

## **Statement: Peel en Maas supports Ukrainians**

We are deeply shocked by the Russian attack on Ukraine. We strongly condemn this attack. The terrible images that come to us are heartbreaking. We sympathize with the people of Ukraine and everyone affected by this war. As a sign of support and compassion, we have raised the Ukrainian flag at the House of the Municipality in Panningen and we have decided to contribute 1 euro per inhabitant to giro 555.

We will do everything in our power to help people fleeing the violence of war. Good initiatives and fundraising campaigns are being set up. We support these actions. If this is desired and possible, we support this by making the initiatives known and linking them together.

We wish the residents of Ukraine, their family and friends in the Netherlands, residents of Russia who are against the war and all other people affected by the war a lot of strength with the extremely difficult situation. We are thinking of you and we hope that peace returns soon.

For the heating of municipal buildings, the municipality of Peel en Maas has a contract with Gazprom Nederland B.V. This contract came about after a European tender, which was carried out by Inkoopcentrum Zuid on behalf of several municipalities in Limburg. As far as we are concerned, we will terminate this contract as soon as possible. Inkoopcentrum Zuid is looking at the possibilities and consequences of the termination of the contract.

Residents of Peel en Maas who have questions or need support regarding the situation in Ukraine can contact the municipality on telephone number 077 – 306 6666 (available from Wednesday 2 March, 8.30 am) or [info@peelenmaas.nl](mailto:info@peelenmaas.nl).

*The Board of Mayor and Aldermen and City Council of Peel en Maas, also on behalf of the new party D66 Peel en Maas*