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Expressions of Interest to become a Ukrainian Interpreter

Multicultural NSW (MNSW) and the National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) are working together to train community members with bilingual skills in English and Ukrainian in language interpreting skills. 'Interpreting' involves the renditions of spoken messages from one language to the other, in this instance between Australian service providers and newly arrived people from Ukraine who require language support.

We are calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from people with excellent skills in English and Ukrainian who are interested in becoming interpreters on a short-term basis. Successful applicants will access free training in language competency and professional ethics and be supported in acquiring NAATI Recognised Practising Interpreter (granted by NAATI on an interim basis for 12 months only). Participants who successfully complete the program will be expected to be available to provide interpreting services through Multicultural NSW Language Services. They would be casual employees of MNSW, employed in accordance with the *Crown Employees (Interpreters and Translators, Multicultural NSW) Award*.

Section Criteria

To be eligible for selection, you will need to:

- 1. Have high levels of proficiency in English and Ukrainian language
- 2. Have some experience in providing informal interpreting within your community
- 3. Have availability to provide interpreting services, be reliable and easily contactable.
- 4. Be willing to comply with the professional <u>Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct</u> for Interpreters and Translators
- 5. Submit a cover letter and current Resume with 2 referee contacts.

How to submit your EOI

Please submit a cover letter (2 pages maximum) addressing the above selection criteria and why you are interested in working as a Ukrainian interpreter, as well as your resume (5 pages maximum). The cover letter must address the abovementioned selection criteria.

Please submit both documents to the email address <u>panel@multicultural.nsw.gov.au</u>, with the subject heading 'EOI for Ukrainian interpreters, by 23rd May 2022.

Assessment Process

We will assess your application and, if successful, you will complete two skills set units in language competency and ethical guidelines with the NAATI & MNSW. Following this, you will be awarded a Recognised Practising Interpreter (with specific conditions) by NAATI, strictly for 12 months to support communication with incoming Ukrainian refugees.

If you have any questions, please contact the Associate Director Panel & Industry Development, Rema Nazha via email on panel@multicultural.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your support and interest.

Yours sincerely,

Rema Nazha

Language Services, Multicultural NSW