



Buckinghamshire Community Support for Ukrainians

Bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

17th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

As we step into a new year, our thoughts turn to the ongoing resilience and strength demonstrated by the Ukrainian refugees who have found a home within our communities. Embracing the Ukrainian tradition of З Новим роком (Z Novym Rokom – Ukrainian Happy New Year) which symbolises new beginnings and cherished gatherings, we reflect on the importance of unity and support. Your commitment to helping our Ukrainian neighbours has made a profound impact, and, as we continue this shared journey, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Here's to a year filled with hope, collaboration, and positive change.

Did you know we share events and activities from across Buckinghamshire through our Facebook page [Facebook - What's On For Ukrainians?](#) You can also email us with questions or ideas at comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk

Thank you for being a crucial part of this ongoing journey.

Information for community groups and charities



Meet the funder – BBC Children in Need: What makes a good grant application?
Thursday 29th February 2024 (12pm – 1pm)

BBC Children in Need funds grassroots charities and projects that support children and young people to feel and be safer, have improved mental health and wellbeing, form more positive relationships and be given more equal opportunities to

flourish.

If your organisation is looking to apply for funding with BBC Children in Need and serves Buckinghamshire, join us for our next FREE Meet the Funder event on 29th February (12pm – 1pm) where you will hear about BBC Children in Need grants, find out what makes a good grant application, and have the opportunity to meet your local funding officer.

To find out more about eligibility criteria and to book visit [Meet the funder BBC Children in Need](#)



STEP Ukraine: an intensive, virtual, 12-week English language and employment programme for Ukrainians in the UK.

Ongoing registration dates

STEP Ukraine has been receiving great feedback, so we thought we would share it with you again as a reminder. Funded by the UK Government and free for participants, STEP is designed to help Ukrainians find meaningful employment in the UK and improve their English. It is open to anyone from Ukraine who is over 18 and arrived in the UK on either the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Ukraine Family Scheme, or the Ukraine Extension Scheme.

Ukrainians who are unemployed or have a job but are hoping to move into more relevant employment can apply. The scheme can also support people interested in self-employment.

For more information or to register visit <https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/stepukraine/>



Adult Social Care Winter Plan 23/24

If your organisation or your clients interact with the health system or Adult Social Care, you may find it helpful to understand the Winter Plan – a system-wide plan and response to manage demand over the winter period.

The Buckinghamshire Winter Plan covers the entire population of Buckinghamshire, including all ages and all conditions that will directly impact the Buckinghamshire System. It is broken down into four key challenges and how they will be addressed as

a system:

Primary Care Access
High Admission levels
Low Bed Capacity
High Delayed Discharges

[Read the Buckinghamshire Winter Plan in full here.](#)

Education



**Wendover & Villages
Ukrainian Support**

**WAVUS English Language Lessons
Wednesdays 7.15pm – 9.15pm from 7th February**

Wendover and Villages Ukrainian Support (WAVUS) is starting a new series of English classes from 7th February which will also include some time for socialising afterwards.

The sessions take place at Tres Corazonos in Wendover and are free to all.

You can make contact via the [WAVUS website](#) or just turn up on the evening.



**Careers Springboard Development Programme
January – March 2024**

Careers Springboard offers a diverse and relevant programme of events, running from January – March 2024. The organisation offers a free job club for managers, professionals and graduates actively seeking work.

Careers Springboard is a self-help charity group supporting professionals and graduates to get the right job more quickly, using our free services including webinars, CV reviews, mock interviews, 1-2-1 coaching and networking.

To access the full programme of events and for more information [visit Careers Springboard's website.](#)

Inspiring Events



Ellen Kent: Carmen

Saturday 20th January 7.:30pm

Senbla presents Opera International's award-winning Ellen Kent production featuring the Ukrainian Opera & Ballet Theatre Kyiv with international soloists, a highly praised chorus, and a full orchestra.

This dazzling production at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre on 20th January features Bizet's unforgettable melodies including The Toreador's Song, Carmen's Habanera, and Don José's lyrical Flower Song.

If you are interested in attending this musical event, you can book tickets at [Ellen Kent Carmen](#).

Spotlight on Ukrainian Weekend School Launch



Ukrainian Weekend School – Sundays 9.:45am – 3.:30pm - Amersham

St. Mary's Ukrainian School is delighted to announce the successful opening of a Buckinghamshire branch of the school.

Tanya Pantieleieva, Manager of the school, said, "We are extremely pleased with the number of children who attended the first day of school at St Mary's Ukrainian School in Amersham.! We would like to remind everyone that our doors are open to all aged 4 to 16 years who wish to learn the Ukrainian language and embrace Ukrainian culture and values. You can join our friendly family at any time."

The school was expecting 40 children and was delighted to receive over 60 on their opening day.

To register your child, you simply need to complete two online forms:

[Sign up with St Mary's Ukrainian School](#)

[St Mary's Ukrainian School – Amersham](#).

For more information visit [St Mary's Ukrainian School's Facebook page](#).

If you would like to share the story of your group, or individuals in it, to help raise awareness of the challenges of Ukrainian communities in Buckinghamshire or inspire others, you can get in touch via comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Let's talk



Facebook Group - What's On For Ukrainians

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Join our friendly Facebook community of Ukrainians and groups supporting Ukrainians in Buckinghamshire by visiting [What's On for Ukrainians](#). It's a great way to publicise events, share ideas, and learn more about events and activities that help Ukrainians.

Keep In Touch



- **E-newsletter** - if this email has been forwarded to you by someone else and you would like to receive monthly news, please email us at comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk
 - **Bucks Online Directory** - help others find out about your activities and register with the Bucks Online Directory. If you have set up a new group, club or activity that offers support to Ukrainians, we would encourage you to add it to the Bucks Online Directory by [creating an account](#). Find out more by visiting [Bucks Online Directory](#).
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