

Brushstrokes of Resilience - Liudmyla

Meet Liudmyla – a talented Ukrainian artist, mother of three and inspirational woman. Join us as we delve into her journey of seeking refuge in the UK, amidst the turmoil of Ukraine. From navigating language barriers to juggling caregiving responsibilities and pursuing her passion for art, Liudmyla's story is one of resilience, creativity, and determination.

We met at Liudmyla's current home – an annexe on the grounds of her host family's home. Her home is tastefully decorated with her artwork, two of her children are on various online sessions and her son is making an image on a table outside, using stones to create art that represents a woman walking a dog.



(Left – Liudmyla Right – Kirsty Community Impact Bucks)

Liudmyla's Journey

Liudmyla's artistic journey began in her childhood when she discovered her passion for sculpting and painting. Despite initially pursuing a degree in economics, her heart remained tethered to the world of art. In 2004, she made a bold decision to move to Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, where she immersed herself in the vibrant artistic community and developed her craft. She seized opportunities to showcase her talent, eventually earning recognition and commissions for her artwork.

When war broke out in Ukraine, Liudmyla and her children relocated to the UK. Liudmyla encountered many challenges, not uncommon for many other Ukrainians currently living in the UK. Language barriers and cultural changes were among the initial obstacles as she began to navigate her new surroundings. As a mother with three children, she also faced the task of providing for her family in a foreign country.

Despite the challenges, Liudmyla's passion for art served as a source of light for her in an uncertain world. In addition to her artistic pursuits, Liudmyla took on the role of caregiver to the children of her host family, her nurturing instincts shone through in the short time we spoke and these talents also support her in earning a living.



(Flowers On Blue)

The Creative Process

Liudmyla talked us through the process of how she creates her detailed and intricate dolls and her oil-based artwork. The continuation of her artistic practice in the UK is a testament to the transformative power of creativity and resilience. Through her artwork, she not only found solace and purpose but also connected with others in her community. Her ability to overcome adversity and pursue her passion serves as an inspiration to fellow artists and individuals facing similar challenges.



(Liudmyla's Doll)

Liudmyla's journey from Ukraine to the UK shows the spirit of an artist, mother, individual and much more, determined to thrive. Her story illustrates the profound impact of art in breaking down barriers and bolstering resilience in the face of adversity. As Liudmyla continues to paint and create her onward path, her

journey reminds us of the power of creativity and the human spirit. We hope to see Liudmyla's doll's and artwork on display soon.



(Liudmyla's Artwork Collection)