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Annual Statement 2025-2026

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Introduction

About

Project Safe Refuge is a non-profit foundation, which brings together a team of young international change-makers. As a voluntary initiative PSR was formed in March 2022 in response to current humanitarian crises. PSR became a foundation in October 2023 in Delft, Netherlands.

The members are primarily architects and designers with a diverse background, united by the belief that architecture can make a valuable positive impact for the people and the planet. PSR collaborates with engineers, architects, NGOs, like-minded initiatives and communities.

Mission

We design with the people, for the people.

Project Safe Refuge strives to support refugees as well as externally & internally displaced populations, by providing architectural and design services. Putting the communities we serve in the centre of our work, we aim to create safe, dignified, culturally sensitive, sustainable and comfortable spaces, that they can call their own. Our goal is to make all research and knowledge gathered throughout our experience freely available to like-minded changemakers.

Goals

Knowledge exchange - Learning from others and sharing our own experience. Together we can make a difference.

With the people for the people - Using participatory design approach to give people a voice in the creation of their own spaces

Sustainable architecture - Implementing environmental, social and economic requirements into each design

Financial policy

Stichting Project Safe Refuge generates its income through donations (crowdfunding, corporate, private) and sponsorships. Funds in its entirety are spent to realise the objectives of the foundation. This includes - purchase of materials and tools needed to complete projects, payment of external staff needed for design and construction, transport, administrative costs and any other costs related to projects' completion.

2025-2026 Summary

Transitional Housing Unit

The Transitional Housing Unit is our main project and has been in the works for the past four years. It is a design for a sustainable, environmentally and financially, easily movable, culturally sensitive temporary housing for displaced people in Ukraine.

This year interior works were completed and the local family finally fully settled in. We have remained in touch with the Trostyanets City Council and they reported the Unit is performing well and the family is happy with the space. We are planning on running a feedback session with the family to get more personal opinion and points of improvement.



Our design team finalised the architectural analysis of the THU project and pointed out elements that could be optimised and those that could improve the project. We prepared the new set of drawings and documents for the future shelters.

Humanitarian Studies Centre Conference: Adapting and Reworking in New Times and Contexts

In September, our team's representative presented a lecture "Designing With, Not For - Participatory Design in Humanitarian Response", as part of a one-day conference organised by the Hague Humanitarian Studies Centre. The lectures were organised in blocks that were followed by questions and discussions from the audience. The day was concluded with networking drinks, an opportunity to exchange ideas and talk more in depth about the topics mentioned.

Poltava University "Design With, Not For" Workshop

In February, together with Veneer House, a Japanese based humanitarian architecture practice, we ran a 5-day participatory design workshop for students at Yuriy Kondratyuk Poltava Polytechnic.

The workshop was organised in an online environment and sessions were split in two parts - morning lectures and afternoon discussion and design sessions. Students were split in groups and each group worked on a design of an architectural or urban solution to a pre-agreed problem, relevant to the Ukrainian context. The last day was concluded by presentations from each group and feedback from the organisers and the guest professor - Hiroto Kobayashi.

Students used the prepared Miro board as a space of discussion, research collection and collaboration. They gathered information and their sketches in this one spot, which allowed them to see what others were working on, get inspired and learn and for us to monitor their progress.

In the following months, we are hoping to organise a follow up practical workshop session with the students, focusing on materiality and building technology.

Charity gym classes

To diversify our income streams and to further spread the message about work and mission, we partner with a number of gyms across Amsterdam, Groningen and Breda to organise sports classes, funds from which were donated to our foundation.

Our team worked with the gym to market and bring in participants. Classes consisted of a short intro and story from one of our team members and the regular sports class.

We are very grateful to our partners for making it happen!

Future vision

In the upcoming year we are hoping to scale up the Transitional Housing Project. To make this happen, we are diversifying our partner network and income streams, to gain funding for production of new units. The city of Trostyanets is interested in partnering with us to potentially apply for larger grants and is very keen on bringing in more modules to house those in need.

We will also be working closely with our partner, Veneer House, to secure the funds for the new units. We are combining our expertise and ideas to bring a more flexible, comprehensive and innovative solution to the shelter design.

We are also looking into spreading the scope of our work and looking for projects in different geographical locations and communities that could use design and architectural support.

Financial report

Income and expenses statement June 2025 - May 2026 (in euro)

		2025 - 2026			2025 - 2026
INCOME			EXPENSES		
	Individual donations	64.05		administration	648.43
	UK Giving Foundation	192.32			
	Charity class donations	60			
TOTAL		316.37	TOTAL		648.43

Other information

Board 2025-2026

Voorzitter - Kasia Antoszyk
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