

## **Abstrakt**

This Master's thesis deals with Czechoslovak house in London, which is known as Velehrad. It is a charity, which was founded in 1949. The organization has worked with Czechoslovak refugees since the beginning of 50's until the year 1989 when it lost its original importance.

In the first part I deal with the charity history, formation of Cyrilometodějské ligy and other things such as funding of the charity.

In the second part I compare refugees from two different periods, 1948 and 1968. I also deal with the relationship of Czechoslovakia and refugees.

The last part is about charity work. I paid attention especially to contacts with homeland, what kind of help charity provided to refugees and how the organization reflected some events which happened in Czechoslovakia. I also mentioned history of Czech school which was created by the organization.

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