

Homes for Ukraine

Leeds Newsletter

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Welcome

Welcome to our April Homes for Ukraine (HfU) Newsletter. This newsletter includes important updates on policy and government guidance, our progress in delivering the scheme in Leeds and useful info for hosts, guests, and partners in the city. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email homesforukraine@leeds.gov.uk.

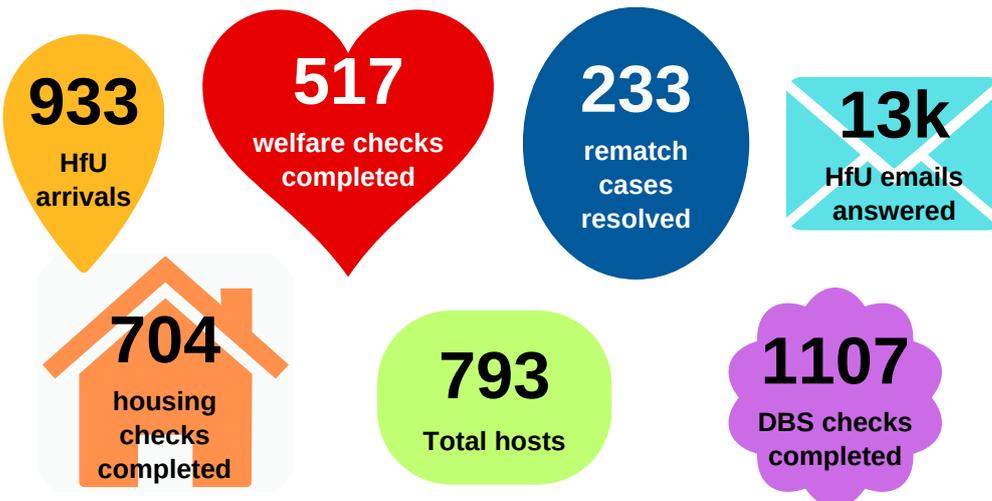
How are we doing?

We're sharing some updated local and national figures for how the Ukrainian schemes are progressing.

The HfU team is continuing to support guests to find new hosts or independent accommodation, deal with complex queries, review processes and develop partnerships with Council teams and external partners.

Well done to the team and everyone else involved in delivering the HfU scheme in Leeds.

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National

HfU arrivals - 145,900
Family scheme arrivals - 57,400
Visa extensions granted - 32,100

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homesforukraine@leeds.gov.uk

leeds.gov.uk/campaign/ukraine

Leeds Ukraine Welcome Hub
The Reginald Centre
263 Chapeltown Road
Leeds
LS7 3EX

Migrant Access Project Update

The Migrant Access Project (MAP) is continuing to deliver training and info sessions to migrants across Leeds, see below for two new projects starting in April. There are also various drop-in sessions taking place throughout 2024 on topics including community safety, health and wellbeing, education, and community development. Find out more info below. Migrants and refugees from across Leeds are more than welcome to take part, including Ukrainians. Please share this info with any migrants you are working with.

For further details email migrantaccessproject@leeds.gov.uk or visit Twitter - [@LeedsMap](https://twitter.com/LeedsMap).



MIGRANT ACCESS PROJECT

The Migrant Access Project is delivering an 8 week training programme and invites anyone interested in attending, to get in touch.

Day: Monday
Time: 10-12pm
Dates: 22 April 2024 to 24th June 2024 (avoiding school holidays and bank holidays)

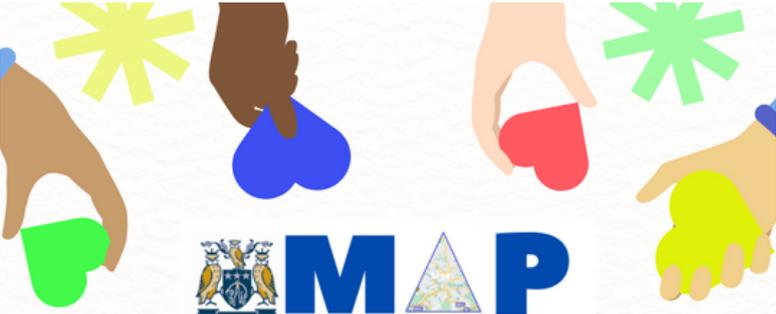
WEEKLY TOPICS

- INTRODUCTION TO THE PROJECT AND LOCAL SERVICES:
- HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT
- COMMUNITY SAFETY
- HEALTH AND WELLBEING
- EMPLOYMENT AND MONEY
- ADVOCACY AND ADVICE
- EDUCATION AND LANGUAGE
- NEXT STEPS



Venue: Armley Community hub, 2 Stocks Hill, Armley, Leeds LS12 1UQ

To book your place on the training, email: migrantaccessproject@leeds.gov.uk

MIGRANT ACCESS PROJECT

Learn about long term health conditions affecting people in your community!

Attend an information session on topics such as heart disease, diabetes or cancer, and learn about how you could apply for funding to hold an awareness event in your community.

FRI 26th April 2024 10am-2pm
Technorth Family Learning Centre, 9 Harrogate Rd, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 3NB

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT:
 migrantaccessproject@leeds.gov.uk




Host Support Group

The Horsforth-based group is continuing to run with support from the Council's HfU team and is open to hosts across Leeds who want to come along. Hosts find the sessions to be a useful place to discuss ideas, any issues they have and to meet other people hosting.

The next sessions are taking place on **24th April**. Please share with any hosts you are working with. They can email us at homesforukraine@leeds.gov.uk if they want to join the group.

Support for Ukrainians at Path Yorkshire

Path Yorkshire have launched a new project supporting young Ukrainian people aged 17-21, called 'Positive Youth Pathways'. See info below English and Ukrainian. This programme will support young Ukrainians in West Yorkshire to discover opportunities for life, education and work in the UK, and an opportunity to make new friends. Path Yorkshire are continuing to offer free English classes to Ukrainians living in Leeds aged between 19 to 67. For more info, [please visit their website](#).

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Ukrainian Young People (ages 17 - 21)

A new programme to support young Ukrainians in West Yorkshire to discover opportunities for life, education, and work in the UK, join exciting adventures and make new friends.

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FREE ACTIVITIES:

- English classes
- Personal development
- Trips and Tours around England
- Preparation for college and university study
- Preparation for work and apprenticeship

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Regional Office: 29 Harrogate Road,
Chapel Allerton Leeds LS7 3PD
www.pathyorkshire.co.uk

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Українська молодь (віком 17 - 21)

Нова програма підтримки української молоді в Західному Йоркширі віком 17-21 рік. Відкрий для себе нові можливості для життя, освіти та роботи у Великій Британії. Долучайся до захоплюючих пригод та знайди нових друзів.

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БЕЗКОШТОВНО:

- Заняття з англійської мови
- Особистий розвиток
- Подорожі та екскурсії по Англії
- Підготовка до навчання в коледжі та університеті
- Підготовка до роботи та стажування

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E-visa information

From April 2024 BRP holders are being emailed directly with instructions on how to create a UKVI account to access their eVisa. These email invitations are being sent in phases, before the service is made available to all BRP holders in the summer. BRP holders who have not yet received an email will soon be able to access the online service without an invitation, and there is no need to contact the Home Office in the meantime. BRP holders should visit www.gov.uk/evisa for the latest information. You can also email eVisaengagement@homeoffice.gov.uk

Lots of info has been shared at this stage, please see this [partner pack](#) with leaflets and briefings on the changes. There is also a [YouTube video](#), and online info sessions for organisations taking place on 22nd and 28th May, and 4th, 13th, 18th and 27th June.

Rematching guide for hosts and guests

We have put together a rematching guide for hosts and guests, detailing the steps they should take and the support available to help guests find a new host or independent accommodation. Please see attached with this newsletter. Do please share with any hosts or Ukrainian guests you are working with.

We are also putting together a Ukrainian version which will be circulated in due course.

Upcoming job fairs

Several job fairs are coming up where people can meet a number of employers, access training opportunities and get help with writing CVs and other support. Please check the links below and the flyer to the right.

DWP Employment and Support Events:

- [Seacroft Jobcentre, 26th April, 10am,](#)
- [Pudsey Jobcentre, 30th April, 10am](#)
- [Leeds Civic Hall, 1st May, 10am](#)
- [Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism, 8th May, Southern House Job Centre, 10.30am](#)
- [Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism, 15th May, Pudsey Jobcentre, 10.30am](#)

City Centre Jobshop **JOBS FAIR**

**Meet employers
Get support
Find work**

Leeds City Council Jobshops are hosting events to bring the employers to you!

Vacancies and Training Opportunities
Including:

Uniformed services, contact centre and administration roles
Home and Residential Care roles
Security vacancies (SIA licence essential) and training opportunities (SIA and Forklift Licence among others)

Friday 26th April
10am - 1pm
City Centre Jobshop
City Centre Community Hub
Merrion House
Woodhouse Lane
Leeds
LS2 8LX

Find out about a variety of vacancies and opportunities around Leeds

Don't have a CV?
Don't worry! There will be staff on hand to help you create one along with other work related support.




Scan the QR code to reserve your place or go to <https://bit.ly/3PdTDcF>



Managing common infections and self-care

Attached with this newsletter are leaflets in English and Ukrainian about how to manage common illnesses, the steps you can take to look after yourself at home, when you should contact the NHS or visit your GP and other useful info.

Barnardo's support

Barnardo's have set up a new Refugee Family Helpline providing emotional and practical support for refugee children, young people and their families aged 25 and under. Their helpline is open **Monday-Friday 10am-8pm** and **Saturday 10am-3pm**. You can call for free on **0808 156 9877** or email RefugeeFamilyHelpline@barnardos.org.uk.

Barnardo's are also able to offer therapeutic support to children and young people aged 21 and under who are here under the Ukrainian and Afghan schemes. Referrals can be made by contacting the helpline above or by submitting a professional referral form [here](#).

The Virtual Youth Space is continuing to run and is a place for people aged 10-17 to have fun, make friends and practice their English. Interpreters are available if needed.

UKRAINIAN VIRTUAL YOUTH SPACE

Register Today



Meet new friends
whilst having fun!

- ✓ For young people from Ukraine aged 10 - 17
- ✓ 🕒 18:00 - 19:00
- ✓ On the 1st & 3rd Tuesday & Thursday of every month throughout 2024



Sessions will be delivered by Barnardo's Refugee Family Helpline. For more information email RefugeeFamilyHelpline@barnardos.org.uk



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Useful info

List of courses, links, events and support for Ukrainian guests, their hosts and people supporting them in Leeds and West Yorkshire. Please let us know if there is anything you wish to add for future issues. Please refer to previous issues as well.

Courses with WEA including

- Intro to Counselling.
- Intro to community interpreting.
- Intro to working as a Teaching Assistant.
- Level 1 Functional Skills English/Maths.
- [Many more courses available on WEA's website.](#)

Developing You

- Free 5 week course to help people become happier, healthier and move towards their goals.
- [Email to find out more.](#)

ESOL courses by Leeds Learning Hub

- New ESOL courses to develop your English relating to work and school have been launched taking place across Leeds.
- [More info here.](#)

Headlice info

- Info from Public Health on headlice outbreaks and how to treat them.
- [More info and leaflets available here.](#)

Intro to Volunteering - starting 24th April

- [Short course](#) for anyone considering working in the voluntary sector.

Leeds 150 leadership programme

- Free leadership programme for 18-25 year olds.
- Opportunities to learn about leadership skills, meet inspiring leaders and more.
- [More info here.](#)

Leeds City College open days

- Various [open days and drop-ins](#) at sites across Leeds. Find out more about the courses on offer.

Leeds Health Awareness

- New service which has been funded to raise awareness of the risks and symptoms of long-term conditions and to highlight the free support available in Leeds.
- The first step in the project is a [survey](#) which anyone in Leeds can fill in.



Leeds Homes for Ukraine Communications Toolkit
scan the QR code or visit
<https://bit.ly/hfutoolkit>

13 to 19 May 2024



Mental Health Awareness Week Marketplace Event



Raising awareness of the many VCSE third sector organisations providing mental health support to people and communities in Leeds.

- Stalls offering information
- Find out about the wide range of support and services available
- Opportunity to connect with new people and organisations



COME ALONG !

Visit the Forum Central website to find out more:
<https://bit.ly/16May2024>



Spear Leeds employment programme

- [New employment programme](#) for young people aged 16-24 who are out of work.

World Immunisation Week

- [Info from the NHS](#) on vaccinations and guidance on what vaccinations you should have at different points in your life.

Other support and info

- [Leeds Ukrainian Community Centre and Association](#)
- [Meeting Point](#)
- [Harehills English Language Project](#)
- [Leeds Refugee Forum](#) - updated activity timetable
- [Mafwa Theatre](#)
- [Migration Yorkshire Ukraine Hub](#)
- [Multiply - Money and Work](#)
- [New to Leeds](#)
- [Otley Welcomes](#)
- [Smart Works](#)
- [Red Cross](#)
- [Report Anti-Social Behaviour](#)
- [Refugee Council support directory](#)
- [RETAS](#)
- [STEP Ukraine English and employment programme](#)