

WHERE WE WORK

We run Dignity Centres offering similar services in city centres but the people who attend and how we work there is quite different:

Dignity Centre Nicosia Cyprus	Dignity Centre Chisinau Moldova
Well established and well known after operating since June 2019	Rapidly set up in response to an emergency in March 2022
A small and busy Centre	A busy market with nice chill out space
Members newly arrived in Cyprus so very unaware of support and processes	Just arrived from Ukraine
Seeking asylum	Continuing journeys or waiting to return
Mostly West African (Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo)	Ukrainian, some Roma
Mostly single, younger people, more men	Women, children and older people
Looking for help with bureaucracy, where to go, employment	Looking for help with food and essentials
Many have arrived in Turkey then walked across the border from the occupied north	Some drove over, many got buses at very short notice
People can be waiting to be seen at the Centre and spending some time there	People tend to come to the Centre, shop and then leave
Volunteering is pressured all day with few breaks and on your feet a lot	Busy all day long and very physical. A lot of steps and carrying. Not for anyone with weak joints
Speaking French is a big advantage	Speaking Russian very helpful