



# A DAY OF WELCOME

## Teachers' Guide

Friday 13th June 2025

A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary.

Celebrated by over 520 schools in 2024, it's designed to support teachers in kickstarting Refugee Week by providing free live events, resources and activities for pupils of all ages.

[Register now](#)

### Why get involved?

- ✓ Build a culture of welcome, belonging and solidarity in your school for those seeking sanctuary
- ✓ Share stories of refugee migration, local and global, past and present, with your pupils
- ✓ Better educate and support your refugee pupils and their families

A Day of Welcome helps your school to meet its legal and statutory duties.

## THIS DOCUMENT GIVES AN OVERVIEW

of the various resources, live events, activities and ideas that we will be sharing for A Day of Welcome 2025.

### Refugee Week 16–22nd June 2025

The theme for A Day of Welcome and Refugee Week 2025 is "Community as a Superpower". Community is the incredible everyday. Ordinary and extraordinary. Simple acts of shared generosity. Kindness multiplied to become an unstoppable force!

[Refugee week website](#)



### Key partners::



### With support from:



The World of Languages  
and Languages of the World



National Centre  
for Writing



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University & Schools of Sanctuary





# What could a Day of Welcome LOOK LIKE IN MY SETTING?

Every school is unique, so  
A Day of Welcome can be  
tailored to fit your setting.  
Below are some ideas for  
what you might do:

## Straightforward ★★

- **Join us for one of our live events** – Join our five free online events for KS1-4, featuring inspiring authors and artists with lived experience of seeking sanctuary
- **Hold an assembly or deliver a lesson** – Use resources developed by us or our partners to explore this year's theme for Refugee Week, "Community as a Super Power."



## A bit more effort ★★★

- **A whole day or week of activities** – Choose from our teaching resources and events, and timetable a whole day or week of learning to deepen your pupils' understanding of migration and seeking sanctuary
- **Signpost Refugee Week** – Share local and national events of interest and involve your school community in the world's largest festival celebrating the creativity, contributions and resilience of people seeking sanctuary
- **Fundraise** – Hold a non-uniform day and wear green and/or yellow to raise funds for Schools of Sanctuary or a local organisation that supports people seeking sanctuary
- **Improve provision for refugee pupils** – Use the training, guidance, and resources which we share to improve how you support refugee pupils and their families



## Really going for it! ★★★★★

- **Explore your area's migration history** – Share stories of local refugee migration and involve parents and carers in showcasing and celebrating the diversity of your community. We have a toolkit to help you get started!
- **Get creative and hold an exhibition!** – Use our resources to inspire your pupils to respond creatively (through junk modelling, music, art, poetry etc) to their learning and showcase their work to the school community and beyond.

## The start of something bigger! ★★★★★

- **Your Schools of Sanctuary journey** – Use A Day of Welcome to launch your journey to become a School of Sanctuary and commit to building a culture of welcome for people seeking sanctuary.

**Find out more here: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/> If you're already a School of Sanctuary, A Day of Welcome is an ideal focal point for this work!**





# WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

For a Day of Welcome

Visit our website on Thursday 20th March for the full details and to access everything you need.

[Our Website](#)

WE HAVE A NEW FORMAT FOR DAY OF WELCOME 2025! HERE'S A SNEAK PEEK OF WHAT'S COMING.

## ASSEMBLY



Kickstart the conversation with an assembly for A Day of Welcome.

## LIVE EVENTS



Join our FREE online events, featuring authors and artists with lived experience of forced displacement (for all ages)

## COMMUNITY AS A SUPER POWER



Explore this year's theme for Refugee Week with new lessons from the Day of Welcome team

## HISTORY



Learn about the Basque children who came to the UK seeking sanctuary and community in the late 1930s.

## ART



Get creative and make Moominhouses to mark the 80th anniversary of the first Moomins book

## FROM OUR PARTNERS



New lessons and activities from partners including British Red Cross, Good Chance Theatre and World of Languages, Languages of the World.

## REFUGEE EDUCATION



The latest training and guidance to help you better support your refugee pupils

## READ, WATCH, LISTEN



Films, books, and podcasts from ourselves, Refugee Week and the National Centre for Writing

## AT HOME



Activities to get the whole family involved

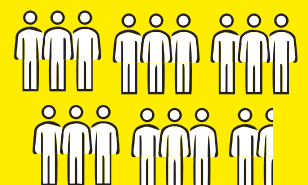
## MORE REASONS TO TAKE PART IN A DAY OF WELCOME!

A Day of Welcome supports schools to meet their legal and statutory duties, including:

- ✓ Supports Equality Act 2010
  - ✓ Promotes British Values
  - ✓ Fulfils Ofsted's 'Behaviour and Attitudes' and 'Personal Development' criteria
  - ✓ Supports Prevent Duty
  - ✓ Encourages SMSC Development
  - ✓ Professional Development on Refugee Education
  - ✓ Promotes a positive and respectful culture
  - ✓ Builds active citizenship skills
- For further details, please see our website:
- [Our Website](#)

## PARTICIPATION IN A DAY OF WELCOME 2024 WAS HUGE!

167 868 pupils



522 schools





# LIVE EVENTS

(open to anyone in the UK)

These live online events are fully funded and delivered in collaboration with our partners:



NEW FOR 2025: Share this event with your families to continue the conversations at home



## Community as a Superpower: Storytime & Art Workshop

A creative event for the whole family! Join us for a special retelling of a Moomins story, in which Moominpapa is forced to find a new home. After the story, we'll meet Hossam Fazulla (8bitfaz), the artist behind this year's Refugee Week poster. Known for blending art, technology, and identity, Faz will guide a live art workshop where we'll create our own superheroes!

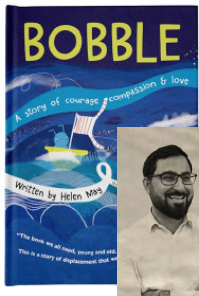
### FOR HOME

#### For Families

10am–11am

Saturday 21st June

[Register here](#)



## Bobble's Community with Gulwali Passarlay

Author, refugee rights campaigner and speaker, Gulwali Passarlay will be joining us to share his story and what community means to him. By meeting Gulwali (and his fictional friend Bobble), the children will gain an understanding of who refugees are, and explore how to make more welcoming communities.

### FOR SCHOOLS (PRIMARY)

#### Pupils aged 5–7 years-old:

9.30–10am

Friday 13th June

[Register here](#)

## The Waiting Place with Dina Nayeri

Dina's book *The Waiting Place* explores the lives of ten young refugees in Greece, revealing their dreams and struggles. In this session, Dina will share her family's story of seeking sanctuary, help your pupils better understand refugee migration, and guide us to think about how to create more welcoming communities.

### FOR SCHOOLS (PRIMARY)

#### Pupils aged 7–9 years-old:

10.30–11.15am

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[Register here](#)

## What Are Our Superpowers? Art workshop with 8bitfaz

Meet **Hossam Fazulla (8bitfaz)**, the Egyptian-born illustrator, filmmaker, and producer behind Refugee Week 2025's Community as a Superpower artwork. In this interactive session, bring your coloured papers, scissors and glue to get creative with Faz. Together we'll explore what makes a community strong and make our own superhero-inspired artworks.

### FOR SCHOOLS (PRIMARY)

#### Pupils aged 9–11 years-old:

1.30–2.30pm

Friday 13th June

[Register here](#)



## Asylum Speakers with Jaz and Giel

Join Jaz and her friend Giel, a South Sudanese refugee rights advocate. Giel overcame huge adversity to arrive in the UK aged 16. Today, as well as being an inspirational speaker, he is a student and a model. This session will inspire and inform your pupils while giving them practical ways to build a community of welcome and solidarity in your setting.

### FOR SCHOOLS (SECONDARY)

#### Pupil voice groups at secondary schools:

2pm–3pm

Tuesday 6th May

[Register here](#)