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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023
16 January 2023, Trinity Hall, Cambridge



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The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society' Report for 2022

Dear Members of the Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society

It has been an unpredictably challenging year for many of us, and CamRuSS was no exception. However, thanks to the continued support of our members and generous efforts of our volunteers we can be proud of the results.

Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 we launched online consultation meetings with volunteers where we discussed how we can support refugees arriving from Ukraine and provide humanitarian aid to those affected by the war. We held 12 meetings in the year which led to many new community initiatives.

From late March until December we organised 28 events for Ukrainian refugees in Cambridgeshire, aimed at providing information support and fostering their social and cultural adaption to life in the UK. With the help of our professional teachers, teaching assistants and course coordinators we delivered two ESOL courses classes. The first course April-July was run by volunteers, and the second September-December with support of the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and we will continue doing so in 2023 with the kind support of the SCDC. Since its launch in early May, our telephone helpline has been providing guidance to newcomers to Cambridgeshire, and many of our volunteers have been addressing queries in the Cambridge4UA Telegram chat that now has circa 1000 members. Our volunteers provided interpreting services and organised free social and cultural events for new community members from Ukraine, such as a visit to Saffron Walden Symphony Orchestra performance and guided tours of the Scott Polar Museum, among others. We facilitated the distribution of 150 free Vodafone SIM cards to Ukrainian refugees at our events. More than 60 people contributed to the success of these important and demanding community projects.

On a wider cultural scale, we held 20 events, exploring our shared heritage and marking the anniversaries of prominent scholars and artists such as Yuri Lotman, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Korney Chukovsky, Marina Tsvetaeva, Viktor Tsoi as well as the decipherment of the Rosetta Stone. Over 1000 people visited our cultural events.

Thanks to the kind contributions of its participants, we raised over £5000 in support of the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine (DEC)/Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and the CamRuSS Hardship Fund for Ukrainians. The key fundraising events were a piano recital by Vitaliy Pisarenko in March, Boris Akunin's talk in April and Marina Tsvetaeva's evening of poetry and music in October.

During the year we secured 5 grants for the amount of £20,252.80, four of which were in support of our initiatives for Ukrainians.

Our Board of Trustees was represented by Ksenia Afonina (Chair), Yelena Karl (Vice Chair and Events Coordinator), Alona Gunko (Treasurer), Katia Onatskaia (Membership Officer), Sayara Thompson (events and projects) and Oxana Gerasimova (Secretary). Elena Richer stepped down from the Board earlier in the year. Honorary Advisers: Tanya Yurasova, Janar Davletov, Jelena Carter, Firuza Melville.

There were monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees and the strategic brainstorm session in late November with the group of our charity's distinguished Patrons: Sir Tony Brenton, Libby Howie, Prof Anthony Cross, Dr Rachel Polonsky and Prof Emma Widdis.

Our operational activities were supported by the valuable help of the part-time Administrative Assistant: first six months by Laura Thomas and from September Elena Shampanova stepped into this role. Elvira Churyumova continued assisting with preparing event recordings and occasional administrative duties.

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Our financial position remains secured, although most of the income this year was spent on supporting displaced Ukrainians and other UK charities which provided humanitarian aid in the Ukraine (DEC, True Russia). We created our own dedicated Hardship Fund to support local community projects for Ukrainian refugees. Our income has grown by over 60% predominantly due to the grants and ticket fees from in-person events. However, the outgoings increased over threefold when compared to last year in order to cover direct costs, support of the community initiatives and the new website redevelopment project.

Our membership fees stayed unchanged since 2015 (£12 single, £18 family). 38 new members joined our charity during the year which comprises a total of 134 members by the end of 2022.

Communications were delivered by website, regular newsletters (predominantly fortnightly), Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Our website showed around 1000 visitors monthly, circa 3000 subscribers to the newsletter with 350 new community members from Ukraine. By the end of 2022 the CamRuSS social media accounts have 1801 followers on Facebook, 318 - Instagram and 161 – Twitter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members, Patrons, Trustees, Honorary Advisers, team of administrators and volunteers for their amazing support this year. I am delighted to report that we managed to set up successful collaborations with the following partners: St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Jesus College, Cambridge City Council, Workers' Educational Association (WEA), the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), National Careers Service, Cambridge Regional College, Cambridge Sustainable Food, Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign, Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum and The Scott Polar Research Institute, among others and we are most grateful for our productive joint efforts in the course of this year.

Dr Ksenia Afonina

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Financial Summary CamRuSS 2022

The Trustees of the Cambridge Russian - Speaking Society are very grateful to all its members for their continued support, especially in these challenging times. 2022 has been an eventful year for our charity, among other notable events, we have launched a project of updating charity's website and created a CamRuss "Donate" payment button to attract donations in support of running our activities. A CamRuSS Hardship Fund has been created to realise projects in support of the Guests from Ukraine, arriving in Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, fleeing war. In 2022 we collected £4,875 in donations from the events organised by our dedicated trustees and volunteers in the course of the year.

Please can we take this opportunity and say a heartfelt thanks to all our patrons, members, volunteers, organisers, and all CamRuSS friends for their help and support.

The financial position for the year is a surplus of £5,366 (2021: £11,137).

Total Income £32,800 (2021: £19,558), detailed below:

- Entrance fees £5,231 (2021: £581). We have provided five successful events.
- Sponsorship/ External Grants £20,253 (2021: £nil). We have received five Grants from the South Cambridgeshire District Council: one large Grant for the ESOL classes, three for the events to help and support our Guests from Ukraine and a Queens Jubilee grant from the Cambridge City Council.
- Overall donations received were £2,152 (2021: £13,405).
- Membership fees £1,774 (2021: £2,298).
- Other income £3,390 (2021: £3,274). This includes Gift Aid claim on donations £2,864 (2021: £2,636), which has become possible thanks to our members support and charitable status obtained in 2019.

The overall expenditure £27,434 (2021: £8,422). There is sizeable difference in expenditure compared to the previous year, largely a result of our activities in support of our Guests from Ukraine and our investment in new web development project.

- Corporate costs £21,444 (2021: £5,659), including our admin staff salaries (£4,404) and £13,756 in expenses in relation to the projects supporting ESOL classes and cultural/ social adaptation events for the Ukrainians.
- Direct costs £2,244 (2021: £1,257), including donations to "True Russia" Fund following Boris Aknin's Charitable talk in March 2022 (£300) and Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (£1,260)
- Other overheads £3,586 (2021: £1,130), including web and IT expenses.

Your sincerely,

Trustee & Treasurer
Alona Gunko



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society			Charity No	1183636
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/01/2022	To	Period end date	31/12/2022

Recommended categories by activity	Restricted			Total funds 2022	Total funds 2021
	Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3,926	20,253	-	24,179	15,703
Charitable activities	8,621	-	-	8,621	3,855
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	12,547	20,253	-	32,800	19,558
Resources expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	7,181	20,253	-	27,434	8,421
Separate material item of expense	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,181	20,253	-	27,434	8,421
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	5,366	-	-	5,366	11,137
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) Extraordinary items	5,366	-	-	5,366	11,137
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5,366	-	-	5,366	11,137
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	5,366	-	-	5,366	11,137

Section B **Balance sheet as at 31/12/2022**
The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets					
Stocks	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,030
<i>Total current assets</i>	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,030
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,030
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,030
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,030

Funds of the Charity

Endowment funds	-			-	-
Restricted income funds					-
Unrestricted funds	45,396		-	45,396	40,029
<i>Total funds</i>	45,396	-	-	45,396	40,029

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Name	Position	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
A. Gunko	Trustee & Treasurer	18/03/2023
K.Afonina	Chair of Board of Trustees	18/03/2023

Notes to the accounts

Note 1

Analysis of income

For the year ending 31 December 2022

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31/12/2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Total funds £
	Analysis					
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	2,152	-	-	2,152	13,405
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	20,253	-	20,253	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	1,774	-	-	1,774	2,298
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	3,926	20,253	-	24,179	15,703
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Entrance fee	5,231	-	-	5,231	581
	Raffle tickets	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	3,390	-	-	3,390	3,274
	Total	8,621	-	-	8,621	3,855
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
	Merchandise sale	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		32,800	-	-	32,800	19,558

Notes to the accounts

Note 2

Analysis of expenditure

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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31/12/2021

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Total funds £
	Analysis					
Expenditure on raising funds:	Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	Incurred seeking grants					
	Operating membership schemes and social lotteries					
	Staging fundraising events					
	Fundraising agents					
	Merchandise cost				-	-
	Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity				-	-
	Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-		-	-	-
	Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future	-	-	-	-	-
	Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Other trading activities	-				
	Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-
	Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-
	Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-
	Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total expenditure on raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	Flowers and souvenirs	56		-	56	45
	Guest fees	-		-	-	-
	Publicity and promotion	-		-	-	-
	Venue hire	234		-	234	-
	Travel cost	-		-	-	-
	Hospitality for events	150			150	101
	Stationery & Postage				-	41
	Web and IT expenses	3,191			3,191	920
	Fees & Subscriptions	394			394	211
	Other direct cost	2,995	20,253	-	23,248	6,730
	Total expenditure on charitable activities	7,021	20,253	-	27,274	8,047
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Other

	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Governance cost	160	-	-	160	374
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	374
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,181	20,253	-	27,434	8,422

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Agenda Item	Speaker	Position	Mins	
Introduction	Ksenia Afonina	Chair	1	
Welcome from CamRuSS's Patrons	Tony Brenton	Patron	20	
Part 1: Reports for 2021-2022				21
Summary of results for 2021	Ksenia Afonina	Chair	5	
Summary of results for 2022	Ksenia Afonina	Chair	8	
Finances 2021-2022	Ksenia Afonina	Chair	3	
Membership 2021-2022	Katia Onatskaia	Membership Officer	3	
Communications 2021-2022	Elena Shampanova	Communications Team	3	
Trustees' activities	Yelena Karl	Trustees' Secretary, Vice Chair	2	
Questions/comments			5	
Voting for the reports approval 2021-2022			2	
Vote of thanks	Ksenia Afonina		2	
Part 2: Plans for 2023				33
Strategy 2023				
Objectives/mission/constitution	Sayara Thompson		3	
Finances and membership	Sayara Thompson		3	
Voting (changes in constitution, strategic objectives and membership fees)			2	
Board of Trustees, Advisers Update(Q&As)	Ksenia Afonina		3	
Voting (Board of Trustees)			2	
New website upgrade (followed by Q&As)	Sayara Thompson		3	
Events for 2023	Olga Tutubalina/Yelena Karl		7	
CamRuSS for Ukrainians	Ksenia Afonina		3	
Questions/suggestions/AOB			7	
Voting approval of plans for 2023	POLL		2	
AOB			10	
Closure of the meeting	Sayara Thompson		1	
				46
Total			100	



- Summary of results for 2021 - K. Afonina
- Summary of results for 2022 - K. Afonina
- Finances 2021-2022 - K. Afonina
- Membership 2021-2022 - E. Onatskaia
- Communications 2021-2022 - E. Shampanova
- Trustees' activities - Y. Karl
- Questions/comments
- **Voting**
- Vote of thanks



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Results for 2021

Members: 172 (43 Family/ 127 Individual)

£2,298.46 vs £1,229 in 2020

↑ 87%

Events: 25 (18 online) 2000+ participants

↑ 35%

Income: £19,558.36

↑ 19%

Donations: £13,405.18

↑ 18%

Net surplus: £11,136.86

↑ 19%



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Organisation structure 2021

Patrons: Sir Tony Brenton, Libby Howie, Dr Rachel Polonsky, Prof Anthony Cross,
Prof Emma Widdis

Board of Trustees: Ksenia Afonina (Chair)
Yelena Karl (Vice Chair and Events Coordinator)
Alona Gunko (Treasurer)
Ekaterina Onatskaia (Membership)
Sayara Thompson (Events, GDPR)
Oksana Gerasimova (Secretary)
Elena Richer (Events and Finances)

Honorary Advisers: John Barber, Tanya Yurasova, Firuza Melville, Janar Davletov, Jelena Carter

Organising Committee (active volunteers):

- Beverly Lott (proofreading), Natasha Bacon (communications)
- Alla Viktorova, Laura Thomas (conversation group), Dima Mevzos (outdoor BBQ events)

Part-Time Administrator: Laura Thomas, Elvira Churymova



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**“The National Republics of Russia’s Southwest: Dagestan and Kalmykia Compared”
with Dr Edward Holland and Dr Elvira Churyumova**

Date: 15 January 2021 **Key organiser:** Elvira Churyumova **Participants:** 60



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“The Portland Spy Ring” by Stephen Dalziel

Date: 11 February 2021

Key organiser: Yelena Karl

Participants: 195



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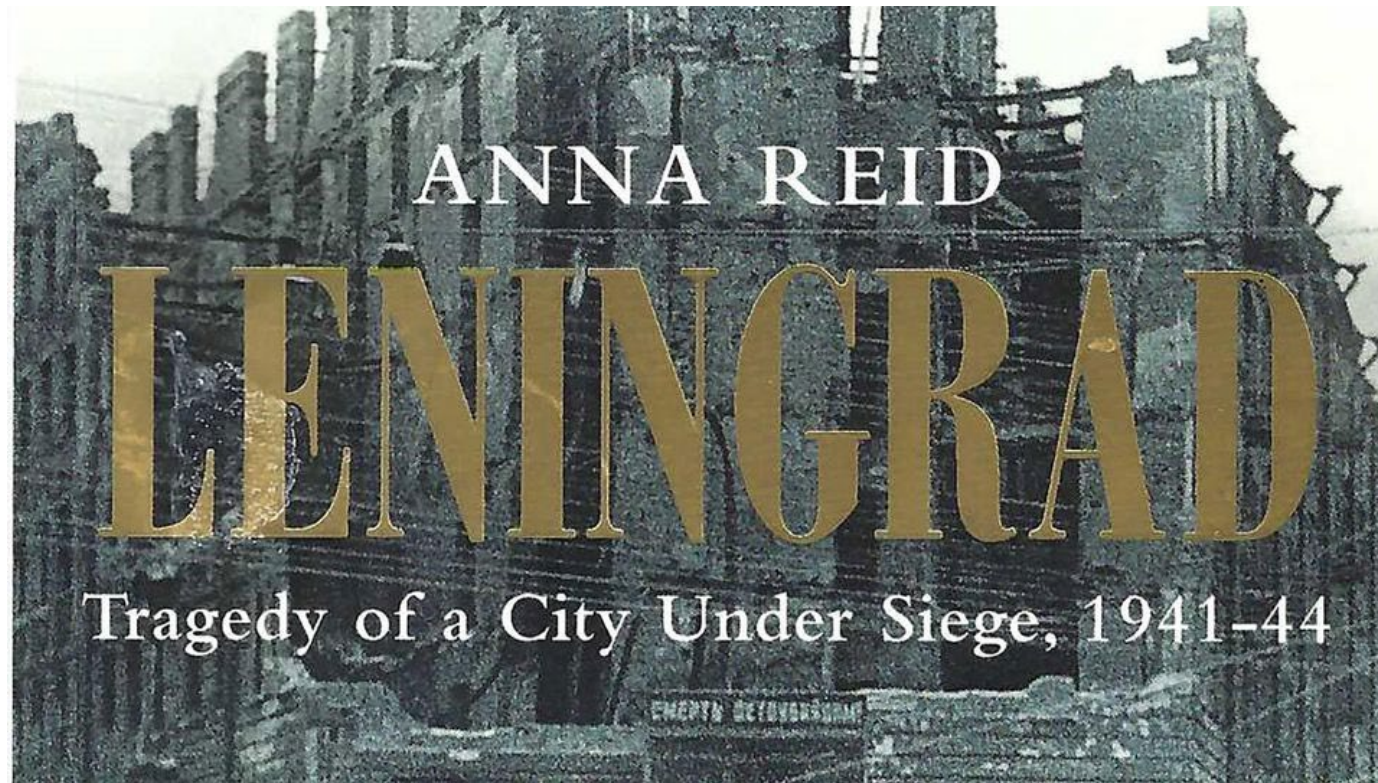
CamRuSS Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 22 February 2021 **Key organiser:** Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 53



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“Writing the Siege of Leningrad” with Anna Reid

Date: 5 March 2021 **Key organiser:** Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 236



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CamRuSS Easter Art Sale - Online

Date: 12 - 26 March 2021 **Key organiser:** Elena Richer

Participants: 22



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Easter Origami Craft Master class with Lyudmila Perlova (in Russian)

Date: 1 April 2021 **Key organiser:** Ekaterina Onatskaia

Participants: 21



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“Gagarin, Zvyozdochka and Prime Minister Macmillan: the Build-up to and Aftermath of the First Human Spaceflight” with Doug Millard

Date: 8 April 2021 **Key organiser:** Mikhail Lukin

Participants: 95



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Belarus, the Keystone in Europe's Borderlands with Neil Kent

Date: 15 April 2021

Key organiser: Sayara Thompson

Participants: 159



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Poetry Readings with Marina Boroditskaya (in Russian)

Date: 23 April 2021 **Key organiser:** Svetlana Baibekova

Participants: 71



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**Mikhail Bulgakov as a unique, XX century Russian artist with Prof. Irina Mineralova
(in Russian)**

Date: 7 May 2021

Key organiser: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 143



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**Marking the Centenary of Academician Andrei Sakharov: Panel discussion
(in English and Russian)**

Date: 21 May 2021 **Key organiser:** Tanya Yurasova

Participants: 106



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“Mayovka” BBQ

Date: 31 May 2021

Key organiser: Dima Mevzos

Participants: 28



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**“Russian Language: Between the Past and the Future,” a lecture by Evgeny Vodolazkin
(in Russian)**

Date: 4 June 2021

Key organiser: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 171



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**“Ivanovo – the ‘Russian Manchester’, and the Story of Printed Textiles in Russia”,
a talk by Pamela Smith**

Date: 24 June 2021

Key organiser: Yelena Karl

Participants: 106



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“White Nights”: Evening of Songs and Music (in English and Russian)

Date: 26 June 2021

Key organiser: Valentin Rusinov, Inga Dolgilevich

Participants: 44



Three Capitals in the Life and Work of the Russian Artist Alexander Florensky: St Petersburg-Tbilisi-Moscow (in Russian) - online

Date: 23 September 2021

Key organiser: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 87



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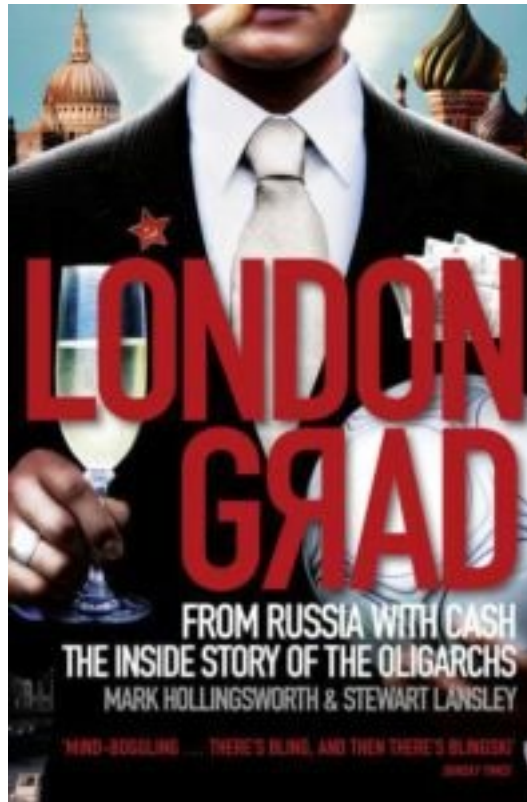


Cambridge Treasure Hunt #4

Date: 26 September 2021 **Key organiser:** Tatiana Yurasova, Sayara Thompson **Participants:** 46



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Londongrad: Is it still “From Russia With Cash”? by Mark Hollingsworth

Date: 1 October 2021

Key organiser: Mikhail Lukin

Participants: 150



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Traditional Mushroom Walk & BBQ

Date: 3 October 2021 **Key organiser:** Dima Mevzos

Participants: 30



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**“Daily Life in Moscow Following the Collapse of Communism”:
an illustrated talk with Robert Stephenson**

Date: 7 October 2021 **Key organiser:** Natalia Budanova

Participants: 164



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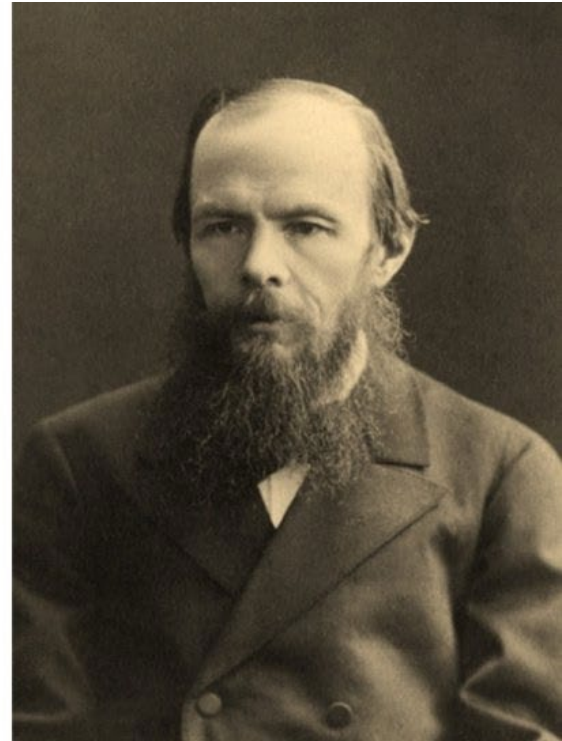


Marking the
Bicentenary of
Dostoevsky's Birth



A talk by
V. Dimitriev
(in Russian):

On the Structure
of the Idea in
Dostoevsky's
Works



Marking the Bicentenary of Dostoevsky's Birth – A talk by V. Dimitriev

Date: 4 November 2021

Key organiser: Ekaterina Onatskaia

Participants: 122



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Double Headed Eagle



Russia between East and West

"Double-Headed Eagle: Russia between East and West" with Sir Tony Brenton

Date: 29 November 2021

Key organiser: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 85



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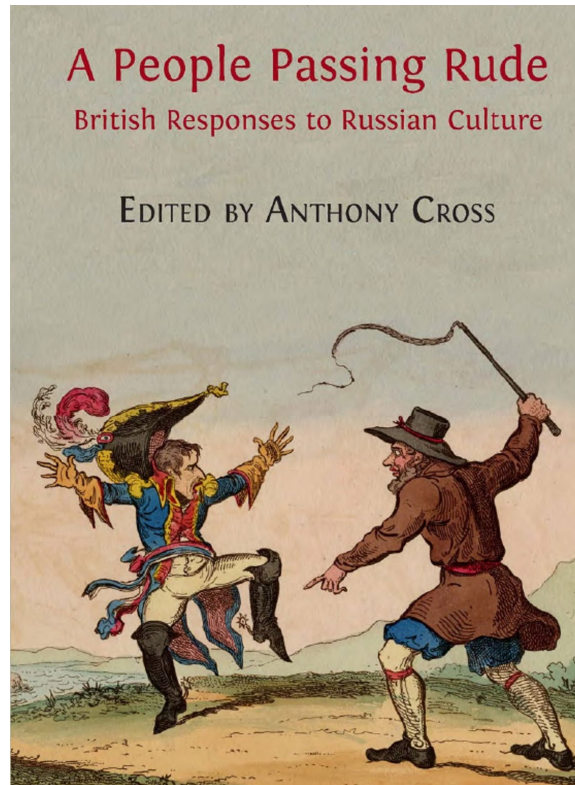
Russian Film Week in Cambridge: NEXT STATION: RUSSIA (UK Premiere)

Date: 2 December 2021 **Key organiser:** Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 55



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“British Awareness of Russian Culture over Three Centuries” with Professor Anthony Cross

Date: 3 December 2021

Key organiser: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 50



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Online Russian Cooking Class with Elena Riddle

Date: 9 December 2021

Key organiser: Elena Richer

Participants: 62



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Results for 2022

CamRuSS for Ukrainians:

- 28 cultural/social adaptation events
- ESOL classes (8 months, 200 students)
- Telephone HelpLine
- 150 Vodafone SIM cards
- Cambridge4UA chat
- Raised for Ukrainian support initiatives: £23,647
- Supported by over 60 volunteers



CamRuSS for Ukrainians Volunteers' dinner
at Jesus College, 23 September 2022



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Results for 2022

Members: 133 (33 Family, 100 Individual)
£1,776 vs £2,298.46 (2021)

↓ 23%

Events: 20 (5 online) 1200+ participants

Income: £32,800

↑ 68%

Grants: £20,253

Donations for Ukrainians' support initiatives:
£1,963

Net surplus: £5,366

↓ 49%



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Organising Committee (active volunteers): Beverly Lott (proofreading), Natasha Bacon (comms)

CamRuSS for Ukrainians: Tanya Yurasova, Alla Viktorova, Sayara Namsaraeva, Olga Tutubalina, Isabella Warren, Eleanor Peers, Denis Silyutin, Dima Mevzos, Sasha Argunova.

Part-Time Administrator: Laura Thomas, Elena Shampanova, Elvira Churyumova



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CamRuSS Old New Year Online Party (Quiz Night)

Date: 13 January 2022

Key organiser: Sayara Thompson

Participants: 48



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Guided tour “Gold of the Great Steppe” by Dr Rebecca Roberts

Date: 30 January 2022

Key organiser: Yelena Karl

Participants: 30



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"Yuri Lotman in My Life" with Marina Sonkina

Date: 4 February 2022

Key organisers: S.Baibekova, E.Richer

Participants: 72



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Sochi International Film Festival & Awards (SIFFA) in Cambridge:

FIRE (dir. Aizhan Kassymbek, 2021, Kazakhstan)

Date: 4 February 2022

Key organisers: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 70

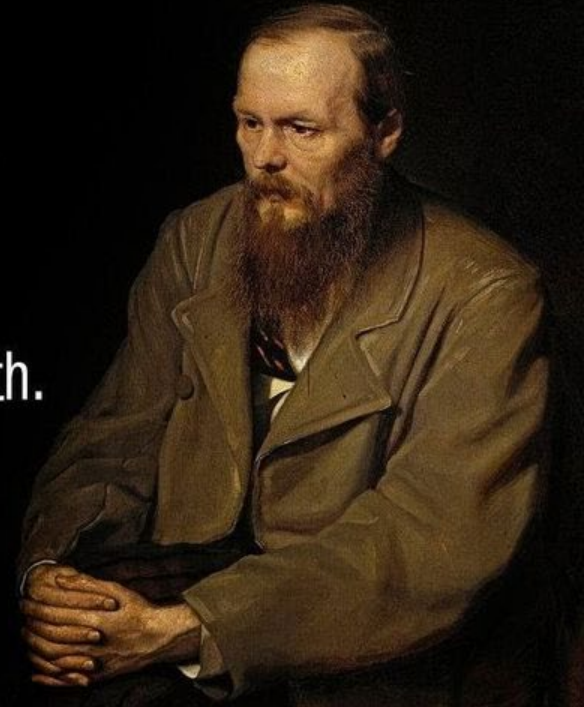


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Pain and suffering are always
inevitable for a large **intelligence**
and a **deep heart**.
The really **great men** must,
I think, **have great sadness** on earth.

– *Fyodor Dostoevsky*

AZ QUOTES



Prof. Igor Ruzhitsky: "The Language and Literary Works of F.M. Dostoevsky" - Online

Date: 18 February 2022 **Key organisers:** Ekaterina Onatskaia **Participants:** 146



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Piano Recital: **Vitaly Pisarenko**
Schubert & Liszt
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Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

TICKETS:
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NON-MEMBERS – £15

FRIDAY 18 MARCH
19:00 – 21:00
DOORS AT 18:30



VIA ALLEEVENTS



Piano Recital: Vitaly Pisarenko

Date: 18 March 2022 **Key organisers:** Ekaterina Onatskaia **Participants:** 100



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A Conversation with Boris Akunin – Russia: Its Past, Present and Future

Date: 29 April 2022 **Key organisers:** S.Thompson, M.Burrell, K. Afonina **Participants:** 150



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May Day BBQ

Date: 2 May 2022

Key organisers: D. Mevzos

Participants: 40



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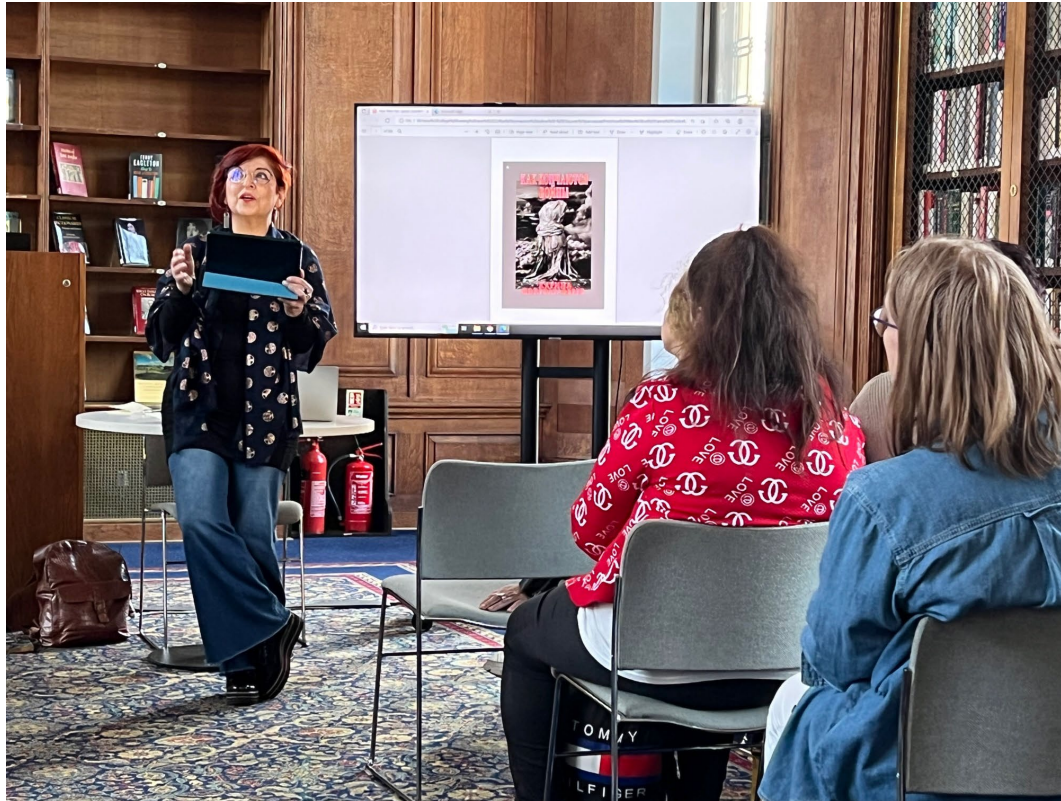
**Happy Anniversary, Egyptology! Hieroglyphs, Tutankhamun, and Thoughts for the Future:
A talk by Dr Alex Loktionov**

Date: 2 May 2022 **Key organisers:** Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 68



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Literary evening with Carina Cockrell-Ferre

Date: 3 June 2022 **Key organisers:** Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 35



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee One day **Art Exhibition** in Cambridge - 17 June 2022



Venue: St. Augustine's Church, 69 Richmond Road,
Cambridge, CB4 3PS

Date: Friday 17 June 2022

Time: 14:00 – 21:00

Entry: Free

All artworks are created by local artists and available for purchase.

**Proceeds from the sale: 50% to the artists,
50% to CamRuSS Hardship Support Fund – to
help Ukrainian refugees and their host families in
Cambridgeshire.**



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Queen's Platinum Jubilee One-day Art Exhibition in Cambridge

Date: 17 June 2022

Key organisers: Svetlana Baibekova

Participants: 25



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"White Nights": An Evening of Songs and Music

Date: 2 July 2022

Key organisers: V. Rusinov, I. Dolgilevich

Participants: 25



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Workshop with Vocal Coach Liuba Doga: "Connect to and master your voice"

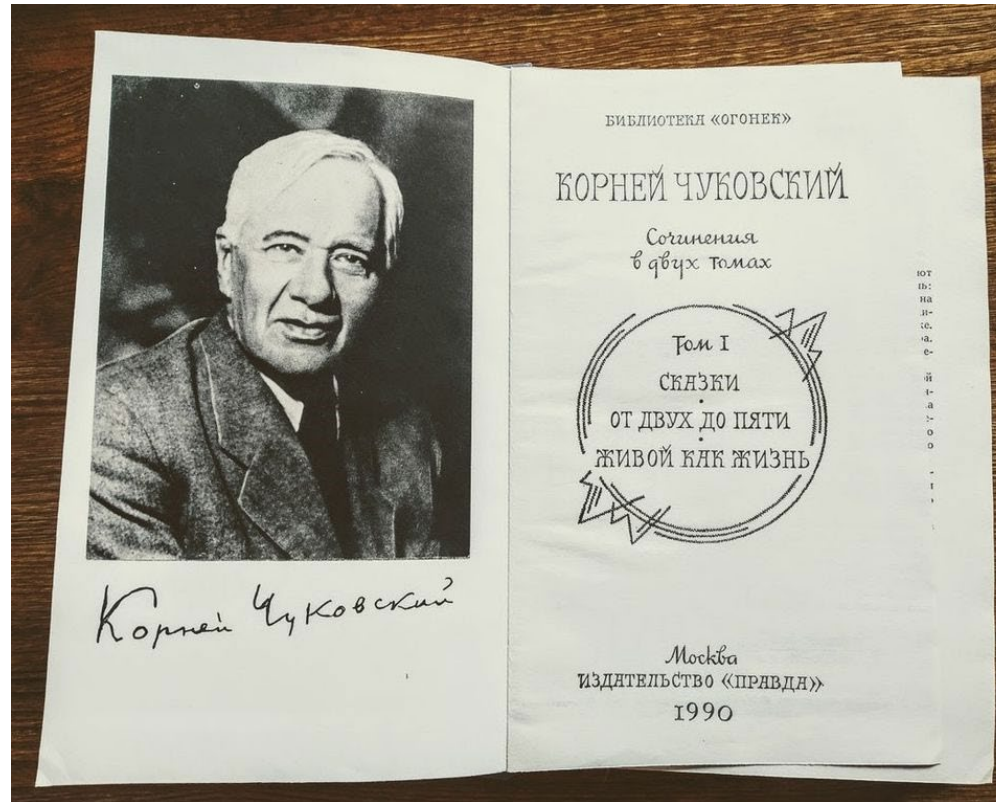
Date: 13 July 2022

Key organisers: Sayara Thompson

Participants: 12



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"Korney Chukovsky, the writer & translator. Then and Now"

Date: 23 September 2022

Key organisers: Yelena Karl

Participants: 89



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Marina Tsvetaeva's 130th Anniversary: An Evening of Music and Poetry with Xameleon Theatre

Date: 8 October 2022 **Key organisers:** Ekaterina Onatskaia **Participants:** 70



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Traditional Forest Walk and BBQ

Date: 9 October 2022 **Key organisers:** Dmitry Mevzos

Participants: 50



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Professor Dame Caroline Humphrey: “On the Edge: Life Along the Russia –China Border”

Date: 25 November 2022

Key organisers: Ksenia Afonina

Participants: 50



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CamRuSS Christmas Dinner

Date: 15 December 2022

Key organisers: Isabella Warren

Participants: 50



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CamRuSS for Ukrainians Events 2022 (1 of 2)

#	Date	Title	Organisers	Presenters/teachers
1	April-July	ESOL classes	Tanya Yurasova, Alla Viktorova, Ksenia Afonina	9 teachers supported by 20 assistants and helpers
2	29 April	Cultural adaptation	Introductions	
3	6 May	Cultural adaptation	Introductions	Alla Viktorova, Denis Silyutin, Tanya Yurasova, Ksenia Afonina
4	13 May	NHS System	Tanya Yurasova	Lena Payne
5	20 May	Employment opportunities in Cambridge	Tania Elliott	Homerton College, Tania Elliott
6	27 May	Higher education in the UK	Sayana Namsaraeva, Ksenia Afonina	Caroline Humphrey
7	3 June	"How Wars End" (2022) literary readings	Ksenia Afonina, Natalia Berloff	Carina Cockrell-Ferre
8	10 June	Primary and Secondary education in the UK	Tanya Yurasova, Olga Tutubalina	Dick Matthews
9	26 June	Welcome to Cambridge music and poetry evening		Vot Takoi Teatr
10	1 July	Employment and benefits	Ksenia Afonina	DWP, Ede& Ravenscroft
11	15 July	NHS	Alla Viktorova	Natalia Notkina, Olga Starobinskaya
12	29 July	Legal matters	Ksenia Afonina, Alla Viktorova, Lena Payne	Denis Silyutin, Quentin Langley Coleman
13	28 July	ESOL classes Graduation ceremony	Tanya Yurasova, Alla Viktorova	Yelena Karl, Katia Onatskaia
14	14 August	Family outing in Milton Park	Alla Viktorova	SCDC grant, Lena Payne, Sasha Argunova



CamRuSS for Ukrainians Events 2022 (2 of 2)

#	Date	Title	Organisers	Presenters/teachers
15	September-December	ESOL classes for Ukrainians	Tanya Yurasova, Alla Viktorova, Ksenia Afonina	7 teachers supported by 20 assistants and helpers
16	9 September	Housing for Ukrainians	Yelena Karl, Lena Payne	Representatives from Cambridge and SCDC
17	13 September	Career guidance	Ksenia Afonina	WEA
18	23 September	The Highway Code	Yelena Karl	Dmitri Mevzos, Sergey Shishlov
19	23 September	Dinner for CamRuSS volunteers	Ksenia Afonina	Natalia Berloff
20	9 October	BBQ in Thetford Forest	Alla Viktorova, Dmitri Mevzos, Lena Payne	SCDC grant
21	14 October	Food Banks and Food Hubs	Ksenia Afonina	Cambridge Sustainable Food, Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign & Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
22	25 October	Guided Tour of the Scott Polar Museum	Eleanor Peers, Alla Viktorova	Naomi Chapman, Olga Tutubalina
23	28 October	Career Guidance	Ksenia Afonina, Alla Viktorova	National Careers Service
24	4 November	UK Universities	Ksenia Afonina/Olga Tutubalina	Natalia Berloff, Olga Tutubalina, Tatiana Bebachuk, ARU College
25	18 November	Banking system in the UK	Alla Viktorova	George Turner
26	22 November	Guided Tour of the Scott Polar Museum	Eleanor Peers, Alla Viktorova	Naomi Chapman
27	9 December	NHS	Ksenia Afonina/Olga Tutubalina	Tatiana Lapa
28	17 December	ESOL classes Graduation	Tanya Yurasova, Alla Viktorova, Ksenia Afonina	SCDC grant



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Collaborations

- St Andrew's Street Baptist Church
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Jesus College
- Cambridge City Council
- Workers' Educational Association (WEA)
- The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) National Careers Service
- Cambridge Regional College
- Cambridge Sustainable Food
- Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign
- Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum
- The Scott Polar Research Institute
- Vodafone



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CamRuSS for Ukrainians 2022

Graduation will mark success of language project

THE endeavours of a Cambridge charity - and hard work of Ukrainian refugees - will be marked on Saturday with a graduation ceremony.

The Cambridge Russian-Speaking Society (CamRuSS), with support from the South Cambridgeshire District Council, launched the English language teaching project in April, when the first Ukrainians fleeing the war started arriving in Cambridge.

More than 30 volunteers, who came from Norway, Canada, USA, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, as well as native British, were involved. During April-July CamRuSS delivered English classes to 90 students, which were supported by more than 20 teachers and assistants.

From September Tanya Yurasova and her colleague Alla Viktorova have been managing the second ESOL course for Ukrainians. A further 90 students aged between 18 to 70 years old, all from diverse backgrounds - a 70-year-old university teacher from Kharkiv and an 18-year-old university student from Kyiv, a doctor, an architect, a bookkeeper and even a choir conductor - have been learning English in Cambridge to help them cope more easily with life in the UK.

To support Ukrainians further, CamRuSS held fortnightly information sessions on vital topics, such as education in the UK,

banking and finance, driving and cycling, access to the NHS, job search and careers, access to benefits and food banks. A telephone support service in Russian and English was run by 18 volunteers.

Cambridgeshire residents and organisations came together to offer their expertise and help. St Andrew's Street Baptist Church and Jesus College generously provided venues for the classes in central Cambridge over a period of three months. They became refugee hubs for new arrivals.

Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum, Cambridge Sustainable Food and Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign shared information on accessing free food and daily essentials in Cambridge. The National Careers Service offered advice on the job market in the UK, The Scott Polar Research Institute offered free tours of its Museum, Churchill College Chapel hosted two fundraising events.

Ksenia Afonina, CamRuSS chair of trustees, said: "In my experience of living almost 20 years in the UK, this is an unprecedented case of people coming together in their joint effort to help new community members."

Information on life in the UK as well as events and initiatives for Ukrainians is uploaded in Russian and English to CamRuSS website www.camruss.com



Sainsbury's 21 Day Aged Beef Roasting Joint 65 / kg, Salt
Offers end 31 December apart from Fenner's Roacher which



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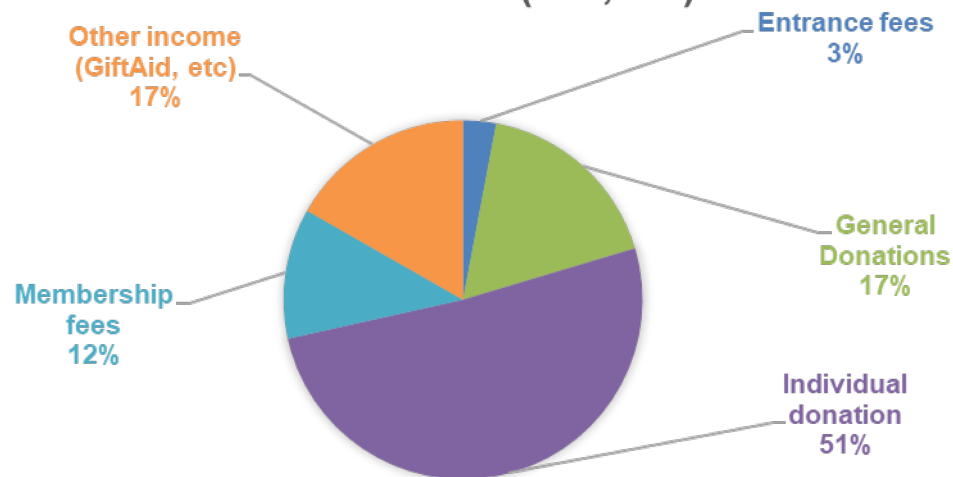
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Financial Report 2021-2022

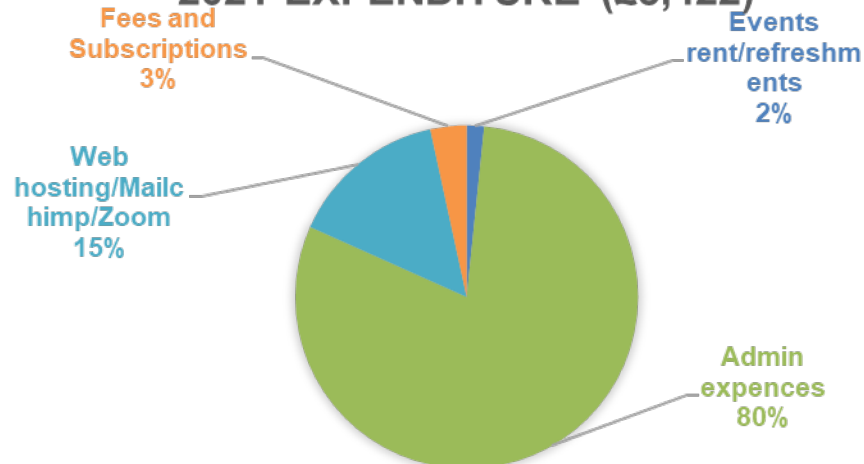
Ksenia Afonina (on behalf of Alona Gunko)



2021 INCOME (£19,558)

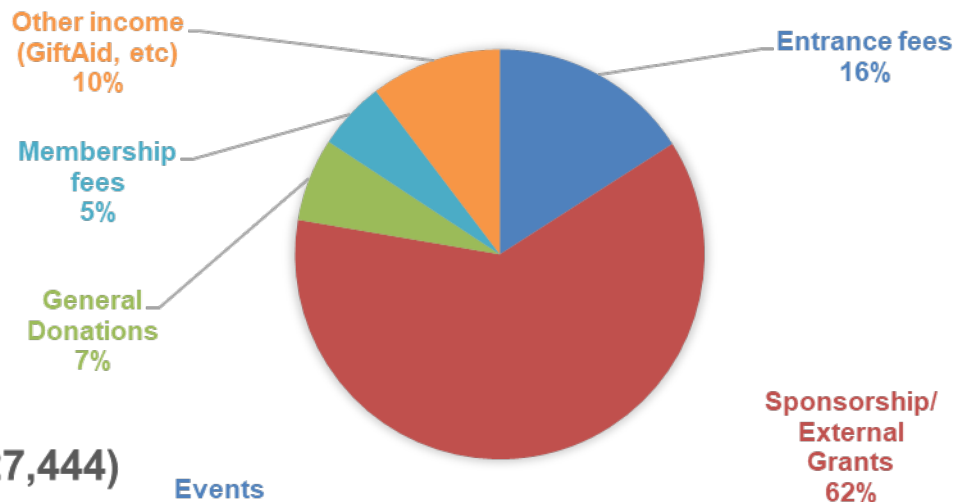


2021 EXPENDITURE (£8,422)

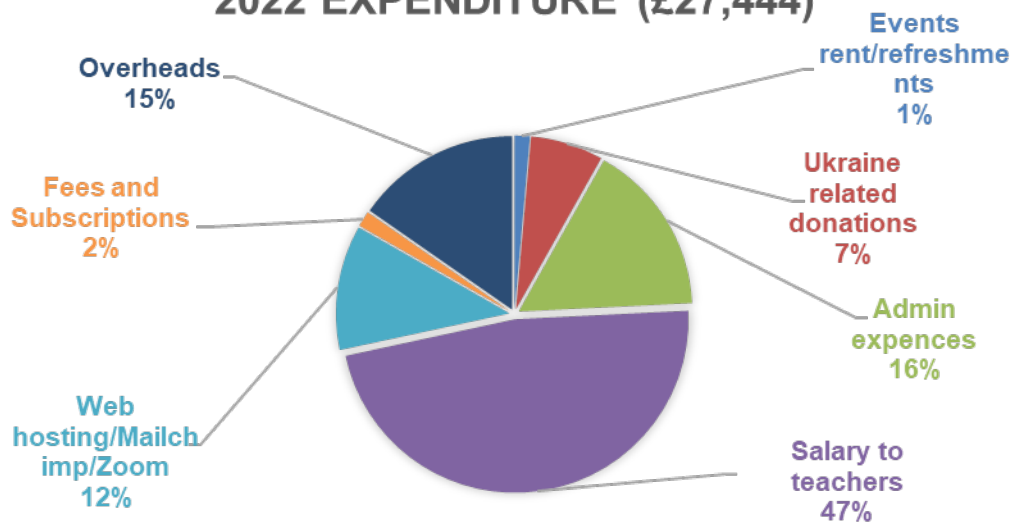


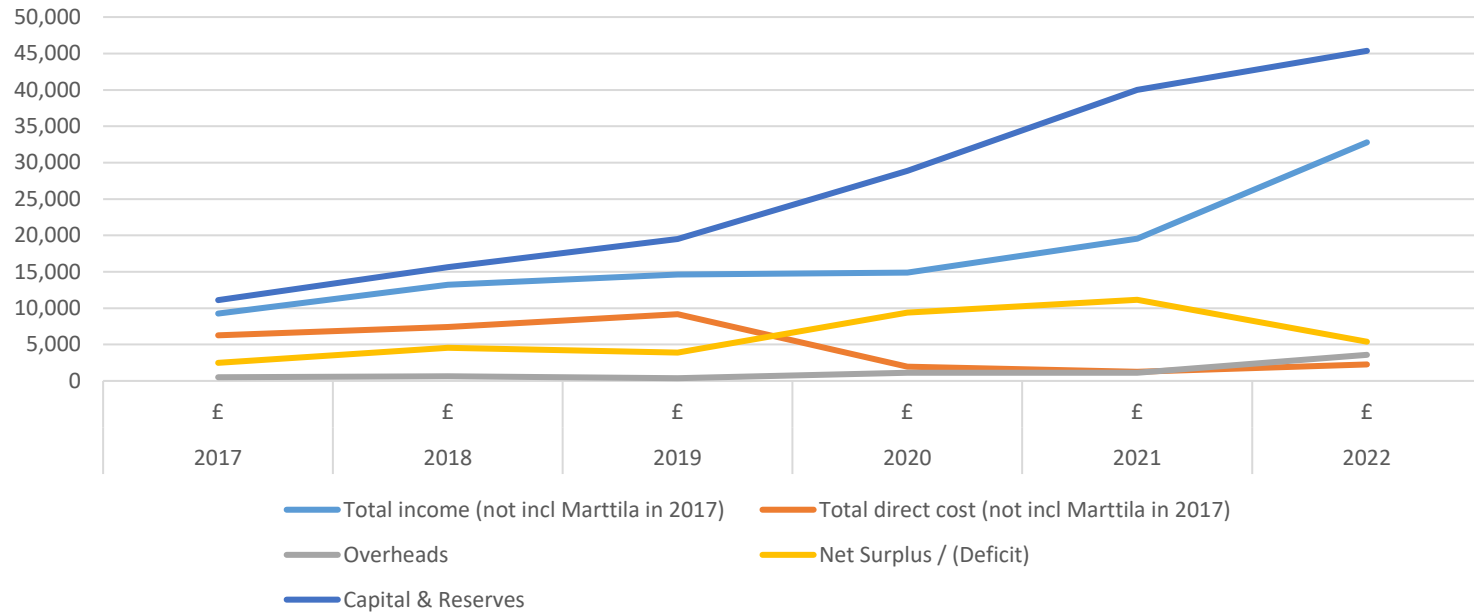


2022 INCOME (£32,800)



2022 EXPENDITURE (£27,444)





Description	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Total income (not incl Marttila in 2017)	9,253	13,200	14,645	14,908	19,558	32,800
Total direct cost (not incl Marttila in 2017)	6,247	7,394	9,186	1,974	1,257	2,244
Overheads	519	636	383	1,119	1,130	3,586
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	2,487	4,532	3,869	9,381	11,137	5,366
Capital & Reserves	11,110	15,642	19,511	28,892	40,029	45,396
<i>increase of reseves year-on-year</i>	27%	41%	25%	48%	39%	13%



Cambridge Russian Speaking Society 2022

Income and Expenditure

For the year ending 31/12/2022

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Income						
Membership	1,773.53	2,298.46	1,229.00	1,250.45	1,768.00	1,218.00
Entrance fee	5,231.19	580.94	1,472.60	4,324.65	5,384.82	3,521.50
Raffle tickets	0.00	0.00	0.00	271.21	457.16	400.00
Donations	2,152.48	13,405.18	10,900.02	3,540.00	1,924.00	10.00
Sponsorship/External Grants	20,252.80	0.00	500.00	3,990.00	3,160.00	3,502.91
E. Marttila Exhibition grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Other income	3,389.59	3,273.78	805.00	1,085.00	405.00	484.00
Merchandise sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.50	101.20	116.90
Bank interest received	0.00	0.00	1.36	0.24	0.18	0.13
Total income	32,799.59	19,558.36	14,907.98	14,645.05	13,200.36	17,253.44
			13%	9%	43%	87%
Direct Cost			0.00			
Rent for the events	233.78	0.00	0.00	3,272.58	1,160.95	799.00
Refreshments for the events	150.49	100.92	198.19	691.66	848.34	1,183.17
Flowers and souvenirs	0.00	0.00	28.60	510.03	217.43	192.96
Travel direct cost	0.00	0.00	134.24	1,214.71	1,653.80	1,298.70
Guests/performance fee	0.00	0.00	782.50	1,186.00	785.33	685.00
Publicity and promotion	0.00	0.00	104.00	1,825.89	923.62	710.38
Other direct cost	1,860.00	1,054.10	726.15	485.08	1,804.80	1,378.18
E. Marttila Exhibition costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,141.90
Previous years direct cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total direct cost	2,244.27	1,257.41	1,973.68	9,185.95	7,394.27	14,389.29
			-73%	24%	18%	82%
Gross Surplus / (Deficit)	30,555.32	18,300.95	12,934.30	5,459.10	5,806.09	2,864.15
	67%	41%	123%	-9%	103%	88%
Governance cost	159.75	374.22	122.20	309.50	396.79	
Corporate cost	21,444.13	5,659.47	2,311.49	897.13	242.03	
Overheads						
Web and IT exp	3,191.42	919.80	969.18	104.05	189.20	121.40
Stationery & Postage	0.00	0.00	4.50	132.67	169.15	397.56
Fees & Subs	394.21	210.60	145.60	146.48	277.36	0.00
Total overheads	3,585.63	1130.4	1,119.28	383.20	635.71	518.96
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	5,365.81	11,136.86	9,381.33	3,869.27	4,531.56	2,345.19



Balance Sheet

<i>as at</i>	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
Current Assets						
Bank Current account	474.56	17,293.15	21,145.00	16,834.35	14,974.97	10,562.84
Bank Deposit account	3342.84	3342.84	3,342.45	341.33	341.09	341.04
Bank NEW Current account	34,041.24	16,110.34	1,913.00			
Bank NEW Deposit account			0.00			
PayPal	7,460.40	3,202.28	2,307.52	2,016.40	214.67	
Cash	77.26	81.88	184.27	318.83	110.91	206.20
	<u>45,396.30</u>	<u>40,030.49</u>	<u>28,892.24</u>	<u>19,510.91</u>	<u>15,641.64</u>	<u>11,110.08</u>
Prepaid Income						
Current Liabilities						
Prepaid Expenses						
Current assets less liabilities	45,396.30	40,030.49	28,892.24	19,510.91	15,641.64	11,110.08
Capital & Reserves						
Reserves	40,030.49	28,892.24	19,510.91	15,641.64	11,110.08	8,764.89
Surplus or deficit	5,365.81	11,136.86	9,381.33	3,869.27	4,531.56	2,345.19
	<u>45,396.30</u>	<u>40,029.10</u>	<u>28,892.24</u>	<u>19,510.91</u>	<u>15,641.64</u>	<u>11,110.08</u>
	13%	39%	48%	25%	41%	27%



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Membership Report

Ekaterina Onatskaia



Membership report 2021-2022

Family Status	2021	2022
Qtr1	15 members - 7 new/8 returned	19 members: 5 new /14 renewed
Qtr2	8 members - 5 new/ 3 returned	7 mbrs: 3 new/4 returned
Qtr3	3 members - 2 new/ 1 returned	1 member: vip invitation
Qtr4	18 members - 8 new/10 returned	6 members - 1 new/5 returned
Family total	43 family members: 20 new/23 renewed	33 family members: 10 new/23 renewed. 1-VIP
Individual Status		
Qtr1	31 members - 16 new/15 returned	32 members: 5 new/27 returned. 1VIP
Qtr2	27 members - 17 new/10 returned	25 members: 4 new/21 returned
Qtr3	33 members - 25 new/8 returned. 7 of them - VIP members	12 members: 8 new/4 returned. 5 VIP
Qtr4	36 members - 18 new/14 returned (4-VIP members)	31 members: 12 new/19 returned. 6 VIP
Individual total	127 individual family members: 54 new/73 renewed. 11 VIP memberships	100 individual members: 28 new/71 renewed. 12VIP



Membership report 2021-2022

For 2022:		
Date	Event Name	Membership in £
25/11/2022	Professor Dame Caroline Humphrey: "On the Edge: Life Along the Russia-China Border"	£252
29/04/2022	Boris Akunin "Russia's Present, Past and Future"	£184
08/10/2022	Marina Tsvetaeva's 130th birth anniversary concert	£154
18/03/2022	Piano Recital by Vitaly Pisarenko	£54
For 2021:		
Date	Event Name	Membership in £
29/11/2021	"Double-Headed Eagle: Russia between East and West" with Sir Tony Brenton	£185
04/11/2021	Marking the Bicentenary of Dostoevsky's Birth with I.Ruzgitskiy	£125
05/03/2021	"Writing the Siege of Leningrad" with Anna Reid	£108
01/10/2021	Londongrad: Is it still "From Russia With Cash"? by Mark Hollingsworth	£107
11/02/2021	"The Portland Spy Ring" by Stephen Dalziel	£102
04/06/2021	"Between the Past and the Future," a lecture by Evgeny Vodolazkin	£101



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Communications Report

Elena Shampanova



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CAMRUSS.COM ANALYTICS 2021-2022

- 11,000 users in 2021
- 12,000 users in 2022
- Top countries:
 - UK 61%
 - USA 10%
 - Russia 6%
- Referrers:
 - 47% direct
 - 36% organic search
 - 10% other websites
 - 10% social media



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- 2,625 subscribers
- 157 CamRuSS members
- 42% opens
- New layout since September 2022
- Regular newsletter:
 - 41 (2021)
 - 42 (2022)
- Mailings to members only:
 - 7 (2021)
 - 11 (2022)



Social Media

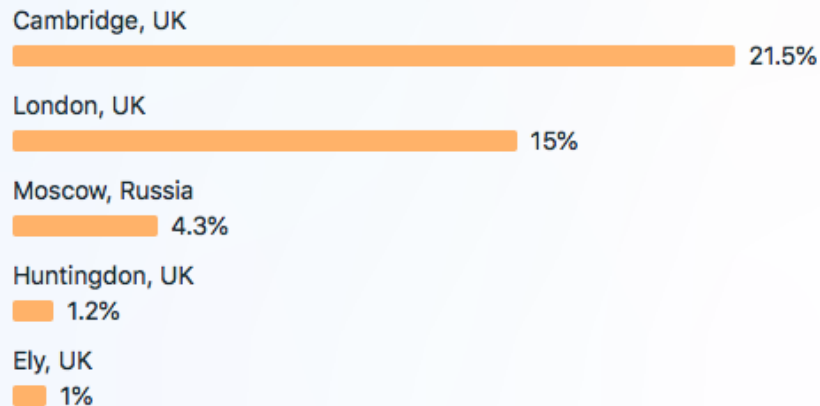
	2020-21	2021-22
Facebook Reach	15,065	25,639
Facebook Visits	2,691	2,400
Instagram Reach	1,666	1,877
Instagram Visits	534	561



Locations

2021

Top cities



2022

Top cities





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Twitter 

161 followers

Engagements

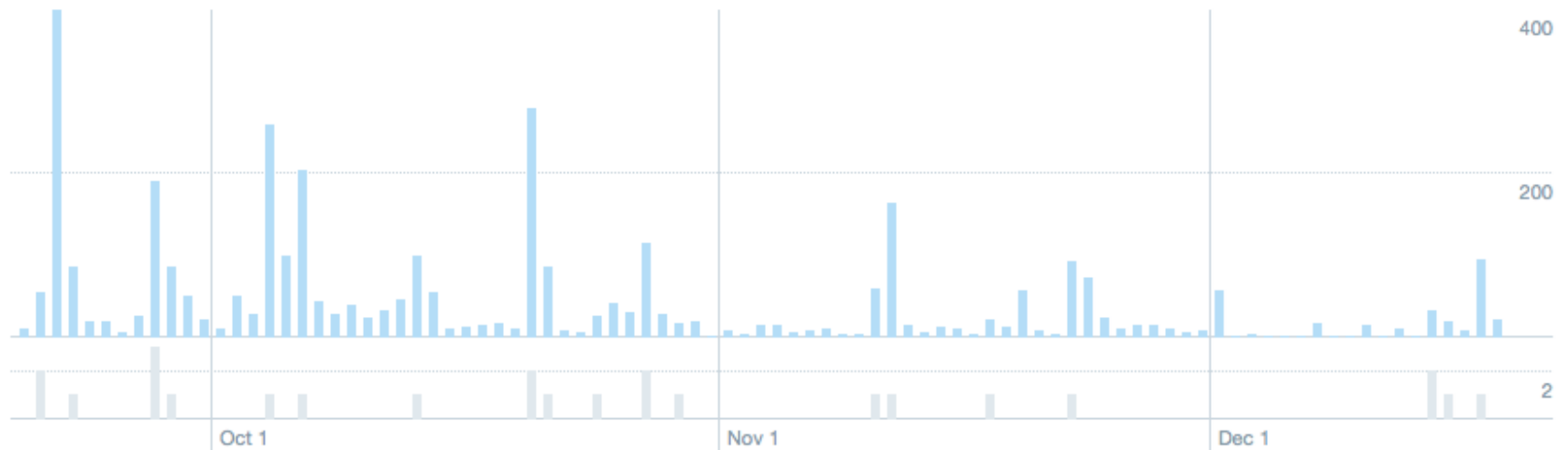
Showing 91 days with daily frequency

Engagement rate
1.7%

Nov 25
20.0% engagement rate



Your Tweets earned **3.7K impressions** over this **91 day** period





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Trustees' report 2021-2022

Trustees' report 2021-2022



Trustees are active volunteers

- Board meetings (2-3 hrs per month)*
- Board composition (7/6)
- Specific roles
- Organised events
- Hired administrative assistants
- Recruited more volunteers, Patrons and trustees
- Responded to world events
- Special projects (i.e. new website, CamRuSS4Ukrainians)
- Prepared and run AGM

*The Board met 8 times in 2021, 10 times in 2022.



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Q&As and voting

Reports approval for 2021-2022



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Vote of thanks



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Strategy and Plans for 2023



- Objectives/mission/constitution - S. Thompson
- Finances and membership
- Voting (2023 Strategy and Membership fees)
- Board of Trustees, Advisers Update - K. Afonina
- Voting
- New website upgrade - S.Thompson
- Events planned in 2023 - O.Tutubalina/Y. Karl
- CamRuSS for Ukrainians - K. Afonina
- Voting



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Strategy for 2023

Sayara Thompson



Our Constitution states that the objectives of our society are:

To advance education for the public benefit in East Anglia by providing opportunities for members of the public to learn the Russian language and to engage in activities and events designed to enable them to develop a better understanding of the history, arts and culture of Russia.

We suggest to add:

*To advance education for the public benefit in East Anglia **and beyond** by providing opportunities for members of the public to learn the Russian language and to engage in activities and events designed to enable them to develop a better understanding of the history, arts and culture of Russia.*

To promote harmony between different ethnic groups by enhancing knowledge and mutual understanding between Russian-Speaking communities and other communities in East Anglia and beyond.



Format of events:

- In-person
- Online/Zoom
- Hybrid

Type of events/topics:

- Continue with the CamRuSS for Ukrainians project
- Talks and events with the focus on environment, music, arts, literature, films, thought-provoking and current affairs
- Continue with regular social events (May Day picnic, White Nights, Mushroom Walk, etc.) + involve the Ukrainians guests
- Series of talks on environment/geography/ethnography in Russia in global perspective

To continue working closely with volunteers and exploring potential reward schemes



- Continue applying for grants as a source of funding for various projects, such as the CamRuSS for Ukrainians project and other community and education support projects
- Cover our fixed costs (approx. £7K) by increasing membership fees
 - £12 -> £18 for individual membership
 - £18 -> £25 family membership
- Start charging for online events (£5+)
- Continue funding a position of the part-time administrator
- Explore how we can source funding for a part-time web support
- Ensure we have a healthy balanced budget by the end of the year



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1. Changes in the constitution
2. Strategic objectives and membership fees



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Organisation structure 2023

Patrons: Sir Tony Brenton, Libby Howie, Dr Rachel Polonsky, Prof Anthony Cross, Prof Emma Widdis

Board of Trustees: Sayara Thompson (Chair, GDPR)
Ksenia Afonina (Vice Chair and CamRuSS for Ukrainians)
Alona Gunko (Treasurer)
Ekaterina Onatskaia (Membership)
Oksana Gerasimova (Secretary)
Alla Viktorova (Events, PR)
Olga Tutubalina (Events, Technical support)
Alexandra Argunova (Safeguarding Lead)
Sayana Namsaraeva (Events)

Honorary Advisers: Tanya Yurasova, Janar Davletov, Yelena Karl

Organising Committee (active volunteers): Beverly Lott (proofreading), Natasha Bacon (communications), Dima Mevzos (outdoor events), Varvara Veselova (finances)

Part-Time Administrator: Elena Shampanova, Elvira Churyumova



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	Person/event	Talk title or theme	Possible dates	Category/details	Format/language	Proposed by/ organiser
1	English classes: 12-week course	CamRuSS 4 Ukraine	9 Jan – 31 March	Support for Ukrainians	In-person	TY, KA, AV
2	CamRuSS AGM	Tony Brenton's talk, reports and plans	Mon 16 Jan	Annual General Meeting for members	Hybrid English	Board of Trustees, patrons
3	Alexander Chernokulskiy	Climate Change in Russia	Thu-Fri 9-10 Feb (TBC)	Geography, anthropology, social history, environmental studies	Russian or English Zoom	Olga Tutubalina
4	Jenny Antil	Talk about her book "Small Acts of Kindness", a fictional story about Russia in 1825 and the Decembrists	Thu 16 Feb	Talk /History	In-person English	Tanya Yurasova
6	Julia Nemirovskaya	Disbelief	Fri 24 Feb	Anti-War Poetry Evening	Zoom Russian & English	Yelena Karl
7	Vitaly Pisarenko	Piano Recital	10/17 March	Music	In-person Russian & English	Ekaterina Onatskaia
8	Nadezhda Zamyatina	Development of Arctic Cities/Arctic frontiers	20-30 March (TBC)	Geography, anthropology, social history, environmental studies	Russian Zoom	Olga Tutubalina
9	Vera Polozkova	Poetry	Early April (TBC)	Poetry	In-person Russian	Ekaterina Onatskaia Boris Kouznetsov
10	Natalia Zubarevich	Economic geography of Russia, and how it transformed in wartime	20-30 April (TBC)	Geography, anthropology, social history, environmental studies	Russian/English Zoom	Olga Tutubalina
11	Mayovka	Outdoor BBQ	1-2 May	Social event	In-person Russian & English	Dima Mevzos
12	Louise Hardiman	Courtly Gifts and Cultural Diplomacy book launch	20-30 May (TBC)	Art, history, British-Russian relations	In-person English	Ksenia Afonina
13	Peter Hewitt	Piano concert	27 June	Music	In-person English	Ekaterina Onatskaia
14	White Nights	Social singing	1 July	Social event/Music	In-person Russian & English	Valentin Rusinov (TBC)



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- ESOL classes
 - Social/cultural adaptation events
 - Telephone Helpline
 - Collaborations/synergies
 - Grants/fundraising
 - Anything else?
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- Next CamRuSS for Ukrainians consultation meeting on
21 January at 17:00



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Plans/events for 2023



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