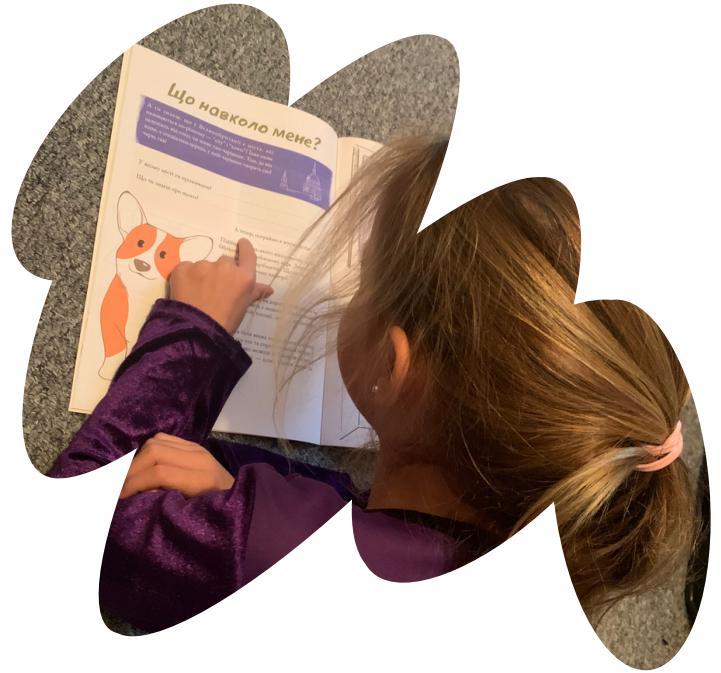




Empowering Ukrainian Children in the UK with Mr. Corgi's Interactive Workbook

Introduction

In the face of war and displacement, Ukrainian families have faced the challenge of adapting to life in new countries. To support Ukrainian children who have moved to the United Kingdom, OPORTA created a unique interactive workbook, "A Journey Between Countries with Mr. Corgi." This project, generously funded by The Story of Christmas, aims to ease the transition, provide emotional support, and help children retain their connection to Ukrainian culture.



About the workbook

Designed for children aged 7-12, "A Journey Between Countries with Mr. Corgi" combines fun and education. It includes:

- **Interactive tasks:** Activities to help children explore their new environment and express themselves creatively.
- **Cultural insights:** Facts about the UK and Ukraine foster a sense of dual identity.
- **Emotional support:** Exercises to process feelings of loss, change, and adaptation safely and engagingly.
- **Multimedia integration:** QR codes lead to videos and additional content, making the experience dynamic and immersive.

The workbook is a toolkit for children to navigate their emotions, connect with their new surroundings, and stay rooted in their heritage.





My daughter couldn't wait to start. Every evening, we spent hours together completing tasks, reading, and learning. The book opened up conversations we'd never had before about her feelings of loss and adaptation. It was a bonding experience for both of us, and we're so grateful for this beautiful resource. - Anna

Feedback highlights

The success of the workbook is best told through the heartfelt feedback from families who have used it. Photographs sent by families show children actively engaging with the workbook—drawing, completing activities, and proudly displaying their work. Smiling faces and creative outputs highlight the workbook's role in brightening their days and fostering connection. Across all testimonials, several themes emerged:

- **Emotional connection:** Families appreciated how the workbook addressed sensitive topics like loss and adaptation.
- **Cultural pride:** Many parents noted their children's joy in learning about Ukraine and sharing it with others.
- **Creative exploration:** Children enjoyed drawing, writing, and crafting while learning about their new environment.
- **Practical support:** Parents found the workbook an invaluable tool for easing their children's transition.

This small gesture brought immense joy during these difficult times. My daughter's favourite part was learning about symbols and traditions. It's clear how much care went into creating something so meaningful. - Olena



Conclusion

"*A Journey Between Countries with Mr. Corgi*" demonstrates the power of thoughtful resources in helping children navigate complex emotions and new environments. By blending education, creativity, and emotional support, the workbook has become a cherished companion for Ukrainian families in the UK.

This project showcases the profound impact of community-driven initiatives and the importance of supporting displaced families. As one parent beautifully summarised:

"This book made my child happier while being away from home."

OPORA remains committed to providing resources like this to empower children and families during challenging times. With the success of this initiative, we look forward to developing more projects that inspire connection, resilience, and hope.

