



Norwich Schools of Sanctuary, Anglia Ruskin University, The Common Lot and Amnesty International are collaborating to organise a day of action in schools across Norfolk on Friday 20th April 2018. *Norfolk Welcomes* will kick off the Amnesty International *Football Welcomes* weekend.

Norfolk Welcomes will see schools across the county deliver assemblies and lessons to raise awareness of the experiences of displaced people (refugees and asylum seekers) and to connect pupils with Norfolk's rich history as a place of sanctuary and refuge. They will also be invited to hold a non-uniform day at which pupils wear green and yellow and make a voluntary contribution in order to raise money to support refugee communities locally.

For the day of action, the research team behind *Come Yew In!* will be joined by other citizen researchers and a team of teachers to develop educational resources for primary and secondary schools.

This year's research will centre on three themes:

- **Canaries, books and beer:** the legacy of the Strangers (16th century Dutch and Flemish refugees)
- **Norwich's history as a city of sanctuary:** an examination of different waves of refugee migration over the centuries
- **The Canaries & Tony Gallego:** Norwich City FC's links to local refugee history (Spanish Civil War)

These resources will be complemented by lesson plans and resources from Amnesty International which explore the global refugee crisis and the contributions of refugees to the world of football.

Alongside this, Postcards for Peace will be working with Norfolk Record Office to provide school workshops at the Millennium Library where pupils will use the historical archive to explore refugee stories before responding creatively to what they learn.

Following the day of action, a Heritage Hub will be developed at www.norwichschoolsofsanctuary.org to facilitate further research by children and to house creative responses such as poetry, art and music to these stories of migration.



Norwich City FC Welcomes



This project is particularly pertinent to Norwich City FC as their emblem and nickname 'The Canaries' is a legacy of Norwich's history as a place of sanctuary. In the 16th century more than a third of the city's population were refugees who had fled religious persecution in the lowlands of Europe. They introduced to Norfolk the pastime of canary breeding which quickly became popular and synonymous with the area, hence the adoption of the canary as it's emblem by the club in the 20th century.

Norwich City FC has also had at least two players who were refugees. In 1946 Tony Gallego spent a season on Norwich's books. The young goalkeeper and his brother Jose first came to England along with 3000 other unaccompanied children

fleeing the Spanish Civil War. Both brothers, and several others of those children, had careers as professional footballers.



In addition, Norwich City FC's recent signing Mario Vrančić moved to Germany with his family as a child seeking sanctuary from the Bosnian war. He later became a professional footballer and whilst playing for SV Darmstadt 98, he appeared in the documentary short *Refugee Eleven*, a film project to promote understanding of the experiences of those seeking asylum in Germany.

Norwich City FC was one of thirty clubs across the country to support Amnesty International's *Football Welcomes* initiative.

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In 2017 30 football clubs took part in *Football Welcomes*, an Amnesty International initiative that saw a weekend of activities across the country to celebrate the contribution refugees have made to football since the Second World War.

The clubs all took part in their own way, from putting on games for young refugees and/or offering free tickets, to arranging stadium tours or writing about it on their websites and promoting it on social media.

Football Welcomes received widespread coverage in national and local media and was supported amongst others by the English Football League, Women's Super League, Kick It Out and Football Unites, Racism Divides. More information can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/y9w5ywk4>