# LET'S PUT THE KETTLE ON...

and talk about how you can become a representative of refugee welcome with Reset



Community tea parties promoting refugee sponsorship in the UK



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We all know that sharing tea with friends and strangers only leads to good things...

That's why we want to encourage people to put on tea parties and invite their communities to find out more about supporting refugees.

This guide won't tell you how to put on a tea party because we're sure you already know how to do an amazing job of that.

It's here to tell you everything you need to know to promote community-led welcome of refugees within your community.

We'll tell you the what, why, how and where's, and make sure that you have our support the whole way through.

#### EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BECOMING A COMMUNITEAS REPRESENTATIVE.



# But before we get into it, let us introduce ourselves

Reset is a charity that empowers volunteers to welcome refugees into communities across the UK.

We were formed in 2018 to grow the Community Sponsorship movement in the UK. So far we've supported more than 300 Community Sponsorship groups to welcome over 800 refugees, but this is just the beginning!

We train and support volunteers right across the UK to prepare to welcome refugees and to help them settle and integrate once they arrive. We also work with local authorities and other organisations to support volunteers in making community-led welcome happen.

Reset has embraced other types of community-led welcome enabling more groups and individuals to directly support refugees to reach safety in the UK.

We currently support three schemes of community-led welcome: Community Sponsorship, Homes for Ukraine and Neighbours for Newcomers.



# Our Programmes

### Community Sponsorship

Community Sponsorship is a refugee resettlement programme with local people at its heart. It is a scheme where communities come together to complete an application to welcome a refugee family to their area. Communities are asked to find a house, raise money, work with their local authority and outline their local area in order to be matched with a family. The family are then flown over to the UK to be welcomed by the Community Sponsorship group and start their journey of resettlement.

### Homes for Ukraine

We run a government recognised matching service for the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

### Neighbours for Newcomers

In partnership with Talent Beyond Boundaries and NHS England, we support refugee nurses integrate into the UK.

# **LET'S START** WITH THE IDEA...

It's quite simple, nothing big or fancy. We thought about the UK, which got us thinking about tea, and came to the conclusion that the best way to encourage as many people as possible to find out more about supporting refugees was through our nation's shared love of tea!

So here we are, asking as many people as possible to put on tea parties for their communities and join us on our mission to...





Raise awareness of Community Sponsorship in the UK

Celebrate the community-led welcome of refugees



Discuss the future of Community Sponsorship and how we can grow this movement

### So what exactly does a CommuniTea Party look like?

There's no rule book on how to create a tea party, we'll leave that up to your creativity and imagination to host the most spectacular tea party your community has ever seen!

We're here to help you make your tea party all about welcoming refugees into your community. From conversation starters, ideas and resources, we've got everything you need to grow the community-led welcome movement.

"Having my Community Sponsorship group welcome me to the UK changed my life, and I cannot thank them enough for all they have done, and continue to do for me".



### Your CommuniTea Checklist

Here's all you need to host your CommuniTea party!



#### **The People**

First, you need to get people to attend! Advertising your tea party can be done through posters, flyers, social media and word of mouth. We have a ton of marketing resources that can help you with this!

### The Venue

Finding the best location for your tea party will depend on how many people are on your guestlist. You could host it in a local cafe, your home or even a public park!

### The Tea!

Of course, to host a tea party, you'll need tea, milk, sugar and if you're going the whole way, some biscuits too! Maybe a cafe or shop can donate these items to you, or we're here to help fund the tea. Talk to us about it if you're a little stuck.

### An Idea

We'll get into this more on the next page, but having an idea about how you're going to start the conversation about welcoming refugees is key to your CommuniTea party.

# Ideas to start a conversation



Write some questions on paper to get your guests thinking about refugee welcome and place a few of them on the table - leave the rest up to the guests!



Having some activities prepared for children can be a great way to get them interested in welcoming refugees into their community. Ask them to draw a picture to welcome a new family into the town.

### **Provide Information**



It's likely that your guests will need some time to think about and reflect on how they can support community-led welcome. Make sure you have some of our flyers printed out and available for people to take home.



Before you start to plan your CommuniTea party, think about what you want your outcome to be. Are you thinking to set up a Community Sponsorship group yourself? Or are you encouraging others to set up new groups? This can help you to prepare your party effectively.

### And remember that We are here to support you

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If you want to talk to our team, get more specifics on certain topics, areas or ideas then our email is always open for you. We want to make sure you feel as confident as possible to represent the community-led welcome of refugees in your area.

You can also go onto our website to find out more information on Community Sponsorship in the UK. Plus, we've added some information on our programmes in our info pack so you can become a pro representative!



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## Let's grow this movement together

### We'd love to see your CommuniTea party in action!

Please send us any photos and videos of your CommuniTeas journey with us so we can share it with the world and hopefully encourage more people to join this movement. Or use #CommuniTeas if you're sharing on social media!

We hope this guide has helped you put on your CommuniTea party. We want to thank you for supporting this campaign, and we can't wait to see all of the CommuniTea parties!

