

Peace and conflict: Year 6 2020 are Brave Change-makers

Synopsis: A Refugee Crisis

World War 2 ended. That was meant to be the lesson for the world, but look around, the most recent estimate states that there is over 25.9 million of them fleeing conflict, war, persecution, violence and mass violation of human-rights. Anything that goes wrong, they get the worst of it. They're called refugees. Conflicts that urge people to become refugees, still –after so long- affect families the most. Human kindness is one thing that isn't shared close to enough in our community of the world, neither is personal tolerance: asylum seekers, refugees and migrants are all human, just like you and me!

Refugees flee because they have to, they don't have a choice. Many bias titles have headed UK newspapers, for example 'Illegals have landed' but refugees are not illegals: they have rights to be in the country of their choice. Turkey, Pakistan, Uganda, Sudan and Germany are the top destinations for asylum seekers and refugees. We aren't even on that list, so why the overly bias headlines?

Refugees can be targeted because of their skin colour, beliefs or even because the government doesn't accept them for who they are. They run to the safest place which could be a refugee camp. These camps are usually relatively close to the country they are fleeing from, but some families go to completely different continents, like running from Syria to Germany. When they flee they carry nothing, not even certificates to prove they really are from a war-torn country. This process of fleeing gives them the title of an asylum seeker, when they settle they can apply for the status of a refugee.

We have been following the life of a young girl named Rouaa's by looking at videos of her life. When she was just 2 years old there was a chemical attack on the village she lived in in Syria, the only thing her parents could do to save her was a nappy soaked in vinegar. When she was around the age of 6 she longed to go back to Syria, in fact she said she wanted to go back the very next day. But as she grew up she realised it wasn't safe. These calamities continue to happen and attackers continue to be unphased that this affects children the most.

We all make mistakes, but being misinterpreted as a migrant or asylum seeker is one of the worst things a refugee can hear. Refugees have been through so much in so little time, they have earned the status of a refugee: they *were* asylum seekers. And they didn't move for work because that's what migrants do. To you, this may seem like a little mistake, but it genuinely mentally scars refugees. Please, think before you say.

What and where are the issues?

There are 3.5 million asylum seekers in the world. 25.9 million refugees flee persecution, conflict and violence. Asylum seekers, migrants and refugees are humans as well, we should respect them like we do to anyone else. There are currently more displaced people than at any point during WWII.

Refugees can flee from any country or area where they feel threatened; Syria is a country that we have learned about – it has seen millions of refugees. The top destinations for refuge are: Turkey (Asia), Pakistan (Asia), Uganda (Africa), Sudan (Africa) and Germany (Europe). Lebanon (Middle East) is the most refugee populated place.

The facts explained by us to help persuade you to think carefully about refugees

Human kindness cannot be beaten; be respectful to all people even if an asylum seeker, migrant or a refugee. Some people are unkind to refugees (possibly because they misunderstand) even though there are about 1 million in England. All refugees in the whole world equals about 25.9 million which is nearly half of England population! Sadly not all people make it alive to camp, many die each year.

Refugees, Migrants and Asylum seekers

Have you ever fled from your own country not being allowed to bring anything with you? Well millions of children in lots of countries have. Lots of poor families have fled many times because of gas attacks or war. They would have to flee their country not being allowed to bring their most valuable or favourite things! Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants are all human who should be treated with compassion.

Unfortunately many places in our world are full of conflict, leaving too many leaving their country. Asylum seekers and refugees is what we call these people, though both are different. Only slightly as asylum seekers just haven't got their refugee label by getting a passport: meaning they are not entitled to a job or able to get a house.

There are more of these people than we hope for, there are 3.5 million asylum seekers and 25.9 million refugees all fleeing for different reasons including: conflict, violence, persecution and a violating of human rights. These horrifying activities that go on in their country means nothing is in their control and the consequences of these acts means unwittingly displaced people; people fleeing their country in fright.

For example Rouaa, a girl who when she was young left (Syria) with her family because of a chemical attack only being protected by a nappy soaked in vinegar. Many people go through similar experiences to Rouaa's, no matter the age or location. It isn't right that this is happening, especially the fact there are more people leaving due to enforced displacement now than in WWII.

Though we have multiple refugees in the United Kingdom, we are not a part of the top places they flee to. The top places are Turkey (Asia), Pakistan (Asia), Uganda (Africa), Sudan (Africa) and Germany (Europe). A little girl in a situation full of war is Leila from the book 'Leila's Nightmares'. She was very young when she witnessed her uncle being beaten up by soldiers, resulting in her not even believing the soldiers were human. The book is fictional but the story it is based on is not!

People end up leaving because of events like these which are not in their control which is why we need your help to support them. We are all equal and we would be grateful if you can contribute.

So if you please donate to our just giving page where all the money will be given to the 'Refugee Women of Bristol'. I'm sure many would appreciate the extra help.

You can access their website at: '<https://www.refugeewomenofbristol.org.uk>' and can donate to our just giving page at: '<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/year-5-and-6-charity-challenges-for-refugees>'.

We need your help to make a change.

Help is to come

Refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers need respect they are human like us: Please help them. Don't push them away - bring them closer for they need more help than us

Think about this: 3.5 million asylum seekers are in the world in need along with 25.9 million refugees fleeing conflict and violation to human-rights, Please help these people for they are in more need of help than us. Because lives are at risk; having nowhere to go or live.

What we can do?

We can stop all violation the human-rights and violence toward them. As well as all conflict, they have gone through more than we could even handle. Please help these lives have a home again.

Help these kind souls find a home. So they can have a safe place to live, and stay to have a warm bed and be free of a life of violence and conflict.

References and usefully sources of information

<http://www.refugeewomanofbristol.org.uk/>

unhcr.org

bbc.co.uk (Rouaa's story)

<http://www.un.org/en/observances/refugee-day>

Just give peace a chance

I can't bear the thought of refugees and asylum seekers lives being thrown down the drain (wasted), so our class want to help.

Our country is not anywhere close to being a frequent destination because there is hostility towards refugees and asylum seekers. We want and need to change that! We need to support refugees and asylum seekers mentally and physically; welcome them to our country.

To find out more:

bbc.co.uk (Rouaa's story)

<http://refugeewomenofbristol.org.uk>

unhcr.co.uk

Summary

To help these unfortunate refugees, we ought to spread out the message and make sure most people are aware of the situation these refugees are going through. Don't hide these refugees away, make them known.

Just like us, human beings such as; asylum seekers; refugees deserve to have a home and be respected. Help these refugees by donating to our charity at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundrasing/year-5andyear-6-charity-challenges-for-refugees>.

These refugees need a home, they don't deserve to suffer.