



A DAY OF WELCOME

A Day of Welcome is a day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for refugees and asylum seekers.

Friday 11 June 2021

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The celebration is designed to support schools and families in marking Refugee Week (14–20th June) and to send a clear message that for those in need of sanctuary, our communities are welcoming places.

Everyone is welcome to join in with A Day of Welcome! Regardless of where you are, we will provide you with ideas, resources and activities that make it easy for schools and families to participate, both in school and at home. We will be providing resources specifically designed to share little-known local histories of refugee migration, depending on whether you are located in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire or Essex.

If you are interested in participating in A Day of Welcome, please sign up via our website or contact us to find out more: info@norfolksos.org.uk

Our Aims

- To build understanding of the experiences and contributions of refugees and asylum seekers
- To uncover and celebrate little-known stories of refugee migration
- To signpost Refugee Week events which pupils, families and staff may wish to participate in.

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This year we are developing local events in 3 counties across the East of England, under the 'Day of Welcome' banner: Norfolk Welcomes; Cambridgeshire Welcomes; and Essex Welcomes.

Participating schools in these counties will have access to engaging resources that explore global refugee migration but they will also be provided with teaching materials specific to their county's history as a place of sanctuary.

If you are an educator in Norfolk, Cambridgeshire or Essex are interested in developing this project in your county for A Day of Welcome 2022 please get in touch: info@norfolksos.co.uk

Highlights from A Day of Welcome 2020

Words of Welcome for Syrian families in the UK

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One of the resources for A Day of Welcome 2020 encouraged pupils to learn about the experiences of Syrian refugees who have fled the Syrian conflict and resettled in this country. In response to their learning, the pupils were invited to create *Words of Welcome*: artworks to demonstrate that these families, and others who have been forced to flee their homeland, are welcome in the UK.

The pupils' creations can be viewed in our online gallery which has been shared with some of the Syrian families who have come to the UK under the 'Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme'.



Havens East

<https://havenseast.org>

Developed and launched for A Day of Welcome 2020, this online exhibition tells the story of the 4,000 Basque children who came to Britain, and many to East Anglia, in order to escape the horrors of the Spanish Civil War. Using rarely seen film footage and original photographs, along with the voices of rescuers and refugees, Havens East tells this story in a new and engaging way.