

Ukrainian Response Please see below a list of resources and information

Відповідь України Нижче наведено список ресурсів та інформації

Ireland's Response to the situation in Ukraine: A webpage on the whole-of-Government response to the situation in Ukraine is now available at www.gov.ie/ukraine (and is updated regularly) which includes information on supports and services available to people arriving from Ukraine.

If you are a Ukrainian citizen or if you are fleeing Ukraine, the Irish Government will help you when you arrive in Ireland. You can find information below on the supports and services available:

- [Реакція Ірландії на ситуацію в Україні](#)
- [Реакция Ирландии на ситуацию в Украине](#)

Community Response Forums are being established in every local authority area across the country to coordinate local responses to the Ukraine crisis. Local community and voluntary groups around the country have been mobilising in recent weeks to welcome into their communities people who are fleeing Ukraine. As the new arrivals begin to settle in, each local authority has established a Community Response Forum to provide a co-ordination point for the community and voluntary response in their area. A press release regarding the Forums was released on 4th April and can be downloaded [HERE](#)

HSE Healthcare Services for Ukrainian nationals in Ireland: If you arrive in Ireland from Ukraine, you can get support from the Irish State including access to healthcare services. The HSE (Health Service Executive) is Ireland's public healthcare service. To access the HSE Website containing details on Healthcare Services available [CLICK HERE](#)

This page is also available in other languages:

- Ukrainian - [Медичні послуги для українців, які прибувають до Ірландії](#)
Russian - [Медицинские услуги для украинцев, прибывающих в Ирландию](#)

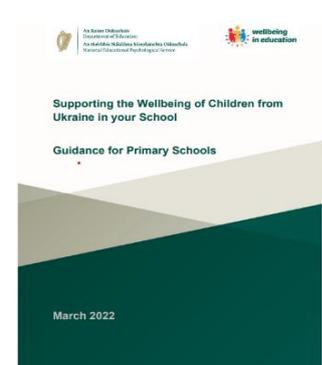
Supporting the Wellbeing of Children from Ukraine in your School : Dept of Education:

In light of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, many schools across the country will be supporting Ukrainian families and pupils as they arrive in Ireland. The National Educational Psychological Service (NEPs) have developed two guidance documents entitled '[Supporting the Wellbeing of Children from Ukraine in your school](#)', one for Primary and another for post primary schools.

The Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO) have collated several useful resources for schools on their website with can be viewed [HERE](#)

The INTO also recently hosted a webinar for members who are or will be welcoming Ukrainian children to their schools over the coming weeks. To view the webinar [CLICK HERE](#)

Language Connect – Language Mats for the classroom: Language Connect have developed a range of language mats including Ukrainian and Russian mats to help students learn everyday language. These mats would serve as a useful tool for helping new Ukrainian pupils and students to access the language of the classroom whether they have Russian or Ukrainian as their home language. Other students may also find some nice phrases here too! The mats can be downloaded or hard copies of the mats can be ordered. For further details [CLICK HERE](#)





Parents and Carers Guide to School Applications: Tusla Education Support Service (TESS) have translated their guide containing “Tips for enrolling a child in school” to assist Ukrainian parents find a school placement for their child(ren) in Ireland.

To download the guide in English and/ or Ukrainian click on the links below.

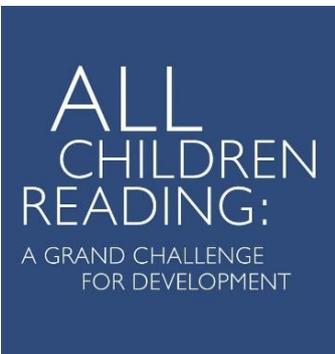
[Parents and Carers Guide to School Applications](#)

[Посібник для батьків та опікунів щодо подання заяв до школи](#)



Talking to Children about War: With news of the war in Ukraine dominating headlines, social media platforms and conversations across the country, many children in early learning and care and school age childcare settings will have been exposed to information about the conflict. Barnardos have developed a guidance document entitled “Talking to Children about War”.

To download this resource [CLICK HERE](#) or for further guidance and information [CLICK HERE](#)



Solutions and resources to keep children reading during the Ukraine crisis: All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development (ACR GCD) has tested, implemented and scaled education technology (EdTech) solutions and tools to increase literacy and access to education for children in low-resource contexts, including resources that specifically address educational and psychosocial needs of children in conflict settings. Two free tools have been developed for immediate use and easily accessed and used in homes, temporary settlements, refugee camps, schools, reading camps and other contexts. The tools are translated into multiple languages.

For further information and to access the tools [CLICK HERE](#)



Global Book Alliance: The Global Book Alliance is a partnership of donor agencies, multilateral institutions, and civil society organizations that are committed to bringing books to every child in the world by 2030. One initiative of the Alliance is the [Global Digital library](#). This is an open-source library for schools and school systems, donor agencies and their partners, publishers, digital distributors and content providers, parents, and children. The Global Digital Library (GDL) has been developed to increase the availability of high-quality reading resources—reading instruction books and storybooks for leisure reading—in languages children use and understand.

To access a wide range of Ukrainian books for children in the digital library [CLICK HERE](#)

To access the GDL which contains 6,000 + books in over 90 different languages [CLICK HERE](#)



The Psychological Society of Ireland – Time of War Resources: Due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine on 24 February 2022, many Ukrainians have had to leave their homes. With Ireland welcoming refugees, the PSI has set up a [dedicated resources section](#) on their website to provide assistance to refugees and those that have been affected by the war in Ukraine and other wars.

One such resource is a rapid response psychology tool to aid the public's assistance to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland [CLICK HERE](#) to view. To access the resources page for psychologists, refugees, and members of the general public [CLICK HERE](#)



Irish Refugee Council: The Irish Refugee Council has information for people fleeing Ukraine including answers to a wide range of frequently asked questions and information on supports available. This information is available in Ukrainian and Russian.

To access the website, [CLICK HERE](#)

General Information/ Updates/ Events:

Spring into Storytime: [Spring into Story Time](#) is a celebration of families reading together that is running in public libraries countrywide throughout April.

There are lots of fun events at your local library this Easter.

For information on what is happening in your local area contact your local library [Longford](#), [Westmeath](#), [Laois](#), [Offaly](#) or keep an eye on your local libraries social media platforms for upcoming events!

[Children's story-time sessions](#) are also available online thanks to cooperation between local library services and Irish publishers.

First 5 My Little Library Initiative: The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, this week announced the roll-out of the First 5 My Little Library Initiative. The initiative will see more than 60,000 children starting school in September invited to collect a free book bag and join their local library, with participating children and their parents receiving an invitation in the coming days.

The project is a collaboration between the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD), local authorities and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA).

Invitations for parents and children to My Little Library and other information on supporting transitions is available on the [Let’s Get Ready page on gov.ie](#).

Westmeath Healthy Ireland Healthy Services: Longford Westmeath CYPSC were delighted to be part of the recent Westmeath Healthy Ireland Healthy Services event hosted by Westmeath County Council. LW CYPSC were featured on the Westmeath Healthy Services video alongside many other organisations in the county that deliver services and initiatives within the community. This video highlights the wide range of services that are available across County Westmeath. To watch the video in full [CLICK HERE](#)

National Hello How Are you? Day: Today **Thursday 7th April** is National #HelloHowAreYou day, a Mental Health Ireland campaign that aims to empower us all, and to provide a listening ear to someone that might need it. #HelloHowAreYou is a campaign about connection and engaging in open conversations about mental health. The campaign asks individuals, communities, workplaces, friends & family to say Hello and ask the question ‘How Are You?’ in a meaningful way. You don’t need to be an expert to have a meaningful conversation. By using the HELLO Steps you can feel supported in asking the question.

The five H.E.L.L.O steps are Hello, Engage, Listen, Learn and Options

To get involved in National #HelloHowAreYou today you can follow [@hellohowareumhi](#) on twitter or visit [www.hellohowareyou.info](#) for further details and resources.

The recently published ‘Sharing the Vision - A Mental Health policy’ framework for the continued development and enhancement of mental health services in Ireland from 2020 to 2030 is available to download [HERE](#)



Say **Hello** and ask:
How are you?





Laois Offaly CYPSC Life Matters Podcast: Laois Offaly CYPSC have recently launched their new Podcast entitled 'Life Matters'. The initial six-part series is about "Life on the Spectrum" and the many issues and challenges for everyone involved. The Spectrum Series features International and local speakers on a range of autism related topics such as: Theory of Mind and Context blindness, ARFID, Assessment and the Diagnostic Process, Parent and Young Adults Perspectives and much more.

To listen to the 'Life Matters' podcast [CLICK HERE](#)



Coffee Mornings for Parents of Children with Additional Needs - Longford: Longford Coffee Morning for parents of children with additional needs is a collaboration supported by LW CYPSC with lead partners - AIRC Midlands, Longford County Childcare Committee and Longford Community Resources Clg. The group will meet in Longford Community Resources Clg on the following dates: **2nd, 16th and 30th May from 10am – 12pm**

This is FREE group for parents of children of all ages. There is also a play area available for parents of young children.

To book your place email aircmidlands@gmail.com or phone 086 150 6416



Coffee Mornings for Parents of Children with Additional Needs - Westmeath:

Airc Midlands coffee morning for parents of children with additional needs takes place the first Tuesday in every Month in the Annebrook hotel, Mullingar from 10am – 12pm .

This is a Free group for parents of children of all ages

To book your place email aircmidlands@gmail.com or phone 089 4708741



AIRC Midlands – Penguin Sports and Activity Club: AIRC Midlands Penguin Sports and Activity Club will take place on Saturday 9th April from 11:30am – 12:30pm in the Attic House, Longford. This is a fun hour for children with disabilities and their siblings.

Pre-booking is essential.

To book contact Sarah on 086 150 6416 or email sarahjermyn@gmail.com



Youth Work Ireland Laois – Art Therapy Sessions: An art therapy service for young people is available two days per week in Youth Work Ireland Laois. Art therapy can help young people communicate what is sometimes difficult to put into words. No art experience is necessary and all sessions are confidential.

To find out more about this Art Therapy service contact

YWI Laois at 057 866 5010 or email clive@ywilaos.com

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