

Join other schools in a day of action across Norfolk to show that

REFUGEES ARE WELCOME



Teachers up and down the country are finding that the global refugee crisis has sparked both questions and concerns among their pupils. Now in its 2nd year, Norfolk Welcomes is an initiative designed to help teachers engage children in productive conversations about this timely and complex topic, using the lens of local histories of sanctuary. Scheduled for Friday 14 June, this fun and engaging day will offer useful context in advance of Refugee Week (17-23 June) and will:

- build understanding of the experiences and contributions of refugees and asylum seekers
- introduce children to Norfolk's long and rich history as a place of refuge
- raise money to support local refugee and asylum-seeking communities
- help create a culture of welcome for those seeking sanctuary



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FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2019

A day of action for schools, building a culture of welcome for refugees

To help your pupils enjoy Norfolk Welcomes, we'll send you lesson plans, assembly materials, activity suggestions and lots of stickers!



In 2018, 62 schools across Norfolk took part in the inaugural Norfolk Welcomes

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NORFOLK WELCOMES 2019

A county shaped by 'Strangers'



Our theme this year focuses on the history of the people know as *The Strangers*: a group who came to Norfolk from the Spanish Netherlands as economic migrants and refugees in the 16th century. Citizen researchers coordinated by Anglia Ruskin University have dug deep into this rich vein of local history. Their work has helped a team of teachers to create lesson plans, assembly materials and supporting activities that will enable children and young people to consider the experiences of the Strangers and their enduring legacy, alongside contemporary stories relating to seeking sanctuary.

What would we need to do?

It is up to you how your school marks the day: you might use our lesson plans and have a whole day off-curriculum or decide to organise a single dedicated lesson or a special assembly; alternatively, you could simply hold a non-uniform day, with children wearing the colours of Norfolk Welcomes: yellow and green (suggested pupil donation of £1, with monies going to New Routes, a local organisation that supports refugees and asylum seekers).

What are the benefits of getting involved?

We all know that with the right guidance children can benefit enormously from engaging with complex questions and 'thinking beyond the headlines'. Participation in Norfolk Welcomes also helps schools fulfil their obligations under the Equality Act, in the promotion of British Values, and contributes to pupils' Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development; it can also serve as evidence to support your school's accreditation as a recognised School of Sanctuary.

Who is working on this?

Run as part of the Schools of Sanctuary programme, Norfolk Welcomes is kindly supported by:



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