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## GLASGOW JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL – SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

The GJRC has identified several ways in which Glasgow's Jewish community can assist refugees fleeing the horrific attacks on civilians by Russian forces in Ukraine.

The UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme is open for visa applications from Ukrainian applicants who have named people in the UK willing to sponsor them. Either the Ukrainian or the sponsor can complete the application. One application is required per individual coming to the UK. If refugees do not have a sponsor, they will be matched with people or organisations who have recorded their interest through this service.

The Scottish Government have launched their own programme to provide refuge and sanctuary to displaced Ukrainians, as part of the UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.

It removes the need for applicants to be matched to a named individual before they are cleared to travel to the UK through the visa system.

Scottish volunteers willing to provide homes for Ukrainians arriving through the sponsorship scheme are encouraged to sign up at the [Homes for Ukraine](#) portal. Their details will be shared with Scottish Government so that appropriate matches can be arranged while immediate support is provided to those arriving.

Accessible through the UK Government's online portal, a distinct route to accommodation, support and care in Scotland – the Warm Scots Welcome – is now available. The Scottish Government's approach means that a larger number of people can reach safety faster than through individual, one-to-one matching.

As soon as people arrive in Scotland, the Government, alongside public authorities, will provide expert, practical support and advice on every aspect of life here, including health and recovery from the trauma of what's happened in Ukraine

Anyone in the UK with a spare room or home can use this service, as long as they can offer accommodation for at least 6 months. The Government will be working closely with charities, faith groups, universities, businesses and industry representative to ensure people who want to help are matched to people from Ukraine

It is offering an optional 'thank you' payment of £350 per month to people who can accommodate one or more household. The 'thank you' payment is limited to one payment per residential address. You will continue to receive payments for as long as you sponsor somebody and for up to 12 months.

World Jewish Relief are also coordinating accommodation for refugees and have received over 1500 offers from across the UK. However, WJR say the number of refugees who have arrived is very small and they are currently not accepting any new offers to provide homes for them.

We will update WJR's position as more refugees arrive here.

Useful links:

[Homes for Ukraine: record your interest - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

[British Jewish Humanitarian Charity | World Jewish Relief](#)



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