



## The Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham and Partners

### SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

The needs of Ukrainian refugees across Europe are now urgent and severe. A large number of them, are seeking safety and sanctuary amongst us here in the UK, especially women and children. Our Government is now making it possible to welcome some of them into our homes and communities in a humanitarian hosting initiative.

- Are you someone who has already registered with the Government to host a Ukrainian refugee or family?
- Are you considering doing so, but are uncertain of the commitment involved?
- Are you unable to host yet want to help incoming refugees and support those who can host?

If any of the above apply to you, please read on.

As a diocese we are partnering with other Christian communities and civil society groups across Nottinghamshire to provide local support and training for those who wish to commit to any form of refugee hospitality and accompaniment. Due to our cross-county networks our diocese is able to become a lead player in coordinating information, enabling local support and channelling appropriate training for those who wish to be involved in responding to this agonising humanitarian crisis.

Practical details will be communicated as local plans emerge. Please register for further information in the coming weeks [here](#).

**The immediate and urgent task** is to pull together a group of potential hosts who can accommodate a group of up to 50 Ukrainians placed across the city and county for 6 months from around Easter or soon after. This is in response to the national initiative by Citizens UK to get 1000 refugees hosted via the initial government humanitarian scheme for those with named refugee contacts. The target is to encourage 20 public bodies, including churches, to engage in placing a full coach load (50 refugees) into homes in their local areas. We as a diocese aim to be one of those 20 public bodies.

#### Response

If you are someone who has already registered to host on the Government website and has completed the initial application, we would be grateful to know so that we could include you in this Nottinghamshire initiative and supply you with further information of how we might facilitate you in becoming a refugee host to at least one of the 50 first arrivals amongst us.

If you wish to be included, please email our diocesan admin team on [sur@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:sur@southwell.anglican.org). Doing so does not definitely commit you to this rapid hosting possibility, nor guarantees your becoming a host, but does begin the exploration of you doing so.

#### Webinar

In addition, we are holding an online webinar on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30-9pm when all interested parties can receive further information and ask questions. To attend please access the following Eventbrite link to book your place: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/notts-churches-city-wide-ukrainian-response-local-support-tickets-308702767287>

Let's do all we can to support Ukrainians in this most desperate time of their need.