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Psychological Society of Ireland statement on conflict in Ukraine

The Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the professional body for psychology in the Republic of Ireland, strongly condemns the Russian military invasion of Ukraine and the aggression shown towards Ukrainian citizens. The effects of this war on people's psychological health and wellbeing are huge, with the consequences being traumatic and long-lasting. Psychology is one of the main professional services which deals with such traumatic fall out and so, our central mission is to avoid its occurrence, wherever, whenever, from whomever. This invasion will bring immediate and long-term physical and psychological suffering to the people of Ukraine, as well as loss of life. The PSI is mindful that here in Ireland, as elsewhere around the world, the families of Ukrainian citizens are also affected and are likely to suffer psychologically.

We have received correspondence from our colleagues in The National Psychological Association of Ukraine, who have reported the challenges they are facing trying to support their citizens. The PSI stands in solidarity with the National Psychological Association of Ukraine and the people of Ukraine as they defend themselves against this military invasion and uphold the essential values of democracy and respect for human rights.