

Ukrainian Association in Finland

The Ukrainian association in Finland is a vital organization that provides information and concrete assistance in the context of the crisis in Ukraine.

Who are we?



The Ukrainian
Association
in Finland

The Ukrainian Association in Finland was founded in Helsinki in 1997 to unite and represent the community of Ukrainians residing in Finland, raise awareness about Ukraine and its cultural traditions.

Assistance to Ukraine and Ukrainian refugees

We coordinate assistance to Ukraine and Ukrainian asylum seekers arriving in Finland from the Russian-Ukrainian war zone. All information about the humanitarian project can be found on www.ukrainians.fi and www.ukrainians-in-finland.org



What do we do during the war?



Informational support
Website
ukrainians-in-finland.org



Logistical centre & Autaukrainaa.fi
Donation receiver and distributor



Migri cooperation
Help in user experience
On the start of cooperation



Host4Ukraine
Verified accomodation



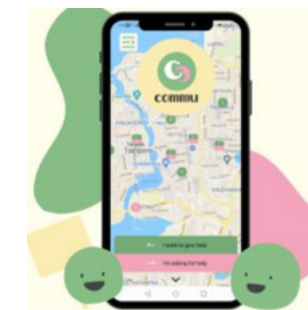
Help Centre for Ukrainians



Tickets Tallink
Free tickets for volunteers
and refugees



Info & psychological support
Separate phone lines in
Ukrainian educated by
professionals



Help requests
Commuapp in Ukrainian
language

Our Partners



Ukrainian protection seekers and refugees

UNHCR statistics, 18.4. more than 5 million people have fled the war in Ukraine to neighbouring countries (90% women and children), another 6.5 million people are thought to be displaced inside

22.04. 19,000 - Temporary Protection applicants in Finland

The actual amount is likely to be somewhat larger

In the past, about 7,200 Ukrainians lived in Finland

24.3. Assessment 80,000 ukrainians will be arriving

ЦЕНТР ДОПОМОГИ УКРАЇНЦЯМ
APUKESKUS UKRAINALAISILLE
HELP CENTER FOR UKRAINIANS

Why our Help Center?

*We provide help in **Ukrainian, English, and Finnish** languages
We provide only information from official sources
We help to overcome misinformation spreading online*

Reliable information from official sources e.g. Migri, Te-toimisto, Ministries, Police

Dry food to-go

Clothes and
hygiene products

Psychological support



Advice on finding a job

Advice on accomodation

Any questionns on life in Finland

*Our Help Center is a unique establishment that serves as the **preferred point of contact** recommended by refugee reception centers and by authorities for refugees' basic and informational and personal needs.*

Partners at the Center

Space

YIT

Security and first aid related issues

Securitas Group, Huoltovarmuuskeskus

Office services and items;

Elisa, Kaimana Agency, Grano, Lindström, Freska, Sinituote, Essity, #springservice, #lohikari

Office and lounge furniture and donation shop gear;

Martela Group, Kesko - K-Group, ORTHEX

Decoration of the Help Center (kid's area, café, artwork and flowers);

Sun Effects Oy, Pågå, FloweRescue, 4 Feet Under / Subsoccer, Fiskars Group, Lyreco Group

Advisorship and support:

MLL, Pakolaisapu, City of Helsinki, Te-toimisto, House of Helsinki

Help Center in numbers

1,300 m2 space of aid and support

Opening: 16.03.

Over one month of operations

Visitors: 3200+

Repeat rate: 56%

Volunteers on-premises: over 50+

Projects of the HC beyond the HC

Employment of Ukrainians: Te-toimisto and City of Helsinki

The objective of the employment project is to establish an effective model to employ, qualify and educate Ukrainians in Finland in order to facilitate their integration and include them in the workplace as soon as possible.

Integration and immigration procedures for ukrainians: Migri

Facilitate the user experience, help standardize procedures, and improve workflow.

Support provided to other Help Centers: Vantaa and Espoo

Help onboard other Centers and serve as a standard through our experience and knowledge.

Top needs

Work: almost all individuals arriving at the Center ask: how can they speed up the employment process? How and when they can already start working?

Monetary support: many refugees and temporary protection seekers arrive with no resources at all, and the process to obtain some kind of financial allowance/support is taking weeks, even up to a month so far.

Food: is another really pressing issue. Given the slow processing of financial aid and the little resources, questions like these arise: where to buy cheaper grocery items? which places offer food vouchers or any discounts? where can food be served for free?

Clarity and certainty: individuals arriving are not well-informed regarding their status by the authorities. In a context of shock and worry, refugees are confused. The registration process is not standardized. In some cases, people get registered with the police without access to a Ukrainian translator and aren't always sure about what process has been followed in regards to them. Was the final application that of asylum or temporary protection? And most importantly: what should they do right after registration?

Long-term accommodation: some refugees or protection seekers arrive and are being sent to other locations in Finland after a short stay in the capital area. As per the previous point, the worry among refugees increases, as they lack understanding regarding what will happen to them next. Where are they being sent and why? Many are struggling to obtain long-term accommodation, but find it difficult without resources and the official ID number.

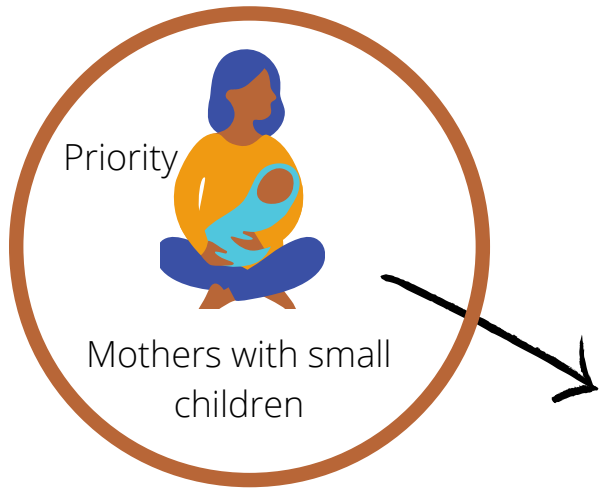
Kids' schooling options and language courses

Speeding up the schooling process is also necessary.

Summary: clarity and certainty and how to adapt to the Finnish society, learn the language faster, as well as quickly find employment and obtain funds to subsist, accommodate, and get nourished.

Visitor types

*employment orientation perspective



Help Center
for Ukrainians



- 55% of seekers are UA and EN speakers - 45% only UA and RU
- 90% women, 10% men
- Highlighted professional backgrounds: most professionals are highly qualified in business and the management industry: 76% with higher education, and 24% are craftworkers.

Specific Employment needs

Easier customer journey (through te-toimisto and other organizations)

- Ukrainian translation of materials and forms
- Step by step description of services ukrainians can reach to in Helsinki regarding employment based on their status
- Facilitation to obtain Banking Credentials
- Assistance or clear ways/path to do it and speed the process of qualifications and diploma's recognition

Qualification and re-qualification plans (hygiene certificates, 1st aid certificates, etc.)

- English and Finnish subsidized courses
- Access to companies JD in Ukrainian
- Positions for less tech savvy people
- Work Integration courses (already available at some centers). Also note as an example: [Fast Track Initiative in Sweden.](#)

Other variable to ease employment: prompt kids schooling and kindergarten attendance, etc.

Urgent needs of the Help Center

Employment of volunteers
at the Center

Sourcing and ordering coordination
of dry food and hygiene products

Location/Warehouse space for Logistic Center
(autaukrainaa.fi)

Funds and donations

Support our work: IBAN: FI87 1544 3000 2751 85

BANK BIC: NDEAFIHH, reference number: 2402318.

**Ricipient: Ukrainalaisten Yhdistys Suomessa ry
Ukrainian Association in Finland.**

Permission number for collecting money RA/2022/388

Please, if you can help with anything from the above, reach me at
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Media outreach



Avustustoiminta

Tyhjään halliin nousi vain kymmenessä päivässä keidas Ukrainasta paenneille – kaikki tehtiin vapaaehtoisvoimin: "Ihanaa huomata lasten ilo"

Helsingin Vallilassa keskiviikkona avautuneessa avustuskeskuksessa on käynyt päivässä jopa parisataa ukrainasta paennutta. Tarjolla on käytännön neuvoja omalla kielellä ja mahdollisuus myös traumaterapiaan.



Venäjän hyökkäys

Suomen ukrainalaisten hätä kasvaa – "Pelkään, että sota on vasta alkamassa"

Kiovalaiset odottavat parhaillaan jännittyneenä lähestyviä Venäjän joukkoja. Helppoa ei ole myöskään heidän Suomessa asuvilla läheisillään.



Kymmenen vuotta Suomessa asunut Elizabeth Harjunpää pelkää Kiovassa asuvien läheistensä puolesta. "He ovat siellä, ja he eivät ole turvassa. Enkä voi auttaa mitenkään". Kuvia: Jyrki Ojala / Yle

Ukrainan pakolaiset | Helsingin Vallilassa avattiin keskus pakolaisille – Äskettäin Suomeen saapunut Valentina Jelenskina ryhtyi heti vapaaehtoiseksi



Venäjän hyökkäys | Suvilahden kattilahalli Helsingissä täyttyi lahjoituksista Ukrainaan – Vaatteita olisi tyrkyllä yli tarpeen



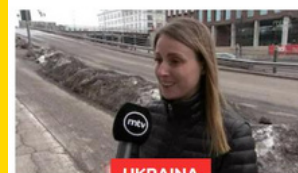
Ukrainalaisten yhdistys tekee töitä kellon ympäri bussilasteittain saapuvien pakolaisten auttamiseksi – hyväntekijät sodasta: "En tiedä, voiko tätä sanoa lehdessä"

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Suomeen saapuu satoja sotaa pakenevia ukrainalaisia joka päivä – tältä näyttää 1300 neliömetrin avustuskeskuksessa Helsingin Vallilassa

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Suomessa asuva Elizabeth perusti Helsinkiin avustuskeskuksen ukrainalaisille – "En uskonut, että se voisi tapahtua niin nopeasti" Helsingin Vallilassa on avattu tällä viikolla avustuskeskus ukrainalaisille, jonka on tarkoitus toimia kaikkien sotaa pakenevien apua antavien tahojen kohtaamispaikkana.

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Thank you

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If you wish to visit the Center, please contact us in advance.