

## Homes for Ukraine Update 10 – Friday 19 August

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

This week we have an update on arrivals, with a bumper section on schools and further education, which will be timely for many guests. There is also an invitation to coffee and cake with the Adult Learning team and a new source of information in Ukrainian for your guests.

### Update on arrivals

We thought you might find it interesting to have an update on the number of Ukrainian guests that have arrived in Norfolk. So far, we have welcomed 880 Ukrainians to Norfolk through the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which is over two-thirds of the 1200 guests that we are currently expecting in the county. We are grateful to all our hosts and communities for offering such a warm welcome to our new arrivals.

### Continuing Ukrainian education online

Some guests may decide they would like their children to continue with their Ukrainian education online. These children and young people need to be registered as receiving home education. Parents need to contact [ehe@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ehe@norfolk.gov.uk) or call 01603 307733 to let the service know of their choice. The service will then allocate a dedicated Ukrainian speaking Elective Home Education Officer who will work to support the family.

### Education and training for 16 – 18-year-olds

In England, all young people must continue in learning until they are 18 years old. This can be in full-time education in a sixth form, college or independent vocational training provider, or through work with training such as an apprenticeship.

In Norfolk we have a **Help You Choose** team who work with those aged 16 to 18 to help them find education and training opportunities. If you have guests of this age who do not yet have any education or training plans for the next school year starting in September, please encourage them to contact our team to discuss their interests and future employment goals.

Your guests, or their parent or guardian, can visit [www.helpyouchoose.org](http://www.helpyouchoose.org) to see the types of support available. They can also email the team on [helpyouchoose@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:helpyouchoose@norfolk.gov.uk) or call our helpline on 0344 8008022. The team can provide language support and translators where needed.

Many thanks for your help in passing this information on to your guests and their parents / guardians.

## **Mental health support for hosts**

Mental Health UK have an online platform called Clic - Homes for Refugees, which offers mental health support to refugee hosts.

Anyone can join, so feel free to register and have a look around. As well as information, there is access to peer support from other hosts. There is also some general information and signposting for refugees as well, with some links to platforms that translate mental health and health resources, which might be of help and interest to your guests. [Read more information about Clic and how to join in.](#)

## **Coffee and cake with adult learning**

Adult Learning are inviting Ukrainians and their host families to an informal coffee and cake drop-in session. This is an opportunity to meet other Ukrainian learners, find out about the courses and sessions that Adult Learning offer as well as the support and advice that is available. Children are welcome too and there will be fun activities to keep them occupied. Taking place on Wednesday 24th August 11am to 1pm Wensum Lodge, 169 King St, Norwich, NR1 1QW No need to book, just come along and join!

## **Connecting Ukrainian communities with support**

Norfolk Community Foundation have just launched a [support webpage](#) and [Facebook group](#) providing key advice and information for Ukrainians coming to Norfolk.

The webpage and group will provide advice and support on a range of topics including finding and accessing health, transport and community services, as well as tips on finding Ukrainian food and products and understanding cultural differences.

Working with recently settled Ukrainian refugees, Norfolk Community Foundation will be updating this information based on community feedback about their needs. All the information is provided in Ukrainian.

## **For more information**

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

However, if you can't find an answer to your question, please email us at [ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk)

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