

## Engage your pupils during Refugee Week (18–24 June)

**Did you know?** In 2017:

- there were 65.6 million displaced people worldwide, including 22.5 million refugees
- over half of the world's refugees came from three countries: Syria (5.5 million); Afghanistan (2.5 million) and South Sudan (1.4 million)
- Turkey (2.9 million), Pakistan (1.4 million) and Lebanon (1.0 million) hosted the most refugees
- Europe hosted 17% of refugees; Africa hosted 30%<sup>1</sup>.

Monday 18 June is World Refugee Day, the start of **Refugee Week 2018**. The Global Learning Programme (GLP) in England offers resources to help your school celebrate the contribution that refugees make to our country, and encourage pupils to explore the complex issues around migration and interdependence more generally.

Visit the [Refugee Week](#) website for teaching resources and materials to help pupils become aware of how refugees contribute to the UK, and help develop their understanding of why people seek sanctuary. This year's theme celebrates the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and invites you to take part in one or more of '20 simple acts' (2018 is the 20th anniversary of Refugee Week).

Explore the current migrant crisis with support from the GLP:

- **Download the GLP-E refugee and migration resources list [here](#)**
- Refugees, migrants and conflict on Europe's borderlands (download [here](#)): guidance for teachers including the background to the crisis and links to learning outcomes
- [Global dimension](#) resources and recommended reading on migration, including [Migrants lost at sea](#) resource
- [Responding to the crisis in Syria](#) – guidance from the GLP
- Support for [critical thinking](#), including in [geography](#) and [citizenship](#).

The Red Cross produces resources on refugees for all key stages, including for [Refugee Week 2018](#) on the theme of 'understand the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees'.

Become a [School of Sanctuary](#) and take positive action to embed concepts of welcome, safety and inclusion within your school and the wider community.

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<sup>1</sup>Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/uk/figures-at-a-glance.html>

## Find out what other GLP schools are doing

[Doddinghurst Primary School](#) have developed a case study on how they used the story of Paddington Bear to help pupils reflect on the refugee crisis.

[St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary School](#) share their experience of being a School of Sanctuary.