

# What's happening in the news?



Let's have a look at the poster...

Helping Ukraine Special



**What are other countries doing to help Ukraine?**

## Let's look at the story



Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, thousands of people have left their homes to reach areas where they think they will be safe. The United Nations have estimated that at least 100,000 people have already left their homes.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that the UK needed to do everything it could to help Ukraine's economy and support its government.

Thousands of people have already crossed into neighbouring countries including Romania, Moldova and Poland.



Learn more about this story [here](#).

Watch the useful video [here](#).

Resource



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about the story.

## What's happening in Ukraine?

Ukraine and Russia have a lot of unsettled history. The two countries used to be part of the Soviet Union, from 1922-1991. Some Ukrainians want their country to have closer ties to the western countries, but others want it to have closer ties to Russia. Over the past few days, Russia have launched a wave of attacks on Ukraine with Russian forces launched a major military assault on Ukraine on Thursday morning.

## How are Ukraine's neighbouring countries helping?

Countries who share a border with Ukraine have been preparing for the arrival of refugees. Maia Sandu, Moldova's president said she was prepared to help Ukrainian refugees. Slovakia, Hungary and Poland have also said they are ready to welcome refugees and are sending extra troops to manage people arriving at crossings set up on their borders with Ukraine.



**Pictured above:** Ukraine in orange and Russia in Green

## How are the UK and wider world helping Ukraine?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced sanctions to have a negative impact on the Russian economy and he's said that the UK was one of the first countries in Europe to send defensive weapons to help Ukraine.

There are many charities that are offering support including **UNICEF**, who are working across eastern Ukraine to deliver life-saving programmes for children. **Sunflower of Peace** is another charity who are helping paramedics and doctors, and have been fundraising for supplies, which include medical backpacks.



## Main question

What are other countries doing to help Ukraine?

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- > Look at the poster image. Pictured is activist Greta Thunberg who is campaigning for peace in Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine have been in the news a lot recently, what do we already know about what's happening there?
- > Read through the news story. Does anyone know where Ukraine and Russia are located? Can you find them on a map or globe?
- > Ukraine's Foreign Minister, Dmytro Kuleba said, "Putin has just launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine." He stressed that Ukraine will defend itself and that "the world can and must stop Putin". Can you imagine what it might be like for people living there? How do you think they might be feeling?
- > Read the information found on the resource and watch the useful video, which explains the current situation in Ukraine and considers how countries are helping. Can you think of any other ways that people can help?
- > UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he was "appalled by the horrific events in Ukraine". He said the UK will respond decisively to Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine and added that he had spoken to Ukraine's president to discuss how to respond and promises decisive action by the UK and its allies.
- > Many other countries have also spoken in defence of Ukraine, US President Joe Biden said, "America stands up to bullies, we stand up for freedom. This is who we are." In a televised address to the nation, French President Emmanuel Macron said, "France will stand by Ukraine's side."

## Useful Weblinks

- > News story:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60508750](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60508750)
- > Useful video:  
[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60495669](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60495669)

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