

Offer a home, offer hope for Ukraine

Do you have a house, apartment or holiday home that's not in use at the moment? Please consider offering it for those fleeing war in Ukraine.

Carlow County Council is appealing for offers of unoccupied properties to provide temporary homes for Ukrainian people and families.

The call is part of a new government initiative, led by local authorities.

A tax-free recognition payment of €800 per month is available for properties used to house those arriving from Ukraine. This is an increased payment rate applying from December 1st 2022. Details of the recognition payment can be found at:

<https://services.mywelfare.ie/en/topics/ukraine-emergency-supports/accommodation-recognition-payment/>

Under the new programme, Carlow County Council will take offers of houses, apartments or holiday homes for temporary accommodation, liaise with owners to assess suitability, and arrange for their use by Ukrainian people and families.

Property owners can offer homes at offerahome.ie or by contacting the local authority in which the property is located.

Find out more

This is not a call for shared properties. If you have a shared property or room to offer, please contact the [Irish Red Cross](#).

What's involved?

Step 1

Offer your property at offerahome.ie or by contacting Carlow County Council directly:

- Telephone: 059 – 9736202, 059 – 9170337 or 059 – 9136249
- E-mail: offerahome@carlowcoco.ie

Step 2

Carlow County Council will contact you to confirm some details, discuss the process with you and answer any queries you may have.

Step 3

If you are happy to proceed, and your property is suitable, Carlow County Council will arrange to assess the property. This is because properties must meet certain minimum standards and the assessment also helps to ensure that Carlow County Council can find the best match for the property.

Step 4

Carlow County Council will let you know if the property meets the required standard.

If the property meets the required standards, Carlow County Council will begin work to match the property to the most suitable Ukrainian person or family in need of accommodation.

If the property does not meet the required standards, Carlow County Council will give you further information on what the issues were and how they might be addressed.

Step 5

When a suitable Ukrainian person or family has been identified and has agreed that they wish to take up the offer, Carlow County Council will notify you and they will facilitate contact between you and the person or family.

Carlow County Council will also provide you with a template licence agreement, which you can choose to adapt or sign with the beneficiary before they move in.

After move-in and during the stay

Throughout the arrangement, Carlow County Council will maintain contact with you and with the Ukrainian person or family and offer support if necessary.

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