

UKRAINE CRISIS SUPPORTS REPORT 2022



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About the Ukraine Crisis Supports

Ireland has seen an outpouring of support from people across the country wanting to help people who have been displaced from Ukraine. Fingal Volunteer Centre has supported the Ukrainian crisis through a variety of events and volunteer opportunities.

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THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING DATABASE

Ukrainians have signed up to I-VOL

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Information sessions



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**Development officer hired jointly
by Dublin Volunteer Centres to
work with displaced people across
the Dublin region**

Over 100

Ukrainians have attended our events





Ukrainian Volunteer Testimonial

My name is Alina and I came with my child, from Ukraine to Ireland, in mid-March 2022, due to the Russian aggression. At first, we lived in Dublin, and then we moved to a hotel in Swords. In the summer, I started looking for opportunities to be useful and found the Fingal Volunteer Centre website. I registered and took an online training course, and later had a personal interview with Megan.

My first volunteering experience was at a family festival - the Howth Maritime Festival and Howth Tidy Towns. It was pouring down rain that day, but people were going to the event the Howth Maritime Festival with their families and we were handing out maps of the event, directing people to the right location, helping in the right places and cleaning up afterwards. I was very tired, but thanks to the atmosphere created by Megan's team, I felt that my help was important.

Then there was a three-day international science event with IS CRAES (International Symposium on Climate Resilient Agroecological Systems) in a hotel in South Dublin. It was an interesting experience in terms of current and technical support of the event.

Another event took place in New Bridge Park, I was at a Tree Planting event. It was in 2 stages and I was surprised by the quality of the instructions beforehand and the internal organisation of the process. There were a lot of people, but everyone had a place and an action. The team that works with volunteers is professional and friendly, they help everyone who joins to be a part of a great project.

All the events I volunteered for were very interesting. The experience of communication, joint work, and understanding how the community interacts were very important to me, because this experience helped me adapt. At the events, I met wonderful people who cared about the Fingal area and with whom I still maintain friendly relations. I believe that volunteering has helped me to bring out the best in me, so I always invite all Ukrainians who come to Ireland to join and be useful to the region that has supported us so much.

With gratitude to your work,
Alina.





Ukrainian Volunteer Testimonial

I am Volodymyr Lysogor, a citizen of Ukraine, who came to Ireland from Ukraine in August 2022 having used the temporary protection provided by this hospitable country. Unfortunately I was unable to participate in Ukraine's war of liberation against the Russian invaders due to a serious heart condition. My volunteer work in Ireland began when I met Megan, who got me involved in the volunteer community. I considered it my duty to devote my free time from school to a God-pleasing cause and to be of service to Fingal County Council, where I lived. And in this way by my participation in social programs to be grateful to the government and citizens of Ireland for supporting Ukrainians. My first experience was to take part in planting baby trees in New Bridge Park. It was not easy because of the rocky ground in the park, but thanks to the smooth organization of the event under Megan's leadership, we got the job done even before the deadline. I went on to take part in several more events like this. Doing good deeds has become my habit through volunteering and I have made many true friends helping me to adapt in my new country.

Yours sincerely,
Volodymyr



Expenditures



€10,000

Displaced people project and salary contribution for development officer



€1800

Equipment for events - Face painting sets, transport and Shovels for tree planting



€1200

Project management costs

€1200

Staff overtime



**Total spent:
€14,200**

