



## Funding and policies

### The Ukrainian Saturday School

The Ukrainian Saturday School runs from the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Cheetham Hill and aims to support the Ukrainian community in Manchester. Recently, there has been a near doubling in the number of children wishing to access services, which are run by volunteers in their spare time. In just a few weeks, the number of pupils increased from 109 pupils to 199, and the school expects to be welcoming more. There has also been a significant increase in enquiries from refugees wishing to access the English language class run on Friday evenings.



The Ukrainian Saturday School contacted Macc for support as they were looking for funding that would go towards covering some of the costs associated with reprinting one of their textbooks. Receiving funding for this would ensure that all pupils, including many recently arrived evacuees from the war in Ukraine, would each have their own textbook.

Many of the older textbooks were 30+ years old, their content outdated and almost all of them were out of print. The group had been relying on pupils passing on their old copies at the end of every year to the next cohort. The new textbooks, whilst loosely based on some of the themes and topics covered in the old textbooks, are in effect completely new publications, updated with content that incorporates a more modern approach to language teaching, the current state of the Ukrainian language, as well as the new realities in Ukraine. The textbook has been written and compiled by the school's volunteer teachers in their spare time.

A development worker responded to the school's enquiry on the Greater Manchester Community Response Ukraine Crisis fund. This fund was set up to help local community organisations provide welcome and support people arriving from Ukraine as part of the collaborative response that Macc and other VCSE organisations across Greater Manchester had set up following the Afghanistan and Ukraine emergencies.



The Ukrainian Saturday School were unsure whether they could apply to the fund, as they had part-funded some of the cost of reprinting the book already. Macc's development worker encouraged the group to apply, and outlined how best to write their bid application. The development worker also outlined which policies and due diligence the group would need to share if it was successful. From the conversation, it transpired that the group were unsure whether their policies had been updated recently, Macc encouraged the group to update their policies regularly and encouraged them to ensure they are used in practice. The development worker also shared a list of templates of policies for future bid applications, as well as training links to Macc's free training events; Funding Your Project and Bid Writing.

Macc checked in regularly with the Ukrainian Saturday School, and answered any queries, such as the relevancy of some policies with the project.

After submitting their bid, the Ukrainian Saturday School contacted Macc to notify that they had been successful with the bid, allowing them to fully fund their reprinting project.

*"We were successful with the 10GM Ukraine fund. We're about to forward their requested documents. Many thanks for your support."*

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