

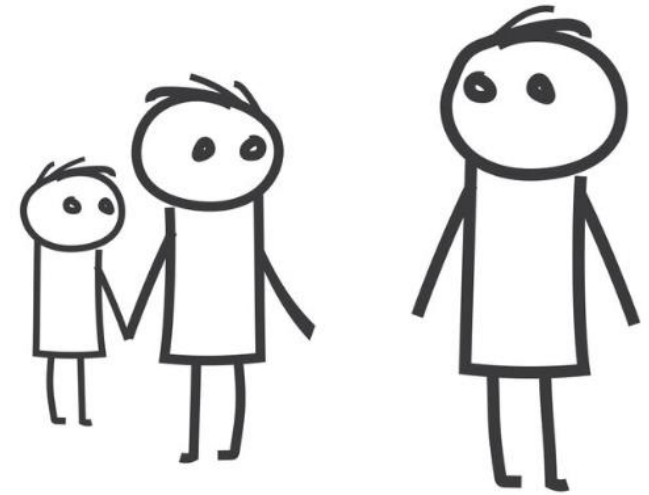
VISA SCHEMES TO THE UK FOR TCNs FLEEING UKRAINE

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AGENDA

- Safe Passage International
- New visa schemes for Ukrainians
- Ukraine Family scheme
- Homes for Ukraine
- How can we help TCNs who wish to go to the UK?
- Questions?



LEGAL ROUTES TO SANCTUARY

SAFE PASSAGE INTERNATIONAL

- Legal Charity that helps unaccompanied child refugees find safe, legal routes to sanctuary
- Offices in London, Paris and Athens (setting up a project in Poland soon)
- Born in 2015, when a group of volunteers went to help volunteers in the Calais Jungle
- Until 31.12.2020 – focus on Dublin III family reunification - Now focusing on new safe routes to the UK for refugees
- Combining legal casework and political advocacy and grassroots campaigning

NEW HOME OFFICE SCHEMES

- European Directive DOES NOT apply to the UK (because of Brexit)
- UK Home Office (department responsible for immigration in the UK) introduced TWO *ad hoc* schemes for Ukrainian nationals fleeing the war:
 1. UKRAINE FAMILY SCHEME
 2. HOMES FOR UKRAINE

UKRAINE FAMILY SCHEME

Aim: to allow Ukrainians (and non-Ukrainian nationals family members) to join family members in the UK.

Cost: free

Application mode: ONLINE

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Sponsor must be a UK-based family member;
- Applicant must be Ukrainian or the immediate family member of a Ukrainian national who is applying to the scheme;
- Applicant must have been residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1 January 2022 (including those who have now left Ukraine);

TCNs can apply ONLY if going to the UK WITH a Ukrainian FM

HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME

Aim: to allow Ukrainians without family ties in the UK to safely reach and remain in the UK.

Cost: free

Application mode: Online

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be Ukrainian (or the non-Ukrainian immediate family member);
- Applicant must have been residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1 January 2022
- Applicant must be currently outside the UK
- Applicant must have a UK-based sponsor who is eligible for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- Sponsor must be either a British citizen OR someone Indefinite Leave to Remain OR someone with at least 6 months left on their visa
- Sponsor must have appropriate accommodation

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DEFINITION OF FAMILY MEMBERS UNDER THE UKRAINE SCHEMES

IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.

- Spouse or civil partner (the relationship must have started before 1 January 2022);
- Unmarried partner (living together in a relationship for at least two years);
- Fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner (the relationship must have started before 1 January 2022).
- Under 18-child (age at date of application);
- Parent (if Applicant is a child under-18 at the date of the Application);
- Spouse/unmarried partner/fiancée of their UK-based parent (if Applicant is a child under-18 at the date of the Application);

EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS.

- Parent (for over-18 Applicants);
- Over-18 child;
- Grandparents;
- Grandchildren;
- Their partner's grandchildren;
- Sibling;
- Aunt or uncle;
- Cousin;
- Niece of nephew;
- Mother-in-law or father-in-law;
- Grandparent-in-law;
- Brother-in-law or sister-in-law.



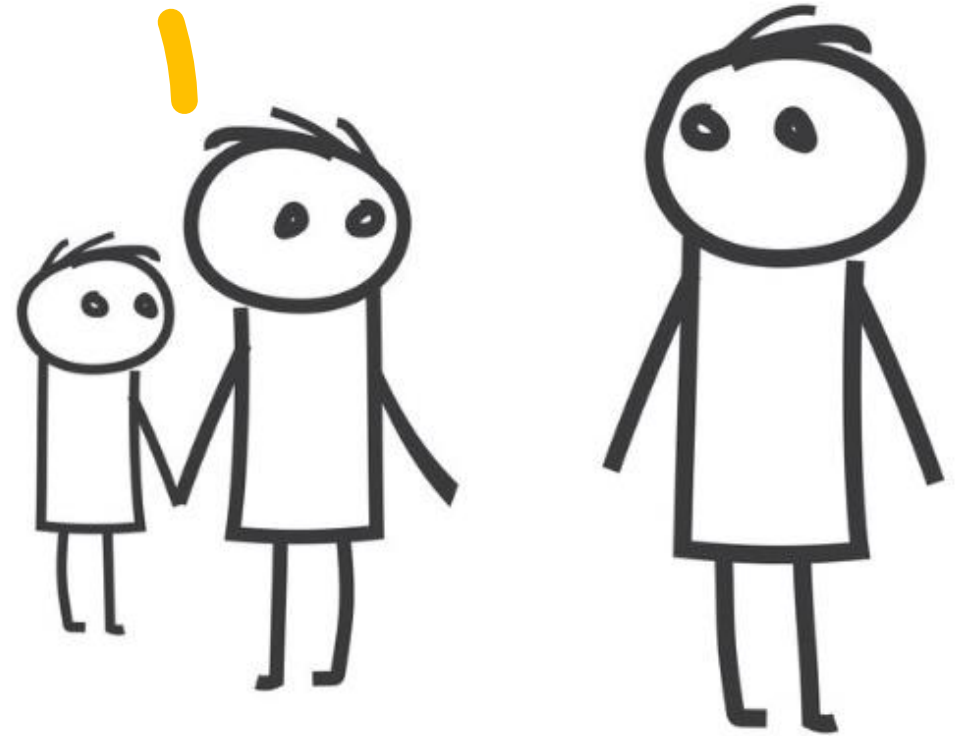
HELPING TCNs APPLY UNDER THE SCHEMES

- **TCNs alone cannot apply under the schemes**
- SPI is working with UK lawyers on cases of non-Ukrainian citizens fleeing Ukraine, who:
 - (i) have family or other connections to the UK and
 - (ii) who would be eligible for one of the relevant schemes if they were Ukrainian nationals and
 - (ii) have a good reason why they do not wish to or are unable to return to their country of origins
- **HOW?** Applying anyway and if the application is refused, going to Court
- No results yet

OTHER ROUTES TO THE UK (non-Ukraine specific)

Under UK Immigration Rules TCN can apply to join family members in the UK.

- **HOWEVER:**
 - Rules are complicated
 - Family relationships allowed are very restrictive
 - High application fees
 - Long waiting times
 - No evidential flexibility
 - Poor Home Office decision making



QUESTIONS?

If you know of anyone who wishes to go to the UK, or have any questions, get in touch with Safe Passage International:

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