



# Ukraine Matching Service: Liverpool

SJOG & CSAN held their first information session on the Ukraine Matching Service at Liverpool's Central Library on 18 November 2022.

Supporting the scheme and in attendance were colleagues from Nugent, Pablo Guidi (Social Action Coordinator at the Diocese of Liverpool), and Peter Cribley (founder of Lucky Pupil).

The team spoke about the current situation in Ukraine, highlighting the need for hosts during this winter period following ongoing attacks by Russia on Ukrainian infrastructure and the subsequent energy shortage.

Veronika Yasynska, who came to the UK on the Homes for Ukraine programme and was hosted by a young couple, shared a very moving film about her flight from Ukraine and arrival in the UK.

In attendance were also sponsors Chris Chadwick and Alison Riley, who spoke of their hosting experience and what they have learned through this experience, emphasising good hosting practices and the benefits of hosting.

Nugent colleagues extended their support for hosting across Liverpool, noting numerous job vacancies available to assist Ukrainians in their integration and enable them to become independent.

There was much interest in the scheme with praise for the SJOG model, particularly the support offered to hosts and the tailored matching service to ensure successful matches.

It was a successful event which resulted in multiple sponsor sign-ups.

