

Ruslan Limited and Nimble Learning Limited offer for volunteers hosting Ukrainian refugees

- To offer volunteers hosting Ukrainian refugees in the UK and possibly in other English speaking countries the opportunity to start learning Russian using state of the art language learning materials.

Language Background

- Refugees from many cities, especially in Eastern Ukraine, are likely to be Russian rather than Ukrainian speakers. Russian and Ukrainian have similarities but are not always mutually understandable. They share the Cyrillic alphabet with three letters different in Ukrainian.

Offer

- Free access to Ruslan Russian programs produced using the latest Nimble Learning interactive platform. Six month initial trial offer.

Advantages for hosts

- To give hosts a shared interest with their guests.
- To give hosts who make progress with the language an opportunity to communicate more effectively with hosts who have no English, especially with young children.
- Hosts who make progress will be able to understand something of what their guests are saying when they are talking amongst themselves.
- A focus on much loved aspects of Russian history and culture, rather than current events.
- The offer will give hosts the opportunity to get started with something meaningful while waiting for guests to arrive.
- Many hosts are likely to be interested in starting to learn Russian in any case.

Advantages for guests

- To give guests a shared interest with their hosts.
- To show guests that we care about their identity and culture.
- To increase guests' self esteem.

The Ruslan Russian course

- The course is intended for people learning Russian for travel to Russia or business in Russia. However most of the content is very suitable for using Russian with friends at home.

Ukrainian

- The site Ukrainian Lessons - <https://www.ukrainianlessons.com/> - looks very promising. We would be grateful for any feedback on this.

Online tuition

- We are preparing a list of teachers of Russian and Ukrainian who are willing to support this project by offering online support to learners who need it. Tuition is free for the first introductory session, normally 30 minutes. After that, learners and teachers will make their own arrangements, either for their normal fees, or for a donation to a refugee aid charity.

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