

The Steyning Grammar School (SGS) Foundation are setting up a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) to look after Ukrainian refugees centred around the use of Brotherhood Hall, Grade 1 listed, dating back to 1500s, which was part of the Church Street campus of Steyning Grammar School, and is now redundant as a school but remains owned by the SGS Foundation.

Our 3 main objectives: -

1. To be a Day Centre to provide support for refugees, to be run by volunteers & refugee self-help groups, with expertise in IT; Medical – GPs & Nurses; Mental health; dealing with PTSD; Physiotherapist; Psychotherapist; Wellbeing; Counselling; Stress relief; Relaxation Pilates; Creche, Nursery, Adult Education; Mental health; Facilities; Security; Finance; HR; Church- C of E, RC, Orthodox; Legal; Job search/Employment. Hand hold them through the UK benefits, to which they will be entitled, get them involved in community activities, shopping; clubs, local organisations - become part of our, and their, community. To offer support and guidance to our community who take refugees into their homes
2. Brotherhood Hall will be the central hub and store for all the necessary furnishings and essentials required to fully equip rented accommodation, along with clothing for all ages.
3. To refurbish existing accommodation that we have for 6-8 'families' turning them into a HMO (house of multi occupancy) with bed sits and communal kitchens etc. To be the search for rented accommodation to give independence to those who require it. Definition of 'families' - highly likely to be mothers & children of all ages, with hardly any men; they are fighting for their country, wounded or fatally wounded. There may also be a few elderly refugees.

We have to give all refugees a safe and secure refuge in order for them to rebuild their shattered lives, some may wish to stay, and some may return to their own country eventually. Within our communities there are a host of people with expertise, skills, and talents who we can call on. There are Ukrainians who have been living within our communities, we will call on their help as well.

We should have a dedicated web site up and running within the next week.

Kind regards

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