

Homes for Ukraine Update 16 – Friday 10 February 2023

Welcome to our latest update for hosts taking part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Norfolk.

In this edition there's information about revised Government guidance and publications now available in other languages. There are also updates on community help sessions, host networking events and a host recruitment evening.

Updates to Government guidance

The Government has recently updated and added to its guidance on the Homes for Ukraine scheme with information that will be very helpful to you, whatever stage your hosting is at.

You can find all the latest updates and guidance listed on the <u>Homes for Ukraine</u> <u>Sponsors page</u>.

In particular there is some additional information for <u>hosts who have been hosting for</u> <u>six months</u>, how you can help your Guest <u>find a new host</u> if you can no longer accommodate them, and what to do if you need to <u>end your hosting arrangement</u> for any reason.

There is also some essential reading about what to do if you are asked to <u>look after</u> <u>your guest's child or children unexpectedly</u>, for example if they need to travel to a different country, and what to do if <u>your guest is temporarily absent from your</u> <u>accommodation</u>.

The Government has also updated information for guests, with much more information now being available in <u>Ukrainian</u> and <u>Russian</u> as well as <u>English</u>. We would be grateful if you could help share this information with your guests

Community Help sessions in Cromer

The venue for Community Help sessions in Cromer is moving for February and March as the room at the council can't be used as they will be preparing for local elections.

Instead the sessions will be held in <u>Cromer Library</u>, Prince of Wales Road, Cromer, NR27 9HS

The dates and time remain the same, being held on the first and the third Tuesdays of each month, at the same time of 2-4pm.

This means that the sessions in Cromer Library will be on:

- February 21
- March 7 and 21

You can find a full list of all the Community Help sessions on our website.

Host information and recruitment evening

Dereham Ukraine Aid Centre are organising a Hosting information and recruitment evening on 27 February, 6.30 – 8.30pm. This event is supported by our People from Abroad Team.

There are still a high number of families looking for hosts in Dereham and the surrounding areas. This will be especially helpful for people who are considering hosting and want to find out more about the process and what to expect.

It is a great opportunity for people to ask questions of Host families, meet some of the Ukraine families, meet the co-founders and volunteers of the Dereham Ukraine Aid centre and meet the People from Abroad Team.

No need to book for the event, which is being held at the Centre at UNIT 2 Wright's Walk, Dereham NR19 1TR. If you have any questions about the event, get in touch with Ian Odgers from the Centre on 07540 792050.

Hosts networking and training sessions – King's Lynn and Norwich

There are still places available at the February hosts networking and training sessions in King's Lynn and Norwich. These sessions will focus on moving forwards, accommodation, and employment.

These events are free to attend and need to be booked as places are limited. Just click on the event you would like to attend to fill in our online booking form.

King's Lynn

• Tuesday 21 February - 2.30-4.30pm, King's Centre Church, King's Lynn

Norwich

• <u>Wednesday 15 February – 12 noon to 2pm – Heritage meeting room,</u> <u>Millennium Library, The Forum, Norwich</u>

If you need help with making an online booking, please call Norfolk Libraries on 01603 774774 and choose the option to book an event, or pop into your local library.

Moving to rented housing – translations now available

Just a reminder that our new guide to moving to rented housing is now available to download in both <u>Ukrainian</u> and <u>Russian</u>, as well as <u>English</u>.

For more information

More <u>information about the Homes for Ukraine scheme is available on our website</u> where you will find lots of additional information including a <u>toolkit for hosts</u> that you can download, sources of local support and all <u>previous updates</u>.

However, if you can't find an answer to your question, please email us at <u>ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk</u>

Thanks again for your generous support of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.