

CASE STUDY

Ukrainian Community Hub Refugee Project

(Supported by Aberdeen City Council Community Development Team)

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Aims and objectives:

Our aim is to bring an early intervention and prevention focus providing young people and adults with skills for life, learning and work addressing personal and social development, active citizenship, and individual health and wellbeing issues and empowering people, both as individuals and in communities, to make positive changes in their lives. It also focuses on growing community-led groups and services that make communities more cohesive, sustainable, and better able to overcome the challenges they face, as well as working with community groups to support them to be well-run, sustainable and independent.

Ukrainian Community Hub Refugee Project demonstrate their impact on:

- Cost of Living Crisis / Social Justice
- Economic Regeneration
- Learning and Education
- Health and Wellbeing



Evidence of impact:

- A Ukrainian Association was established with support from the lead Community Development Officer which enabled them to access funding and manage and deliver activities (over 30 classes and groups) which support the Ukrainian community. i.e., Mental Health Project for trauma related conditions.
- A Ukrainian Sunday School was established from September 2022 to present. This provided a wide range of well organised programmes every week which enhanced the learning and support to children and families from the Ukrainian community. We know this through observation and feedback.
- Overall Ukrainian Community Centre progress toward housing, jobs, and language needs evidenced partly through a decrease in demand for holistic support services. This was evidenced through feedback and data from services and the Ukrainian Association
- The Ukrainian Association is successfully providing peer support and organising social, cultural and educational activities to support the Ukrainian Community in Aberdeen (over 1800 people)

What does community development mean to you?

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Would concur with the CLD Managers definition which is “Community Development work in CLD focuses on building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers”. In addition to the above statement fundamentally Community Development is purposeful and is about ‘working together’ to overcome obstacles and challenges which affect people’s lives.

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