

# A Wave of Compassion



These are the results of Sanctuary Foundations major survey exploring insights into the daily lives, hopes and fears of nearly 2000 Ukrainian refugees currently living in the UK.



The average score out of ten for the warmth of welcome is an **INCREDIBLE 9.4 out of 10**

Overwhelmingly the group who most made the welcome a warm one is HOSTS (89%)



9 out of 10 children had found a school to go to in the UK

65% of those with children reported that it was very or fairly easy for their child or children to settle in the UK

76% said it was easy to get their children a school place

## Challenges felt by Ukrainians:



The biggest challenges are fears over friends and family left behind (73%) and anxiety over their own future and that of their family (75%)



71% fear for the future of Ukraine. 94% report feeling fear about family and friends left behind and 46% are sad not to still be in Ukraine



Communicating in English is still a major concern for more than half as is employment (53%)



However, 99% are grateful to be in this country and 59% report feeling optimistic about their future



90% say they are glad to have come to the UK and not to another country

## Four Priorities Going Forward

### Welcome:

Continued commitment to the welcome and integration of Ukrainians into society and ongoing support for hosts and new arrivals.

### Welfare:

increased mental health and integration support, particularly for Ukrainian children.



### Work:

Increased support for matching Ukrainians with appropriate employment

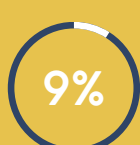
### Worthwhile Housing:

Increased options for future long-term accommodation

## Ukrainians' Plans for the Future



are looking for work here and 34% have a lower level job than they're used to



Only around 1 in 10 (9%) definitely intend to stay in the UK permanently although a further 22% say they will probably do so. Only 5% say they will definitely or probably return 'soon'



say they feel proud of being able to work; 55% say they're learning new skills



Two-thirds (66%) currently live with a host family. 23% are happy where they are and are confident that they can stay there and a further 59% are happy where they are but worry about the long term



around one in three report feeling frustrated (27%) or tired by it (30%)



Four in ten (39%) struggled to find a home they could afford and a further 28% struggled to find a landlord who would take a tenant on benefits