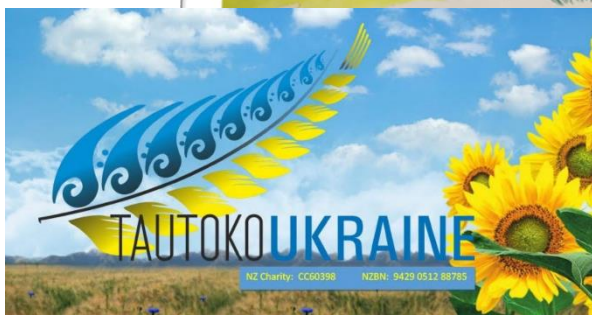




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"This is what you need to know about Russia, which is saving us"



Since May 2022, volunteers from New Zealand, Australia, Southeast Asia, Japan, Taiwan, Pacific Islands and the US worked together online with others from around the world to learn about the devastating impacts of Russia's invasion and terror attacks in Ukraine, and to help promote fundraisers to assist volunteers on the ground in Ukraine. The online group was named the **North Atlantic Fellas Organisation¹ (NAFO)**, and members use cartoon dog avatars to protect their personal security and privacy.



We wanted to develop a resource to share what we learned about fundraising for humanitarian aid and supporting Ukraine's heroic defenders, with a New Zealand audience far removed from Ukraine.

We have collected a wide variety of information from Ukrainians and international volunteer organisations to share with you and give you both information and choice in your own fundraising or donations to help Ukrainians. The article includes concise summaries of the most horrific impacts that Russia's invasion is having on Ukrainians, who nevertheless continue to resist in an existential struggle with Russian terror.



For privacy and security reasons, some individuals associated with the volunteer organisations are not referred to by name. Thank you in advance for supporting Ukraine!

¹ The editors are founding members of NAFO Asia Pacific Regiment supporting the Ukrainian community in New Zealand and Australia while fighting Russian disinfo online. We are in touch with many Kiwi and Australian volunteers in Ukraine. Our information sources include real-time updates from commentators, reporters in the field, fundraising campaigns of all shapes and sizes, representatives of volunteer forces serving in Ukraine (including Kiwis and Australian volunteers), officials from the many countries in the EU, NATO, Baltic and Scandinavian countries close to the action, independent Ukraine media, official Ukraine sources, international organisations, military analysts, historians, political scientists, Ukraine medical professionals, specialists, defenders, aid workers, ambulance drivers and those who travel to the frontlines frequently.



*" I'm here, not only to defend my family whose village is near the front lines, **but to save lives**, especially innocent lives, as best I can.*

*I'm also convinced that **this war in Ukraine has a wider significance**, and that the West is taking the wrong approach to dealing with it - an approach that could have vast consequences.*

***Dictatorships around the world** are beginning to band together into an Axis.*

A sound defeat for russia in Ukraine will put an end to this - and also prevent russian interference in dealing with other brutal regimes, like the one in Iran.

*We have **an opportunity here to 'break the spirit' of autocratic regimes** across the planet, to make them more hesitant, less certain of themselves - and what is that, but a step towards building better futures for the human race?*

*In Ukraine, the deaths on the battlefield are often the best and the most idealistic - we're seeing **irreplaceable people die; university professors, engineers, musicians, thinkers... and so many of the next generation as well - little children.***

There will come a point when these horrific losses of irreplaceable people will kill our nation's future.

*We're seeing the death of an advanced culture - and the planet Earth may actually desperately need such cultures far more than western leaders realize - for **without advanced, thinking, ethical, educated cultures, the planet Earth has no future.***

Do not let Ukraine die."

Source: <https://twitter.com/AleksandrX13> Ukrainian metal sculpture artist who was wounded early in Russia's war on Ukraine and who works to restore or replace Ukrainian works of art destroyed or stolen in the war. Cited with permission.