 9 August, 7 pm
- 13 September, 7 pm

Happy Together

You will learn about:

- Well-being support to your guests
- Maintaining boundaries
- Safeguarding and types of abuse
- Communication tips
- Cultural differences
- Confidentiality
- Integration support

Dates:

- 28 June, 7 pm
- 26 July 26, 7 pm
- 23 August, 7 pm
- 27 September, 7 pm

Please register your interest here:



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The Homes for Ukraine Scheme has been truly incredible for me. I feel safe here, away from the sounds of sirens, curfew, and living in constant fear of shelling. The scheme has given me time to find my feet and build a new life in the UK.

Bohdana, guest

My host has been amazing in providing support and suggesting places for temporary work while I was applying for full-time jobs in line with my career aspirations. We have developed a very warm relationship, we regularly cook for each other and have dinners together. **Alina, guest**

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We have gained such a lot from our lovely guests. We have learned that it is vital to respect each of them as separate individuals in their own right. Whilst they share a common grief and sorrow about the need to leave Ukraine their lives have been interrupted in different ways. We admire their resourcefulness, determination, generosity of spirit and their sense of humour. Penny, host

My sponsor has been great at promoting my independence and helping me build a new life in the UK. **Katrya, guest**

The war in Ukraine challenged us to make a response. We went through a process of 'could we?', 'should we?', 'can we?' to a clear decision that we must, and then to be so glad we did. David, host

I decided to host individuals from Ukraine because I wanted to help. It has been great helping out two young women from Ukraine get settled in London. I have enjoyed meeting them and providing some support. I think that it is important to make clear consistent boundaries and expectations from the start. **Evelyn, host**

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All names have been changed for anonymity purposes.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Website: sjog-homesforukraine.uk

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