Press release template

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**Tea Party for Refugee Welcome**

Today [insert date] a tea party was held at [insert location] as part of Reset’s ‘CommuniTeas’ Campaign.

Reset is a leading organisation for refugee welcome schemes including Home for Ukraine and Community Sponsorship which supports communities to bring refugee families to live in their neighbourhoods. You can read more about Reset here: <https://resetuk.org/about/about-reset>

The CommuniTeas campaign recognises the incredible power of community in the UK and calls on people up and down the country to show their support for refugees by hosting a tea party (a ‘CommuniTea’) to spread the word about Community Sponsorship and other forms of community welcome. You can read more about the CommuniTeas campaign here: <https://resetuk.org/news-and-campaigns/campaigns>

The first CommuniTea event was held in Folkestone, Kent, on 7 January 2023, and you can read a report here: <https://www.kentlive.news/news/kent-news/new-campaign-launched-help-refugees-8014240>

Since then, similar events have been popping up around the country with more planned.

The tea party today was attended by [insert number of] people.

*Here you need to insert a quote from someone attending. It could say something like this:*

[insert name e.g. Sarah Green] of [insert place] said,

*“It was fantastic to attend the CommuniTeas event today. It’s always great to meet up with people over a cup of tea, and today there was the extra bonus of learning all about the different types of community-led welcome that are open. I look forward to talking to other people about this. Hopefully we can look at forming a Community Sponsorship group so that we can welcome a refugee family to this area.”*

For more information contact [insert your contact details]

*Notes:*

*Send this press release to your local paper/radio station as soon after the tea party as possible, ideally the same day. You should be able to find their contact details on Google. You should also take some photos at the event (make sure that people there are OK with having their photo taken and make sure they know it might get used to publicise the meeting) and send the best two or three along with the press release. Local newspapers will need a photograph to be able to cover it.*