

# A Year after the Outbreak of the War in Ukraine



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**More than a year has passed since the outbreak of the military conflict in Ukraine. From day one, the staff of the JMK Centre for Foreigners has strived to share, connect, inform and help everyone who needed it. Our staff has addressed questions regarding residence permits and accommodation, schools, employment, validation of diplomas and many others. It has been a difficult year but it has strengthened us all in many aspects and moved us forward.**

## Providing information

Since the first days of the arrival of Ukrainian refugees, the Centre set up two telephone information lines, one for those speaking Ukrainian and the second for institutions, municipalities and employers. These lines operated for 7 days a week at the beginning of the war. Special sections were also created on the Centre

website to provide necessary information in Czech and Ukrainian.

## Informing and connecting

Informing and connecting have been the most significant roles of our Centre. Refugees were met with institutions which were not prepared, did not know where to look for current information, and were not familiar with the procedures and organizations to whom they could turn. Our Centre shared information with them and has been one of the main information channels in our region.

## Finding jobs

Arriving refugees have been extremely interested in the consulting services of our Centre and in participating in Czech language courses. Our Centre has also actively worked with the

refugees to help them find jobs in positions corresponding with their qualifications. Our Centre also created a Ukrainian-Czech application for processing professional CVs for this purpose.

## Education

Nevertheless, our Centre also addressed issues connected with education. The Centre staff has supported activities of the class for Ukrainian children in Brno and was instrumental in the creation of materials in Ukrainian concerning compulsory schooling and enrollment.

### What has our Centre accomplished in the past year?

- 197 Czech language courses which were attended by almost 2,300 foreigners;
- 114 adaptation-integration courses for 2,431 participants;
- socio-cultural lectures focusing on practical topics

about life in Czechia for 200 foreigners; and

- within our work at the Regional Assistance Centre for Help to Ukraine we interpreted and provided consulting for 47,000 Ukrainians and helped to ensure accommodations for over 10,000 persons.

## Make an appointment

Our Centre has been here for all foreigners from the first day of their arrival in the Czech Republic. You can find all necessary information for arriving parties from Ukraine at the website [cizincijmk.cz/cs/ukrinfo/](http://cizincijmk.cz/cs/ukrinfo/). If you need advice, you can make an appointment with a social, career or legal advisor. If you would like to improve your command of Czech, you can start to attend language courses for free.

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