

## **Statement of support by Leikn**

Leikn, an organization of stakeholders in adult education in Iceland, deplores Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine. Leikn challenges Russia to withdraw its troops from Ukraine immediately. At the same time, Leikn regrets the Russian government's efforts to abolish freedom of the media and opinion in Russia. With its efforts to keep the Russian nation disinformed, the Russian government works against a healthy and just alliance of people and nations. Countries worldwide, particularly great nations like Russia, must constantly pursue international humanitarian and human rights. Attacking civilians and civilian targets is criminal.

We stand with the people of Ukraine and we strongly support the Icelandic nation's willingness - as well as the Icelandic government's decision - to receive Ukrainian refugees.

We urge the EU and all nations worldwide to reject Russia's hostilities, violence, and aggression towards Ukraine. Furthermore, Leikn urges the world community to respond to such atrocities much quicker and more decisive in the future regardless of the countries involved.