

EU4Recovery: new leisure and support centre for the elderly in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast

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A Centre for Leisure and Social Support for elderly people has opened in Synelnykove, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, refurbished with grant support from the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine.

The grant funds enabled repairs to take place, and furniture and sewing equipment to be purchased. The centre now hosts group sewing classes, bringing together the older generation of internally displaced people and locals.

The idea for creating a space for elderly people was initiated by a local charitable foundation, 'Dobrobud 2022'. At the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the foundation provided humanitarian assistance to displaced people. At the same time, the foundation was often approached by elderly

people with a request to organise socialising and leisure activities.

Then the foundation decided to involve the elderly in sewing classes. In the organised leisure centre, a sewing technologist works with them. Visitors to the centre can mend clothes and socialise at the same time. The youngest visitor is 50 years old and the oldest is 88.

In addition to the classes, an on-site psychologist regularly conducts psychological consultations at the centre.

The centre was opened as part of the 'EU4Recovery – Empowering Communities in Ukraine' project, financed by the European Union and implemented by UNDP.