

## Refugee Issues

Refugee Week is held each year in June, for further information go to <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/>. The Montgomery Development Education Centre (MDEC) is offering help with finding resources to help integrate the issue of refugees in your teaching.

## Free Resource

MDEC has the following teaching pack available **free** to schools.

***Global Communities – Learning about Refugee Issues*** DIFD/Refugee Week  
is a teaching resource to help you explore the issues surrounding refugees, asylum seekers, economic migrants and illegal immigrants. It helps children explore what it means to be part of a global community and how we are all global citizens. Children are encouraged to look at refugees throughout history, what it would be like to be forced to leave your home, refugees today and celebrating the sanctuary that some countries are able to offer.

If you wish to have a copy of this resource, please send MDEC your name and address along with payment of £2.50 to cover postage and packing.

## Items for loan from MDEC

***All you need for a Refugee Assembly*** RISC (upper primary/lower secondary)  
This pack helps students learn about and empathise with refugees and asylum seekers, both in our current situation and from past events. The students will explore concepts such as human rights, justice, leaving home and being a newcomer. The students will be encouraged to develop a commitment to justice and explore ways in which individuals and communities can take action to support refugees and asylum seekers.

***Local Citizen; Global Citizen*** Christian Aid  
In this teaching resource, pupils will learn how language travels with people, and how the English language is extended and enriched through contact with other languages. There is an excellent lesson looking at the language difficulties faced by asylum seekers entering the UK.

***Ceud Mile Failte – 100 000 Welcomes*** Scottish Refugee Council/ideas/Save the Children  
This teaching pack was put together for Refugee Week in Scotland 2005. It contains many ideas for the classroom looking at migration, the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child and refugee issues.

### **Colour Blind**

A video about life for young asylum seekers and refugees in Scotland. It is written, directed, filmed and acted by a group of young people living in Glasgow.

***Moving Here – The Refugee Experience*** Sheffield Ethnic Minority Achievement Service/  
South Yorkshire DEC

This teaching activity book for Citizenship, PSHE and English at upper primary/lower secondary level contains games and activities to challenge preconceptions and challenge common myths about asylum seekers and refugees.

***Home from Home*** Save the Children

This excellent resource is a guidance and resource pack for the welcome and inclusion of refugee children and families in school. It is for school staff and other professionals working to support the education and well being of refugee children.

***Refugees (World Issues series)*** Clive Gifford

This book gives up to the minute facts and considers the key debates about refugee issues by considering personal stories of refugees. It is suitable for upper primary/lower secondary.

***A Literacy Hour Programme of Study for Refugee Week***

These teaching materials can be used for upper primary language activities.