

Resources list for teaching about refugees and migration

Association for Citizenship Teaching: immigration and protest school [case study and activities](#): the ACT Building Resilience Project focused on problem-solving and enquiry skills in four Year 7 and 8 citizenship lessons involving critical thinking about social media and taking action.

Amnesty International: [A Time to Flee](#) (KS3) – a lesson developing understanding of why people become asylum seekers and the difficulties they face.

CAFOD: resources to support the [‘Share the Journey’ campaign](#) in support of refugees: the aim is to walk a total of 24,900 miles, the distance around the world. The resources also include stories, a simulation and statistics.

Geographical Association: [KS3 geography resources](#) for teaching about migration and refugees, including a migration dataset and CPD activities.

Global Dimension: [migration resource collection](#).

Oxfam

- [Schools of Sanctuary – giving a warm welcome](#) (KS3): workshop that helps pupils understand why refugees leave their homes, the challenges they face, their welcome in the UK and in pupils’ own schools
- [Rohingya Crisis](#) (KS2–3) pupils investigate responses to a humanitarian emergency, differences between needs and wants, and think critically about the challenges facing refugees
- [Refugee quiz](#) (KS3)
- [Syria – seen and heard](#) (KS3): workshop to support pupils’ understanding of the crisis in Syria, and how to make sure Syrian children are seen and heard
- [Syria – a children’s crisis](#) (KS3) activities to introduce the Syrian crisis and its impact, particularly on neighbouring countries, together with how young people in the UK can respond.

Send My Friend produces resources and yearly campaigns about children who are missing out on school. The 2016 campaign featured children from Nepal and Syria telling their stories, and there are factsheets on education in conflict and emergencies: www.sendmyfriend.org

Red Cross:

- Education site includes resources for all key stages and a range of subjects on migration, refugees and conflict, and [lesson plans](#) for Refugee Weeks in 2014 (identity); 2015 (celebrate); 2016 (welcome), 2017 (our shared future) and [2018](#) (contributions, creativity and resilience).
- [Refugee support site](#) includes refugee facts and figures and refugee stories.

Refugee Week: includes teaching resources, videos and 20 simple acts for [refugee week 2018](#).

RISC: [Where do the world's refugees go?](#) Key Stage 3–4 mapping activity comparing refugees, population and wealth.

Save the Children: Two short films about becoming a refugee; search YouTube for:

- Most Shocking Second a Day Video (1:33)
- Still The Most Shocking Second A Day (1:56)

Traces project: [timeline and contributions](#) to arts and culture from refugees settled in the UK.

Unicef: [In Search of Safety](#) – teaching resource with 20 activities about Europe's refugee crisis for primary and secondary schools.

Full fact: '[Refugees in the UK](#)' site for teachers and older students, from an independent fact-checking charity.

Story books from the GLP/NATE [World Book Day resource](#)

Key Stage 2

- Ashley, B. and Cuthbertson, O. (ill.), *Nadine Dreams of Home*

A beautiful story that portrays the dreams, hopes and fears of Nadine, newly arrived in the UK from Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (Congo)

- Avery, T., *Too Much Trouble*, Frances Lincoln

A fast-paced story about two brothers who struggle to make a life and a home on the streets of London after fleeing their native Africa. (UK)

- BBC: Seeking Refuge

Five animated stories of children who have sought refuge in the UK; all the stories are also available as books www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01k7c4q/clips

- Garland, S., *Azizi in Between*, Frances Lincoln

Azizi and her parents flee a city at war and after many adventures reach safety in another country, where they tackle more difficulties.

- Geda, F., *In the Sea are Crocodiles*, David Fickling Books

Highly topical and relevant, this semi-autobiographical tale tells the story of a ten-year-old boy's escape from Afghanistan and the five-year odyssey that takes him through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey and Greece before he seeks political asylum in Italy. (Afghanistan)

- Gleitzmann, M., *Boy Overboard*, Puffin

A narrative about an Afghan boy and his football-playing sister who dream of leading Australia to victory in the World Cup. A dangerous and lengthy voyage overseas ensues. An exciting and humorous tale with a topical focus. (Afghanistan)

- Hoffman, M., *The Colour of Home*, Frances Lincoln Children's Books

An optimistic and engaging story about a Somalian refugee child, and how the sympathy and understanding of his classmates and teachers help him to make a new home. (UK)

- Ibbotson, E., *Journey to the River Sea*, Macmillan

An unusual adventure story about an orphaned girl living in London who is 'adopted' by long-lost relatives in Brazil. The novel focuses on her preparations to live on the Amazon River and what it is actually like when she gets there. (Brazil).

Key Stage 3

- Abdulah, K., translated by Massotty, S., *My Father's Notebook* by Kader, Canongate

A moving story about Ishmael, exiled from his country, Iran, living in the Netherlands and remembering his father and his lost homeland. (Iran)

- Brahmachari, S., *Red Leaves*, Macmillan

A topical and moving story about Aisha, a thirteen-year-old refugee living in London. Focusing on family, love and community, the novel depicts Aisha's emotional search for a place she can call home.

- Cross, G., *Where I Belong*, Oxford University Press

A gripping story told at a breath-taking pace about Freya, Abdi and Khadija, all Somalian refugees seeking to make a new life in England, and caught up in a whirlwind of fashion, war, bandits and paparazzi. (Somalia)

- Crossan, S., *The Weight of Water*, Bloomsbury

This thoughtful novel describes how Kasienska comes to England with her mother from Poland, desperate to search for her father. (Poland)

- Curtis, V., *The Earth is Singing*, Usborne

The story of Hanna, a teenage Jewish girl growing up in Riga, Latvia, in the 1930s, and how her world was changed for ever by the arrival of the Nazis. (Latvia)

- Gavin, J., *The Wheel of Surya*, Egmont

Jaspal and Marvinder flee from the turmoil of India during the struggle for independence in the hope of joining their father in England. (India)

- Naidoo, B., *The Other Side of Truth*, Puffin

This is the moving and exciting story of two children who travel to London from Nigeria as political refugees after the sudden traumatic death of their mother. (Nigeria)

- Tan, S., *The Arrival*, Hodder

This wordless graphic novel explores the many reasons why people leave their lives and homes and set out on an often dangerous and unpredictable journey to seek something new. Essential 'reading' in the modern world. (Australia)

- Zephaniah, B., *Refugee Boy*, Bloomsbury

This moving and engaging novel tells the story of Alem, brought to London by his father from his war-torn home in Ethiopia. At first he is excited and then desperately frightened when his father abandons him to return to Ethiopia. (UK)