

STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1199053

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-05-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1. FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS RESIDING IN STEYNING AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF WEST SUSSEX IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF A DAY CENTRE ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT BENEFICIARIES THROUGH SERVICES RELATING TO EDUCATION, LANGUAGE, HOUSING, BENEFITS AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING.2. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY WORKING WITH UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS RESIDING IN STEYNING AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS OF WEST SUSSEX WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION AND TO ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY IN PARTICULAR THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND BY PROVIDING LOCAL NETWORK AND SUPPORT GROUPS THAT ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE BENEFICIARIES TO PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY.

Activities: A volunteer run Day Centre, helping Ukrainian Refugees in and around Steyning rebuild their shattered lives, teaching English, advising them & their Home Hosts, safely protecting their physical & mental health, making them job ready, facilitating integration into the community. Providing recreation, leisure facilities, vocational training, advice, and bolstering their talents, gifts & skills.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£12,446	£17,965	-	-
2024-06-30	£27,039	£24,478	-	-
2023-06-30	£36,892	£21,919	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Stevenson	Chair	2022-03-28
David Haddon Jaggar		2022-03-28
Nicholas John Bennett		2022-03-28

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STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGEE

ANNUAL REPORT 1ST JULY 2024 TO 30TH JUNE 2025

Our charity, The Steyning Ukrainian Refuge, was founded in April 2022 to relieve the needs of Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex by the provision of a Day Centre established to support beneficiaries through services relating to Education, Language, Housing, Benefits and Health and Wellbeing.

Our key objectives for this year have continued to focus on the building of skills in order to both live and work within the UK and to create a 'large family environment' to help and care for each other.

We rent a former school campus which used to house 450 pupils and was the original building for Steyning Grammar School. We use a Medieval Grade 1 listed building where the boarding school was founded in 1614 along with many old classrooms, grounds and gym.

We teach English, using a volunteer local teacher and a self-employed Ukrainian translator. Additional volunteer teachers have supported our very busy schedule of both day and evening lessons.

We have had 80 Ukrainian Guests learning English since we started, however this number is now averaging about 10 per lesson. We have had workshops covering many subjects –

becoming work ready; cv writing; interview techniques; upskilling; UK financial aspects, taxes, banking, health and welfare, dentists etc.

We hand-hold and interpret our Guests at the Job Centre and Employment services and agencies and even at interviews.

We have worked closely with local schools and parents to help our Guests understand the UK educational system, GCSEs, A levels, BTech; We have sponsored some students to take their Duke of Edinburgh awards. We are proud that 2 of our first students are now doing very well at universities.

We run seminars on Immigration choices and criteria, keeping up with changes in UK & Ukrainian legislation changes.

We held an Education Seminar provided by London Education UK.

Maintaining our guests Wellbeing remains at the heart of everything that we do.

We have managed to create a large 'Family'; sharing and caring for each other; we laugh together, we cry and commiserate with each other, we support each other, we remember and we party! We support in every way possible aiming to ensure that nobody needs to feel lonely or forgotten. We remember Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, the start of the war against Ukraine and those who have been taken from us.

25 of us went to Greenways Valley Holiday Park in North Devon, in July, staying in self-catering chalets, we visited many places of interest, went surfing and swimming and thoroughly enjoyed our break. This was funded jointly by our Guests and Horsham District Council. So many people and organisations, i.e. The National Trust, have been generous in their support.

One of our Guests, a translator and teacher, has been awarded an MA in filming at Brighton with her Short Ukrainian film which she screened to an audience of 40 at the Refuge in March.

We have had many 'days out' - Hampton Court; Hever Castle, and a special guided tour of the Houses of Parliament.

Our founder, John Stevenson was presented with the Community Award by the Steyning Parish Council.

We have continued our close association with the Mindy Foundation based in Kyiv, sharing our knowledge base and contacts in the UK with them in Ukraine. They are flourishing with their roll out of rehabilitation centres for wounded ex-service veterans and their families.

We have introduced our Ukrainian families to local letting agents and Estate Agents and have managed to form excellent relationships. We have now managed to furnish 18 families in their own rented properties, when they have moved on from their Home Hosts. Our 'warehouse', the former school gym, is full of every imaginable item that you would want to start a new home, our Ukrainian Guests are given the key and help themselves to whatever they require. Our team of volunteer, removal experts, plumbers, electricians then look after the fitting and assembly of beds, washing machines, cookers, everything!

The old school library houses nearly new clothes for everyone. Everything has been donated by the local community including 4 complete house worths of goods.

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2024/25

	12 months to 30/6/2025		12 months to 30/6/2024	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations		240		5,414
Events				2,200
Grants		11,816		18,970
Hire Inc		390		455
		12,446		27,039
EXPENDITURE				
Sundry Expenses	375		6,642	
Insurance	736		701	
Social Events	3,065		1,914	
Teaching	2,813		3,950	
Admin Expenses	9,775		10,796	
Rent	1,200		400	
Transport			75	
		17,965		24,478
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(5,519)		2,561
Accumulated Fund brought forward		17,535		14,973
Accumulated Fund carried forward		12,016		17,535
REPRESENTED BY;-				
Balance at Bank		13,014		20,551
Cash in hand				
Payments in advance				
		13,014		20,551
Less Sundry Creditors & Accruals		998		1,200
Grants received in advance				1,816
		12,016		17,535

Prepared by David Jaggard. Hon Treasurer

Report by Independent Examiner

I have examined the financial records as presented to me and confirm that the above accounts are in accordance with those records and there are no matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to.

C. A. Wain 23/12/25
 (Colin Laminie)

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2023 To 30th June 2024

Charity name: **STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE**

Charity registration number: **1199053**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, to relieve the needs of Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex by the provision of a Day Centre established to support beneficiaries through services relating to Education, Language, Housing, Benefits and Health and Wellbeing. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position and to assist them to integrate into society in particular through education and training in the English language and vocational skills and by providing local network and support groups that encourage and enable beneficiaries to participate more effectively with the wider community.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English language classes• Vocational lectures• Recreational activities to facilitate understanding the UK and integrating into and with the community.• Provision for fully furnishing houses and homes• Wellbeing.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that the objective of the Charity is to deliver public benefit in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The beneficiaries are our local Ukrainian Refugees and Asylum seekers, their Home Hosts, the many local community volunteers and supporters.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have 120 local volunteers registered with our Charity covering a massive experience base, we are very rich in talent from all walks of life. Our volunteers give their time freely whenever we require their specialist expertise.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Throughout the year we have continued to teach English to our Ukrainian Guests, offering free lessons both during the day and evenings, currently we are teaching 35 students of differing ages and standards.</p> <p>This is a key objective of our charity, and, by giving our guests this skill is provides the opportunity for them to work and be as independent as possible.</p> <p>We continue with our regular training sessions covering many subjects, i.e. ‘ becoming work ready’; ‘cv writing, interview techniques’; upskilling’ ‘UK tax systems & financial aspects’</p> <p>We have organised a number of group events, translated into Ukrainian, which have involved other groups of Ukrainian residents from different areas joining us. ‘The UK education system’, ‘University entrance criteria’, ‘A levels versus BTech ‘Immigration choices, criteria, legislation’</p> <p>We have held many ‘cultural’ events at the Chichester Bishop’s Palace; Country estates- Parham House, Petworth House, Chartwell Estate.</p> <p>Maintaining our Guests Wellbeing is at the heart of everything that we do. We have managed to form a large ‘Family’, sharing and caring with and for each other. Crying, laughing, remembering, partying and supporting each other. We ‘hand hold’ our guests and fully support them in every way possible to ensure that they do not feel lonely and forgotten.</p> <p>In July we arranged a holiday for 23 of our guests to Beckley in East Sussex in a converted stable and a caravan and tent. We rented a minibus as well as using several cars, we toured Seven Sisters, Rye and the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us as it rained considerably! However, a good time was had by everyone!</p> <p>On the 24th February we remembered the start of the Russian invasion, crying and praying for lost loved ones and the thousands of kidnapped children.</p>
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		<p>We are planning to go on holiday to Devon and Cornwall with 25 of our guests, in July 2024. We have gained funding from Horsham District Council to rent 5 chalets in North Devon.</p> <p>We have added to our partnership relationship, formed last year, with The Charity Mindy Foundation in Kyiv, where we share our knowledge base with them from a number of our UK connections. They are now producing rehabilitation centres for badly wounded veterans. We have arranged, through our UK contacts and network, built over many years of experience in the industry; medical training developed especially for limbless veterans; curing ‘phantom limb syndrome’ via ‘Zoom’ sessions directly with the UK experts, all designed to share as much information as is possible, and all at no cost.</p> <p>We have co-ordinated and hosted a meeting with the UK Minister of Science, Innovation, & Technology and The Mindy Foundation to explore funding opportunities for them from the UK.</p> <p>Throughout the year we have continued to support our Guests and their families by helping to find rented accommodation when they leave their Home Hosts. To date we have fully furnished 12 homes with all furniture and everything to make a home, from our existing household stocks. We have now had donated to us the contents of 4 complete households, along with thousands of gifts of every imaginable item that go into making a home. If we do not have something in stock we seek out funding or supply things ourselves. This is one of the ‘Wellbeing’ essentials of our charity.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As attached Treasurer's Examined Report
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Nil Reserves – No policy
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Considered unnecessary by Trustees
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants, general fundraising and Gifts
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The appointment of Trustees would be made by the existing Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1199053

Charity's principal address	Brotherhood Hall 9 Church Street Steyping, West Sussex BN44 3YB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	John Stevenson	Founder & Chair		
2	Nicholas Bennett	Trustee		
3	David Jaggar	Hon. Treasurer		
4				
5				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NONE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NONE

Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NONE
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

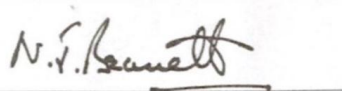

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Nicholas Bennett	John Stevenson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

29 th April 2025

STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE
Treasurers Report
2023/24

	12/months to 30/6/2024	12 months to 30/6/2023
INCOME	£	
Donations	5,414	28,210
Events	2,200	1,668
Auction of Promises		2,211
Grants	18,970	4,214
Hire Inc	455	590
	27,039	36,892
EXPENDITURE		
Refurb costs		3,572
Sundry Expenses	6,642	3,821
Insurance	701	742
Social Events	1,914	1,453
Teaching	3,950	4,214
Admin Expenses	10,796	5,635
Rent	400	1,000
Transport	75	1,480
	24,478	21,919
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	2,561	14,973
Accumulated Fund brought forward	14,973	14,973
Accumulated Fund carried forward	17,535	
REPRESENTED BY;-		
Balance at Bank	20,551	37,534
Cash in hand		
Payments in advance		
	20,551	37,534
Less Sundry Creditors & Accruals	1,200	1,775
Grants received in advance	1,816	20,786
	17,535	14,973

Prepared and signed by David Jaggar. Hon Treasurer

Report by Independent Examiner

I have examined the financial records as presented to me and confirm that the above accounts are in accordance with those records and there are no matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to.

Signed by Colin A. Lammie 1/10/24

Notes to the Accounts

Grants received in advance are Grants which have been received towards the end of the current year and are for specific items of expenditure in next year. These are:

Sussex Community Grant - £1,236

HDC Ukraine support fund - £580

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STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT &
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Year ending 30th June 2023

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES

John Stevenson (Chair)
Nicholas Bennett
David Jaggar

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Colin Lammie

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TREASURER & BANKERS

David Jaggar
Lloyds Bank
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Registered Charity Number 1199053

TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report & financial statement for the year ended 30th June 2023

BUSINESS GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. For the public benefit, to relieve the needs of Ukrainian displaced persons and asylum seekers (Our Guests), residing in Steyning and the surrounding areas of West Sussex, and in particular by the provision of a day centre established to support beneficiaries through services relating to education, language, housing, benefits and health and wellbeing.
2. To promote social inclusion, for the public benefit, by working with Ukrainian displaced persons and asylum seekers (Our Guests), who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position and to assist them to integrate into society, in particular through education and training in the English language and vocational skills by providing local network and support groups that encourage and enable beneficiaries to participate more effectively with the wider community.



3. To work with, support, and advise Home Hosts who are caring for our guests and asylum seekers residing in Steyning and surrounding areas.
4. To network and liaise with Government, County and District Councils and other likeminded organisations for the benefit of supporting our guests residing in Steyning and surrounding areas.

BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Steyning Ukrainian Refuge was founded in March 2022 and registered as a Charity in May 2022 for the purpose of providing a Day Centre for our guests who are living with 'Home Hosts' under the Government scheme 'Homes for Ukrainian' along with other Ukrainian guests who have moved into the local area.

The buildings being used are owned by Steyning Grammar School Foundation Trust (Founded in 1614) and a former State Boarding School, and are leased by the Steyning Ukrainian Refuge.

Over 120 local volunteers were recruited from all disciplines, including 23 Health & Wellbeing; 38 Teaching & Learning; 2 Legal; 28 building Services; 25 Business & Finance. Any volunteer who is physically involved is fully CRB Enhanced checked and trained.

Our business assets were in the main, donated, mainly from Business to Schools; the BBC; Asos; Brewers and a host of other well-known Companies, along with many local businesses and very generous people who were anxious to help with the crisis in Ukraine.

We have, during the year, retained and paid for the services of a few of our guests, on a self-employed basis, who have translated and taught English to their fellow countryfolk and have been key in the administration of the Charity. Our guests form a vital part of our decision-making progress and are fully involved with the running of the Charity.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE YEAR

During the year 60 guests have passed through our Refuge, including 17 students who attend the Steyning Grammar School, with whom we liaise closely.

One of our biggest accolades has been in furnishing our guests homes, once they have left their Home Hosts and have rented their own accommodation. Through the generosity of our local residents, we have acquired the whole contents of 3 homes along with many lorry loads of home goods. This has enabled us to completely furnish, with absolutely everything, 15 homes, from our stocks of high-quality goods. We transport, we plumb in washing machines and dishwashers, instal beds, we do everything to help mend their shattered lives.



Teaching English to 60 guests has been a major priority, as well as making them 'job ready', schooling them in CV writing, sharing with them skills in job search, interview techniques, UK tax system and company structures.

We have looked after their health and wellbeing, often hand holding them when they have required assistance at doctors or dentists, or even job interviews.

Throughout the year we have partnered with other organisations, i.e. Mindy Foundation in Kyiv on mental health issues, fully utilising their 30 psychiatrists, in their mother tongue. We have been instrumental in facilitating a joint venture in the Carpathian Mountains in Western Ukraine for the rehabilitation of wounded service personnel.

On the cultural side we have held many visits to places of interest in the London and the Home Counties, sharing UK culture with our guests, even having had a weekend camp for 25, helping to 'live together and enjoy'.

During our meetings with neighbouring towns we frequently deliver talks and lectures not only to our own guests but those from Brighton, Worthing, Horsham, Adur. We have become the 'go to' for information. If we do not know we will find out!

We hold regular social gatherings where our guests meet together and share experiences and knowledge. This is vital for their wellbeing, as if we are not careful, they can feel very lonely.

The Steyning Ukrainian Refuge has received awards from The High Sheriff of West Sussex in recognition of the work we have done to support the Ukrainian Refugees.

The Steyning Society awarded us its new Highly Commended Certificate in recognition of the significant contribution which we have made to Steyning; this was awarded by the Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex, Lady Emma Barnard.

FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF STEYNING UKRAINIAN REFUGE

SPECIFIC GRANTS - Major grants have been received from:-

Sussex Community £10,000 spread over 2 years for specific items

The Refugee Council £10,000 income received for year commencing 01/07/2023

Horsham District Council £5000 for a feasibility study on providing accommodation

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2022/23

	12 months to 30/6/2023			
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Hire of Hall		590		
		<u>36,892</u>		
EXPENDITURE				
Refurb costs	3,572			
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Social Events	1,453			
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Rent	1,000			
Transport	1,480			
		<u>21,919</u>		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		14,973		
Accumulated Fund brought forward				
Accumulated Fund carried forward		<u>14,973</u>		
REPRESENTED BY:-				
Balance at Bank		37,534		
Cash in hand				
Payments in advance		<u>37,534</u>		
Less Sundry Creditors & Accruals		1,775		
Grants received in advance (see note)		20,786		
		<u>14,973</u>		

Prepared by David Jaggard, Hon Treasurer

David Jaggard

Report by Independent Examiner

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C.A. Wynn 3/11/24

Colin (Cammie)

Notes to the Accounts

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- Sussex Community Grant - £5,786
- HDC Ukraine support fund - £5,000
- The Refugee Council - £10,000