

## Faces of Resilience

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*in association with*



The project and an exhibition in collaboration with Community Works, AUSA, and Worthing 4 Refugees.

[Faces of Resilience Exhibition with Adur Ukraine Support \(contemporaryheadshot.com\)](https://contemporaryheadshot.com)

*Why do we do this?*

It's essential to acknowledge the urgent humanitarian requirements of displaced women and children. By providing compassionate support and raising awareness, we can ensure that the situation in Ukraine remains at the forefront of everyone's consciousness. This aligns with the mission of Faces of Resilience - Stephan Dequaire.

*Venues:*

8-22 June Worthing Library

10-22 June Southwick Community Centre

19-27 August Brighton Jubilee Library

27 August-30 October Shoreham Centre

1 -20 November Lancing Parish Hall



## Christmas celebrations traditionally get together many people: 111 (adults -83, children- 28).



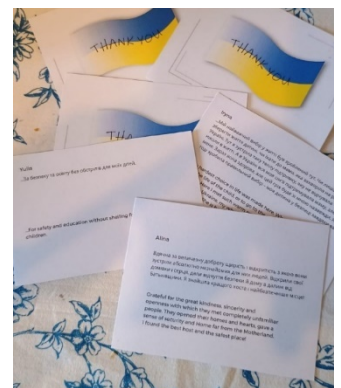
## The War Anniversary- the biggest and hardest event for us:

### “Wall of thanks” 14-24.02.2024

Quotes from Ukrainian refugees with gratitude to the hosts.

An incredibly emotional project dedicated to the Anniversary of the War, collected quotes among the 35 Ukrainians of Adur and Worthing, translated and converted them for the AUSA website, and transferred it to Worthing 4 Refugees for postcards.

<https://www.adurukrainsupport.org.uk/wall-of-thanks>





They were published on the AUSA website and also printed for distribution in Shoreham in 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Lest we Forget,  
The Living Library projects**

**24.02.2024**



An invitation to accept gratitude for the friendship and hospitality that Ukrainians have received from the people of Adur, to remember our friends and families who are now suffering in Ukraine, and to join us in condemning this evil and unjustified attack on sovereign Ukraine.



The **Living Library of Ukrainian Refugee Stories** project brought together many readers and listeners on this day. 6 very emotional stories were presented, illustrating the historical background of the entire struggle for freedom, personal stories, inspiring stories, etc.



Also, we represent the Ukrainian community all over Sussex



## Mobility Aid campaign as a driver to unite British and Ukrainian Community in help for Ukraine.



### Collected and sent to Ukraine (June-July) -1<sup>st</sup> campaign:

Arm crutches -183

Braces and supports – 11

Perching stool – 6

Rollator – 20

Scooter – 2

Toilet Aids – 9

Walking stick – 50

Wheelchair – 11

Zimmer frame – 24

Camping – 29

Other -10

Total – 375 items.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> campaign started in September and there are some results:

175 items have been sent to Sumy already.

861 items are catalogued (1286 kg) and we are still collecting things.



## Gathering: Drop-in coffee mornings

11 May, 21 June, 13 July, 21 July, 10 August, 17 August, 14 September, 12 October, 19 October, 09 November, 30 November (Shoreham, Worthing)

The aim is to hear from the first hands about all issues, answer questions, signpost to the right services, and support people.



## Linking with our MP, Tom Rutland and Beccy Cooper.

We, and our partners CW and W4R organised 2 meetings in person with our local MPs

**We have 2 pressing concerns we wish to address:**

1. **The visa programme needs to be bought forward** to allow those women and children who were the first to arrive to start applying as soon as possible in order to avoid loss of employment and loss of housing. Many of these people are also coming to the end of tenancy agreements which require further 12 month contracts or are about to move into accommodation on 12 month contracts, which is not possible at this stage and **therefore are at risk of homelessness.**

Employment arrangements will now start to be impacted as employers will be reluctant to offer roles to people on ambiguous visa arrangements. This will also have implications on accommodation.

2. **Tackling the length of the visa** - 18 months appears not to be adequate especially for those people wishing to continue their education or improve their employment prospects. We would like to see a request for longer visas being issued.



**Dancing Group Ī** was invited as a guest to other Ukrainian celebrations, such as *Ivana Kupala, Ukrainian Independence Day, Royal British Legion Remembrance Day at Worcester Park, St Mary’s Church, Goring - International event, Worthing Festival, International Neighbours at Shoreham Centre, International Friends at Clifton Community Church, Worthing, Vyshyvanka Day in Brighton.*

*So as you see, we promote Ukrainian culture everywhere, and we are waiting on you!*

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## Ceilidh for Ukraine.

This event brings together English and Ukrainian culture, combining traditional Ceilidh dancing with Ukrainian Folk dancing, Music and a Ukrainian Choir and a demonstration of creating hand-painted Ukrainian Pysanky Easter Eggs.



### Entertainment :

English Folk Dance Group - Polypolka folk

Ukrainian Women Choir - Ukrainian Voices

Ukrainian Dance Workshop with Ukrainian Folk Dance Group Ĩ

Pysanky Egg Painting by a local Ukrainian Artist



We decided to put all our efforts into a UK/UA Ceilidh dance event to make it a fundraiser to support ` Dobrovolya 100 Volunteers in Military Hospital in Kyiv.





## Trips and activities due the year:



Venue	Total	Adults	Children
Wisley Gardens	16	10	6
West Wittering & Chichester	10	10	0
Knepp crazy hiking	13	13	0
Butterfly Farm & Ditchling	35	27	8
Nymans National Trust (Club 55+)	14	14	0
Petworth Park (Club 55+)	16	16	0
Go Ape Tilgate park	16	5	11
Long Man Walk & Alfriston	14	9	5
Sompting Pumpkins	24	18	6
Total people:	158	122	36





### Participants in Home for Ukraine Sponsorship information evening (23.11.2023)

This is an information off-line evening sharing details of the scheme as well as the opportunity to hear from existing sponsors and support organisations in the local area, including the County Council and the Accommodation Pathway team.

**Community Works role:** Working in partnership with WSCC and local support organisation.

#### Speakers and topics:

**Ukraine Support Team West Sussex County Council:** Information about the Government scheme

**Support Organisations in Adur and Worthing** - Robin Sadler AUSA and Gay Jacklin Worthing 4 Refugees

**Accommodation Pathway** - Moving into privately rented accommodation with Amy Nelson West Sussex County Council.

**West Sussex Mind**- Vlada Bondar: Supporting the Mental Health of Ukrainian Refugees and Sponsors.

A unique meeting of its kind was held between representatives of supporting organisations.

In addition to exchanging information and experience, potential sponsors were invited.

3 Sponsors with experience in providing asylum to Ukrainians shared their impressions.

It is hard to track, but in addition to a big push for interaction between the organisations present, we were able to find sponsors for 3 persons.



## **Other events:**

### **Computing literacy for 60+ Club. Collaboration with CW**

1<sup>st</sup> session was on the **6<sup>th</sup> of September** in Community Works. Drop-in.

The aim was to:

- find out individual levels of knowledge about using computers and working with email
- (assuming it’s quite basic) Illustrate what email looks like
- demonstrate how to create a personal account (model it by setting up a Gmail account) [remain mindful of data privacy]
- answer any questions and discover what further support people would like, then set up the next session as required

### **E-visa (getting access to your e-visa account). Drop-in.**

#### **Collaboration with CW**

11<sup>th</sup> September Community Works venue

**Attendees: 21**

9<sup>th</sup> October Community Works venue

**Attendees: 9**

The aim was to:

- deliver information to local Ukrainians on how to make an E-visa account
- create an E-visa account with the support of the WSCC Ukrainian Team caseworker
- teach other Ukrainians how to help members of your family

## **Employability**

### **Presentation on Careers – CVs, cover letters, and interview technique. Webinar.**

Speaker: Ian Newman, Career Adviser Lancaster University.

Free webinar. Composing a CV and preparing for an interview when looking for a job. This program was for Ukrainian refugees.

**Attendees: 25**

**3 F2F online** meeting with 13 Ukrainians (3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July, 30<sup>th</sup> August)

30-minute personal consultation about resources for searching for vacancies, CVs, and passing interviews.



## How we communicated with you

Several news items have been shared in media such as:

- [Shoreham marks Ukraine Anniversary - Sussex Express](#)
- [Sussex to mark the anniversary of invasion as refugees reflect on the kindness of strangers amid 'mental challenges' of fleeing war](#)
- [Making the journey from Ukraine to South East England](#)
- [Second Anniversary of full-scale invasion to Ukraine local events schedule](#)
- [Anniversary of the Ukraine invasion: Community works - events schedule](#)
- [WSCC: events Anniversary Invasion](#)
- [Adur Ukraine Support: the Wall of thanks](#)
- [AUSA event the Anniversary of war in Ukraine](#)
- [Faces of Resilience in Brighton Jubilee Library](#)
- [Living Library in Shoreham on the International Neighbour Day](#)

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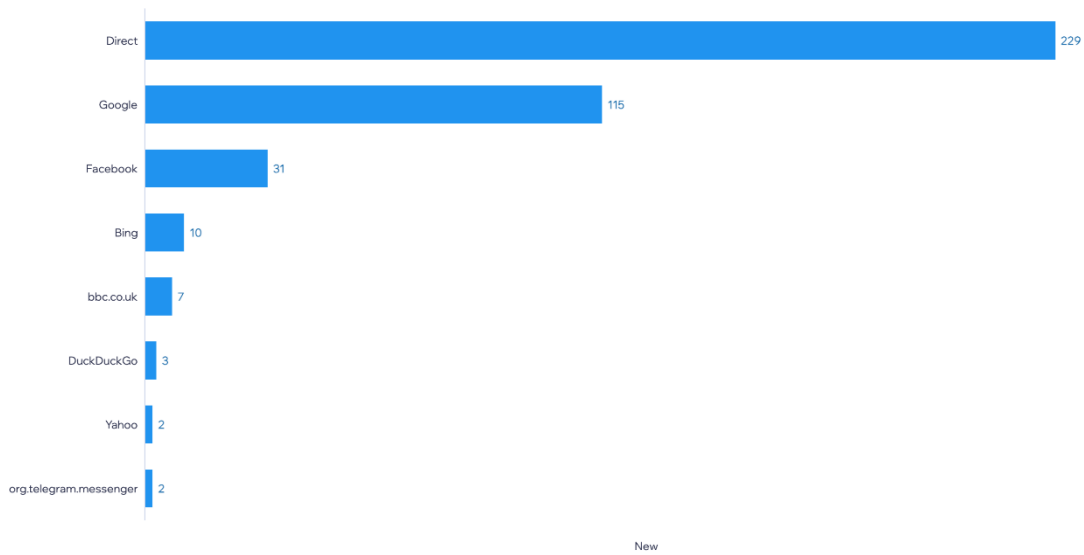
Our website: [Adur Ukraine Support Association ~ Sussex](#)

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	Ukrainian Folk Danci...	01/02/2024	47	
	Молитва Кобзаря з...	08/06/2024	22	
	English Lessons	02/02/2024	14	
	Made for Ukraine	13/10/2023	13	
	Local events markin...	06/02/2024	12	
	Ukrainian Celebration	04/01/2024	11	
	Ukrainian Freedom ...	18/07/2024	10	



Our **Telegram** group: <https://t.me/+v1kke5VVDrQxOWFi>

**Newsletters** to all subscribers

**Facebook** [Adur Ukraine Support Association](#) | [Facebook](#) 358 followers

Some results: reach - 23625, +225%,

page visits 3208, +71%,

followers +91,

most followers live in Shoreham, Worthing, Brighton,

publications 180,

number of interactions – 1882.

**Instagram** [AUSA](#)

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with 49 followers for 3 months

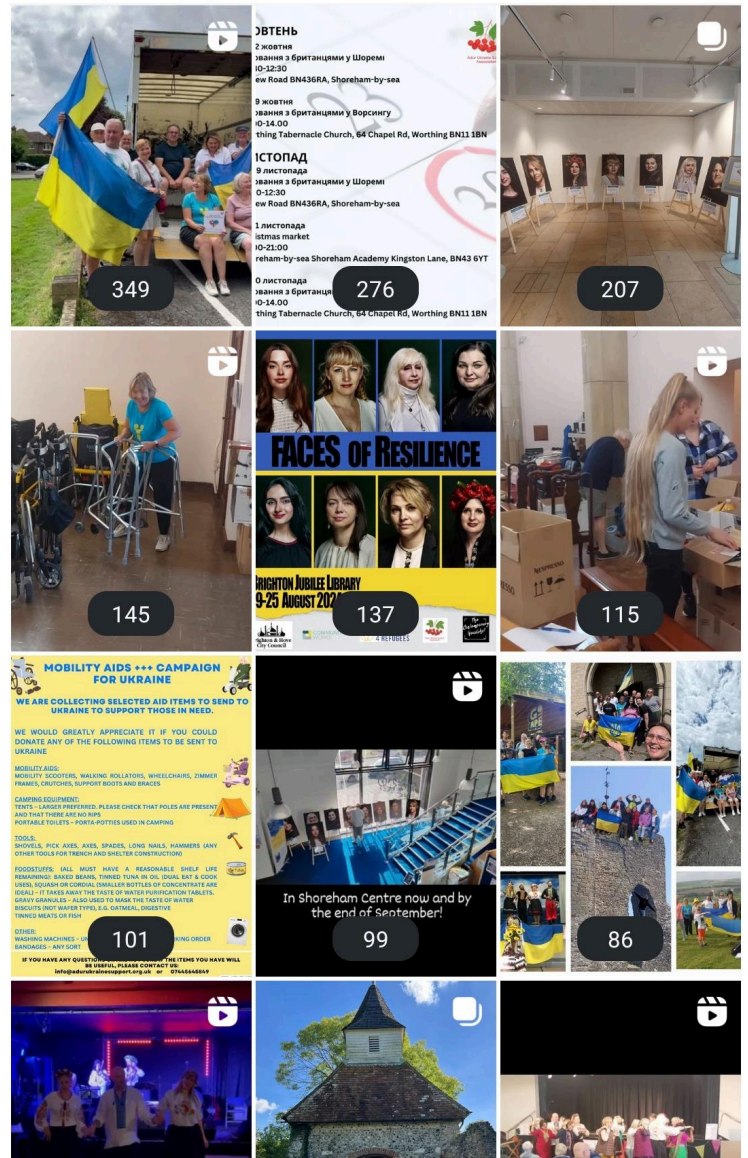
**Youtube** [Adur Ukraine Support](#)

[Association - YouTube](#)

[Adur Ukraine Support Association - YouTube](#) 103

video, 33 subscribers

### Перегляди



We are looking forward to seeing you at AGM!

Report prepared by Iryna Tyazhkorob, Secretary