



Canterbury Christ Church
University Branch



Solidarity with the People of Ukraine!

The branch AGM on 14 June heard an illuminating report on Ukraine from Simon Pirani, honorary professor at University of Durham who has written widely on Russian and Ukrainian history and politics. It agreed the following resolution:

Canterbury Christ Church University UCU branch expresses solidarity with the people of Ukraine in resisting Russian aggression and reaffirms Ukraine's right to self-determination.

We salute the courageous work of Russian anti-war activists in the face of horrendous state oppression.

The branch regrets the resolution passed at UCU congress. Its notion of a 'proxy war' is of no comfort to Ukrainians facing Russian bombs and war crimes. We instruct branch officers to write to the NEC expressing disappointment in the resolution and asking for it to be 'deprioritised'.

We pledge to work with other UCU branches to build practical solidarity work for Ukraine, offering support particularly to Ukrainian trade unionists and Russian anti-war activists.

We welcome CCCU's support for Ukrainian refugees, including English courses and a promise of scholarships, and ask branch officers to discuss with CCCU management ways in which this support can be stepped up and become more effective.



Members of the Free Trade Union of Medical Workers of Ukraine, who helped to evacuate more than 150 civilians from the Azovstal plant in Mariupol when it was under fire by the Russian army.