

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	Dignity Centre
	Nicosia Cyprus	Chisinau Moldova
History	Well established and well known after operating since June 2019	Rapidly set up in response to an emergency in March 2022
Centre	A small and very busy Centre	A busy market with nice chill out space
Journey stage	Members newly arrived in Cyprus so very unaware of support and processes	Just arrived from Ukraine
Asylum need	Seeking asylum	Continuing journeys or waiting to return
Nationalities	Mostly West African (Nigeria, Cameroon, Congo)	Ukrainian, some Roma
Demographics	Mostly single, younger people, more men	Women, children and older people
Help needed	Looking for help with bureaucracy, where to go, employment	Looking for help with food and essentials
How they arrived	Many have arrived in Turkey then walked across the border from the occupied north	Some drove over, many got buses at very short notice
Usage of the Centre	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	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
Language	Speaking French is a big advantage	Speaking Russian very helpful
Your age and gender	At least 21 years of age, male volunteers preferred	At least 18 years of age, female volunteers preferred