



Refugee Week

**Activities for Children
& Young People 2022**

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What is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is an annual festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees. Refugee Week 2022 takes place 20-26 June, with the theme of [‘Healing’](#).

Every Refugee Week at hundreds of schools across the country, teachers help children and young people to develop an understanding of refugee experiences that they will carry with them into adult life.

There are all kinds of ways schools can get involved, from holding assemblies and dedicated lessons, to creative activities and launching longer-term projects.

This pack has a range of learning activities and resources for children of all ages that can be explored at school, home or in community settings. There is also a range of family-friendly events taking place around the country – see the Refugee Week [website](#) to find out what’s on near you.

Refugee Week is a partnership project coordinated by [Counterpoints Arts](#), National Education Union and City of Sanctuary (coordinators of Schools of Sanctuary) are among its national partners.

See our [Event Organiser Pack](#) for more resources and information about planning an event for Refugee Week.

Refugee Week 2022: Healing

Whether it’s about looking after ourselves and each other at difficult times, overcoming divisions or coming together for the survival of our shared planet, healing matters to us all. We invite you to respond to the theme of ‘Healing’ in your Refugee Week event or activity, and join us in celebrating community, mutual care, and the human ability to start again.

[#RefugeeWeek2022](#)

[#HealingTogether](#)



Simple Acts



Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities..

For Refugee Week 2022, we're inviting people of all ages to do one or more of [eight Simple Acts](#) linked to the theme 'Healing'.

Whether it's reading a book, watching a film or joining a campaign, the small things we do together can be the start of a bigger change.

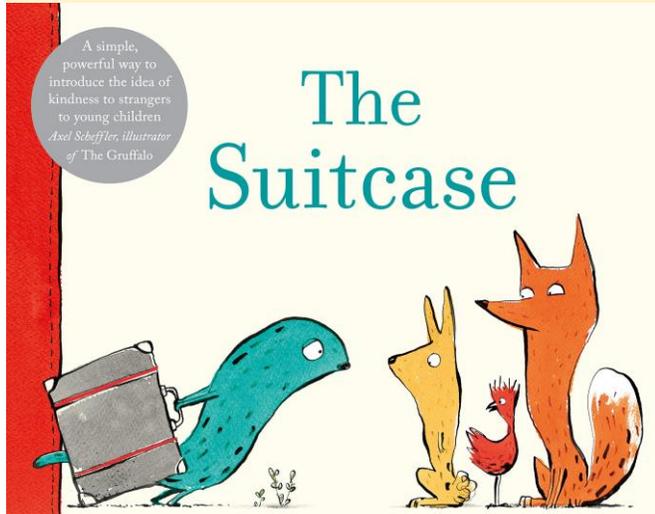
For the full list of Simple Acts, visit the [Simple Acts page](#) on the Refugee Week website.



Read a Book

The Suitcase

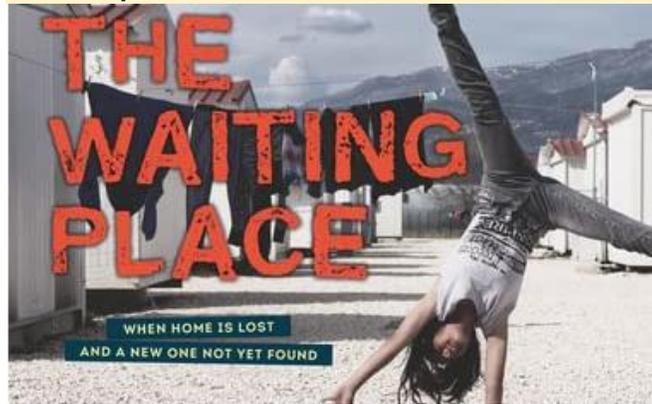
Chris Naylor-Ballesteros, 3+



When a strange-looking animal arrives pulling a big suitcase, the other animals are curious. What on earth could be inside that suitcase? A story about kindness and welcome for younger readers.

The Waiting Place

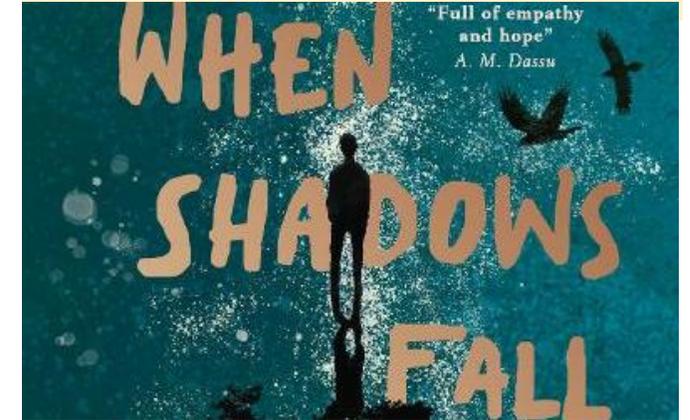
Dina Nayeri + Anna Bosch
Miralpeix, 8-11



Released on June 2, The Waiting Place captures the lives of a group of refugee children from Afghanistan and Iran as told to Dina Nayeri, former child refugee and author of 'The Ungrateful Refugee'. Publishers University of St Andrews and Walker Books are offering free copies and author workshops to UK schools, following Refugee Week – [read more](#).

When Shadows Fall

Sita Brahmachari, 13+



A tale of loss and healing centred on the friendship between three teenagers. Om, a refugee, comes to the aid of his friend Kai when his life is knocked off course. The English and Media Centre have put together a [guide](#) with reading activities to support the small group teaching of When Shadows Fall.

For further book suggestions, see the [Read a Book](#) Simple Acts page
#ReadaBook #SimpleActs

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Watch a Film

Help them Feel at Home, Kazzum
3 mins, age 5+



Animated poem for younger learners with creative activities by Kazzum Arts, with learning resource.

[View film + learning resource](#)

Seeking Refuge, BBC
3-5 mins, age 7-14,
discretion recommended



Five animated shorts about young people who have sought refuge in the UK, told by the children themselves, with teachers notes.

[Browse films](#)

Refugees film list, IntoFilm
Features, 5+, 11+, 14+



Wide-ranging selection of 18 feature-length films for different ages

[Browse films](#)

Refugee Week Collection, BFI and Counterpoints Arts
Various



Short films showing refugee experiences through British history, from 1914 to the 1970s.

[Browse films](#)

See our [website](#) for further film suggestions
#WatchaFilm #SimpleActs

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Walk Together



Take part in The Great Walk Together at your school.

The Great Walk Together is back! Take a walk in your school or community and reflect on the journeys refugees make, in celebration of Refugee Week and the Great Get Together.

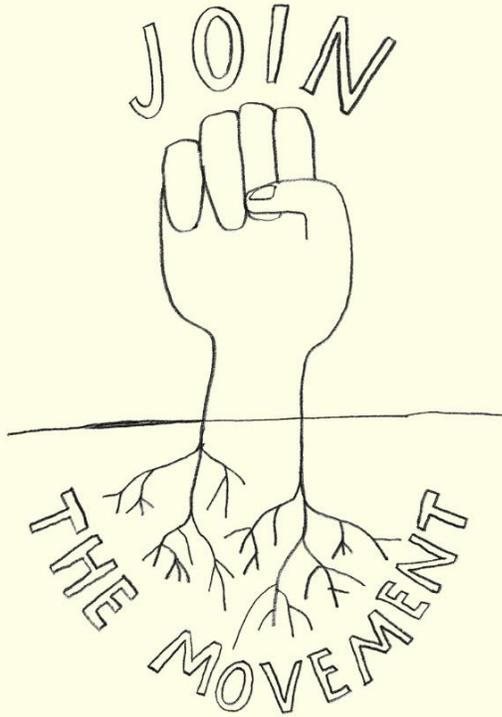
Take part 24-26 June or anytime throughout Refugee Week.

[Find out more and download the toolkit](#)

#WalkTogether #MoreinCommon



Join the Movement



Refugee Week lasts for seven days, but the movement for a kinder, fairer world continues all year round.

From campaigning to volunteering, there are lots of ways young people can show their support during Refugee Week 2022 and beyond.

The [Join the Movement](#) page is full of ideas for how young people can stay involved in their school or community.

#JointheMovement #SimpleActs

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Learning Packs



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A Day of Welcome, 17 June, Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary (All Key Stages)

Join over 200 schools across the UK already involved in A Day of Welcome, an initiative by Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary that invites schools to help build a culture of welcome during Refugee Week.

Sign up via the Day of Welcome [website](#) to receive resources and suggested activities for primary and secondary schools, including a teacher's guide.

This year a Day of Welcome is hosting two free webcasts with authors Miriam Halahmy and Michael Rosen – book [here](#).



Learning Packs

Teaching resources on refugees and migration British Red Cross (KS2, 3 + 4)

The British Red Cross have a range of [teaching resources](#) on refugees and migration for primary and secondary schools, linking to Geography, Citizenship and PSHE.

The British Red Cross' also have a new [blog post](#) with tips for how to teach young people of all ages about migration.



Image © British Red Cross





A primary resource exploring the cultural heritage and traditions of refugees living in the UK

Culture Club, Groundwork (KS2, can be adapted for KS1 + EYFS)

A [primary education resource](#) by Groundwork exploring the cultural heritage of refugees living in London. Made by teachers for teachers, it links to the national primary school curriculum, enabling pupils ages 4-11 to discover the joys of various cultures through videos, storytelling, crafts and recipes.

The Walk Education & Activity Pack (EYFS, KS1, 2, 3 + 4)

[Education and Activity Pack](#) inspired by the journey of Amal, a giant puppet of a nine-year-old Syrian girl who walked from the Syria/Turkey border, to the UK in 2021. The pack is created for all young people with learning material and challenge activities to suit different ages. Activities include writing poems, stories, making artwork and more. The Walk in 2021 was produced by The Walk Productions and Good Chance Theatre in association with Handspring Puppet Company.



Learning Packs



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Harmonise Online Resource (KS2 + KS3)

[Harmonise Online](#) is a series of activities with our music facilitators from around the world, designed for your pupils to learn about refugees, asylum seekers and Roma people, in a creative and fun way. To book the Harmonise programme to visit your school, email hello@musicaction.org

Infinity Tiles, Maths on Toast (EYFS, KS1 + KS2)

Help create a never-ending pattern using simple geometry! In response to the Refugee Week 2022 theme of 'Healing', Maths on Toast are inviting families to take part in their Summer Join-In Project, [Infinity Tiles](#). Explore maths through art whilst coming together to celebrate community and collaboration.



School as a Place of Healing

Refugee Week is an opportunity to strengthen how your school welcomes and supports refugee students all year round - including by becoming a School of Sanctuary

For Young People

[Kindness activity pack](#), British Red Cross (age 5-14): activities to help children and young people learn about feelings, coping skills and the power of kindness, in 7 languages

[Welcome to School](#), Phoenix Group: Resource in five languages for children recently arrived to England

For Schools

[Schools as Place of Healing](#): Refugee Week workshop by Schools of Sanctuary on how teachers and school staff can support the psycho-emotional needs of students from sanctuary seeking backgrounds.

[Schools of Sanctuary](#) is a national network of over 300 primary and secondary schools committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum. The Schools of Sanctuary [resource pack](#) has information and inspiration for schools interested in becoming a School of Sanctuary.

[Welcoming Refugee Children to Your School](#), NEU: Information about ways in which you can create a refugee-friendly school, make an accessible curriculum and think about some principles of effective practice.

[Anti-racism charter](#), NEU: A framework to help you explore ideas around race equality and plan how to tackle racism with children, young people and staff.

Partners



Refugee Week is a partnership project coordinated by [Counterpoints Arts](#). Refugee Festival Scotland is coordinated by Scottish Refugee Council and Refugee Week Wales by Welsh Refugee Council.

Refugee Week was founded in Australia, and the longstanding programme there is run by Australian Refugee Council.

Refugee Week is growing internationally and will this year take place in Greece, Germany, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Malta, coordinated independently, with support from Counterpoints Arts.

What did you think of this pack?
[Contact us](#) to share your questions and feedback

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