



A DAY OF WELCOME

A Day of Welcome is a day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

Friday 17 June 2022

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The celebration is designed to support schools and families in marking Refugee Week (20–26th June) and to send a clear message that our communities are welcoming places for those in need of sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome to join in with A Day of Welcome! Regardless of where you are in the UK, we will provide you with ideas, resources and activities that make it easy for schools and families to participate, both in school and at home. We will also be providing additional resources specifically designed to share little-known local histories of refugee migration, for participating schools in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex.

If you are interested in participating in A Day of Welcome, please [sign up](#) via our website or contact us to find out more: info@norfolksos.org.uk

Our Aims

- To build understanding of the experiences and contributions of refugees and asylum seekers
- To uncover and celebrate little-known stories of refugee migration
- To signpost Refugee Week events which pupils, families and staff may wish to participate in.

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Resources

Resources for A Day of Welcome are designed to help introduce refugee migration to pupils and to explore the topic across Key Stages 1 to 4. Suitable for all schools across the UK, our resources invite pupils to respond to their learning with activities that often culminate in some kind of artistic or creative output. We provide plans for one-off lessons that can also be extended into a series of lessons, with more emphasis on the creative aspect of the work.



PREVIOUS RESOURCES

Examples of previous resources and materials, including our helpful [Teacher's Guide](#), can be found on our [website](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR EAST ANGLIA

We provide a local offer for schools based in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Suffolk. Schools in these counties have access to additional resources and suggestions to help explore refugee histories from their local context.

Historical Inspiration for 2022

The Kindertransport

A Day of Welcome will take its historical inspiration from the Kindertransport (Children's Transport). During 1938–1939, various rescue efforts were made to help over 10,000 children, most of whom were Jewish, escape persecution in Nazi Germany. The children arrived in Britain on trains and boats, and were placed in foster homes, hostels, schools and farms. Everyone hoped that the children's escape to Britain would be brief, but the last train left Germany just two days before the start of World War II. Most of the children never returned home.



Photographed: Ann Chadwick (left)

Our resources will introduce the historical and political crises leading to the Kindertransport, along with remarkable stories of the children's arrival in the Eastern region and other parts of the UK. Building on this, our resources for 2023 will focus on stories of settlement and integration as the children made new lives in the Eastern region, and beyond.

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