



# IMPACT REPORT 2023-2025

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# Executive Summary

## OPORA: Rebuilding Lives with Dignity and Innovation

Since 2022, OPORA has transformed from a volunteer response into one of the UK's most trusted Ukrainian-led charities.

Our mission is to make life in the UK easier, safer, and more hopeful for Ukrainians by combining technology, community, and humanity.

Ukrainians in the UK represent a unique migration cohort. They arrived not as asylum seekers, but through temporary visa schemes with no guaranteed pathway to settlement.

## OUR IMPACT 2023-2025

**35,000+**

Ukrainians in OPORA's online community

**750,000+**

Uses of OPORA's digital resources

**12,000+**

AI Assistant queries resolved (91.5% success)

**7,500**

People accessed mental-health resources

**2,500**

Children supported through wellbeing projects

**350+**

Ukrainian teachers guided through UK re-qualification

**500**

Jobseekers connected to mentors or employment schemes

**4.83 / 5**

Average satisfaction score from community survey

This uncertainty affects every aspect of life: housing, employment, education, and mental health.

Families cannot plan their future, mothers fear losing stability for their children, and many continue to live in anxiety over their legal status.

That is why OPORA's role is vital: we provide clarity where there is confusion, trust where there is fear, and community where people feel alone.

## Why This Work Matters

Ukrainians in the UK form a new humanitarian category displaced by war but excluded from traditional refugee systems.

Their integration depends on information access, digital literacy, mental health, and local inclusion, all areas where OPORA leads.

By blending innovation with compassion, OPORA has built a trusted digital ecosystem: website, an AI Assistant, a Telegram network, and webinars that reach **over 40%** of Ukrainians in the UK. It's fast, scalable, trauma-informed, and entirely community-led.

## What Makes OPORA Different

**Ukrainian-led and trusted:** founded by Ukrainians and run by a Ukrainian team with lived refugee experience.

**Tech-first approach:** AI and digital platforms delivering 24/7 verified support.

**Human-centred design:** empathy, language accessibility, and trauma-aware communication.

**Collaborative impact:** **partnerships with councils, NGOs, and businesses ensure reach and credibility.**

# Charity Overview

OPORA was founded in March 2022 by Ukrainians in the United Kingdom, in the first weeks after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. It was a response from Ukrainians for Ukrainians: for those who arrived in a new country with a suitcase in hand and children by their side.

From the very beginning, our mission was simple yet ambitious: to help not just a few, but tens of thousands, by making support scalable, accessible, and technology-driven.

What started as a volunteer network has grown into a trusted, reliable information hub and one of the most recognisable Ukrainian-led charities in the UK.

OPORA combines technology, community, and humanity to deliver help that is both efficient and deeply personal.



## Mission

To support Ukrainians in building a safe, dignified, and successful future through access to guidance, community services, psychological support, and growth opportunities.



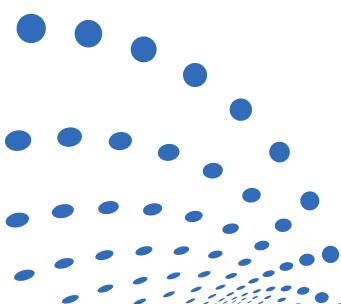
## Team

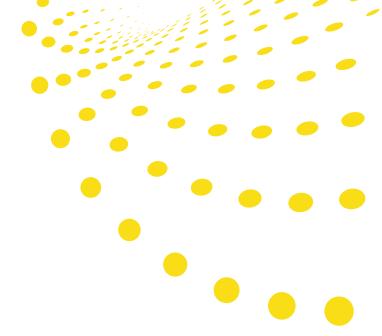
All our employees and most of our volunteers have lived refugee experience, and bring diverse industry, professional and life perspectives.

Since 2022, we have engaged over 50 volunteers, with 15 active members supporting us permanently



*My life with OPORA began in April 2022, when we learned about the sponsorship scheme from the Welsh Government. Since that moment, my family and I haven't gone a single day without visiting OPORA's information channels! I'm not joking – not a single day! Thank you so much for being there for us!*





# OPORA in Numbers

From day one, OPORA has been a tech-first organisation. We design state-of-the-art digital solutions and social media channels that reach thousands of Ukrainians, even in remote towns across the United Kingdom.

Our purpose is not only to connect with a wide community across the UK, but also to deliver excellent, compassionate support and to create a safe, inclusive space available 24/7 for Ukrainians affected by war trauma, forced migration, and language barriers.

In the past 3 years, we have supported thousands of Ukrainians across the UK. We have helped people access answers, guidance, and mental health resources.

**35,000+**

OPORA online Ukrainian community in the UK

**700K**

Fully online model reaching Ukrainians in the UK and overseas

**10,000+**

Enquiries resolved via AI website assistant

**3,500+**

Families Matched. Recognised provider for the Homes for Ukraine scheme

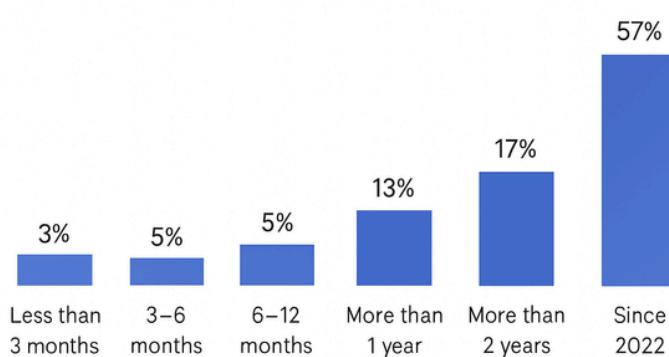
## Community satisfaction and loyalty

In September 2025, our community survey rated OPORA's team performance at an average of **4.83** out of 5, demonstrating a high level of trust, satisfaction, and appreciation for the quality of our support and communication.

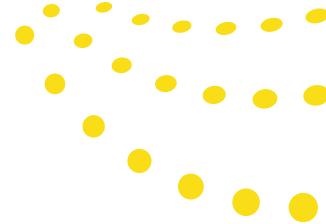
According to the same survey, **67%** of respondents have been with OPORA since 2022, and a further **17%** for more than two years, meaning that **84%** of our users remain engaged and loyal to our services.



### How long have you been using OPORA's support or resources?



The small percentage of natural audience turnover is expected, as some Ukrainians return home or no longer require support after stabilizing their lives in the UK.



# Why Ukrainians in the UK are a Unique Migration Cohort

The Ukrainian community in the United Kingdom represents one of the largest and most dynamic humanitarian movements in modern British history, but it differs significantly from traditional refugee routes. Ukrainians arrived through bespoke visa programmes, not asylum procedures, which makes their legal, social, and emotional experience unique.

As of December 2024 **218,600** Ukrainians arrived under the Ukraine Family Scheme and Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme

Around **217,000** Ukrainians are currently living in the UK.

**29%** of arrivals were children aged 17 and under.

**48%** were adult women (18-64 years).

**44%** of initial arrivals have since left the UK (some temporarily).

**0%** of current visa routes guarantee permanent settlement, all are time-limited (in total 6.5 years).

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## What makes this group unique:

- **Hybrid Humanitarian Route**

Ukrainians are displaced by war, yet they are not formally recognised as refugees under UK asylum law. Their status is temporary and renewable but not permanent, creating uncertainty about long-term residence, access to benefits, and integration pathways.

- **Family-Centred Migration**

Unlike many refugee flows, the Ukrainian movement is highly family-based. Most arrivals are mothers with children, older parents, and multi-generation households. This requires support that combines education, childcare, employment, and emotional wellbeing.

- **Sponsorship-Led Settlement**

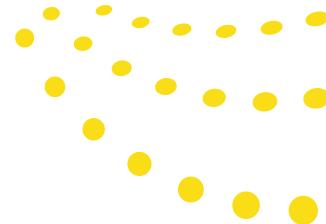
Homes for Ukraine relies on private hosts rather than state accommodation. Ukrainians live in British homes, often in areas without refugee infrastructure, meaning they depend heavily on digital information and local community networks like OPORA.

- **Mobility and Return Intentions**

Many Ukrainians still hope to return home when conditions allow. According to the Center of Economic Strategy (<https://ces.org.ua>) number of Ukrainian refugees planning to return has gone down from 50% to 20% between November 2022 and December 2024. This creates a hybrid identity: people integrate, work, study, but also remain connected to their homeland, balancing adaptation and anticipation.

- **High Skills, Low Recognition**

Ukrainians often arrive with strong education and professional experience, but struggle with qualification recognition and English language barriers. This makes employment guidance and digital inclusion essential elements of successful integration.



# What This Means for OPORA's Work

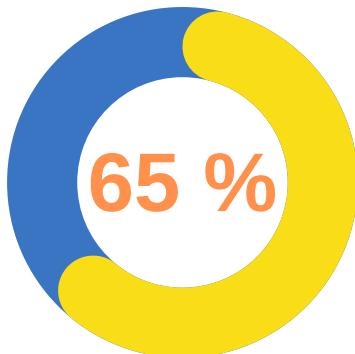
Because Ukrainians do not fit into a conventional “refugee” category, they need a new model of support: fast, tech-enabled, multilingual, and sensitive to trauma.

OPORA’s digital ecosystem: website, AI Assistant, Telegram, webinars, and community networks has revolved precisely for this reality.

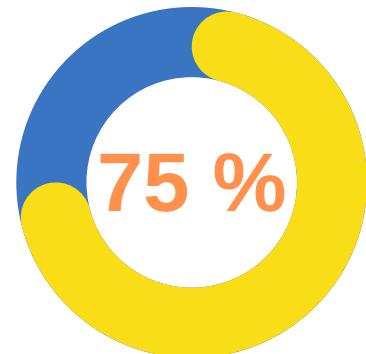
We provide:

- Accurate information on complex visa-related issues (UPE, eVisa, Homes for Ukraine)
- Practical tools for employment, housing, and benefits
- Emotional support for families living in uncertainty
- Community belonging for those rebuilding life far from home

Ukrainians in the UK are not just refugees – they are pioneers of a new humanitarian pathway, balancing resilience, digital engagement, and hope. OPORA stands beside them to ensure that temporary status does not mean temporary dignity.



feel hopeless about the future due to a temporary visa status



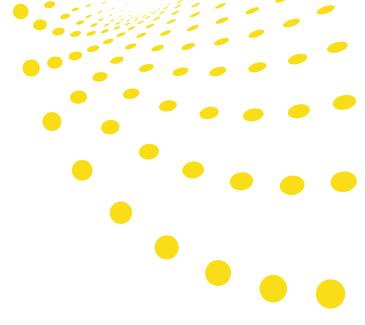
want to stay in the UK, but lack pathways

## No Route to Settlement or Permanent Residence

All current Ukrainian schemes end after the visa expires, unless the Government extends them again. There is no automatic pathway to Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) or Settled Status.

This creates uncertainty for families, landlords, employers, and councils, and leaves thousands unsure of their long-term future.

***I have lived and worked in the UK for three years, but I still don't know what will happen when my visa expires. I want stability for my child, not another round of applications.*** – Ukrainian community member, OPORA survey, 2025



# A Portrait of a Ukrainian Family

Imagine arriving in a new country, carrying only what you could fit in a suitcase, your children's hands in yours, and hope in your heart.

For over 217,000 Ukrainians in the UK, this is not a story – it's their reality.

"I was leaving for two weeks. It's been four years."

My name is Alona. I'm 32 years old, and my son Yaroslav just turned six. We come from Hlukhiv, a small town in northern Ukraine, close to the Russian border.

When we evacuated in 2022, I thought it would be for a few weeks. Now it has been four years.

My town is destroyed, and there is no safe place for children. But here, in the UK, my son is finally safe. People ask if I will return home after the war. I say "Yes, but..."

Time moves on. My child grows up here, and it's hard to pause your life for years.

**"I still dream of going back one day. But until that day comes, I want my son to live – not just survive." – Alona, mother from Hlukhiv, living in the UK since 2022**



We don't want to leave Ukraine behind – we want to live without fear, to work, to plan, to belong.

I just want to have the choice to build my future life the way I want – and to know that I won't be forced to move again.

All I asked for was the freedom to choose, the very essence of democracy and human dignity.

This story reflects thousands of Ukrainian families supported by OPORA across the United Kingdom, rebuilding life with resilience, dignity, and hope.

# Information and Digital Inclusion

## Reliable, Accessible, and Human-Centred Information

For many Ukrainians in the UK, reliable information is not simply a convenience; it is a lifeline.

From understanding visa procedures to finding housing or mental health support, the ability to access trustworthy guidance in one's native language often determines whether a family feels safe, confident, and included.

OPORA's mission is to make information accessible, accurate, and empathetic for everyone, everywhere, 24/7.

### Website: [opora.uk](https://opora.uk)

In 2024, the website reached **234,000** unique users, averaging **23,000** visits per month and 500 daily visitors.

The eVisa page alone received **105,000** views, and UPE – **37,000** views.

These figures confirm OPORA's role as one of the most widely used Ukrainian-language information resources in the UK.

### Telegram Network

OPORA's Telegram platform connects almost **30,000** Ukrainians, serving as the largest real-time communication channel for our community.

In 2024 alone, our team processed **13,860** individual requests, providing timely, personalised support.

Streamlining regional chats and centralising resources led to higher engagement; our main channel grew by nearly **5,000** subscribers within the year.

### Social Media Presence

On Instagram, OPORA's reach has expanded to **7,800** followers with **96,000-110,000** monthly views.

## Our Digital Ecosystem

OPORA operates as a tech-first charity, combining innovation with human connection. Our digital ecosystem includes a website, AI Assistant, Telegram network, and social media platforms that together provide fast, multilingual support to Ukrainians across the UK, including those in remote or rural areas.

### OPORA: інформаційний канал

28 892 subscribers



By responding quickly to government updates and community needs, OPORA ensures that verified information is available before misinformation spreads.

### AI Assistant

Introduced in June 2023, OPORA's AI Assistant has already handled over **12,000** user queries, successfully resolving 70% of them and achieving a **91.5%** positive feedback rating.

The Assistant helps users navigate bureaucratic processes instantly, offering answers about Homes for Ukraine, visa selection, BRP issues, and more.

This digital innovation saves time and resources while ensuring Ukrainians can receive immediate help at any hour.

### Яка у вас проблема чи питання?

Пошук за допомогою штучного інтелекту

#### Популярні питання

Що таке eVisa?

Як налаштувати eVisa



# Information and Digital Inclusion

## Closing the Digital Divide

Many Ukrainians arriving in the UK face digital exclusion – limited access to devices, the internet, or confidence to use online systems. OPORA addresses this through:

- clear, step-by-step guides in Ukrainian
- video instructions and interactive webinars
- simplified language adapted for users with different levels of English and digital literacy
- An AI system designed for accessibility from any smartphone or browser

Our approach ensures that even those with minimal digital experience can navigate British systems independently and with dignity.

## Achievements 2024-2025

750,000+ resource uses since launch

234,000 website visitors in 2024

12,000+ queries by beneficiaries resolved through AI-enabled self-service tool (91.5% success rate)

13,860 individual chat requests handled per year in chat

8,800 webinar views

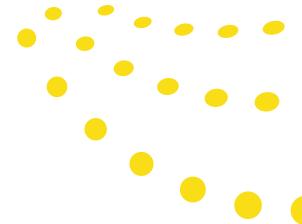
Over 40% of Ukrainians in the UK rely on OPORA's digital channels for verified information

## Our Commitment

At OPORA, we share information to empower our community. By combining innovation with empathy, we ensure that no Ukrainian feels lost, uninformed, or alone in navigating life in the UK.

OPORA is my main source of news about Ukrainians in the UK. I'm confident that all the information here is carefully verified and completely trustworthy – no scams, 100%. I've followed OPORA's articles at every step since arriving: from buying tickets, getting my BRP, registering with the Jobcentre, finding housing and moving, to completing all the necessary documents. I even helped my elderly relatives get Pension Credit. I linked my eVisa and successfully applied for UPE – without OPORA's guides and answers, I would have made so many mistakes. I can't even imagine how I would navigate life in the UK without OPORA. Huge thanks and deep respect to everyone doing this incredible work!





# Our New Projects

## OPORA Template Library

To make life in the UK easier and bureaucracy less intimidating, OPORA created the Template Library: a practical collection of **12 templates** (English) that help Ukrainians communicate confidently with institutions, employers, and local authorities.

Each template is designed to turn information into real-world action, allowing users to send official requests, appeals, or explanations without fear of making mistakes or being misunderstood.

The library currently includes templates for:

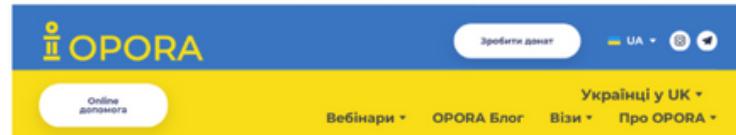
- contacting councils about housing and support
- writing to schools regarding child admission or education support
- communicating with landlords or agencies
- addressing benefit and financial support issues
- submitting complaints or evidence to the Home Office or DWP

**20,000+**  
**Templates downloaded**  
**since February 2024**

All templates are free to use, verified by experts, and available online 24/7 via the OPORA website. The Template Library bridges the gap between knowledge and action, empowering Ukrainians to navigate complex UK systems independently and with dignity.



In September 2025, **15%** of respondents to OPORA community survey, over **5,500** Ukrainians, reported they could manage complex bureaucracy only thanks to OPORA's information and chat support.



### Листи англійською мовою

Landlord's permission to host letter [Word](#) [Google Doc](#)

Rent renewal with price renegotiation letter [Word](#) [Google Doc](#)

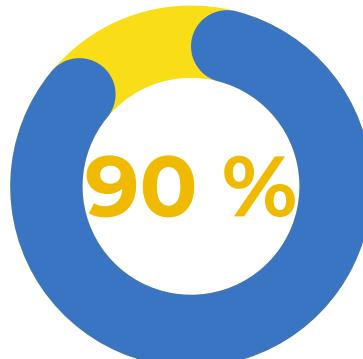
Permission to take a child abroad from the UK letter from parent [Word](#)

[Google Doc](#)

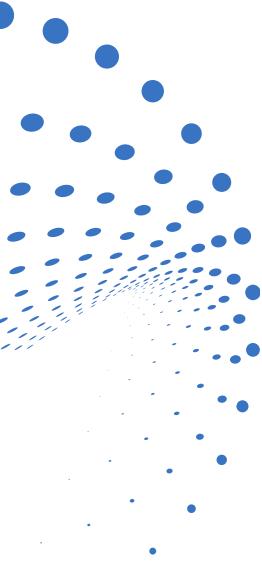
Sponsor's wish to end sponsorship letter [Word](#) [Google Doc](#)

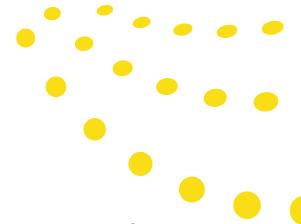
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Said OPORA's resources helped them feel confident navigating life in the UK, clear proof of trust and impact.





# Supporting Ukrainians Through the UK's Transition to Digital Immigration Status: eVisa

In 2024–2025, one of the biggest changes affecting Ukrainians in the UK has been the transition from physical Biometric Residence Permits (BRP) to digital immigration status: the eVisa system.

At the same time, the UK Government introduced a new extension route called the Ukrainian Permission Extension (UPE), designed to allow Ukrainians under existing schemes (Homes for Ukraine, Family Scheme, Extension Scheme) to stay legally in the UK after their current visas expire for an additional 18 months.

Both developments created significant information gaps, confusion, and anxiety among Ukrainians, especially for those unfamiliar with the UK's digital immigration system or with limited English proficiency.

From 2024, all Ukrainians in the UK are required to link their passports to a digital eVisa record via a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account.

The eVisa confirms an individual's **right to live, work, rent accommodation, and access healthcare in the UK**.

However, many Ukrainians found this process challenging due to:

- technical barriers and language difficulties
- lack of clear instructions from the Home Office
- concerns about verification when renting or working
- difficulties linking expired Ukrainian passports to the system

*I was afraid to lose my status because I couldn't understand how to link my account. OPORA's video explained it step by step – it took me 10 minutes instead of days of stress.*

OPORA community member, 2025 survey

## What is UPE: Ukrainian Permission Extension

In February 2024, the Home Office launched the Ukrainian Permission Extension (UPE) an 18-month visa renewal option for Ukrainians whose original three-year visas (granted in 2022) were due to expire in 2025. The new permission maintained full rights to work, study, rent, and receive benefits.

According to Home Office rules, Ukrainians could submit their UPE application no earlier than 28 days before the expiry of their existing visa, it had to be completed before the expiry date of the current visa. This narrow timeframe created uncertainty for thousands of families who were unable to prove in advance that their stay would be extended for another 18 months. Many faced practical and psychological barriers when their remaining visa period fell below one year.

OPORA has been monitoring these challenges throughout the year, gathering community feedback and analysing how visa uncertainty impacts housing, employment, and wellbeing. These findings highlight the urgent need for clearer communication, longer application windows, and stable immigration solutions.

## Challenges Ukrainians face as their visa nears expiry



I'm very worried about it



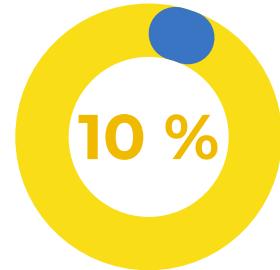
I had employment issues

# OPORA's Response: Information and Advocacy

Recognising the scale of confusion, OPORA became the leading Ukrainian-language source of information about both eVisa and UPE.

Our contribution included:

- Developing and publishing detailed, step-by-step guides and infographics in Ukrainian and English
- Creating instructional videos watched over **36,300 times**
- Running Q&A sessions with immigration experts and partner charities like Settled
- Developing AI Assistant prompts to help users navigate eVisa and UPE forms in real time
- Providing individual guidance via Telegram chat, resolving hundreds of visa-related requests



Resolved issues with eVisa/UPE thanks to OPORA

## Impact 2024- 2025

**124,500** visits to OPORA's eVisa page

**140,000** visits to the UPE resource page

**Thousands of successful applications** completed with the help of OPORA's materials

**23%** of respondents in our community survey reported that OPORA's eVisa and UPE guides directly helped them complete their visa process

## Case study: Collaborative Visa Support

In collaboration with Settled\*, we identified **700+** Ukrainians affected by a bug in the Ukraine Permission Scheme that left applications unprocessed for months. Some resubmitted in fear, risking their legal status. After our joint fix, **230** received visas within **10 days**.

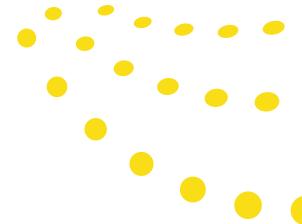
**"One of the biggest challenges which literally keeps me awake at night and increases my level of anxiety is the unpredictable situation with our visas. Neither I nor my family members can plan their future because we are afraid of being thrown out of the UK in 18 months after the UPE expires."**

**- Neighbourly Lab\* research**



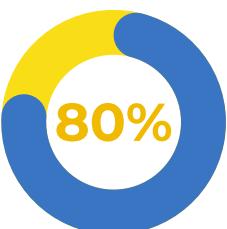
**Settled** (CIO 1184580 and SCO52360) is a charity set up in 2019 to help EU citizens living in the UK whose rights were affected by Brexit. Since 2022, Settled has also a Ukraine Advice Service. Settled is accredited by the Immigration Advice Authority at IAA Level 3 and specialises in the provision of legal advice to Ukrainians.

**Neighbourly Lab** is a research and innovation organisation committed to promoting more supportive, inclusive communities. OPORA supported Neighbourly Lab in research project "British Red Cross - Understanding the Lessons Learned from the UK's response to the Ukrainian displacement crisis. <https://www.neighbourlylab.com/project-update-british-red-cross-understanding-the-lessons-learned-from-the-uks-response-to-the-ukrainian-displacement-crisis/>

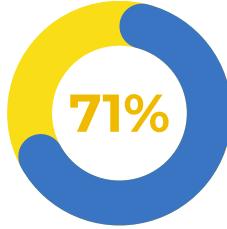


# Mental Health Support

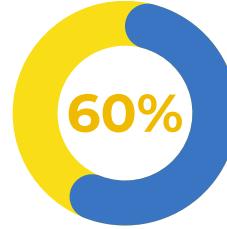
We are addressing an unprecedented mental health crisis\* facing displaced Ukrainians in the UK, the challenges are driven by war trauma, displacement, isolation and ongoing visa uncertainty



experience anxiety, tension or worry often or almost always



report visa uncertainty as major mental health stressor



experience loneliness often or almost always



have thoughts that life is not worth living

## Our Response: Comprehensive Mental Health Programme

Since 2022, OPORA has evolved from emergency mental health response into one of the UK's most comprehensive Ukrainian-language mental health programmes.

We deliver mental health support through an integrated, multi-channel programme designed to reach Ukrainians wherever in the UK they are, removing barriers to access.

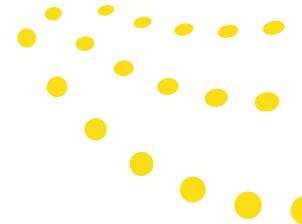
Unlike isolated services, OPORA's mental health programme functions as a connected ecosystem where each element reinforces the others, meeting people at different stages of their mental health journey:

### Our mental health ecosystem

- Psychological Support Channel – 2,400+ subscribers receiving daily support from qualified psychologists
- Drop-In Support Groups – 1,800 attendances over 18 months, professional therapeutic sessions
- Interactive Mental Health Services Map – 50+ services mapped nationwide
- Educational Webinars – 40+ expert-led sessions, 2,500+ attendances
- Mental Health Books – 4,000+ books distributed to children, teenagers, and adults
- Video Educational Series – 10 professional videos, 5,000+ views

### All services are:

- Free – No cost barriers
- Ukrainian-language – Culturally and linguistically appropriate
- No referral needed – Direct access, no NHS waiting lists
- Evidence-based – Delivered by qualified psychologists using proven methodologies
- Trauma-informed – Designed for people with lived experience of war and displacement



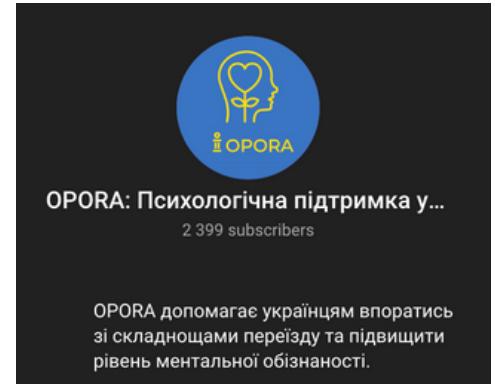
# Building Sustainable Mental Health Infrastructure

Telegram Channel | Drop-In Groups | Mental Health Map | Educational Webinars

## TELEGRAM PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT CHANNEL

2,400+ members | Daily professional support in Ukrainian

OPORA created the UK's largest Ukrainian-language mental health community, providing daily support from qualified psychologists and mental health professionals. The channel serves as the entry point to mental health support for thousands of Ukrainians across the UK.



## DROP-IN SUPPORT GROUPS

1,800 attendances | 15-20 participants per session

Professional therapeutic support groups providing consistent, reliable mental health intervention for Ukrainians navigating displacement, trauma, and uncertain futures. Groups are facilitated by qualified psychologist Maryana Petryk, who brings both professional expertise and lived refugee experience.



## INTERACTIVE MENTAL HEALTH MAP

50+ services mapped nationwide | Used by 1,000+ people

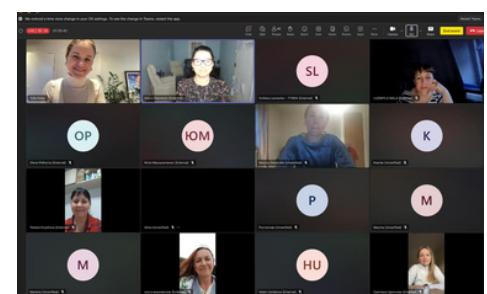
The first and only comprehensive Ukrainian-focused mental health services directory covering the entire UK. The interactive map makes invisible services visible, transforming the overwhelming task of finding appropriate mental health support into a simple, manageable process.

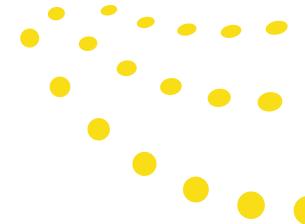


## EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

40+ sessions delivered | 2,500+ total attendances

Professional mental health education programme providing psychoeducation, skill-building, and expert guidance through interactive online sessions. Webinars serve as bridge between information and action, helping people understand mental health and develop practical coping strategies.





# Mental Health Resources

## CHILDREN'S BOOK (AGES 8-12):

### "A JOURNEY ACROSS COUNTRIES WITH MR CORGI"

Interactive mental health workbook helping Ukrainian children understand and process displacement

500+ copies distributed

"A Journey Across Countries with Mr Corgi" is an interactive mental health workbook developed with child psychologists to help Ukrainian children aged 8-12 process displacement trauma. Through Mr Corgi's story of moving to a new country, the workbook addresses big feelings like sadness, anger, and fear, helps children process losses, and provides age-appropriate explanations of war and displacement alongside practical coping tools including breathing exercises and grounding techniques.



## TEENAGERS' WORKBOOK (AGES 13-18):

### "A NEW LEVEL: ME"

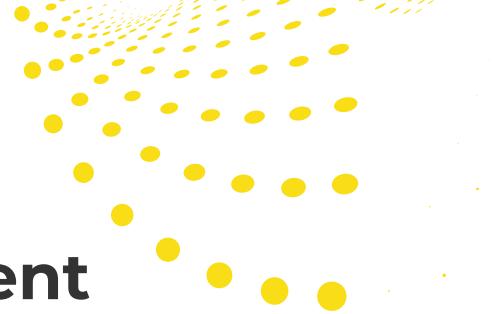
Workbook-comic helping Ukrainian teenagers navigate displacement, identity crisis, and uncertain futures

1,500+ copies distributed

"A New Level: Me" uses an innovative comic-book format to help Ukrainian teenagers aged 13-18 navigate displacement challenges including identity crisis (Who am I? Ukrainian? British? Both?), peer isolation, academic stress, and uncertain futures. Following a realistic teenage protagonist, the workbook addresses anxiety, depression, self-esteem issues, and trauma responses while providing practical tools teenagers can use independently: emotion regulation strategies, boundary-setting techniques, and guidance on seeking help.



**"My daughter couldn't talk about what she was feeling after we arrived in the UK. She would just go silent or cry. The book gave her a way to express it – through the activities and Mr Corgi's story. Now we can talk about her worries together. She even showed her teacher the book and they used some activities in class."** – Parent



# Employment and Empowerment

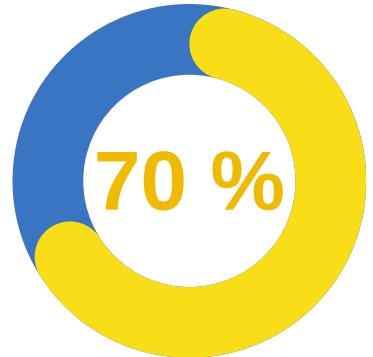
## Helping Ukrainians Build Independent and Confident Futures

For many Ukrainians in the UK, employment is one of the most critical steps toward independence, stability, and confidence.

However, finding a job in a new country, often without perfect English, local experience, or recognition of qualifications, remains a significant barrier.

OPORA's Employment and Empowerment programmes aim to close this gap by providing information, mentoring, and pathways to skills and work.

We empower people to rebuild their professional lives, connect with employers, and transform their experience of displacement into leadership and contribution.



are underemployed due to unrecognised qualifications

## Achievements 2024–2025

500+ participants connected to mentors or job programmes through partnerships

3,800 views across career and skills-related webinars

1,500+ employment-related queries answered via website, Telegram, and AI Assistant

Dozens of success stories of Ukrainians who found work in education, health, retail, and digital industries.

## OPORA Projects: Teacher Support Group

Through our Ukrainian Teachers Support Network, we help educators access information on qualification recognition, QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), and integration into the British education system.

The network was launched in June 2025 and now includes over 350 Ukrainian teachers, providing access to relevant resources, peer exchange, and professional connections.

By supporting educators to navigate the UK's requirements and continue their teaching careers, OPORA empowers skilled professionals to stay active, confident, and connected to their vocation.

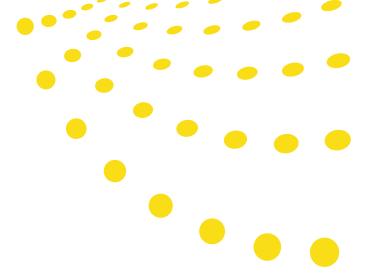
We organised webinars and created practical guides to help Ukrainians start their careers in education. Topics included how to become a teacher in England and Scotland and how to obtain an Education Worker Visa.

We also shared success stories, like Mykhailo, a qualified maths teacher working in a UK school.

Our videos were viewed over 600 times, and our resources were read by 1,000+ people.

**I used the guide for teachers, and it helped me make a decision about my further education. Since September this year, I've started my teacher training (PGCE).**





# Employment and Empowerment

## Practical Guidance

We provide clear, step-by-step information on CV writing, job searching, interview preparation, and understanding employment rights in the UK. Our goal is to help Ukrainians build stable, confident careers that match their skills and experience.

Through our online guides and webinars, participants learn how to navigate the UK labour market, recognise fair employment conditions, and apply for suitable roles.

**40,000+**

people accessed our employment and career resources

## Support and Partnerships with Mentoring Organisations

In collaboration with TENT\*, nearly **500+** Ukrainians participated in mentorship for each program window and employment-readiness programmes, gaining exposure to UK job markets and the confidence to apply for roles.

In 2025, we launched a new Employment Project with Tent Partnership for Refugees, aimed at connecting Ukrainians in the UK with stable and fair job opportunities.

We are currently supporting employment placements with companies such as Pret A Manger, Novartis UK, and Moody's. Several participants have already secured successful employment through this initiative.

A full update on this project and its outcomes will be included in our 2026 Impact Report.

## Digital Support and AI Tools

Our website and AI Assistant now include employment-related queries and resources accessible 24/7. We also run an active Employment Support Group with over **4,000 members**, where we share verified job opportunities and career content from trusted partners.

## Entrepreneurship & Business Community

We've built a trusted community of **2,700+ Ukrainians** who support each other in starting and growing businesses in the UK.

From the first step, registering as self-employed to opening cafés, agencies, or creative studios, we're there to guide and celebrate every success.

Our guide "How to become self-employed in the UK" has been read over **28,500 times**. Our blog "How to submit your tax return" has been read more than **5,000 times**.

Through webinars, real success stories, and one-to-one advice, we help Ukrainians believe that their business dreams can truly grow here in the UK.

**50,000+**

people accessed our Business resources

**2,500+**

webinar attendees

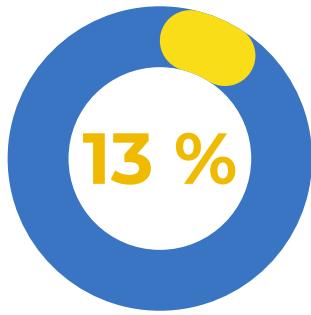
# Our Partners and Supporters



OPORA's work would not be possible without the generosity, trust, and shared vision of our funders and supporters.

Their contributions enable us to deliver high-impact digital services, provide practical guidance to thousands of Ukrainians, and advocate for long-term stability and inclusion in the UK.

We are deeply grateful to the individuals, corporations, foundations, and institutions whose partnership allows us to innovate, respond rapidly, and grow sustainably.



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## Individual and Community Support

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