

REFUGEE RESOURCES

'I have never met a Syrian who wanted to leave their country. I have never met a Syrian who voluntarily picked up their remaining possessions and said I'm going somewhere else...When you get down to it, what is it about in essence? It's about fathers and mothers and children and families and neighbourhoods torn to bits. And we've seen this literally washing up on the shores of Europe.'

Lyse Doucet, BBC Radio journalist, September 2015

All items listed are available to borrow (free of charge) from the Montgomery DEC Resource Library, and/or are available online by following the links provided.



This resources website is part of the **Global Learning Programme Scotland** – its resources cover a wide range of themes and topics.

www.signpostsglobalcitizenship.org/topic/refugees-and-asylum-seekers

Background to the current Refugee Crisis:

The European Refugee Crisis and Syria Explained (a short animated film – approx. 6 minutes)

www.patreon.com/posts/european-refugee-3340857

Thousands of refugees at Budapest's Keleti station were waiting for trains to take them to western Europe. Then, they just got up and walked. **The Guardian** journalist and filmmaker John Domokos went with them. This is the story of one Syrian family

www.theguardian.com/world/video/2015/sep/10/we-walk-together-a-syrian-family-s-journey-to-the-heart-of-europe-video?CMP=share_btn_tw

This comic from **Upworthy** looks at sustainability and the sharing of natural resources/human right to fresh water, which connects these issues to the current refugee humanitarian crisis

www.upworthy.com/trying-to-follow-what-is-going-on-in-syria-and-why-this-comic-will-get-you-there-in-5-minutes?g=5

Online resources:

From **UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools** website: www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/useful-links/

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From the **Scottish Refugee Council**

www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/6115/SRC_The_Facts_Booklet.pdf

All you need for a Refugee Assembly - from **RISC**'s website

http://risc.org.uk/files/refugee_assembly.pdf

From **British Red Cross** – quick photo activity on images of refugees www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Quick-activities/Images-of-refugees

Refugee resources on the **Global Dimension** website:

<https://globaldimension.org.uk/news/item/20394>

Refugee resources on the **Education Scotland** website:

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/w/worldrefugeeday.asp

The **UN refugee agency** also provides a range of resources for teachers:

www.unhcr.org/pages/4ab346796.html

From **The Guardian** newspaper www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/may/25/how-to-teach-refugees



Visit the **Red Cross – Newthink** website to find out more about their activities in conflict zones and to access downloadable teaching resources, notably their [Positive Images Toolkit](#)

New website: **Scotland Welcomes Refugees** www.scotlandwelcomesrefugees.scot/

The trailer for the documentary film **Human**, released this autumn www.human-themovie.org/

So You Think You Can Stay? is a short satirical film looking at the asylum-seeking process as if part of an X-Factor style contest www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0vd-8pAl_g

Primary Schools:




Global Communities: Learning about Refugee Issues (Primary)

This activity book from **DFID** introduces the theme of refugees to the primary classroom. It includes activities which investigate why people seek asylum, refugees throughout history, and related topics such as conflict and safety. The activities are differentiated for different abilities, and include writing frames, sorting exercises, drama role-plays, and group discussions.

Free to download as a PDF:

www.refugeeweek.org.uk/Resources/Refugee%20Week/Documents/Global%20Communities%20Primary%20pack.pdf

These **Amnesty International** resources follow on from each other by looking at developing empathy, communication, cooperation, respect, responsibility and conflict resolution – **hard copies can be borrowed from Montgomery DEC, or you can download by clicking on the link:**

 <p>The Right Start for ages approx. 4-7yrs</p>	 <p>Lift Off for ages approx. 8-10yrs</p>	 <p>Me, You, Everyone for ages approx. 9-11yrs</p>
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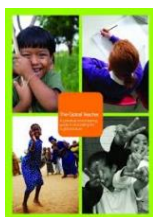
This can progress to work on **conflict** and **peace** using the more extensive **Living Together - Refugee Education Pack**, particularly suitable for work with older pupils:

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Suggestions are provided for using these resources as part of a partnership with a school in another country. **Syria: A Children's Crisis?** Learn about the crisis in Syria, and think critically about who is affected. Suitable for **mid-Primary upwards** www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/syria

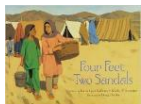
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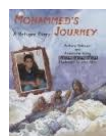
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Fiction:



Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed

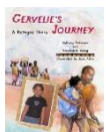
When relief workers bring used clothing to a refugee camp in Pakistan, ten-year-old Lina is thrilled when she finds a sandal that fits her foot perfectly - until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. But soon Lina and Feroza meet and decide that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one. The girls discover the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice. **Publisher:** Eerdmans Books for Young Readers **ISBN-10:** 0802852963 **ISBN-13:** 978-0802852960



Mohammed's Journey: A Refugee Diary by Anthony Robinson and Annemarie Young

Mohammed was born in Kirkuk – Saddam Hussein's soldiers came to his house, beat him and his mother, and took his father away. Mohammed never saw his father again. This book tells the story of Mohammed and his mother's escape from Iraq by bus, on horseback, in a boat, and on a lorry, through Iran and Turkey, to England and safety. Photographs and illustrations depict these events as Mohammed and his mother talk about their harrowing past and their hopes for the future.

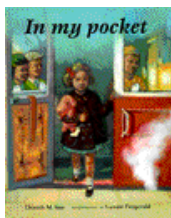
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books **ISBN-10:** 1847802095 **ISBN-13:** 978-184780209



Gervelie's Journey: A Refugee Diary by Anthony Robinson and Annemarie Young

Gervelie was born in the Republic of the Congo. This is the true story of her flight from her home in Africa to seek refuge in the United Kingdom and is told in her words. It is the honest and heartrending story of a family torn apart by war and their courageous decision to seek a life of peace in the West.

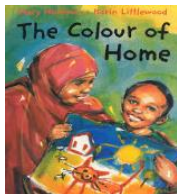
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books **ISBN-10:** 1847800041 **ISBN-13:** 978-1847800046



In My Pocket by Dorrit M Sim, who arrived in Scotland from Nazi Germany as part of the Kindertransport in 1939.

Publisher: Harcourt **ISBN-10:** 0152013571 **ISBN-13:** 978-0152013578

You will also find out more about Dorrit and others who came to Scotland like her at the website www.gatheringthevoices.com/education - which now includes teaching resources.



The Colour of Home by Mary Hoffmann

Hassan feels out of place in a new cold, grey country. At school, he paints a picture showing his colourful Somalian home, covered with the harsh colours of war from which his family has fled. He tells his teacher about their voyage from Mogadishu to Mombasa, then to the refugee camp and on to England.

Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books **ISBN-10:** 0711219915 **ISBN-13:** 978-0711219915

Some of the books on this list are available to borrow from MDEC:

<http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-lists/refugee-children>

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond - this old childhood favourite is a great starting point with young children – you may find a copy in your school or local library.

Secondary Schools:

Global Communities: Learning about Refugee Issues (Secondary)

This activity book from DFID introduces the theme of refugees to the secondary classroom. It includes activities which investigate why people seek asylum, media portrayals of asylum seekers, issues of human rights, and ideas for ways of celebrating refugee contributions to UK society. The activities are differentiated for different abilities, and include a quiz, group discussions, and writing exercises.

Free to download:

www.refugeeweek.org.uk/Resources/Refugee%20Week/Documents/Global%20Communities%20Secondary%20pack.pdf



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Not Just Numbers is a toolkit, produced by the **UNHCR** and partners, about migration and asylum in the European Union, designed to help teachers and other educators to engage young people in informed discussion on this subject www.unhcr.org/numbers-toolkit/NJN-MANUAL-EN.pdf



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Making Sense of World Conflicts Oxfam (age 12 – 17)

Activities and source materials for teachers of English, Citizenship and PSE.

Also available to download: www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/making-sense-of-world-conflicts

This **BBC Bitesize** KS3 Geography revision guide looks at the topic of migration:
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/geography/migration/



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War is brutal British Red Cross

This Secondary photo-pack explores **conflict** and international humanitarian law. Each award-winning photo is a stimulus for students to explore an aspect of conflict. Teaching notes comprising six activities look in detail at the photo and at broader themes via discussion, role-play and creative writing. The pictures are all very thought-provoking and the suggested activities are outlined very clearly and simply.



Life in a war zone British Red Cross

This photo-activity starts with a photograph of children kicking a football about amidst the rubble and ruins of their Syrian city. What challenges do they face? What sources of help can they rely on?

Also available to download: <http://www.redcross.org.uk/en/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Quick-activities/Life-in-a-war-zone>

You could use this **BBC news** story about a Banksy anti-immigration mural which was destroyed, to start a debate about the use of images:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-29446232