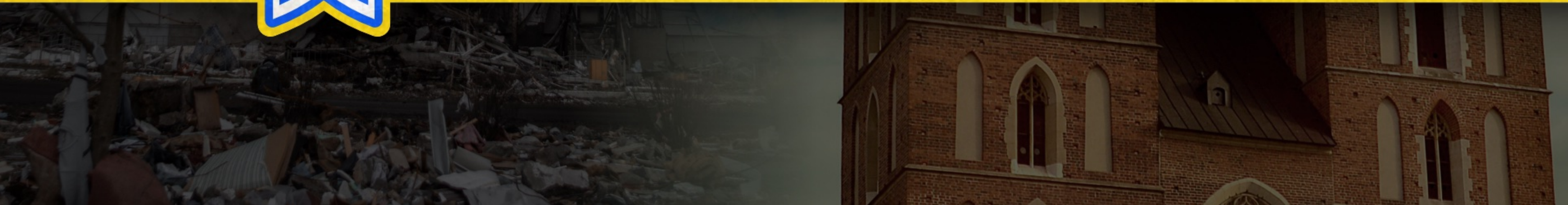




ASPIRE

# Education Hub





## THE NEED

### **Socialisation, education and emotional support for Ukrainian teenagers in safe spaces**

The **ASPIRE Education Hub** is a concept developed by ASPIRE members in response to the huge tide of Ukrainian teenagers arriving in Kraków with their families since 28 February when their homeland was invaded.

Making use of available office space, the aim is to provide a network of safe, well-equipped, social spaces for teenagers to come together to continue their studies and participate in other activities.

When the project is fully up and running we aim to serve a minimum 200 children at any one time, but it could be many more.

**TO DO THIS WE NEED YOUR HELP**

## THE NEED

On 23 May, over **100 mums and children** gathered for an impromptu information meeting about the Education Hub.

As a result, more than **70 children** signed up to participate in the Hub.



## THE NEED

This represents the **tip of the iceberg**.

We haven't really started yet to promote the Hub to the Ukrainian community.



## THE NEED

As many as **15,000** Ukrainian teenagers are anticipated to be currently resident in Kraków.





## HOW IT WORKS

### FACILITIES, FOOD & FINANCE

**ASPIRE** and our **members** are responsible for contributing **three vital ingredients** to make the Education Hub work:

- **Safe and well-equipped spaces** - desks, chairs, computers, good wifi, whiteboards, flip charts, screens, copying facilities, notepads, etc.
- **Food** - we provide students and volunteers with much-needed snacks and lunches.
- **Financial contribution** - we make a donation to **teacher costs** associated with running the project.



## HOW IT WORKS

### EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

To support delivery ASPIRE has partnered with the **Ignatianum Foundation**, the charitable arm of one of Kraków's most august institutions, **Akademia Ignatianum (The Jesuit University in Kraków)**.

Ignatianum has overall responsibility for delivery of education and administration, including:

- Design and delivery of the **programme**
- Recruitment and management of **teachers and volunteers**
- Recruitment, enrolment and care of **students**.



## FIRST HUB



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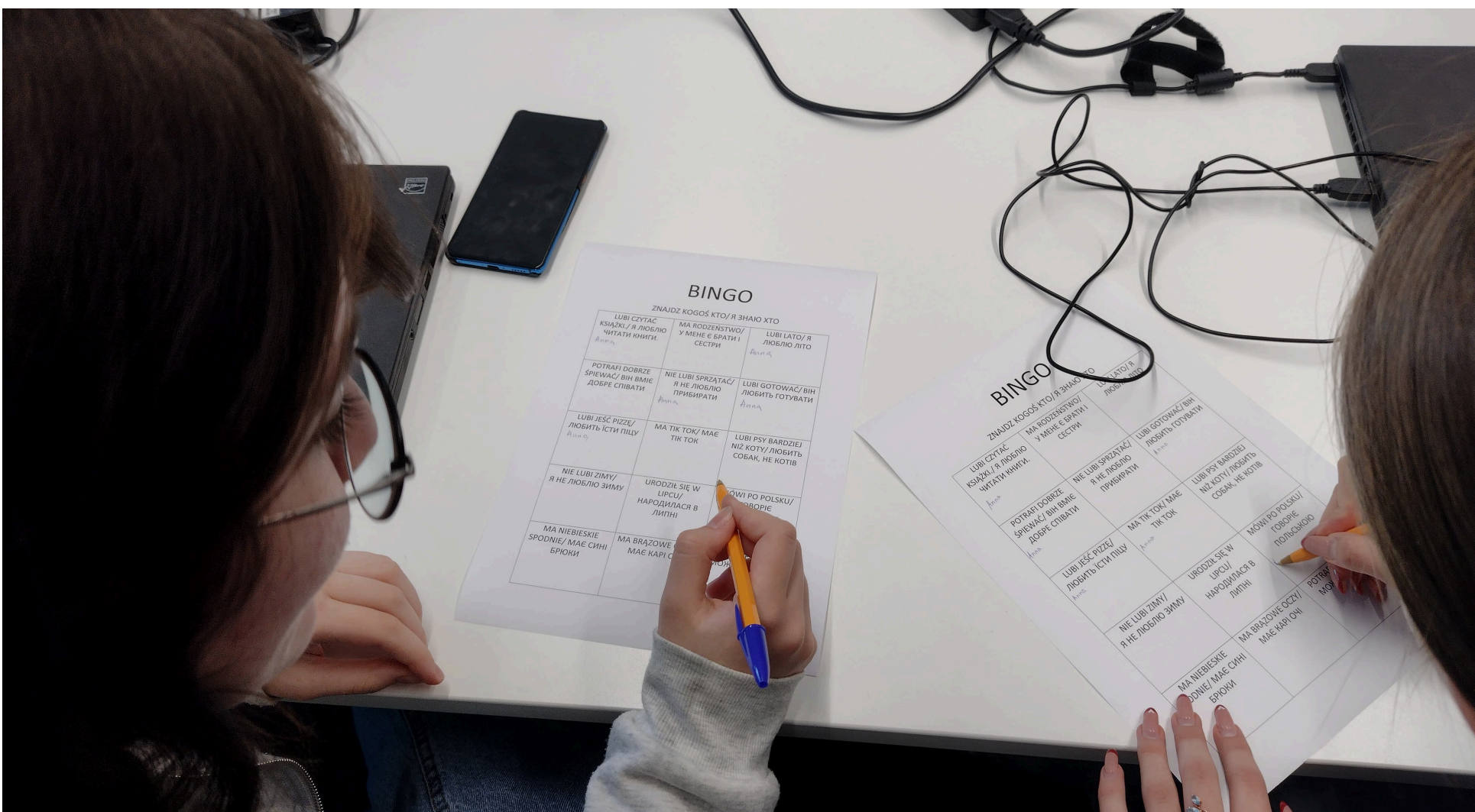
## FIRST HUB

On 30 May, the first Education Hub opened its doors at Aon.

The Aon Education Hub caters for 25 students.

The Hub is open Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.





## FIRST HUB

The first cohort will attend the Hub for between 4-8 weeks.

The average age of this cohort is **14-15 years old** and most are **girls**.

As the school year is ending the current focus is on in-class activities rather than online lessons.

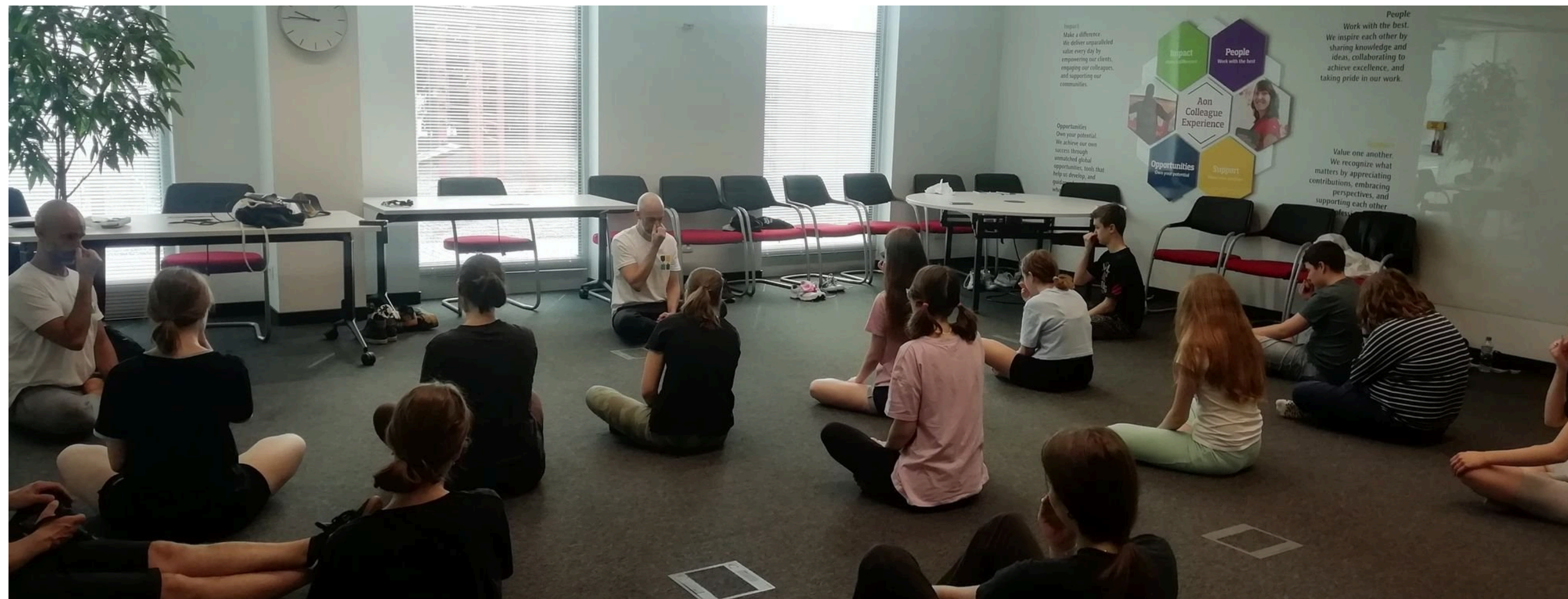
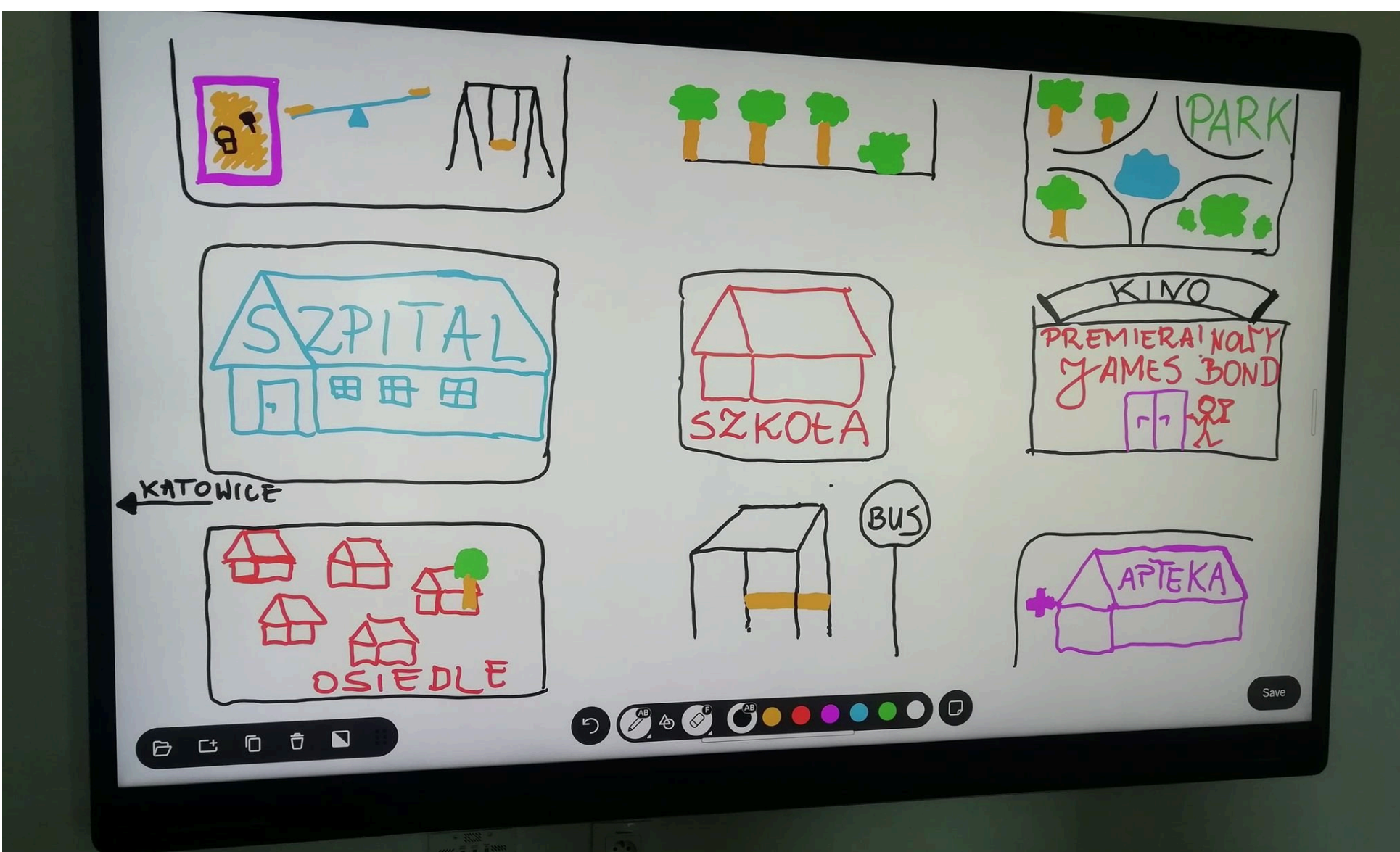




## FIRST HUB

In the first few days these included:

- Meetings with Japanese and American students
- Polish, English and Spanish lessons
- Well-being sessions
- Acting and Art lessons





## LESSONS LEARNED

There is no blueprint for what we are looking to do. Our first aim has been to start and to test and adapt as we go along.

### Activities

One of our initial concepts was to provide a conducive environment for students to continue their education **online** (accessing lessons provided through the Ukrainian Ministry of Education). With Summer approaching, we have leaned towards **in-class activities** with a focus on interaction and fun.

Although we will re-evaluate in September at the beginning of the next academic year, the current arrangement seems more in keeping with the needs of students who seem much impacted by the **emotional trauma of being displaced**.



## LESSONS LEARNED

### Hours / Days

Our doors are open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, students arrive during the morning at different times and leave at around 3 p.m.

### Food

Food is a big incentive. Most students arrive before the morning snack with everyone present for lunch. This suggests that food is an important part of what the Hubs offer.

### Socialisation

Stressing again the emotional and physical impact that the war has had on these young people, it seems clear that the Hub provides huge value by providing a **welcoming space, an opportunity to socialise** and perhaps most important, a **sense of being valued**.



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**NEXT HUBS**

**OPENED 25TH JULY**



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**Education Hub**  
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**ABB GBS**  
Axis Building

**ABB Corporate Technology Centre**  
Pałac Pugetów

2 Hubs for 40-50 children



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**NEXT HUBS**

**OPENED 1ST AUGUST**



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Hub for 20-25 children  
+ AMS Careers Centre for refugee women



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**OPENED 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**



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Kotlarska 11

Hub for 20-25 children





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**NEXT HUBS**

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Bonarka 4 Business

Hub for 20-25 children



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP WITH ANY OF THE BELOW:

- ◉ **Space** - desks, chairs, good wifi, whiteboards, flip charts, screens, copying facilities, notepads, etc.
- ◉ **Food** - we provide students and volunteers with much-needed snacks and lunches.
- ◉ **Tech** - computers, tablets, headphones - these are not needed so much now but will be needed come September at the start of the school year.
- ◉ **Activities** - Ignatianum has the programme covered but we are open to including lessons or activities delivered by company representatives.
- ◉ **Donations** - a financial contribution that enables us to provide any of the above, especially food, teachers and tech.
- ◉ **Ad hoc needs** - we are currently working on a website - maybe that's something you can help with.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### Phase 1 - Proof of Concept

In the first phase of the project we have opted for the simplest model. The Ignatianum Foundation and ASPIRE are covering **people and programme costs**. Host companies are providing **space, food, wifi** and **tech**.

### Phase 2 - Scaling and sustaining the initiative

As we now look to scale the initiative we will be adapting this approach to include the following:

- ◉ **Mix and match company contributions** - e.g., a company may have space, but not money to cover food or computers; another may have computers, but not space.
- ◉ **Donations** - to help resource a hub as needed, e.g., food, teachers, tech.
- ◉ **Funding** - with the initiative up and running, we are looking at long-term funding opportunities through organisations such as the UN Refugee Agency.



## DONATIONS

Donations will be vital to help resource hubs as needed.

Here are examples of what your donation can buy:

- 25 PLN pays for lunch, snacks and drinks for one student for a day.
- 500 PLN pays for lunch, snacks and drinks for one student for one month.
- 5,500 PLN pays for a teacher and teaching assistant for a hub for one month.
- 12,500 PLN pays for lunch, snacks and drinks for a class of 25 students for one month.



## **DONATIONS**

We have two way companies and individuals can support the initiative financially.

For PLN payments:

**ASPIRE Education Hub**

PL 63 1090 2590 0000 0001 4312 3624

**Fundacja Ignatianum**

PL 93 1600 1462 1082 1723 8000 0009

*Donations can also be made in either Euro or USD.*



## WHY US?

- **We have the means, including available space**

Although we are returning in phases to the office, we still have available office space and under the new hybrid models being adopted it is likely we will continue to have space available for the foreseeable future.

- **Visible impact**

Notwithstanding the contributions already being made by member companies and employees, the Education Hub has the potential to provide a visible focal point for company, employee and industry efforts in terms of volunteering, donations and integration activities.

- **Strategic approach**

We are the largest employer in the city and this initiative enables us to provide a structured, scaled solution. Moreover, the focus on education is aligned to one of our key qualities as employers - we, too, are education hubs.



## **YOUR NEXT STEP**

**JOIN THE INITIATIVE...**

**BECAUSE WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER**

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