

Adult Education for Sustainability in Times of Double Transition

Teaching Belarusian Forced Migrants at WKSM

- ***Immigrants** today are adapting to two major changes at once: a **new society** and a rapidly **changing digital world**.*
- ***Adult education** can support both transitions by combining **social integration** with practical **digital and AI literacy**.*

Background

Who They Are

Belarusian migrants forced to leave after the 2020 political events - many are middle-aged or older adults.

First Challenge

- Housing becomes the most urgent practical problem upon arrival in a new country.

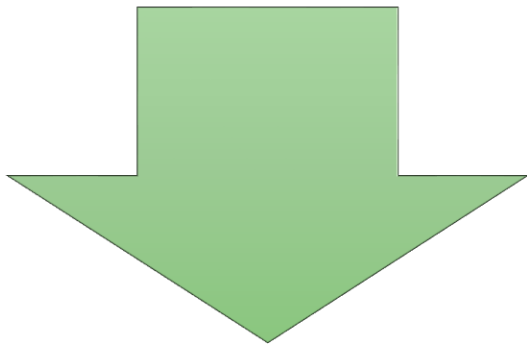
The Opportunity

- Adult education can support both social integration and digital adaptation simultaneously.



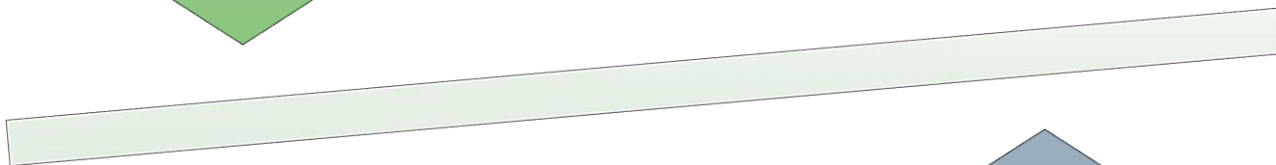
The Double Transition

Learners face two major changes at once. Finding housing requires success in **both**.



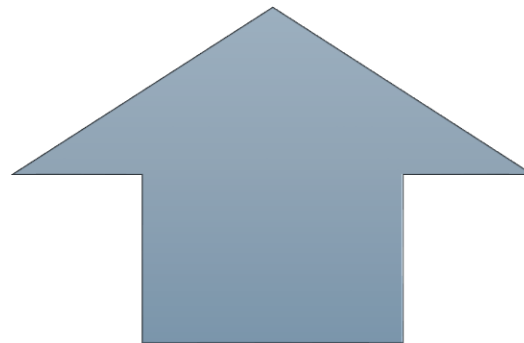
Transition 1: New Society

Adapting to a new legal, economic, and social environment - from rental regulations to tenant rights.

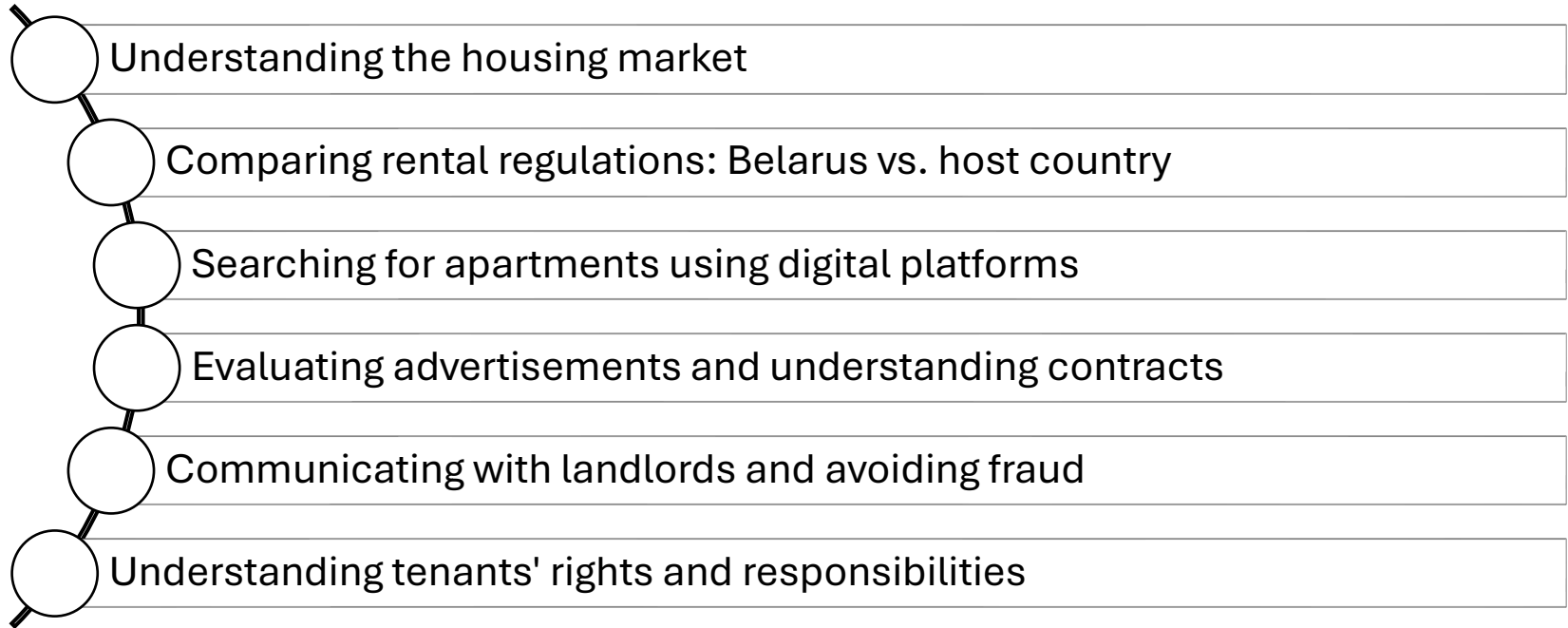


Transition 2: Digital World

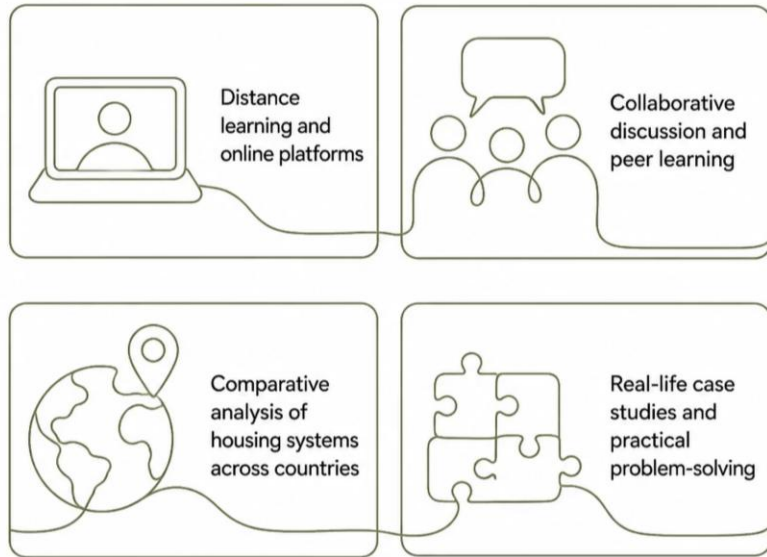
- Navigating digital services and online information essential for everyday life - from housing platforms to public e-services.



The Course: Practical Property Management



Teaching Methods



- The course uses distance learning and online platforms to reach learners wherever they are.
- Collaborative discussion and comparative analysis of different countries' housing systems help learners build critical understanding.
- Real-life case studies ground the learning in practical, everyday challenges migrants actually face.

Why the Comparative Approach Works

Instead of simply explaining local regulations, learners **compare** systems - building deeper understanding and independence.

What They Compare

Belarusian vs. European housing systems, tenant rights, rental practices, and digital public services.

What They Gain

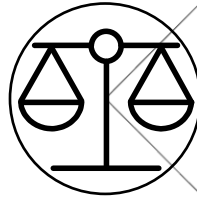
- Understanding of institutional differences, critical thinking skills, and greater independence in decision-making.



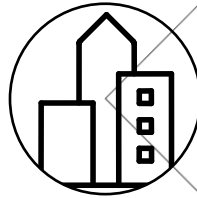
Contribution to Sustainable Development



SDG 4 Lifelong learning and adult education



SDG 10 Reducing inequalities through practical integration



SDG 11 Inclusive and sustainable communities through access to safe housing

Key Takeaways

1 Two transitions, one solution

Adult education can address social integration and digital literacy together - not separately.

2 Start with everyday problems

Housing is the first real challenge migrants face. Solving it builds confidence and autonomy.

3 Comparison drives critical thinking

Comparing systems - rather than memorizing rules - creates independent, empowered learners.

□ Sustainable integration begins with solving everyday problems. Teaching adults to navigate housing systems through digital tools and comparative learning strengthens autonomy, confidence, and long-term social inclusion.