

King's Sanctuary Programme

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Our vision is to make the world a better place.

Vision 2029 was developed with students, staff, alumni and friends of King's – **1,000+ voices over 12 months**.

Through this listening, King's set out five interlinked priorities to deliver Vision 2029.

Our academic mission of Education, Research and Service is delivered across London and around the world.





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King's Sanctuary Programme

- Formed in 2015 in response to the global issues of forced migration, which now affects more than 80 million people worldwide.
- The programme aims to initiate and lead on projects that create positive opportunities for young people whose education has been disrupted by displacement. It also aims to enhance understanding of forced migration among staff and students at King's and to develop opportunities for them to make a positive contribution.
- Flagship projects:
- > The Partnership for Digital Learning and Increased Access (PADILEIA)
- King's Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme
- > Homes for Ukraine University Refugee Sponsorship Model

King's named first 'Refugees Welcome University'

Citizens UK's **Refugees Welcome** accreditation scheme recognises universities that have made a commitment to:

- Welcome forced migrants into their institution and community
- Offer a comprehensive programme of education and research on migration
- Develop an action plan to improve the lives of forced migrants in the UK

King's was accredited as the first 'Refugees Welcome University' by Citizens UK in February 2020.

Find out more:

https://www.kcl.ac.uk/news/citizens-uk-name-kings-as-first-refugeeswelcome-university







PADILEIA

- The Partnership for Digital Learning and Increased Access (PADILEIA) was formed to meet the educational needs of a mobile and digitally literate refugee population following the Syrian war.
- PADILEIA delivers blended foundation and short courses for refugees and disadvantaged host communities in Jordan and Lebanon.
- Since 2017, eight bespoke courses, designed by King's Online and King's Faculties, have been launched on FutureLearn.



Bespoke, personalised and time-flexible digital learning offers

The project developed a three-pronged approach to match the range of students and their individual interests and immediate goals.



PADILIEIA - Working in partnership



King's College London (KCL)

Lead Partner - strategic and operational oversight. Develop bespoke MOOCs using academics from across the institution and led by Kings' Online.



FutureLearn Hosts bespoke MOOCs and access to courses already on the platform



Kiron Open Higher Education for Refugees

Created higher education online learning platform for refugees, leading to transfer of credits to Kiron's partnering universities.



American University of Beirut (AUB)

Lead for the Foundational Programme in Lebanon, taking place in study hubs in Bekka Valley



Al al-Bayt University (AABU)

Lead for the Foundational Programme in Jordan, taking place at the university in Amman

PADILEIA - Achievements

1.1 million learners enrolled on a PADILEIA course worldwide

13,000 students in Jordan and Lebanon

510 students on Foundation courses - **84%** graduated

1,700 students on online study tracks

1,068 students in blended programmes at study hubs

102 graduates from PADILEIA courses enrolled at university



King's Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme

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- Grounded in research with the aim of creating social impact
- Three phases:
 - 1. Become the first UK HEI to resettle a refugee family, thereby enhancing the UK Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme
 - 2. Encourage and support HEIs across the UK to become Community Sponsors
 - 3. Develop education-led pathways for forcefully displaced people worldwide

Phase 1

•King's worked in partnership with Citizens UK, the Home Office and the UNHCR to become the first university to be accredited as a Community Sponsor as part of the UK Refugee Community Sponsorship Scheme.

• In December 2021, we welcomed a Syrian refugee student and their family to London.

•King's has a dedicated King's Resettlement Support team (KRES) that coordinates the King's refugee sponsorship scheme on a voluntary basis. They have considerable experience in offering detailed advice and support on education, benefits, employment, health and language skills for refugee students.

•The eldest child will receive full-funding to undertake an Engineering undergraduate degree at King's from September 2022.

Phases 2 & 3

- ESRC Impact Acceleration Grant to work with HEIs across UK to become community sponsors and resettle refugees to their institutions.
- Phase 2 is ongoing, although to some extent overtaken by the displacement of people as a result of the invasion of Ukraine. This has made the rapid scaling of this work extremely urgent.
- Importance of continuing to think and act globally: Resettling a Syrian family and our response to Ukraine are part of a wider and longer-term ambition to develop education-led pathways for forcefully displaced people worldwide (phase 3).

Homes for Ukraine University Refugee Sponsorship Model

Invasion of Ukraine

- According to the United Nations, more than 4.98 million people have now fled Ukraine because of the Russian invasion, with associated displacement into bordering territories (as of 18/04/2022).
- Most refugees have fled to Poland and other nearby countries, with approximately 7.1 million people displaced internally (as of 12/04/2022).
- The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has called it the fastest-growing refugee crisis in Europe since World War Two and has declared a level three emergency, its highest level.

Young people, students and academics

- It is estimated that more than half of those fleeing Ukraine are children and young people, whose education will inevitably be disrupted.
- There are more than 800 Higher Education Institutions in Ukraine (public and private).
- Prior to the invasion, there were approximately over 1.5 million university students and 80,000 researchers studying or working in Ukraine.

UK Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme

- The <u>UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme</u> was launched on 14 March 2022 and will enable an uncapped number of Ukrainian refugees to come to the UK via individual sponsors.
- Through the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, hosts are able to nominate a named individual or a family to stay with them rent-free, or in another property, for at least six months.
- Displaced individuals will be entitled to stay 'for at least three years' on resettlement visas and will have access to the NHS, public services, support for schooling and benefits provisions, including universal credit.
- Displaced Ukrainian students are eligible for Home Fees and have access to student finance
- Hosts sponsoring under this scheme will provide appropriate accommodation for a minimum of six months and receive £350 pcm as a contribution to costs of hosting.

University Refugee Sponsorship Model

- Universities can play a particular role in supporting their natural constituencies **displaced students and academic staff** through the UK Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme.
- King's is working with Citizens UK to lead the delivery of a model for how the Homes for Ukraine Scheme might be implemented by the UK HE sector to support displaced students and academics.
- Strategic partners and hosting partners university communities working together to host displaced refugee students and academic staff, while providing wrap-around support for hosts and guests.
- Minimise disruption by keeping students and academics engaged with their studies and research
- Development of a matching portal

Working in partnership to lead the UK HE Response

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Homes for Ukraine – laying the foundations for university refugee sponsorship

King's College London has been working on a university led sponsorship scheme for refugees from Ukraine. Bronwyn Parry and Leonie Ansems de Vries hope it could provide a model for the wider HE sector

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Find out more: <u>https://wonkhe.com/blogs/homes-for-ukraine-</u> laying-the-foundations-for-university-refugee-sponsorship/

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Universities Students

King's College helping to bring hundreds of Ukrainian refugees to Britain

London university with a history of working on migration issues is collaborating with Citizens UK

Russia-Ukraine war: latest updates



Find out more: <u>https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/mar/28/kings-</u> college-helping-to-bring-hundreds-of-ukrainian-refugees-to-britain

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At its heart, the Sanctuary Programme represents King's College London's commitment to serving society and making the world a better place.

Find out more

- Find out more: www.kcl.ac.uk/service/sanctuary
- Follow the Service accounts to keep up-to-date: <u>ServiceAtKings</u> <u>@ServiceAtKings</u>



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