

SURVEY OF THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY IN KERRY MAY 2024



**The Ukrainian community's voice on
settling into life in Kerry**

By Kerry Community Integration Forum

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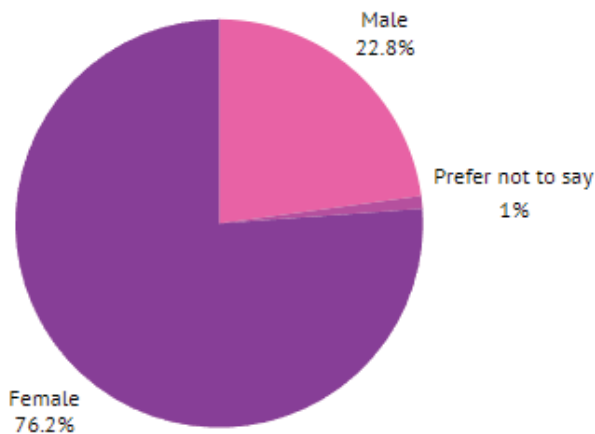
VOICES OF THE UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY IN KERRY: INTEGRATION BARRIERS SURVEY - MAY 2024

In November 2022, the Community Response Forum (now the Community Integration Forum) decided to undertake a survey of the Ukrainian community in Co Kerry to ascertain some information on their integration needs and obtain some demographic information, as well as hear the opinions of the community. The results of this survey were pivotal in directing the work of the Forum and its subgroups. The power of the survey was that it allowed the voice of the Ukrainian community themselves speaking to policy makers/service providers, as opposed to agencies deciding what was needed for the community. Now more than 18months later a similar survey has been re-conducted, where by the Forum can hear the voice of the community, and understand their current needs and challenges, and can develop initiatives tailored to promote their health, wellbeing and inclusion.

Kerry Community Integration Forum comprises of representatives from the following organisations: TIRC - Tralee International Resource Centre, KASI - Killarney Immigrant Support Centre, HSE, TUSLA, CYPSC, Department of Social Protection, Kerry County Council, Local Authority Integration Team, Kerry Volunteer Centre, TFI Local Link Kerry, Kerry ETB, South Kerry Development Partnership (SKDP), North East West Kerry Development (NEWKD), IRD Duhallow, Listowel Family Resource Centre, Kerry County Childcare Committee, Fexco, Peter McVerry Trust, SVP, Irish Red Cross, Kerry PPN, An Garda Síochána, Tralee & Killarney Chamber of Commerce, Irish Hotels Federation, Citizens Information Services, KDYS and MTU.

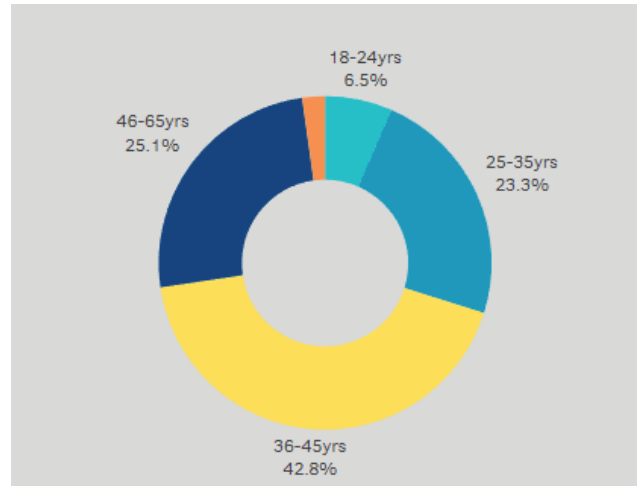
A total of 784 people answered the survey which was conducted online. This represents almost 10% of the Kerry Ukrainian community.

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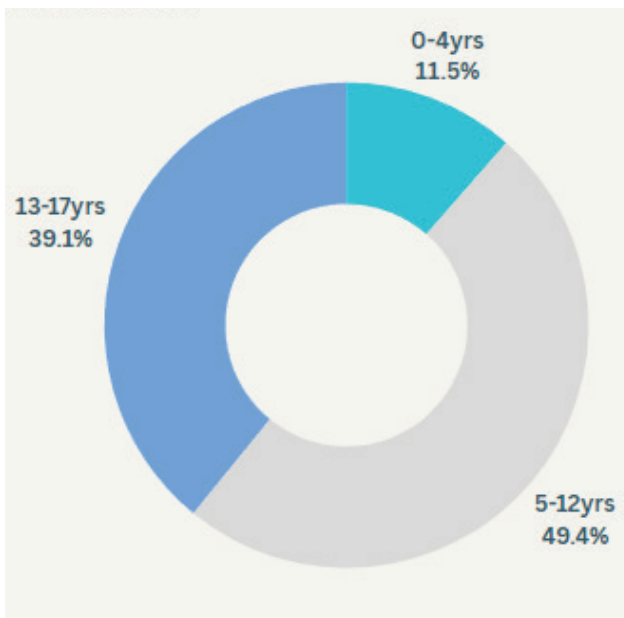
GENDER BREAKDOWN

More than 75% of the respondents were female, which is representative of the community here, as most males stayed behind in Ukraine.



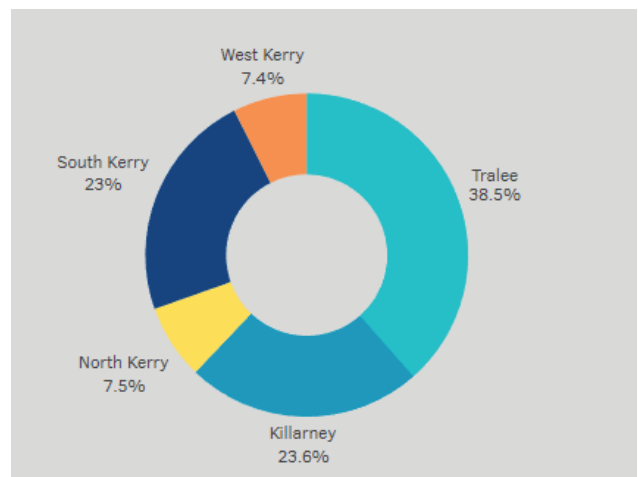
AGE BREAKDOWN

There was a good range of ages represented in this survey replies, which is indicative of the community make up. The largest proportion were between 36-45 years of age (almost 50%).



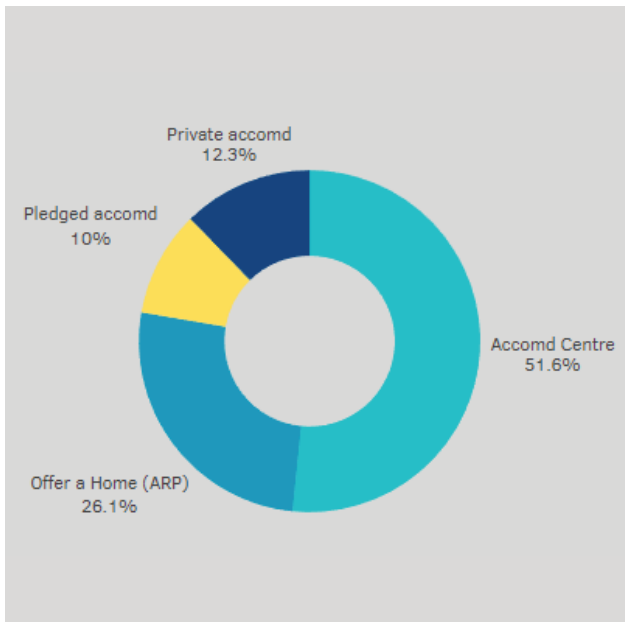
AGE OF CHILDREN

In terms of children, 60% of respondents had children with them, and the majority had one child only, Looking at the ages of children, the primary school ages were the most predominant.



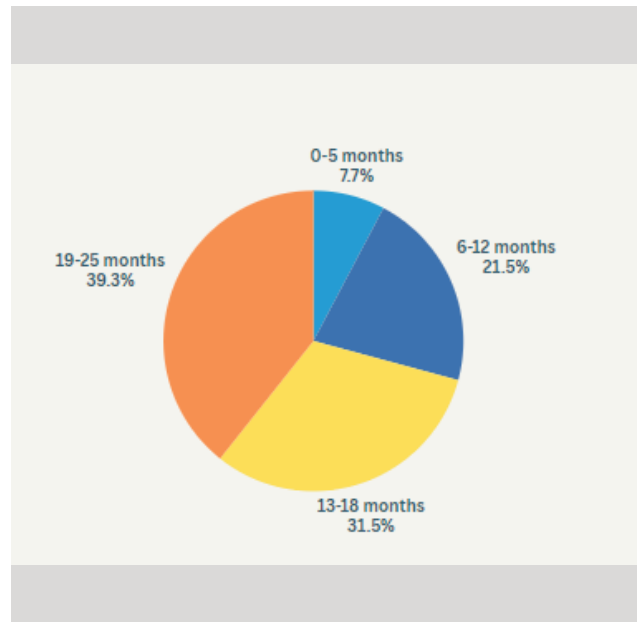
REGION LIVING IN

There was a good spread of the county represented in the replies, with the majority in Tralee and Killarney and South Kerry, which again reflects the settlement patterns.



CURRENT ACCOMMODATION

More than half of the respondents (51.6%) were living in accommodation centres. Comparing this to the November 2022 survey where there were 71% living in accommodation centres shows the change due mainly to the Offer a Home/Accommodation Recognition Payment (ARP) scheme and an increase in Private Accommodation. There were 26% of the respondents living in ARP homes.



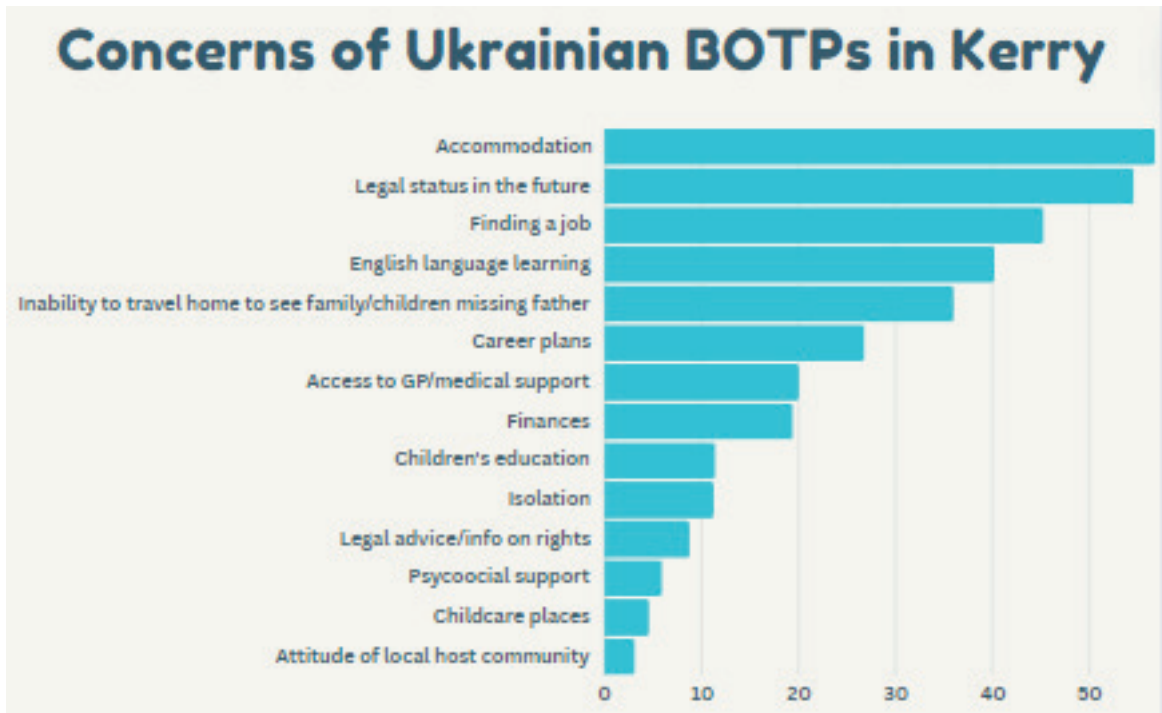
LENGTH OF TIME RESIDING IN KERRY

Almost 75% of respondents have been living in Kerry for between 1 to 2 years. Only 7.7% were here less than 6 months.

CONCERNS

The community were asked to rank their main concerns at the moment, which gave interesting insights into what were the main issues for them.

The top concern was in relation to accommodation and finding somewhere to live (57% chose this). Their legal status in the future was a close second as a main concern (54.7%). The concern about finding a job was high also (45.3%), as was learning English (40.2%). The fifth highest concern was the inability to travel home to see family, and that children were missing the connection to their fathers (36%).



There were 37 comments in 'Concerns' section, mostly relating to concern over access to services here and housing. A sample are presented here:



I am asking you to develop a lending program for Ukrainians to purchase transport for finding employment outside of the locations where we were settled, this will facilitate integration.

We are afraid that the contract for our accommodation will be ended and we will be reaccommodated in a new, unknown location. Unfortunately, private rentals are very hard to find.

Insufficient amount of public transport

Psychological support for my children, they miss their home, their father, their friends and their pre-war life

I'd like to have more clarity regarding my future status following March 2025. I wish we could obtain Permanent IRP after that, and our residence term under Temporary protection to be reckonable for further legalization.

Why I have no right to travel abroad on my legal holiday without permission from UCTAT? I'm working in this country for 2 years and paying all taxes for this country...

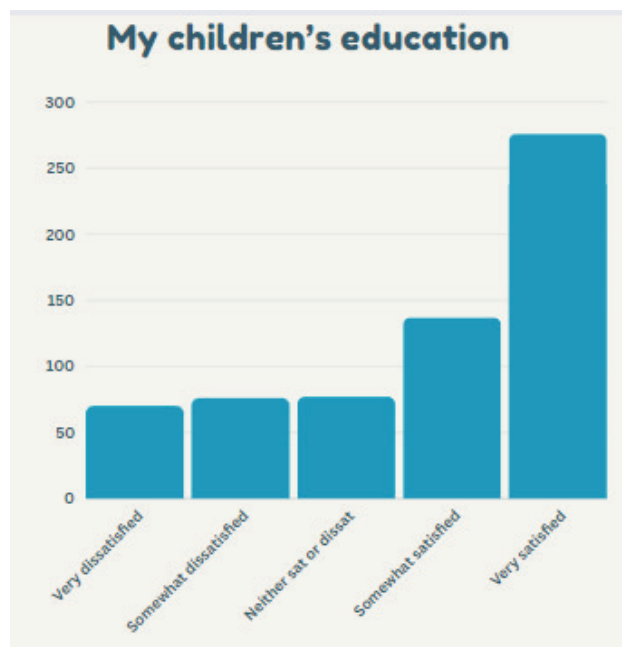
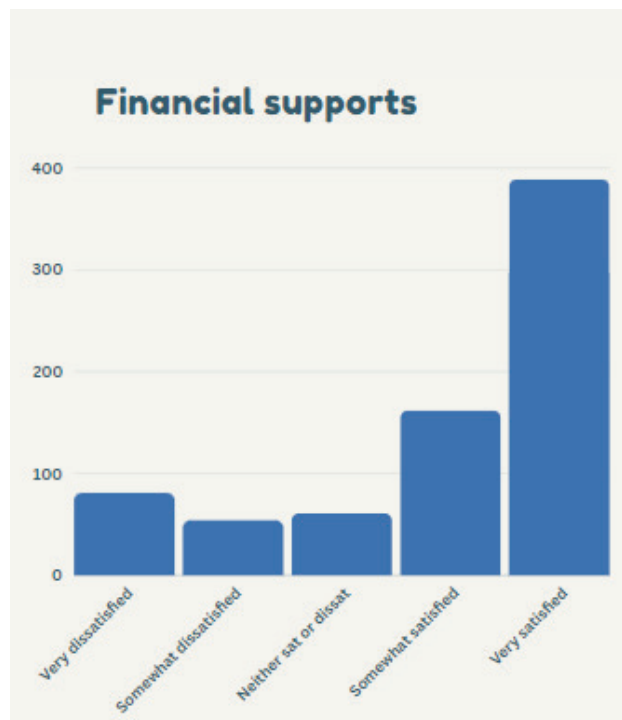


SATISFACTION WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES IN KERRY

The survey asked how the respondents could rate their satisfaction with the following aspects of their lives:

1. Living conditions/current accommodation
2. Financial supports
3. Language learning
4. Support to find accommodation
5. My children's education
6. Access to GP/medical care
7. Psychological supports
8. Information on rights/benefits

They were asked to rank them from very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, neither satisfied or dissatisfied, somewhat dissatisfied to very dissatisfied. Looking at the skew of the replies there is a very strong swing to satisfaction for current living conditions, financial supports¹ and children's education. The other categories are more or less even across the satisfaction ratings, with mostly trending to satisfaction.

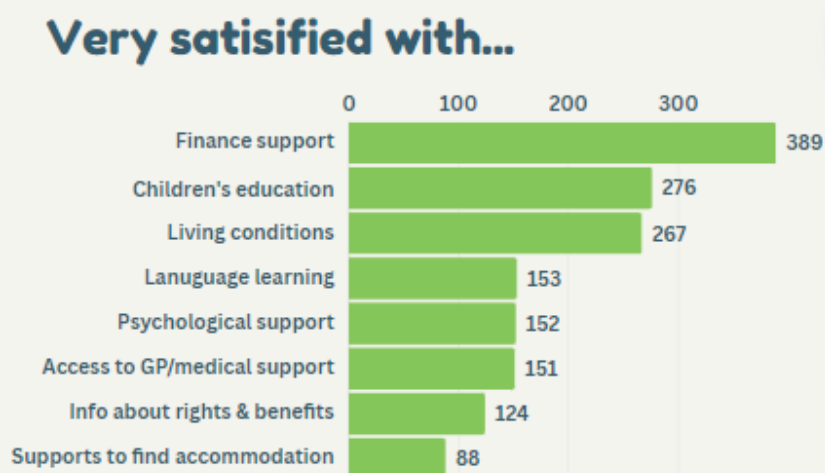


¹ this survey was completed before the announcement of the proposed reduction in the social welfare payment to all BOTPs

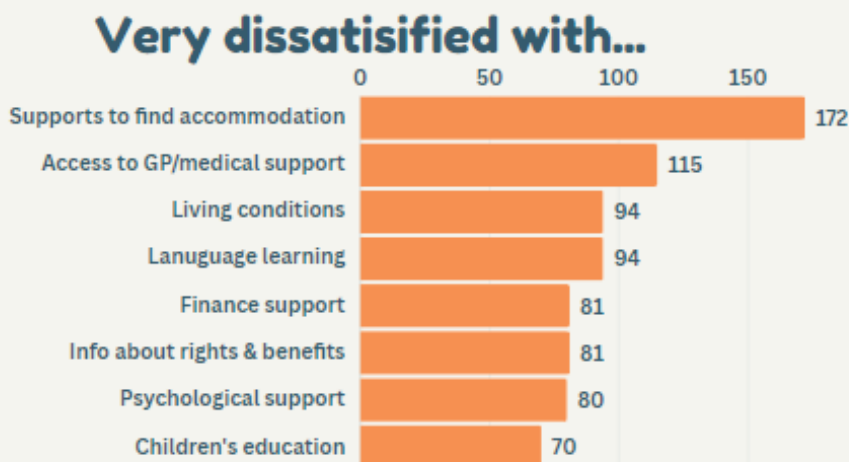
There was one exception, which was 'support to find accommodation' which has a clear swing to dissatisfaction.



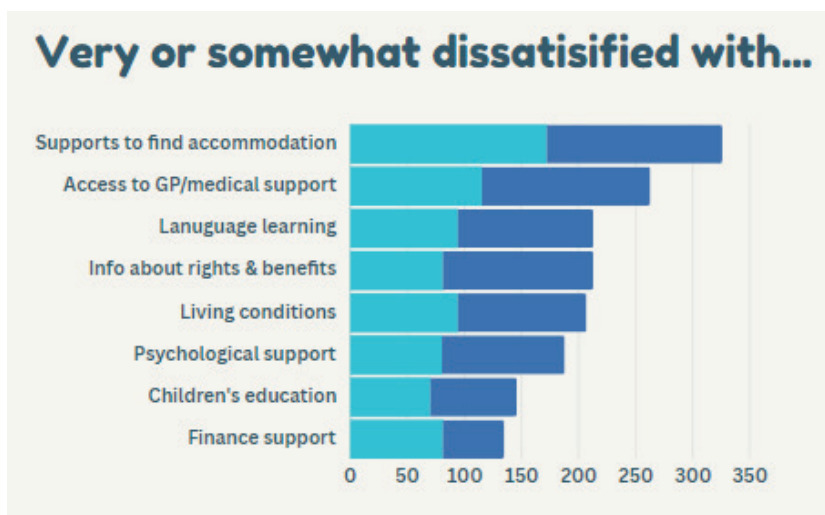
Looking more closely at the very satisfied categories, these were for finance supports they were receiving¹ and their children's education and their current living conditions. People were very satisfied to a lesser extent with English language learning and psychological supports and access to GPs/medical care.



Looking at their dissatisfaction with aspects of their current life, the main factor was support to find accommodation. Next highest in terms of people being very dissatisfied were access to GPs/ medical care, living conditions and language learning.



When we add the very dissatisfied and somewhat dissatisfied ticks together the pattern changes slightly - the supports to find accommodation is still top in terms of dissatisfaction, with access to GP/medical supports second. English language learning and information about rights and benefits now moves up higher, and living conditions move down. In terms of living conditions, it is likely that some people are very dissatisfied due to their particular circumstances e.g. many sharing a room, or less suitable accommodation, rather than a general overall dissatisfaction, which would explain the dropping down of this when the very and somewhat dissatisfied are combined.



When asked to explain more when they had ticked very dissatisfied there were 135 comments, which could be grouped into comments about finding accommodation (37); access to medical services (31), English language learning (12), lack of information/support (10), current accommodation conditions (9) and the rest were miscellaneous.



Sample of comments from those who ticked very dissatisfied:

We were 4 adults accommodated in one room, when there are places in the hotel

Living conditions are unsatisfactory, in our settlement there are centers with better conditions and better food, for which the residents do not pay 10 €/ day per adult and 5 €/ day per child. In our housing, we pay money every week for low-quality food. For the period of absence in the apartment, we are also forced to pay for services that we do not receive.

English courses, without checking the level, it is not clear how they teach, there is no intensity, the teachers are very weak, even though they are native speakers of the language. Everything about the courses is very bad. I study by myself and this and that is better than on courses!

Very few hours of learning English language.

To make an appointment with a specialized doctor, it takes more than a year. Quality of dentist services is very poor, but extremely expensive. Help with accommodation is very slow and inefficient so far.

Assistance with housing in the county, absent.

Perhaps it would be good to create a Telegram group where you could look at housing and even better an organisation that could help Ukrainians find housing and conclude a contract.

There is a big problem with housing, we have been living in the same room for 2 years, I am with my mother, a teenager and a small child. There is no housing under the program, it is very expensive to rent it yourself, and if there are options, Ukrainians without work do not want to rent, and I cannot work because I have a small child in my arms.

Access to an ultrasound or X-ray during an immediate need is not possible.

In our town, I tried to find a psychologist for my family, to which I was told to go to a medical institution.

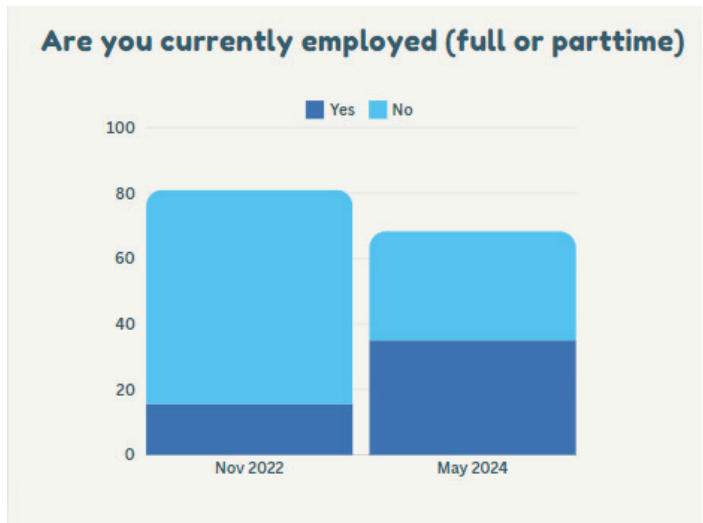
It would be very appropriate to hear how to prepare for an interview with examples of questions that employers ask and the answers they want to hear and what questions the candidate should ask (generally explain the local rules of the game in the labour market).



WORK AND TRAINING

There were a series of questions about work and training. In terms of current employment status there were 33.3% employed – 14.4% were full time; 15.1% part time and 3.3% were seasonally employed. There were 32.7% unemployed, and 8.8% were carers either for children or adult dependants. Students accounted for 10.2% of respondents (similar to the number of 9.9% in 2022).

When comparing employment rates now to Nov 2022, there has been almost a doubling of the number employed, as people have improved English skills, and have had time to settle in and find employment.

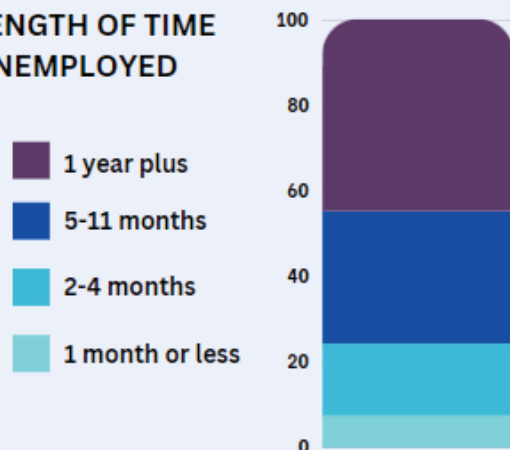


The breakdown of the replies to current employment status are shown in the table below:

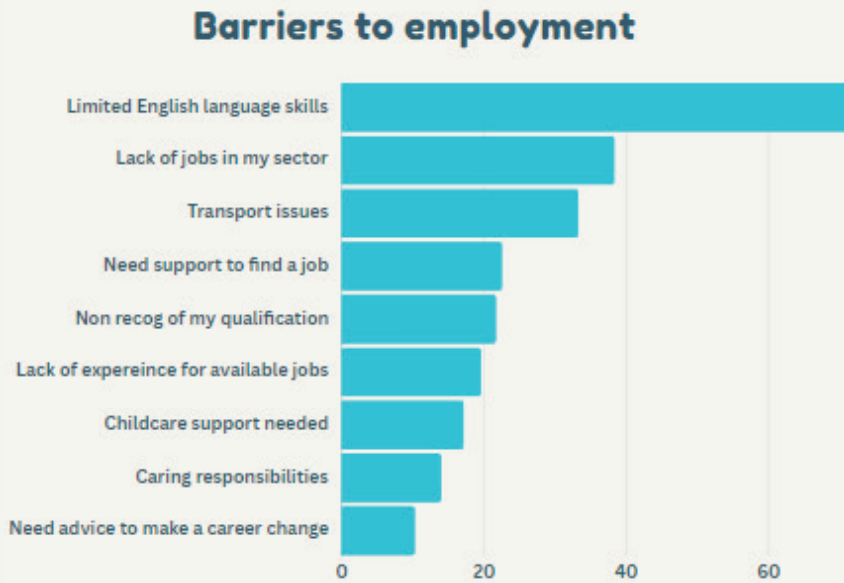
Status	Percentage
Unemployed	32.7
Employed fulltime	14.4
Employed part time	15.1
Employed seasonal work	3.8
Tus/CE/WPEP scheme	5.9
Self employed	2
Full time student	10.2
Carer for child/adult dependent	8.8
Retired	2.9

More than 75% of those that were unemployed, had been unemployed for more than 5 months (75.7%), with almost half (45%) being unemployed for a year or more.

LENGTH OF TIME UNEMPLOYED



Main barriers to employment



When respondents were asked to identify what they saw as their main barrier to employment, the one stand out barrier was limited English language skills, with almost 75% citing this as their main barrier.

There were 22 comments in relation to barriers to employment, including the following:



Limited knowledge of the English language for work by specialty

I am working for the second season in a restaurant, and between a season, it is almost impossible to find a job in Kerry in the winter if you live in a rural area.

It takes a long time to obtain driver's license, which is required for my job.

Just no reaction to any of my job applications.

I work part-time, it is difficult to find a job in the place where I live

I can't have my career path in the small town. And can't move with a child to the bigger city, I don't know how to handle housing and childcare.

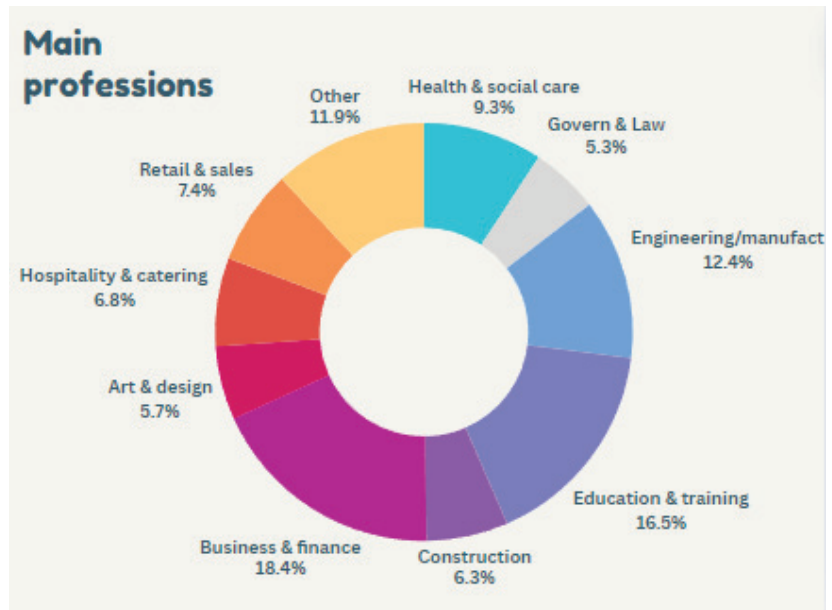
The child just started to attend school and it is difficult for him to adapt, so sometimes I have to pick him up after 1-2 hours, which does not allow me to plan any actions.



Qualifications

In terms of qualifications the group were very well qualified, with more than half (53.4%) having a Professional NVQ Level 8+ qualification. There were 17.1% with an Honours or Ordinary Bachelor Degree, and 25.5% had NVQ Level 4-6 (This tallies with CSO 61% had achieved an NFQ level equivalent to 7 or higher).

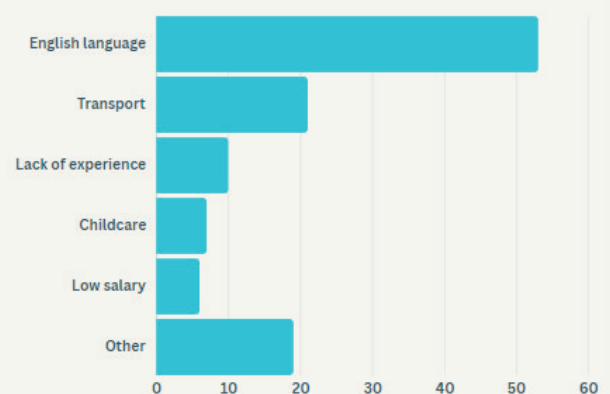
The main professions of the respondents are varied with business and finance, education and training, health and social care and engineering and manufacturing being in the top professions.



Almost half (44%) wish to continue their career in Ireland, 31% are looking for any kind of job, and 24% want to find a new profession. In terms of new professions, they were interested in pursuing, the main ones identified were chef/baker, hospitality, beauty/hairdresser and IT. Several people also chose business, social work, accountancy, construction and transport/driver.

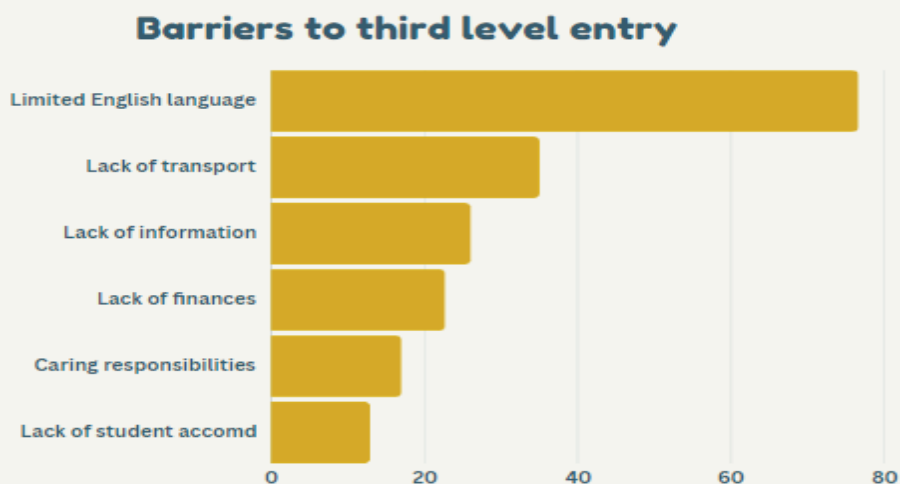
A specific question was asked regarding entry to the hospitality/customer service industry to ascertain the main barriers to people in regard to getting a job in this sector. There were 116 comments which are summarised in the graph below. Again, limited English language proficiency was the main barrier, followed by transport and lack of experience.

Specific barriers to working in hospitality sector



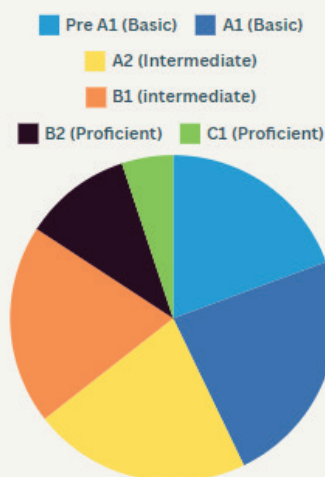
Third level entry

For third level entry the main barrier cited again was limited English language skills, followed by lack of transport and lack of information.



English language proficiency

The respondents self-graded their proficiency in the English language. There was a mix of abilities, but almost half (43%) were Pre A1 or A1 (basic). There were 41% at A2 or B1 (intermediate) level. The remaining were at B2 or C1 proficiency.

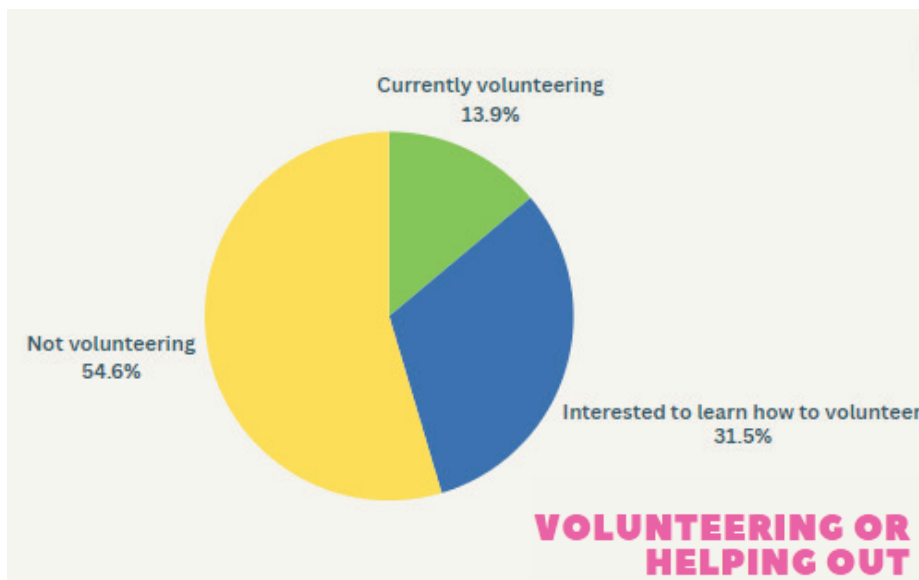


PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH

LEISURE AND VOLUNTEERING

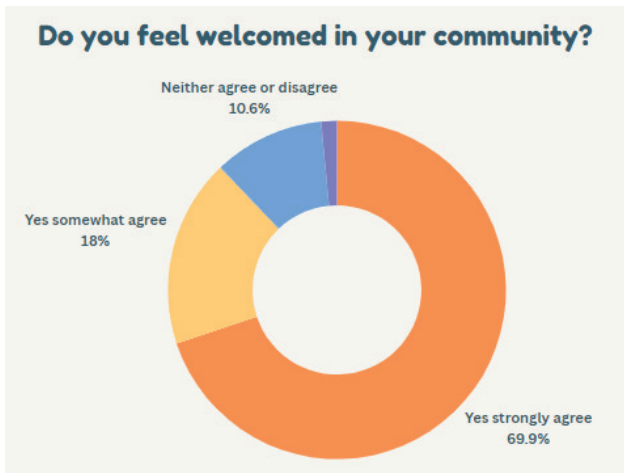
In terms of volunteering, it can be seen that more than half of the respondents are not volunteering at the moment (54.5%) but the other half are either volunteering (13.9%) or are interested in finding out more about it (31.5%).

When asked if they had joined any local groups or sports clubs a quarter of respondents said they had, with the majority being yoga, dance, fitness and hiking. The barriers cited for joining clubs and sports groups are presented in the graph below. English language skills was the main barrier mentioned, followed by lack of information on presence of clubs, and the procedure for joining clubs. Difficulty accessing transport to attend the clubs was cited by 28% of the replies, followed by fear of joining alone, which accounted for almost 25% of replies. These are similar to the replies given in 2022, with English and lack of information on clubs being the highest then also. The most significant change to note over the 18months, is that transport as a barrier as dropped from being a barrier in 47% of replies to 28% in 2024.

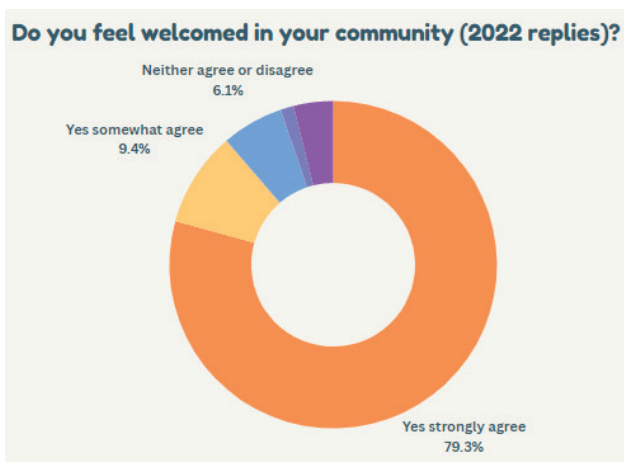


INTEGRATION AND SETTLING IN

When asked if they felt welcomed by the local community, the vast majority said they felt very welcomed in the community, with 88% either strongly agreeing or somewhat agreeing with this statement.



Comparing this to 2022 replies, it is quite similar results, with a 10% reduction in the strongly agreeing/somewhat agreeing category.



For those that disagreed with regards to feeling welcomed there were 43 replies, mostly with regard to feeling discrimination towards Ukrainians. A sample of the comments are given below:

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At first, in 2022, they were happy and treated each other very well, now the difference is felt very acutely, I often encounter open hostility and disrespect for Ukrainians.

I feel support from society, but I think sometimes Irish people still do not understand why we are here and that we didn't have a lack of choice to leave our country or not. But I think everybody needs time. But I am happy that we are here..

Unable to rent housing on their own, Irish people do not want to rent housing to unemployed or part-time workers. And children are taken to kindergarten only from the age of 3 and only for 3 hours a day. This is a hopeless situation!

Several times in the store they expressed themselves in an offensive way about me, thinking that I would not understand.

I was turned down for a job 3 times after an interview, 2 times for clothing stores and 1 time for a job as a graphic designer. As a result, they hired local residents.

70% Irish people do not like or respect visitors from other countries (even though they try to pretend that everything is fine)

far right online attacking

They do not respond to greetings. When meeting, they ask why we are here and when we will leave For example, a person says that he will communicate only with an Irishman

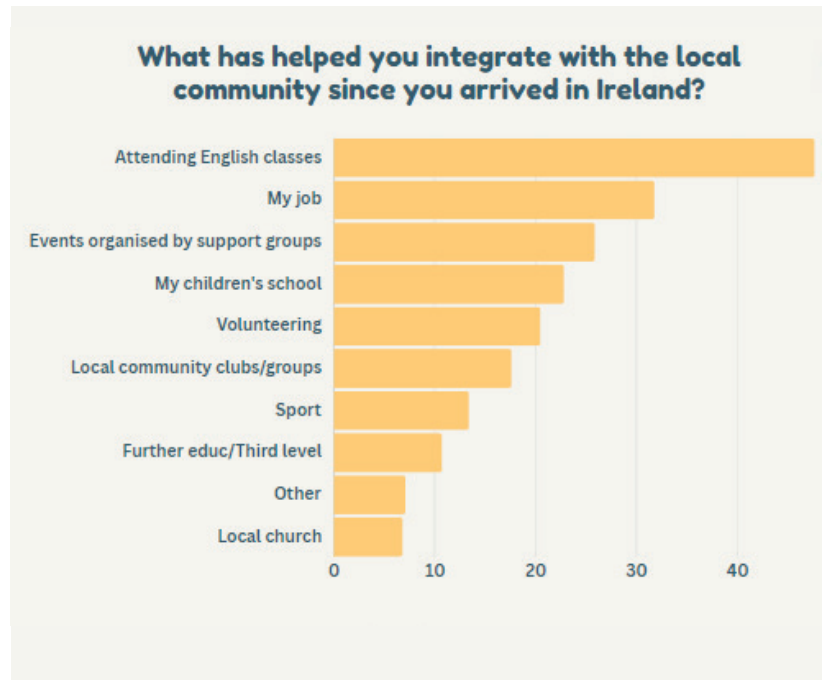
There is a problem that the Irish do not want to rent housing to Ukrainians, because we do not have permanent work and recommendations

People fall for manipulations and simply repeat the ready-made theses offered by the right-wing political wing

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What has helped their integration to date

When asked what had helped them integrate into the local community, almost half said attending English classes (47.7%) had been the best means of integration, with 31.8% choosing their job as the main support. Events organised by local support groups and organisations were also a good support identified (25.9%) and their children's schools also helped (22.8%). Volunteering was also in the top 5 of activities that helped with integration.



Priorities for integration

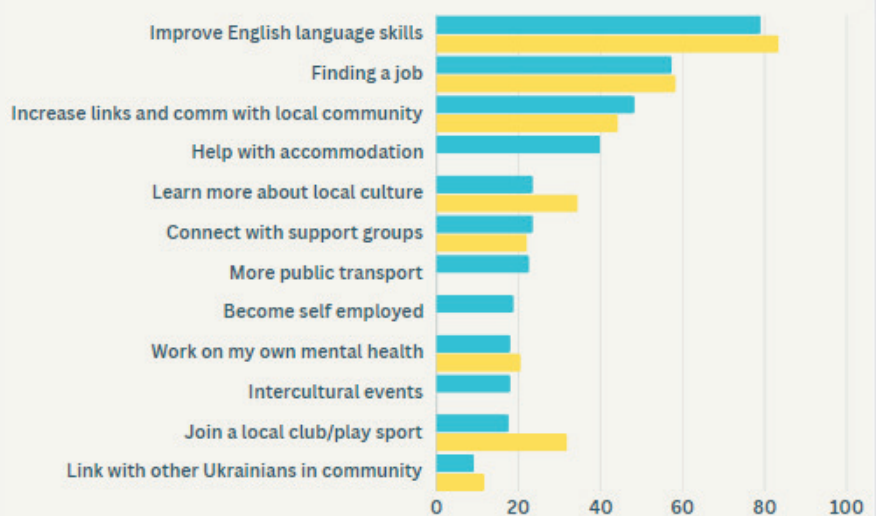
In order to foster a participatory approach, one of the intentions of the survey was to ask the Ukrainian community about their key integration priorities, to help to develop and tailor integration services accordingly. By considering their voices and experience, priorities can be set based not only by policy makers, but also by the target group.

Respondents were asked to identify the most important priorities to promote or improve integration. Survey data revealed that key integration priorities are:

- Improving English language skills,
- Finding a job,
- Increase links with the local community,
- Help to find accommodation

When compared to replies in Nov 2022, it can be seen that there is very little change in these priorities (some categories such as accommodation and transport, self employment etc were not asked in 2022, so no comparison can be made). Joining a sports club or group was chosen by 32% in 2022, but this had dropped to 18% in this survey.

Priorities for integration (comparison to 2022)



FEEDBACK, SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Respondents were asked for general feedback or comments and there were 121 comments, mostly to do with gratitude for the welcome they have received in Ireland. The main request was for more English language classes and more activities for children and adults. Also, they want to be able to have clarity on their future legal status and naturalisation here.

A sample of the feedback is given below:



Noone knows the war end time. Communities think that we are temporary here probably. They would not involve much. I'd see my kids more happy- that would help. maybe after school UA dances or choir activities. Would be great to have a dedicated house of UA culture and have some activities there. It's a lack of relationships within community and within UA community as well. like airport with UA and Irish passengers.

I am very grateful to Ireland for giving me protection, housing, work, the opportunity to live in peace and the opportunity to study. Learning new habits, skills and sensations. Life started from scratch, as if she had just been born. I really want to get a new profession and live a full life in my house in Ireland.

We need more clarity regarding our future legal status, and naturalization terms same as for International Refugees!

The most I am concerned about finding accommodation in Tralee. My mom is diagnosed lymphoma (blood cancer), and she regularly visits UKH to see her doctor haematologist. Currently we live in Waterville, and it takes us 3 hours to get there and vice versa. Blood tests that my mom should take monthly are transported to labs in Cork or Dublin, and we have to wait for results a lot. We even consider an option to move to Dublin or its suburbs to be closer to a hospital. We appreciate any help with our accommodation issue.

More English advanced classes incl. summertime, opportunity to make getaway or journeys during year without bans to be healthier, help with work according my occupation and skills:

Thank you so much for your support and so much attention to needs. In time, I would like to understand what is needed to obtain Irish citizenship, if I still live and work in this country. Will it be like everyone else, or according to some special scheme. thank you

It would not be bad to build social housing with the possibility of buying or something else

Improve transport connection and change the protocol of absence at state accommodation: Allow individuals to be absent for at least one night per week for travel within Ireland. Allow individuals to visit family in Ukraine for at least 10 days within a 6-month period.

Please build apartment buildings so that we can take out a mortgage/buy a home in the future.

English language courses are required for upper-intermediate level. There is none of them.

Start an on-the-job internship program (1-3 months). We have the education, experience and skills. We just need to get into the Irish system in one area or another.

There is a very lack of activities for children.

Single mothers with children need special support.

Allow time to go home



CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The result of this survey represents the voice of Ukrainians in Kerry at this time, and the information provided can be used to guide the work of the Community Integration Forum.

Main Findings



The main barrier for work, integration and further training are their limited English language skills.



Finding their own accommodation is the standout concern emerging through this survey.



Finding a job is also a key concern for people, and this survey was completed before the announcement of the reduction in social welfare payments, so the concern to find a job will only have grown.



Their legal status into the future is an ongoing worry. Their temporary beneficiary status is something that many of them would like to change to more permanent status if they could, as children have settled here, and they have jobs here. The uncertainty of their future status means they feel they are 'living in limbo'.



Being allowed some time to go home to visit spouses and for children to see their father is a key worry. While the families are very grateful to be here and have a safe place to stay, there is the worry of the long term impact on their family, both in terms of their marital relationships and the link between fathers and children.



People feel welcomed and are grateful, though in the 18 months there seems to be a slight slip in their perception of the welcome received.



There are many good ideas suggested in the replies including supports to establish new businesses, and support entry to employment.



The Ukrainian community themselves would like more opportunities to come together and meet each other.

Recommendations

The concerns, needs and ideas raised here will help guide the work plan for the Forum and its subgroups.

Suggested follow up to this survey:

- Establish additional subgroups of the CIF to look at the issues arising here, namely independent accommodation/housing subgroup, activities subgroup & education subgroup.
- English classes – review current delivery of classes and consider expansion of Fáilte Isteach model throughout Kerry, to allow some standardisation of delivery. Set up conversational clubs in accommodation centres and elsewhere with volunteer teachers. Expand the delivery of intensive English classes. Further develop English courses for specific careers. The KELS website and CRM being developed will be beneficial.
- Job internship programmes to give experience of specific roles and also to aid understanding of the Irish workplace for people seeking employment.
- Elevate legal status concerns to Central Government and inform the community of any clarifications.
- Establish a Ukrainian hub where they can meet and run their own events.
- Continue intercultural events to bring all communities together.
- Develop a programme whereby the Ukrainian community can learn more about the local culture.
- Escalate the issue of need to allow families to return home for reasons of family/marital relationships, at least every 6 months.
- Consider the need for extra supports for single mother households.
- Develop a ‘forum’ of Ukrainian community, whereby leaders from the community, can be directly linked to the CIF and ensure views and opinions of community remain at centre of work being undertaken as in opinions of the community.
- The process carried out here needs to be repeated for International Protection Applicants (IPAs) to ensure their voice is also heard and represented at the Forum.

APPENDIX

All the further feedback, comments and suggestions received

There were 121 individual comments. The individual comments are shown below so that the voice of the Ukrainian community is recorded directly. We have grouped some comments that were very similar regarding gratitude to Ireland, need for more English, transport, and clarity re legal future together, and have added the numbers of comments, rather than put all of them separately,



I am very grateful that we were accepted and helped. In fact, this help is very great, and despite some troubles, it is in any case much better than sitting in basements and under missiles.

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4. There is a very lack of activities for children. 5. Single mothers with children need special support.

It would be good if there were consultation centers with Ukrainian-speaking employees who would not throw up their hands and say that it is not for them, or “we don’t know”, etc. I know some who simply “sit on their pants”

Let us go home sometime. Please, more information how to move to the bigger city.

More information about job vacancies, educational institutions for applicants, admission requirements and generally about the education system in Ireland

Well, if a person has two higher educations and a very good education, then he needs to be settled in cities, because good specialists lose heart and lose their qualifications in villages.

Simplify the possibility of integration for medical professionals. Acceptance of their diplomas.

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More English advanced classes incl. summertime, opportunity to make getaway or journeys during year without bans to be healthier, help with work according my occupation and skills: Building machinery and equipment, research works, international business projects in machinery.

Thank you so much for your support and so much attention to needs. In time, I would like to understand what is needed to obtain Irish citizenship, if I still live and work in this country. Will it be like everyone else, or according to some special scheme. thank you

Our family is very grateful to Ireland for its help and we hope we can repay it - by integrating, finding a job (paying taxes) and helping with what is needed!

It would not be bad to build social housing with the possibility of buying or something else

Improve transport connection and change the protocol of absence at state accommodation: Allow individuals to be absent for at least one night per week for travel within Ireland. Allow individuals to visit family in Ukraine for at least 10 days within a 6-month period.

Thank you for your work, add circles with Ukrainian-speaking teachers, more events for children, videos with examples of psychological counseling - at least with blinded people, so that they understand that this is ok.

The Polish community collected 7,000 books in Polish in a library in Cork. Because they know what's next. Ukrainian ones should be as well. There are 10 Ukrainian dance schools and churches in the diaspora in Brazil. In the Ukrainian House of Culture - classes from morning to evening. But they know they're in it for the long haul. It would be good to drink tea with the Irish, if it is something interesting or valuable to them. Gifts for children. Because there is not enough attention for them now.

1. Help is needed in the preparation of powers of attorney and other notarial statements for Ukraine for those who live in Tralee. 2. We need the advice of a local accountant in Ukrainian, because there are a lot of questions. 3. We need an intermediary between the Irish and Ukrainians who want to start their business here, but cannot get in touch with the Irish (emails are not answered, the reception staff does not even allow to speak with an authorized person). There is no mechanism to pierce that veil.

Create a cinema or theater in our town. Renovate the pool, jacuzzi, sauna - for a fee.

To give Ukrainians the opportunity to restore unoccupied or abandoned houses and allow Ukrainians to live in them. Let it count as work for Ukrainians.

Thank you for your work and this survey. It is very nice that someone is interested in this and is trying to do something to improve the current state of affairs. Thank you for the survey. I highly appreciate your effort to improve something in Ukrainian people's lives

Unfortunately, our Hiking club is not working this season because sponsorship has stopped

I want to express my gratitude from the whole family, for the help and support of the wonderful people of this incredible and hospitable island of Ireland

I am very grateful that there are organizations that help Ukrainians. But it was the locals who helped me a lot and continue to help me. And I would like more informational support from organizations.





Thank you so much for such a nice question which help us to show our opinion and position in different aspects of our life here in Ireland

There is no communication with local Community employees (Ukrainians). Listovel

High spirituality, culture and way of life are factors that have become the main priority in choosing between English-speaking countries (Ireland, Australia, USA, Canada, UK etc.)

Lending for the purchase of a vehicle is very important for many Ukrainians

The biggest problem is the lack of housing, very high rental prices and the impossibility of renting housing on your own if there are no recommendations and permanent work

Thank you very much for your support and help!!! Of the wishes, it is to be able to live in the city, if you do not have a car, driver's license..., and understanding what future awaits Ukrainians who arrived recently, in 2024, what they can do to be able to stay in Ireland after the end of the temporary protection

Thank you for your work

Don't worry, be happy!

Help with medicine

I think we need special groups for kids with Gaelic sports, for a better understand of culture.

I really want people to be tested in a calm environment before choosing an English course. I also wish there were access to intensive English courses 5-7 days a week, as this is the most important thing here. I want teachers for the Beginner level who know Ukrainian or Russian. It's good to communicate with native speakers only for those who are at B1 level or higher, but most people are at lower levels, and many don't want to learn English because it's not clear to them and the pace of learning is very slow. Without the language, there's no work, and people are stuck in place; many are like that. I'm studying on my own, but I would like to attend courses 5 days a week. I know there were courses 5 days a week in Dublin, almost all day long, but there's nothing like that in Cahersiveen!

Evening language courses, available and affordable housing, and the opportunity to work in one's profession.

I believe additional measures are needed to engage migrants in sports clubs: announcements, notifications, presentations... There is a noticeable need for communication with local residents. Very interesting.

My family needs a help with finding rent available accommodation in Killarney. If someone can help with it, please let me know

Thank you for this poll

More support in Kerry

More information

Help find land for the development of a business started with an Irishman. Thanks to Ireland for the help provided to us.

Currently living outside the city, there is a problem with transferring my child to developmental sports clubs.

Living in a hotel is becoming increasingly unbearable, and it's impossible for a single woman with children to rent housing on her own.

I am very grateful to you for taking an interest and trying to make our life here more comfortable and accessible. I believe that Ukrainians can bring benefits to the





community. And I dream of starting work and sharing the knowledge and experience I have gained in my life to make people healthy and their lives better.

The Irish government should pay more attention to healthcare (number of doctors) and housing construction

The lack of extended stay facilities for children (for single parents, where a child could stay during the workday) would significantly change the employment situation. If I have to take my child to school at 9 and pick them up at 1, I only have 4 hours (from which I need to get home and then return to pick up the child). Living outside the city, this creates not just an obstacle but a complete lack of employment opportunities, which I desperately need to provide a decent standard of living for my child and plan our future in this country!

I believe the most relevant topics for better social integration are the development of transport infrastructure and the involvement of real estate agencies in cooperation with companies that search for housing. Many homeowners still work only with realtors and do not consider Ukrainians under temporary protection as reliable tenants. Additionally, a large percentage of available housing is located outside public transport zones and is only accessible to private car owners.

More information and organization for people. More opportunities for learning and practicing English.

Assistance with housing and job search.

It's very inconvenient that there are no direct buses for long routes in the country, transfers are very tiring and take a lot of time. There are no facilities for children's development. There is a lack of sports playgrounds for children, only swings for toddlers, and older boys have nowhere to engage in activities. We live in a hotel and it's sad that children have no way to do sports; I can't find any sports sections at all. I would like to find housing somewhere in the city so that the children are closer to local civilization and communication with locals. Living in a hotel severely limits the children's development in every aspect. ((

I will strive to master the language and validate my qualifications.

Consider these two years of residence for future life in Ireland, and the recognition of Ukrainian diplomas.

Allow travel to Ukraine, where there are loved ones.

I am grateful to Ireland for shelter, treatment, and the opportunity to live without war. I would like to learn the language, find a job, and have the opportunity to enroll my child in kindergarten.

I really want a swimming pool to open in Cahersiveen, and I know that many Ukrainians want this too.

I am looking for separate housing in the city of Tralee under the ARP program. I believe that this way I will be able to find a job faster.

There are not enough ongoing activities for children (drawing, dancing, sports, handicrafts), clubs for the development of younger school-age children. We are willing to pay for these activities.

A strong desire for children to study in an English-speaking school, to find separate housing and a job.

I believe that the main problem is having to find out everything through a third party; there is no centralized information. For example, in the community in Listowel, I was told that there are karate courses for small children, but where is



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this information on the official website <http://listowelcommunitycentre.ie/??> And this is a COMMUNITY, not to mention separate events...

Transport from Portmagee to Tralee, to Killarney... We would really like 2-3-4 bicycles for adults, not new ones. We would be very grateful. Many thanks to SKDP. Thank you for the support.

There are no courses for 2D Art (not design). There are no vacancies or recruiting communities in this field.

It is desirable to have English language courses with Ukrainian-speaking (or Russian-speaking) teachers.

People with medical dietary requirements should have the opportunity to cook for themselves.

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I beg you! Please help find housing in Tralee, Killarney, or Cahersiveen! . Thank you.

In addition:

There were 31 comments expressing gratitude to the people of Ireland/Kerry for their support. There were 15 additional comments looking for more English classes. There were eight additional comments on clarity re legal future and naturalisation. Also there were four additional comments regarding need for better transport.