

LEEDS UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1199884

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-29

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF WAR IN UKRAINE IN PARTICULAR BY: (I) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE COLLECTION, ORGANISATION AND ONWARD TRANSFER OF HUMANITARIAN AID FROM LEEDS TO UKRAINE AND NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ASSISTING SUCH VICTIMS OF THE WAR;(II) SUPPORTING THE PROVISION OF LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES TO UKRAINE TO ASSIST SUCH VICTIMS OF THE WAR; (III) SUPPORTING PROJECTS TO PROVIDE VEHICLES AND MATERIALS TO ASSIST IN THE REPAIR AND REBUILDING OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE.2. TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF UKRAINIANS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WHO HAVE FLED THE WAR IN UKRAINE, HAVE BEEN GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND ARE RESIDENT IN LEEDS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, BY PROVIDING PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE INCLUDING A FREE CHARITY SHOP FOR FREE ESSENTIAL HYGIENE AND CLOTHING AND FOOD ITEMS, AND SUPPORT SO AS TO ASSIST THEM TO ADAPT WITHIN A NEW COMMUNITY.3. TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY FACILITY IN LEEDS IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: To provide assistance in the collection, organization and onward transfer of humanitarian aid from Leeds to Ukraine and neighboring countries assisting victims of war in Ukraine ; to provide a community hub in Leeds to FAC: facilitate the broadening of knowledge about Ukraine and Ukrainians ;to promote the Ukrainian language, culture and heritage ; to provide support for Ukrainians in Yorkshire

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Animals, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Poland
- Ukraine
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-27	£97,639	£91,532	-	-
2024-02-27	£119,085	£112,765	-	-
2023-02-27	£21,186	£16,830	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bernadeta Bagaslauskaite	Chair	2025-10-04
Ben Mcdougall		2025-10-04
John Morrison		2023-10-07
Vadym Pryimak		2026-03-23
Viacheslav Semeniuk M.S.		2022-07-29

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Accounts

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association

Annual report & accounts 27/02/2024-26/02/2025

Introduction

From the first day of the Russian invasion into Ukraine, Leeds Ukrainian Community Association has been helping victims of the war. The LUCA is working in two main areas: supporting those, who fled the war, here, in the UK; and sending medical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. LUCA is also promoting Ukrainian culture via a series of history lectures, master classes based on Ukrainian traditions and supports Ukrainian Saturday School in Leeds.

Chair's statement

LUCA is operating from Leeds Ukrainian Community Centre. The centre is well known amongst members of the public, which means that everybody has extremely easy access to speak to trustees of the charity about our work. The ease of access to these trustees has certainly helped to build a feeling of trust amongst those wishing to donate. The general public have realised that we can deliver aid, as it is required in a timely and efficient manner, with fully transparent activities. Over the years our reputation as a reliable, trustworthy charity has led to our name being ever more well known and has increased our workload significantly.

We have completed many requests for help that have been sent to us. These continue to be ever more varied as time goes on. The needs have changed slightly, but the results are still the same in that every single item purchased or any assistance given has helped to save many lives.

Refugees arriving in Leeds are still being signposted to our Community Centre by Leeds City Council. The need for any personal items they might need on first arrival into the UK is still there but along with that is an even greater need for assistance in setting up their own homes. After 3 years of war, the majority of the refugees are moving into their own accommodation, but without the support of their families and friends they are turning to LUCA for help in moving on with their and their children's lives. The help given by LUCA in these circumstances provides families with stability and improves their mental health. We continue to be a central point for anybody needing help.

Our work has also included providing subsidised meals for refugees on Saturdays. We find that on that day everybody comes to our centre to take part in organised events, meetings, children's Saturday school or just to socialise with others. The fact that we can provide something to eat while they are there encourages people to come without having the additional problem of bringing something to eat for themselves and their children as many of them live on the outskirts of the city and can be travelling for quite a time. The difference this has made in particular to the children has been incredible as they meet up with old friends and make new ones as children should be doing.

2024-2025 financial year has seen increased demand in help sought from Ukraine, which created challenges for us to fulfil those requests. We have managed to provide similar level of support provided for the displaced community as in 2022 and 2023, despite the information and donation fatigue and severe volunteer's fatigue. We have sought new ways of effective management, communication and engagement.

February 2024

In February we have received a 5,600 euro donation from Innovative Technology Solution, business in Lithuania and purchased a pickup truck, which was sent to Ukraine.

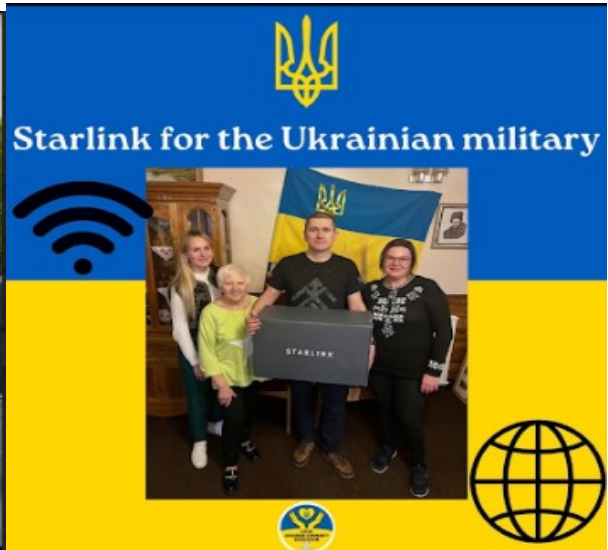


March 2024

We have continued to support our amateur choir with music equipment (speakers, keyboard etc) and ethnic ukrainian costumes

- In March following aid to Ukraine has been provided
- batch of spanbond material ,used for safety net weaving by volunteers community in Vinnitsya in Ukraine
 - a starlink system for Ukrainian soldiers to provide better communication with loved ones
 - 2 pairs of ant concussion safety headphones for Ukrainian soldiers
 - Jeep Cherokee-pick up truck for evacuation of wounded soldiers in Ukraine, filled with sleeping bags ,hygiene items, crutches and many more much needed items.





We have celebrated Mother's day and International women's day with our wonderful Ukrainian women and volunteers



April 24

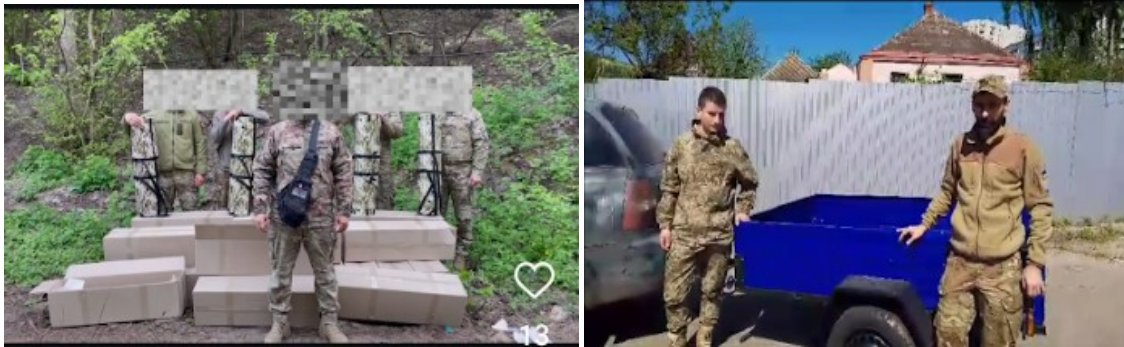
Small Easter celebration for the community was held in April ,bringing people closer together and allowing us to maintain Ukrainian traditions ,away from homeland. This was attended by Father Igor, orthodox ukraininan church priest ,blessing traditional easter baskets .



In April following aid to Ukraine has been provided

- 21 medical stretches “Leleka” -new generation of lightweight stretches, useful in field conditions , on request of one of Ukraine army units , being sent to frontline.
- A Trailer for a vehicle-on request of a group of soldiers, moving from one position to another on frontline and unable to move their belongings and equipment without a trailer

- 2nd batch of spanbond material to weave safety nets



May 24

- We have received a £2,000 grant from Hill Dickinson Foundation to help Ukrainian displaced community and started our successful ongoing project with the help of the funds - every Saturday our wonderful volunteers provide nutritious and tasty traditional Ukrainian lunches for displaced community .



- We have organised a visit for Ukrainian soldiers, training in Yorkshire military base ,bringing sweets,chocolates and performing concert of Ukrainian and contemporary music, expressing the words of gratitude for their service and boosting morale .
- We have had a visit to United Kingdom parliament, meeting with Foreign Minister and members of opposition in parliament , discussing aid to Ukraine and challenges we,as a Ukraine charity, face ;expressing gratitude for Uk government continuous support to Ukraine and relaying the needs of Ukrainian people .





- We have celebrated Vyshyvanka Day-day of national unity and pride for Ukrainian heritage , wearing vyshyvankas and singing Ukrainian songs .



In May 24 following aid to Ukraine been provided:

- Welding repair of frame of one of the pick up truck used for evacuation of soldiers ,otherwise in working condition



- Pick up trucks for evacuation of soldiers, bought and sent to Ukraine with medical and humanitarian aid



- 2 starlink systems for soldiers, to help to have stable connection with loved ones



June 24

- Pick up trucks for evacuation of soldiers, bought and sent to Ukraine with medical and humanitarian aid



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We have facilitated Ukrainian business club meet up, when active Ukrainian businessmen got together and shared their experience, success stories and collaborated for startups in Yorkshire.





We have applied for and received £20,000 grant from National Lottery . This grant is for the period of 2 years up to October 2026. Funds are for providing vital work in cooking and serving subsidised lunches and funds to help us to organise celebrations of national significance, until October 26 such as Christmas /St Nicholas party for the children, Malanka, Easter Mother’s day, Eurovision party and Ukraine Independence Day .



July 24

We have organised a trip to Tarasivka , annual Ukrainian festival in Derbyshire ,where lots of Ukrainian music, dancing and performances has been held on stage ,from different community groups of Ukrainians from UK and our guests have experienced lovely day out and seeing how Ukrainian traditions are celebrated in UK , by generations of Ukrainian people,starting from 1950s



We have also provided our Ukrainian choir with some speaker and sound equipment , enabling them to rehearse and perform in front with better sound.



Ukraine in summer 24 started suffering with targeted energy infrastructure destruction by the drone and rocket attacks, and the need for generators and electro stations equipment was very acute .Next few months would see surge in requests for generators and Ecoflow systems and we started to purchase those in UK and send to Ukraine .

We have purchased and sent to Ukraine starlink system, 2 ecoflow systems and some summer clothing for Ukraine soldiers .





August 24

We have held our 2nd Annual general meeting, discussed important issues and the need for our charity work to continue, perhaps for generation to come ,as impact of war goes towards the need to help veterans, orphans and need for rebuilding Ukraine for decades to come.



In August our displaced families enjoyed trip to Whitby when a wonderful sunny day in combination with ice-cream has provided much needed joyful moments



We have also purchased and sent to Ukraine 2 pickup trucks to aid with evacuation of wounded and deceased soldiers .Vehicles been filled with much needed equipment and medical aid. We have provided masking net weaving team with spandbond material to enable them to make so needed lifesaving nets.





We have organised Ukraine Independence Day celebration -truly vibrant festival of Ukraine culture, music ,food and united Leeds Ukrainian community and friends of Ukraine around need for aid and support .The event was attended by c 250 people







September 24

In September we have provided antidrone device, truly lifesaving device helping medical evacuation team stay alive during drone attacks and evacuate wounded soldiers from frontline to safety.



We also provided 2 ecoflow system and 2 small electro stations.



October 24

In October we have purchased and sent to Ukraine 2 starlink systems ,a pickup and Nightvision device helping awareness of danger during night time evacuation and saving lives



We also organised charity sports run for Ukraine' Defenders day





And at the end of October held Halloween party for our community



November 24

In November we helped with 2 starlinks and 4 antennas to unit defending Chornobyl area



We also started preparing for Christmas season and attended many fundraising events, able to generate vital income to enable us to do more lifesaving aid

We have also started to feel challenges in volunteer's engagement ,in particular in organising fundraising events and have been actively discussing the ways to move forward. The need for passionate active volunteers is a number one issue and we actively trying to adress this .

December 24

December is a season of hope and joy and we have worked hard to provide festive atmosphere for our community much needed happy moments

Our December Christmas fare has helped to create magical atmosphere for the community . We have helped our struggling families with contribution towards high gas bills and food vouchers ,ahead of Christmas





St Nicholas party seen children getting special Christmas presents delivered from Ukraine, reminding them of home and giving hope of happiness ahead.





We have also tried very hard to fulfill as many outstanding requests from Ukraine, ahead of Christmas , providing much needed equipment and show support to those risking their lives and fighting for our freedom.We have bought and delivered 2 minibuses to Ukraine frontline, aiding with logistics ;food and medicine distribution.



We have also provided 4 ecoflow systems and 3 starlinks .Truly December 24 was about helping the community in every way we can



January 25

January seen more care for the community's mothers, children and elderly with help towards high heating bills and living expenses .Overall we helped over 50 families and elderly with cost of winter bills, electric blankets and food vouchers



We have also purchase tires for medevac vehicle , enabling medevac team on frontline to get to remote areas on frontline and provide emergency aid to wounded soudiers.



Malanka-traditional Ukrainian new year celebration was held for the community, giving positive vibes and laughter.





February 25

The month of February brought many worries and anxiety to Ukrainians and friends of Ukraine around the world

We ,as representatives of Ukrainians in UK and Yorkshire ,have been in a spotlight again.

Changing political landscapes meant a lot of uncertainty for future of Ukraine's fight for freedom and survival as independent state, question of support by its allies remained uncertain. With 3d anniversary of brutal Russian invasion approaching, we have united community once again, and reassured them , reiterating that only together we remain strong and unbreakable and only together can help save lives and influence world leaders to continue support for Ukraine.

We have been approached by news channels and media for commentary and given many interviews ,maintaining strong position of need for end of war and starting the process of rebuilding Ukraine and take care of our veterans and orphans.


STAND WITH UKRAINE


LEEDS
 THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE
 FULL-SCALE INVASION OF UKRAINE



MEETING & COMMEMORATIVE WALK & LAYING THE WREATH
24 FEB 2025 Dortmund Square
 (Broad Gate, The Headrow,
 Leeds LS1 8EQ)
6:30 PM
#STOPTHEWAR





Leeds City Centre.
Feb 26 · 🌐
BBC LIVE from Leeds City Centre – February 2... See more



We also have continued to support Ukraine with vital equipment

We have provided a truck, generator, electrostation and 2 ecoflow systems



During the year we have tirelessly fundriased via musical events, organised raffles, lotteries and introduced Friends of Luca scheme in support of our organization.

Our ukrainian dumpling ,lovingly made by our volunteers and then eaten by the community at events and celbrations are truly legendary !







YORKSHIRE'S ONLY UKRAINE CHARITY
INVITES YOU TO BECOME
A FRIEND OF LUCA

Friend receive:

- Monthly draw to win £50
- 15% off any vyshyvankas from our stall
- Priority invitations to charity events
- Tickets to Leeds Comedy Super Club

FILL IN THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE AND SET UP A MONTHLY STANDING ORDER
 Minimum £5 per month.

<https://leeds-uca.co.uk>

YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE TO HELP UKRAINE

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Structure, Governance and Management

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution.

Board of Trustees

Larysa Dumenka -Chair of Trustees

Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee

Dariia Kovnatska -Trustee. Resigned 15/09/2025

Terrance Grayshon-Trustee .

John Morrison Trustee

Roles of Trustees

Responsible for shaping policies and making sure charity activities are in line with public benefit guidelines . Ensure that right policies and procedures, including policies and management processes for safeguarding , serious incidents are in place ,adhered to and reviewed regularly .

Committee board for the year 27/02/24-26/02/25 consisted of :

Larysa Dumenka -Chair of Trustees

Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee

Dariia Kovnatska -Trustee and Treasurer

Terrance Grayshon- Trustee

John Morrisson Trustee

Olga Callaghan-Committee member

Julia Nelson-Legal Representative

Objectives and Activities

1.to provide assistance in the collection, organisation and onward transfer of humanitarian aid from Leeds to Ukraine and neighbouring countries assisting victims of the war in Ukraine

2 .to provide a community hub in Leeds to FAC: facilitate the broadening of knowledge about Ukraine and Ukrainians ; to promote the Ukrainian language, culture and heritage ; to provide support for Ukrainians by means of cultural and social events ; to provide practical support in the form of a free charity shop providing essentials for refugees ; to provide a meeting place for the Leeds community and existing Ukrainian community to welcome and assist Ukrainian refugees

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

LUCA has managed to be a local community charity providing aid, support and advice to people in Yorkshire and an organisation, where displaced community can come to request aid for nearest in

Ukraine or people they know require aid ,uniting people around volunteering and celebrations.

b.LUCA has provided substantial humanitarian aid to Ukraine, helping to save many lives .

Financial review

A. Accounts are prepared on receipts and payments basis.

B.

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association		1199884	
Receipts and payments accounts			CC16a
For the period from	27/02/2024	To	26/02/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	20,719		-	20,719	18,846
Fundraising activities	46,760	-	-	46,760	55,104
Grants	-	25,000	-	25,000	40,620
Gift Aid	5,160	-	-	5,160	4,515
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	72,639	25,000	-	97,639	119,085
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	72,639	25,000	-	97,639	119,085

A3 Payments					
Communication equipment	3,602			3,602	444
Safety Equipment and clothing(boots, sleeping bags ,clothing kits)	9,085			9,085	6,306
Vehicles	44,856			44,856	49,164
Generators	9,323			9,323	5,405
Humanitarian aid (smaller items) and transport cost	-			-	5,059
Aid in UK-events organised		4,066		4,066	5,917
Saturday Ukrainian school		-		-	9,800
Events for ukrainian military in UK	367			367	1,939
Help with household items to displaced people in Leeds		439		439	2,127
Children and family trips organised		1,929		1,929	6,956
English Speaking club		699		699	469
Amateur community choir		2,229		2,229	892
Help to displaced people -winter support etc		5,000		5,000	8,526
Subsided lunches for displaced community		3,799		3,799	-
Cost of fundraising activities					
Food and food prep for fundraising events	780			780	1,073
Fundraising materials cost	3,574			3,574	6,162
Equipment for fundraising events	227			227	632
Fundraising cost-delivery, postage	582			582	817
Fundraising cost-travel expenditure	99			99	462
Other	876			876	615
Sub total	73,371	18,161	-	91,532	112,765

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,371	18,161	-	91,532	112,765
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 732	6,839	-	6,107	6,320
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,641	3,358	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,879	17,167	-	19,046	4,998

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash balance brought forward at Year	1,879	17,167	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,879	17,167	-
	(eg, bank, building society, investments, etc.) payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Larysa Dumenka		04.10.2025
		Viacheslav Semeniuk		04.10.2025

B. Going concern

After making appropriate discussions, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that LUCA has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

C. Reserves policy

- C. At the year end, the Charity held unrestricted General Funds of £1,879. These funds will be used to further the Charity's objectives.

The Trustees have agreed they should maintain the Charity's free reserves to a level of approximately three months expenditure and minimum of £500. This policy is reviewed annually.

- D. Accounts have been independently examined




**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name Leeds Ukrainian Community Association (CIO)		
On accounts for the year ended	26/02/2025	Charity no (if any)	1199884
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 26/02/2025.</p> <p>As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	18/07/2025
Name:	RUTA KISIO - FMAAT		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Accounting Technicians		
Address:	Right Accounts Ltd, Suite 2 Premier House, Newhold Leeds, LS25 2LD		

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Statement on public benefit

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association was started initially due to numerous requests for assistance from Ukrainians in need due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and also the need expressed by other members of the public to have a trusted place to be able to donate in order to help these Ukrainians.

The assistance provided to Ukraine is given as a result of requests received. Every one of our projects has been because of a particular need by the public in Ukraine. We are a local charity and have become increasingly well known so that people find it easy to find us to donate to us. We work closely with anybody who contacts us for help and provide a personal service this means that all help given can be given much quicker and more cost effective with less waste than some larger charities.

LUCA has proved to be of great public benefit on all fronts. Both from the perspective of the donor who trusts us and is reassured that any donations will be used correctly. We are always easy to contact and there is always somebody available to talk through any queries and future projects. Because of this we have been able to build up an atmosphere of trust. Our personal knowledge of Ukraine is important to those asking for assistance who have been reassured that any requests for assistance will be considered and dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Our work has also meant that we have been able to provide material assistance but also been a source of information and advice. This has meant that the refugees coming to us have been able to get the things they needed in one place without the need to search in many different places. We have also had many meetings with Government Ministers and Members of Parliament where we have been able to explain the importance of our work, and stress how imperative it is that we continue to provide this help.

The main benefits to the public are therefore that we are a local charity, easily accessible, have personal knowledge of and contacts in Ukraine and have been able to provide help quickly and in the correct place, have an understanding of the needs of the Ukrainian refugees arriving since the start of the war and can provide a place of safety for them and their children where they can start to rebuild their lives in the UK yet not forget that they are Ukrainian. The wealth of our knowledge continues to expand and the many new contacts we have made both in the UK and in Ukraine all means that we will continue to play an important part in many people's lives for many more years to come offering support to people in need.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Leeds Ukrainian Community Association (CIO)

On accounts for the year
ended

26/02/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1199884

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 26/02/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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Independent
examiner's statement

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Signed:

R. Kisio

Date:

18/07/2025

Name:

RUTA KISIO - FMAAT

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Chair's statement

2023-2024 financial year has seen more aid and more support provided for the displaced community and aid for Ukraine.

March 2023

LUCA received £9,800 grant from Leeds Together for Ukraine Fund and Leeds Community Foundation for Leeds Ukrainian Saturday school, which enabled us to establish and at the end develop Saturday school. Largely thanks to the grant received.



In the beginning of this 2023/24 academic

year we had 56 children registered. Academic year started with 7 teachers and ended with 10 teachers and assistance. 3 of them have extensive school experience of more than 20 years. School

had 6 classes, where children divided not only by age, but by their abilities to speak in English or Ukrainian as well. In addition to English, Ukrainian, History, Geography, Music and Art children now have lessons of Speed Reading, Cultural/Folk Studies, Ethnology and Acting Skills. The school became a heart of Ukrainian community, where both children and parents had come not only for studies but making friends and also established a great support network. School in 24 has become a more independent standalone organisation, as demands for children's places grew and needs of children developed, while teachers and directors have gained more experience and confidence to make it a standalone ongoing project.

In March following aid to Ukraine has been provided: We have part-funded a humanitarian truck going to Ukraine and bought a solar power generator system, on request of a Ukrainian military unit.

April 24

North East Circuit grant of £1,000 has been received for the support of displaced Ukrainian children in the community, which enabled us to provide educational and entertainment trips later on in the year.

Small Easter celebration for the community was held in April, bringing people closer together and allowing us to maintain Ukrainian traditions, away from homeland.

We have also started to do different projects - attending military bases in UK, where Ukrainian soldiers were trained on 6-week courses, before being sent back to the Ukraine frontline. LUCA has organised musical concerts of traditional and modern Ukrainian songs in front of groups of soldiers on those visits, provided snacks, sweets etc for the soldiers and expressed gratitude to soldiers simultaneously lifting their morale and establishing contacts with soldiers and management, if they will be requiring humanitarian support later on, while on the frontline. We have had 5 of those concerts so far, which proved hugely popular with soldiers and enjoyable for our volunteers and musicians and we will be continuing to do those visits for the foreseeable future.



May 23

LUCA has organised and held a Eurovision Song Contest party and screening in our centre. The event was hugely enjoyable and attended by 120+ people, where we provided food, drinks, screened translations on 2 big screens, had a barbecue outside and gathering until late. The event was greatly appreciated by the displaced people community and we had many words of thanks and lovely feedback.



Saturday school children also have had a day trip to Eureka , science museum near Halifax ,expanding their horizons , learning new things and having great adventure time together.



June 23

We have received £10,000 grant from Refugee Council for 3 projects :1. Speaking Club (for adults learning conversational English, grammar and improving overall speaking confidence)



2.Help to families moving on from their Homes for Ukraine sponsors into their own private rented or council funded accommodation ,providing families with white goods and bedding,towels and items of first necessities etc allowing them moving into not so empty accommodations, making life just little bit easier for our traumatised by war families with children in Leeds and nearby areas.

3.Educational and entertainment trips for children in the community ,which allowed us to make the summer more eventful for children and their parents.

We had organised a trips to Bradford Ukrainian club, for the occasion of celebration of 75 year existence of the club with concert, food and entertainment and we have organised coach trip for our community to attend that event and provided food and drinks throughout the day .



Also June 23 had devastating news Nova Kachovka dam has been destroyed , bringing devastation to hundreds of thousands of people in the region.LUCA has organised an emergency appeal and on fundraised money has bought big bulk of Hydrachem water purifying tablets, camp fire stoves and has worked with 2 organisations in Ukraine on providing further aid : sending big bulk of sleeping bags, air mattresses, clothes ,towels to people in Kherson area and has provided necessary funds to our Ukrainian partner Kartoplyani Vijska to buy generators and equipment ,in bulk, which allowed them to distribute power generators and help drying out buildings and equipment in Kherson .





July 23

We have organised a trip to Tarasivka , annual Ukrainian festival in Derbyshire ,where lots of Ukrainian music, dancing and performances has been held on stage ,from different community groups of Ukrainians from UK and our guests have experienced lovely day out and seeing how Ukrainian traditions are celebrated in UK , by generations of Ukrainian people,starting from 1950s



We have held our first charity auction ,attended by Mayor of Leeds, Morley ,some MPs for Leeds area and on fundraised money has bought pick up truck for Ukraine frontline(sent to Ukraine in August 23), allowing fast evacuation of wounded soldiers and bringing food and medicine supplies to frontline .





We have funded our Leeds based displaced community teenagers to attend Plast summer camp ,where they enjoyed scouting activities and building community spirit .



We have organised a trip to cinema for the screening of MAVKA, famous Ukrainian cartoon ,for the children of Ukrainian Saturday school. Screening was in Ukrainian ,allowing authentic experience .



August 23 . We have made and established good working relationship with management of company Bundobust , restaurant business ,dedicating £1 of sale from particular item on menu towards charity and their chosen cause is aid for Ukraine ,and we have become trusted partner on delivering aid to Ukraine. With help of Bundobust we have bought and delivered 5 pick up trucks evacuation vehicles to Ukraine in 23-24 financial year, the sum donated to us during the financial year was £22,332 .



In August 23 alone LUCA has managed to purchase and send to Ukraine 3 pickup trucks and 1 minivan, allowing humanitarian relief to people on and nearby the frontline.



We also have had Ukraine Independence day celebrated in August , this day is of upmost importance to Ukrainians, when we unite for the celebration of our independence , and during the war it became a celebration of bravery of our nation. The evnt was attended by 120+ people, we have organised entertainment concert, food and drink for attending. Great feedback about enjoyable day has been received from many attendees.





September 23

We were managing ongoing projects and held many fundraising events .



October 23

We have provided batch of tourniquets and winter windproof uniform for defenders on frontline.

We have bought and sent to Ukraine further pick up truck .



We have organised hugely enjoyable Halloween party for children in our community and these attending Ukrainian Saturday school, party was attended by c 60 children . Children enjoyed interesting atmosphere, party games, costumes, souvenirs ,sweets and party food and drink .



We have received £5,000 grant from Household Support Fund for helping families during winter season with electric blankets ,low cost energy heaters ,help with high bills during winter season and providing further support . We have helped over 50 households during winter season Dec 23- February 24 ,primarily to single mothers with children of primary school age .

November 23

We have purchased and sent to Ukraine 4 generators and have provided monetary support to our partner in Ukraine Kartoplyani Vljaska, allowing them to purchase food ingredients and making hot dinners for wounded soldiers in hospitals in Kharkiv region .



We have also purchased night vision optic device ,allowing driving at night without light on , making it less risky journeys to and from frontline for the drivers evacuation wounded ,deceased and bringing humanitarian and medical aid

December 23

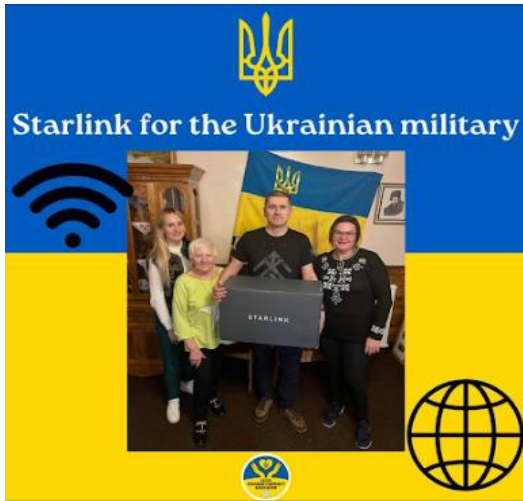
We have received £5,00 grant from D'Oyle Carte foundation for our amateur choir, allowing us to purchase musical equipment and Ukrainian costumes for 18 members of the choir . Our choir continues to improve and brings wealth of benefit for choir members, majority of which displaced people , such as sence of community, purpose, improvement to mental health and for the Ukrainian community overall,as people enjoy choir performances .LUCA continues to show to wider public the art of Ukrainian folk song and tradition.



We have received £1,700 in grants for the community from Leeds city councillors. These funds enabled us to organise St Nicholas day for the children, with concert, present to each child, party food and drink. Around 95 children attended the event and enjoyed magical time ahead of Christmas.



We have purchased a starlink communication system for soldiers on frontline, allowing them to have contact with families and better connection to outside world.



January 24 We have organised Malanka, traditional Ukrainian new year celebration , which was a sold out event, attended by 100 people . Traditional Ukrainian entertainment, food ,drink, choir performance and fun was recived well by the community and lovely feedback passed on.



We have purchased Quadro bike for medical evacuation in Ukraine, further starlink system , further pick up truck.

We had funded another project -helped repair fleet of cars, ambulances ,other medevac vehicles and pick up trucks for 3d International legion on frontline. This project was over vew month and ended in end of March 24 .



We have also purchased and sent to Ukraine batch of 30 windproof jackets to soldiers on frontline , based in the forest and exposed to harsh weather during winter season.



February 24

February 22nd was second year commemoration of the start of war and LUCA has held an event in St Anne Cathedral in Leeds , remembering victims of war , laid wreaths at Cenotaph in Leeds city centre and had a free tea and coffee event for socialising and support ,after the service at the cathedral. The event has been well attended by Ukrainian community, displaced people and dignitaries.



We have purchased 2 further pick up trucks



LUCA has established itself as a trusted hub for the Ukrainian community and provider of humanitarian aid for Ukraine , we continue to receive aid request and fulfil them ,according to

priority and waiting list / We continue to fundraise money for Ukraine via asking for donations , souvenirs , events we have in our centre ,attending fairs and holding lottery, raffles , tombolas and many other ideas our talented and dedicated team proposes and delivers.



Structure, Governance and Management

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution.

Board of Trustees

Larysa Dumenka -Chair of Trustees

Olga Callaghan-Trustee

Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee

Dariya Michayliv-Trustee and Secretary. Resigned on 30/01/2024

Oleksandr Povstyan- Trustee. Resigned on 07/10/2023

Dariia Kovernatska -Trustee. Elected on 07/10/2023

Terrance Grayshon-Trustee .Elected on 07/10/2023

John Morrisson Trustee .Elected on 07/10/2023

Roles of Trustees

Responsible for shaping policies and making sure charity activities are in line with public benefit guidelines . Ensure that right policies and procedures, including policies and management processes for safeguarding , serious incidents are in place ,adhered to and reviewed regularly .

Committee board for the year 27/03/22-26/02/24 consisted of :

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Olga Callaghan-Trustee

Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee

Dariya Michayliv-Trustee and Secretary, until 30/01/2024

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Dariia Kovernatska -Trustee,from 07/10/2023 and Treasury

Terrance Grayshon- Trustee,from 07/10/2023

John Morrisson Trustee,from 07/10/2023

Julia Nelson-Legal Representative

Objectives and Activities

1. to provide assistance in the collection, organisation and onward transfer of humanitarian aid from Leeds to Ukraine and neighbouring countries assisting victims of the war in Ukraine

2 .to provide a community hub in Leeds to FAC: facilitate the broadening of knowledge about Ukraine and Ukrainians ; to promote the Ukrainian language, culture and heritage ; to

provide support for Ukrainians by means of cultural and social events ; to provide practical support in the form of a free charity shop providing essentials for refugees ; to provide a meeting place for the Leeds community and existing Ukrainian community to welcome and assist Ukrainian refugees

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

LUCA has managed to be a local community charity providing aid, support and advice to people in Yorkshire and an organisation, where displaced community can come to request aid for nearest in Ukraine or people they know require aid ,uniting people around volunteering and celebrations.

Financial review

A. Accounts are prepared on receipts and payments basis.

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association		1199884		CC16a			
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Donations	18,846		-	18,846	3,255		
Fundraising activities	55,104	-	-	55,104	13,216		
Grants	-	40,620	-	40,620	4,715		
Gift Aid	4,515	-	-	4,515	-		
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	78,465	40,620	-	119,085	21,186		
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	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-		
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-		
Total receipts	78,465	40,620	-	119,085	21,186		
A3 Payments							
Communication equipment	444			444	1,511		
Safety Equipment and clothing(boots,sleeping bags ,clothing kits)	6,306			6,306	3,140		
Vehicles	49,164			49,164	2,146		
Generators	5,405			5,405	1,173		

Humanitarian aid (smaller items) and transport cost	5,059			5,059	3,931
Aid in UK-events organised		5,917		5,917	1,432
Saturday Ukrainian school		9,800		9,800	-
Events for ukrainian military in UK	1,939			1,939	
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Children and family trips organised		6,956		6,956	
English Speaking club		469		469	
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Cost of fundraising activities					
Food and food prep for fundraising events	1,073			1,073	238
Fundraising materials cost	6,162			6,162	2,769
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,715	3,283	-	4,998	4,357

C.

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Larysa Dumenka	03/07/2024	
E.		Dariia Kovnatska	03/07/2024	

B. Going concern

After making appropriate discussions, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that LUCA has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

C. Reserves policy

At the year end, the Charity held unrestricted General Funds of £230. These funds will be used to further the Charity's objectives.

The Trustees have agreed they should maintain the Charity's free reserves to a level of approximately three months expenditure and minimum of £500. This policy is reviewed annually.

D. Accounts have been independently examined



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name
Leeds Ukrainian Community Association (CIO)

On accounts for the year ended 26/02/2024 Charity no (if any) 1199884

Set out on pages [\(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets\)](#)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 26/02/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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Signed:  **Date:** 09/05/2024

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Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of Accounting Technicians

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Statement on public benefit

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association has been working tirelessly now for two years to not only help Ukrainians who have arrived in the UK since the start of the war with Russia but also those still in Ukraine. Over this period of last two years it has built up a reputation for its efficiency, prompt action and most importantly an organisation that can be trusted completely. LUCA is still operating from the premises of the AUGB Leeds Ukrainian Community Centre which has added to the feeling of stability. There is always one of the trustees of the Charity available to answer any questions. The increase in the number of requests for aid clearly shows that the name of LUCA is widely known as an organisation to be trusted to deliver the necessary aid efficiently and with fully transparent results.

The types of requests for help received from the displaced people has changed over the last year. At first we were being asked for help with the basics of living such as clothing and toiletries, but now the requests received are for household equipment as they begin to move into their own accommodation including food vouchers and gas and electricity vouchers. LUCA has proved that it is pro-active and can respond quickly to any new request for help. To many families this has made their lives just a little easier.

The requests received from Ukraine for assistance have increased greatly. As time goes on nobody believed that the war would still be going on for such a length of time. But supplies in Ukraine are running low and as a result we have the increase in cries for help. People recognise LUCA's reputation and appreciate that LUCA will do its best to help and having a stable presence in the same place for two years has made it easier for people to come in and donate and also conveys a feeling of permanence and reliability.

The sheer number and variety of requests for aid received is proof itself of the success LUCA has made of fulfilling these requests quickly and efficiently. Due to its tireless efforts LUCA has been able to build up a network of other volunteers and charitable organisations in Ukraine to make fulfilling the request easier. Every request for help is dealt with personally and professionally and followed up to confirm a satisfactory outcome. LUCA has become an organisation who can be relied on to do the right thing.

LUCA continues to be source of information, not only for displaced people but also for other organisations who want to deliver aid to Ukraine. The fact that it is so easy to meet with trustees of the Charity and variety of work done has meant that people can get all their information in one place.

Over the last 12 months LUCA has strengthened its position as a reliable, efficient organisation, one that is easy to work with and who will perform without unnecessary delays and transparently. The personal knowledge of the trustees and the understanding of the needs of the displaced people and those left in Ukraine, has created a feeling of reliability, reassurance, hope and faith. All things Ukraine and Ukrainians need so much now.

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Larysa Dumenka	03/07/2024
	Dariia Kovnatska	03/07/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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	On accounts for the year ended	26/02/2024	Charity no (if any)
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

LEEDS UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1199884

Accounts

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association

Annual report & accounts 29/07/22-27/02/23

Introduction

From the first day of the Russian invasion into Ukraine, Leeds Ukrainian Community Association has been helping victims of the war. The LUCA is working in two main areas: supporting those, who fled the war, here, in the UK; and sending medical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. LUCA is also promoting Ukrainian culture via a series of history lectures, master classes based on Ukrainian traditions and Ukrainian Saturday School.

On 29th of July 2022 Leeds Ukrainian Community Association, LUCA became a registered charity incorporated organisation.

Chair's statement

We, trustees of our charity, have known each other for many years and used to come to Leeds Ukrainian community centre in Chapeltown since 2014, that when the Maidan and Crimea annexation happened and our brave soldiers already were fighting off Russian aggression in eastern part of Ukraine. We all could not be indifferent to pleas for help from soldiers and veterans and were organising small Ukrainian community fundraising events, painting exhibitions and community collections since 2014

Sadly start of the war, as we know it on 24th Feb 22, has not been a surprise to us but still has been a shock due to wide scale of destructions Russians were inflicting on Ukraine, bombing cities and towns everywhere, this has turned our lives upside down. We all have relatives, friends and acquaintances in Ukraine, in different regions of the country and were desperate to unite for support required in Ukraine for Ukrainians and to build stronger moral support network for us here, sharing information and tips about how to help relatives and wider community.

We were all hoping this war will be short lived and in couple of weeks we will be able to start rebuilding the damage after the end of war.

On the 27th February 2022 we had our first help request from the start of war, from our old Ukrainian volunteer contact, asking to help with purchasing of safety equipment. Everyone was pouring messages of support, including friends, work colleagues, neighbours and general members of public. We are forever grateful to British public for helping us in these difficult times.







Despite hoping the war will be short lived , we found ourselves realising that as war continues, more and more people require help , more destruction happen in Ukraine and it became clear our activities will be required for decades , long after the war has hopefully ended by then, in rebuilding Ukraine and supporting newly formed Ukrainian diaspora here, in west Yorkshire.

We worked closely with Leeds city council trying to make things easier for newly coming refugees in Leeds and surrounding areas , we have been an information centre for newcomers , we have organised free clothes and necessity shop ,where newcomers ,some deeply traumatised and with little possessions, could get whats required -ie clothes, household items, hygiene items ,food and ask for specific items or something extra just to make them feel better ,we even been distributing Vodafone sim cards to new arrivals , to help communication and isolation prevention. In Summer 22 we have started speaking club-helping displaced people communicate in English .



We have formed a Saturday school for the children to learn Ukrainian language, history, traditions music and many more subjects.We have dedicated teachers,all newcomers from Ukraine, trying to make children experience at school fun ,despite those children suffering aftermath of leaving warzone and missing their fathers and family members ,left behind in Ukraine either fighting on frontline or supporting economy and vital infrastructure inside the country.

We organise celebrations of Ukrainian significance ie Christmas dinner, kids St Nicholas day party and presents for 120 kids,Defenders day, Mother's day, Ukraine independence day so people unite as a community and feel

mutual support in a faraway country, away from home and loved ones









Our projects in 2022 financial year involved:

Purchases of batches of safety equipment,safety boots and clothing, 2 bulk batches for wounded soldiers in hospitals (over 800 kits) , thermal underwear kits for soldiers (c 400 kits) Satellite phones and radio systems , plus running cost of operating those, hundreds of second hand mobile phones ,dozens of computer tablets ;dozens of tourniquets , 2 humanitarian aid trucks loads with 23 pallets of hygiene items, food, baby items etc; 6 power generators ,Solar power generator system ; lantern lights for orphanage ;debri clearing equipment

60 good quality winter waterproof sleeping bags made in Ukraine for Zaporizya national guard team .

Fully equipped ambulance vehicle

Structure, Governance and Management

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a constitution.

Board of Trustees

Larysa Dumenka -Chair of Trustees
Olga Callaghan-Trustee
Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee
Dariya Michayliv-Trustee and Secretary
Oleksandr Povstyan- Trustee
Gennadij Korolchuk-resigned August 2022

Roles of Trustees

Responsible for shaping policies and making sure charity activities are in line with public benefit guidelines . Ensure that right policies and procedures, including policies and management processes for safeguarding , serios incidents are in place ,adhered to and reviewed regularly .

Committee board for the year 29/07/22-27/02/23 consisted of :

Larysa Dumenka -Chair of Trustees
Olga Callaghan-Trustee
Viacheslav Semeniuk-Trustee
Dariya Michayliv-Trustee and Secretary
Oleksandr Povstyan- Trustee
Julia Nelson-Legal Representative

Objectives and Activities

1. to provide assistance in the collection, organisation and onward transfer of humanitarian aid from Leeds to Ukraine and neighbouring countries assisting victims of the war in Ukraine

2. to provide a community hub in Leeds to FAC: facilitate the broadening of knowledge about Ukraine and Ukrainians ; to promote the Ukrainian language, culture and heritage ; to provide support for Ukrainians by means of cultural and social events ; to provide practical support in the form of a free charity shop providing essentials for refugees ; to provide a meeting place for the Leeds community and existing Ukrainian community to welcome and assist Ukrainian refugees

Achievements and performance

a. Statement on public benefit

Leeds Ukrainian Community Association was started initially due to numerous requests for assistance from Ukrainians in need due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine and also the need expressed by other members of the public to have a trusted place to be able to donate in order to help these Ukrainians.

LUCA is operating from the Leeds Ukrainian Community Centre. The centre is well known amongst members of the public which means that everybody has extremely easy access to speak to trustees of the charity about our work. The ease of access to these trustees has certainly helped to build a feeling of trust amongst those wishing to donate. The general public have realised that we can deliver aid as it is required in a timely and efficient manner with fully transparent activities.

The many and varied requests completed have all come about from a need expressed by members of the public. Every single item purchased or help given in any other way has changed somebody's life. When refugees started arriving in the West Yorkshire area they were signposted to the centre where we had set up a room full of anything people would need on immediate arrival. These refugees had absolutely nothing, they were unbelievably grateful, and many tears were shed when they saw how we could make their lives just a little easier. Requests have changed now to include items required when they start moving from a sponsor into their own accommodation. The help we have provided has made a difference to many lives of parents and children.

The assistance provided to Ukraine has also been given because of requests received. Every one of our projects has been because of a particular need by the public in Ukraine. The benefits to all are that members of the public are easily able to donate as we are a local charity. Also, we provide a personal service and all help given can be given much quicker and more cost effectively than some larger charities.

LUCA has proved to be of great public benefit on all fronts. Both from the perspective of the donor in that they have easy access to discuss any donations and projects that we might be planning and because of this we have been able to build up an atmosphere of trust. Our personal knowledge of Ukraine has been of benefit to those asking for assistance who have been reassured that any requests for assistance will be considered and dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Our work has also meant that we have been able to provide material assistance but also been a source of information and advice. This has meant that the refugees coming to us have been able to get the things they needed in one place without the need to search in many different places.

The main benefits to the public are therefore that we are a local charity, easily accessible, have personal knowledge of and contacts in Ukraine and have been able to provide help quickly and in the correct place, have an understanding of the needs of the Ukrainian refugees arriving since the start of the war and can provide a place of safety for them and their children where they can start to rebuild their lives in the UK yet not forget that they are Ukrainian.

Financial review

A. Accounts are prepared on receipts and payments basis.

B. Going concern

After making appropriate discussions, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that LUCA has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

C. Reserves policy

At the year end, the Charity holds unrestricted General Funds of 1,345 . These funds will be used to further the Charity's objectives.

The Trustees have agreed they should maintain the Charity's free reserves to a level of approximately three months expenditure and minimum of £1,000 . This policy is reviewed annually.

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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	29/07/2022	To	27/02/2023	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	3,255		-	3,255	-
Fundraising activities	13,216	-	-	13,216	-
Grants	-	4,715	-	4,715	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	16,471	4,715	-	21,186	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	16,471	4,715	-	21,186	-
A3 Payments					
Aid to Ukraine		-	-	-	-
Communication equipment	1,511		-	1,511	-
Safety Equipment and clothing(boots,sleeping bags ,clothing kits)	3,140	-	-	3,140	-
Vehicles	2,146	-	-	2,146	-
Generators	1,173	-	-	1,173	-
Humanitarian aid (smaller items) and transport cost	3,931	-	-	3,931	-
Aid in UK-events organised	-	1,432	-	1,432	-
Cost of fundrasing activities				-	
Food and food prep for fundraising events	238			238	
Fundraising materials cost	2,769			2,769	
Equipment for fundraising events	175			175	
Fundraising cost-delivery, postage	258			258	
Other	56	-	-	56	-
Sub total	15,397	1,432	-	16,829	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,397	1,432	-	16,829	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,074	3,283	-	4,357	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,074	3,283	-	4,357	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash balance brought forward at Year	1,074	3,283	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,074	3,283	-
	account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ldumenka	Larysa Dumenka	07/10/2023
			07/10/2023

