

Ukraine

How you can help

The Russian attack on Ukraine has caused the displacement of many tens of thousands of Ukrainian people from their homes and marked the onset of what could be the largest humanitarian crisis in Europe for decades. Wales stands in support of the Ukrainian people who are bravely resisting this unprovoked and brutal act of war. With many logistical routes closed and transportation systems under significant pressure, sending physical goods could add more stress to the situation on the ground. Making cash donations, to organisations responding to the crisis in Ukraine, allows for emergency relief goods to be sourced locally. Anyone who is able to help can consider making a financial donation to the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) or to groups such as Welsh Refugee Council, Refugee Action, HBTSR etc who will help people who arrive.

Homes for Ukraine

The [UK Government](#) has set up two routes for people fleeing the war in Ukraine to seek safety and sanctuary in the UK. If people in the Ukraine have family ties in the UK they can apply for a visa through the [Ukraine Family Scheme](#). This scheme allows people to join their family members or extend their stay in the UK. It is free to apply and people will be able to live, work and study in the UK and access public funds.

The other route is the [Homes for Ukraine](#) scheme, which is specially designed for people in Ukraine who do not have family links in the UK. It allows people in the UK to sponsor someone in Ukraine to come and live in the UK. People in Wales can sign up for the Homes for Ukraine scheme, offer a space in their home to someone fleeing the conflict in Ukraine to live for at least six months. People signing up to the scheme via the [Homes for Ukraine website](#) can be matched with people escaping the war in Ukraine who want to come to the UK. <https://resetuk.org/> is helping register and match refugees from Ukraine with sponsors across the UK

The Welsh Government is also signing up to the Homes for Ukraine as a super-sponsor. They will sponsor up to 1,000 people from Ukraine initially. By sponsoring people directly, they will have a structured arrival and integration into Wales. People arriving via the super-sponsor route will come to one of the welcome centres set up around Wales and, from there, they will go on to medium and longer-term accommodation. Support services, including health services, counselling and other specialist services will be available to people arriving. They are working closely with local authorities, public services in Wales and the third sector to support people arriving via the Homes for Ukraine scheme. There is a warm welcome waiting in Wales for all those coming from Ukraine.

HBTSR is liaising with Powys County Council Resettlement officer who knows us well from previous collaborations over resettlement of Syrian and Afghan Families. We stand ready to help and already we are working upon welcome gifts, transport, laptops and language and social support.

Helpline and support

[Guidance on the support available to Ukrainian nationals and their family members](#) can be found on GOV.UK, including detail on the latest information on Ukraine visa schemes and resettlement. If you need any assistance, call the free 24 hour helpline on +44 808 164 8810. Details for all sanctuary seekers in Wales. <https://sanctuary.gov.wales/>

HBTSR stand ready to help with all people seeking sanctuary in south Wales. Email with offers of help or support hbts4refugees@gmail.com or visit our website

<https://hbtsr.cityofsanctuary.org/>



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