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**CARITAS HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE FUND  
GRANT REPORT**

**NAME OF GROUP:** Hexham Together for Ukraine

**NAME OF CONTACT:** Lya Vollerling

**DATE/AMOUNT of GRANT:** May 2022 £1000,00

**WHAT YOU WANTED THE GRANT FOR:**

To help with the social inclusion of Ukrainian refugees in Hexham and surroundings

**WHAT YOU DID WITH THE GRANT:**

We organised together with Ukrainian artists a 'Ukraine at HeART' festival at Minsteracres Retreat Centre. A day of workshops, music, dance and film. See the attached video

**WHAT IMPACT HAS YOUR PROJECT MADE *(WHAT DIFFERENCE HAS IT MADE TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN YOUR COMMUNITY? IF YOU COULD INCLUDE SOME DATA GIVING AN IDEA OF HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE HELPED ETC THAT WOULD BE VERY WELCOME.)*:**

The festival helped to integrate Ukrainians more in the local community. It showcased what the Ukrainians are bringing (their talents, skills, culture). It helped local people to get a better understanding of what is happening in Ukraine. It helped Ukrainians to make connections with the local people and the local landscape (AONB was there with a workshop about landscape and fossils). The day was attended by approximately 80 people. Particularly running this festival together with Ukrainians has helped to form stronger ties and better understanding between local residents and the recently arrived Ukrainians.

Following this festival there is now a group of artists from Hexham and Ukraine working together on an art project with the working title: Pathway to humanity.