

Homes for Ukraine resettlement for Ukrainian refugees: Reflections for hosts to consider

Questions to ask yourself

- What impact will hosting have on my time as well as my space?
- How will I make the guests feel welcome?
- How will I handle conflict when that arises? (e.g. differences of expectations/habits/culture)
- What boundaries/ground rules do I want to create and share with my guests? (dos and don'ts/expectations)
- How will hosting affect others living in my home? Or the other purposes of your home? (e.g. if a clergy member using home for parish activities)
- Do you work from home, or spend a large amount of your time at home (e.g. retired, homemaker etc)? Consider how having a family, perhaps with young children, who might largely be at home will interact with your activities.
- Does our household have the resilience and patience to support a family who has experienced trauma?
- If I'm struggling, do I have a support network I can draw on to support me and/or my guests?
- What will happen when I go on holiday or if want visitors? (including adult children who return home for university holidays etc)
- What will I do if my guests want to stay longer than 6 months?
- Consider the 'saviour complex' – how am I acknowledging the exchange as not just one directional? How can I ensure I acknowledge the guest's agency so not to create a dependency culture?
- Consideration about rurality/location? And connection with other Ukrainians?

Further resources to aid reflection:

Read [this article from The Guardian](#) – experience of hosting a refugee

Read Krish Kandiah's book, *God is Stranger: What happens when God turns up?*, to explore hospitality/welcome and theology in an accessible format.

[Watch Rachel share her experience](#) of hosting refugees and how that interacts with family life when her children still live at home.

Read [this blog on 'scruffy hospitality'](#)