

Refugee Week

What Is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is a festival that celebrates the contribution that refugees make to the UK.

It also aims to help our understanding of why people become refugees. This year, it is happening between 16th – 22nd June. During the week, people take part in different educational events and activities that include:

- arts festivals and exhibitions
- theatre and dance performances
- films and concerts
- football tournaments
- public talks



Schools are also invited to organise educational events to improve children's understanding of refugees.

What Does Being a Refugee Mean?

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country because they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly. Sometimes, people can be afraid of being hurt, or even killed, because of their religious beliefs or because of where they are from.

People are often forced to become refugees because of war in a country or a natural disaster.



A natural disaster is a volcano, flood, drought, storm or widespread illness.

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The organisers of Refugee Week say:

“Our ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution”.

Did You Know...?

Refugees often come from very different countries to the UK. They speak different languages and have different foods, traditions, religious beliefs and much more. We can learn a lot from people who have had different experiences to our own.

Integration means that people from one country can ‘fit in’ and live comfortably in another country.

The 2025 Refugee Week Theme

The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is, ‘Community as a Superpower’. This year’s theme encourages people to welcome others and make them feel like they are part of the community. This helps people to feel like they belong and reminds us that there are a lot of positives to being part of a community! Refugee Week 2025 is a time to be more compassionate and understanding of those around you and allows people from different backgrounds to connect, share and learn about their experiences. We can work together to make sure that our communities support everyone who is a part of them.



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Questions

1. When does Refugee Week take place? Tick one.

- 21st – 26th June
- 16th - 22nd June
- 20th – 26th June
- 19th – 26th June

2. Name **two** different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

1. _____
2. _____

3. Name one natural disaster that might cause a person to become a refugee.

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Refugee Week aims to...

they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly.

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country because...

there was a lot of incorrect information about why refugees were coming to the UK.

Refugee Week began because...

help our understanding of why people become refugees.

5. Mark whether the statements are true or false.

	True	False
Schools do not take part in Refugee Week.		
Refugee Week is a festival that celebrates the contribution that refugees make to the UK.		
During Refugee Week, people take part in different events, including football tournaments.		

6. What is the theme of Refugee Week 2025? Tick one.

- Healing as a Superpower
- Healing
- Community as a Superpower
- Community

7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

Answers

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- 21st – 26th June
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- 20th – 26th June
- 19th – 26th June

2. Name **two** different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

Accept any two of the following: arts festivals and exhibitions; theatre and dance performances; films; concerts; football tournaments or public talks.

3. Name one natural disaster that might cause a person to become a refugee.

Accept any of the following answers: volcano, flood, drought, storm or widespread illness.

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Refugee Week aims to...	they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly.
A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country because...	there was a lot of incorrect information about why refugees were coming to the UK.
Refugee Week began because...	help our understanding of why people become refugees.

5. Mark whether the statements are true or false.

	True	False
Schools do not take part in Refugee Week.		✓
Refugee Week is a festival that celebrates the contribution that refugees make to the UK.	✓	
During Refugee Week, people take part in different events, including football tournaments.	✓	

6. What is the theme of Refugee Week 2025? Tick one.

- Healing as a Superpower
- Healing
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7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

Pupils' own responses, such as: A refugee arriving in a new country might feel frightened and homesick or they might feel relieved that they are away from harm and in a safer place.

Refugee Week

What Is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is a festival that is taking place in the UK from 16th – 22nd June.

The week involves a range of different educational events that aim to help people better understand why others have to become refugees and is a celebration of the positive contribution that refugees make to the UK.

Schools are also invited to organise creative and educational events to help children gain a better understanding of refugees.

Refugee Week Events include:

- arts festivals and exhibitions
- theatre and dance performances
- films and concerts
- football tournaments
- public talks

What Does Being a Refugee Mean?

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country because they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly.

Sometimes, refugees are afraid of being hurt, or even killed, because of their religious beliefs, political opinions or because of where they are from.

People are often forced to become refugees because of war in a country or due a natural disaster.

When Did Refugee Week Begin?

Refugee Week began in 1998 because there was a lot of incorrect information about why refugees were coming to the UK. Many newspapers reported that refugees were here for money and 'free housing', and some people had bad feelings towards refugees.



The organisers of Refugee week say:

“Our ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution”.

The 2025 Refugee Week Theme


The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is, ‘Community as a Superpower’. A community is a group of people who have something in common, like going to the same school.

This year’s theme encourages people to welcome others and make them feel like they are part of a community—being part of a group can help people feel like they belong and it can mean that you make friends too!

Inspired by the theme ‘Community as a Superpower’, people are invited to do one or more of these nine simple acts:

1. Meet your neighbours
2. Share a film
3. Explore outdoors
4. Read and listen
5. Share a meal
6. Learn something new
7. Get creative
8. Get active
9. Join the Movement

Ultimately, the aim is for as many people as possible to come together during Refugee Week and hope for a safe and welcoming world where healing replaces harm.



Integration means that people from one country can ‘fit in’ and live comfortably in another country.



Did You Know...?

According to the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR, over 122 million people worldwide became refugees by the end of mid 2024.

“To me, a home is where you feel loved, safe, and cherished.”

- Malala Yousafzai

Questions

1. When does Refugee Week take place?

2. What does Refugee Week aim to do? Tick **two**.

- Help people better understand why others have to become refugees.
- Make money for the people of the UK.
- Celebrate the positive contributions that refugees make to the UK.
- Get people fitter by taking part in football tournaments.

3. Name **three** different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is...

they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly.

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country because...

there was a lot of misleading information about why refugees came to the UK.

Refugee Week began because...

'Community as a Superpower'.

5. Mark whether the statements are true or false.

	True	False
Schools do not take part in Refugee Week.		
Refugee Week began in 1988.		
During Refugee Week, people take part in different events, including football tournaments.		
People can become refugees because of natural disasters.		

6. What is the theme of Refugee Week 2025? Tick one.

- Healing as a Superpower
- Healing
- Community as a Superpower
- Community

7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

8. How would you like to get involved in Refugee Week? Are there any particular events that interest you and why?

Answers

1. When does Refugee Week take place?

Refugee Week takes place from 16th - 22nd June.

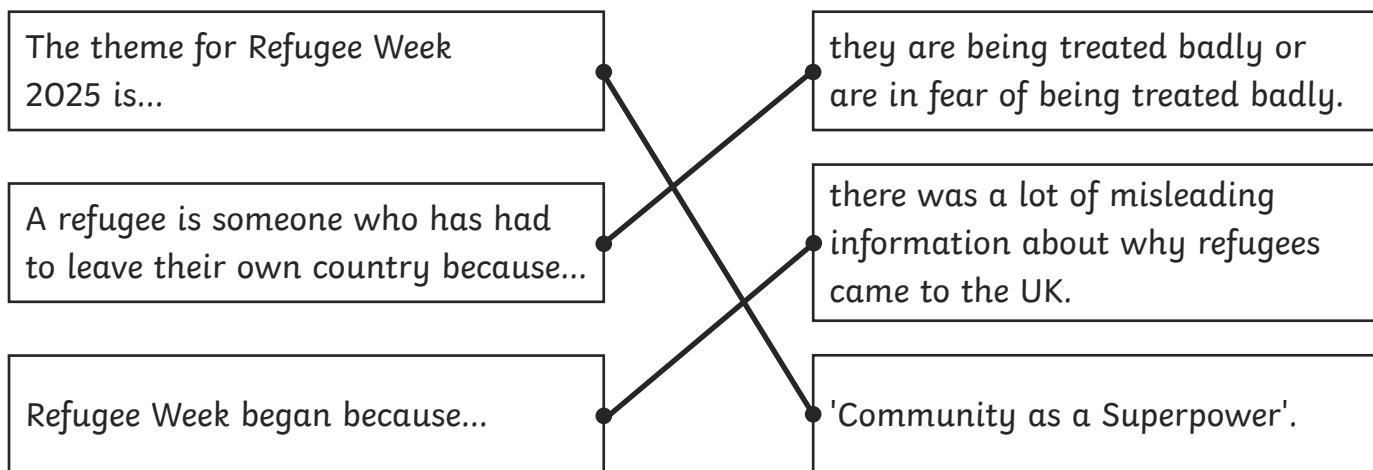
2. What does Refugee Week aim to do? **Tick two.**

- Help people better understand why others have to become refugees.**
- Make money for the people of the UK.
- Celebrate the positive contributions that refugees make to the UK.**
- Get people fitter by taking part in football tournaments.

3. Name three different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

Accept any three of the following: arts festivals and exhibitions; theatre and dance performances; films; concerts; football tournaments or public talks.

4. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.



5. Mark whether the statements are true or false.

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Schools do not take part in Refugee Week.		✓
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7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

Pupils' own responses, such as: A refugee arriving in a new country might feel frightened and homesick or they might feel relieved that they are away from harm and in a safer place.

8. How would you like to get involved in Refugee Week? Are there any particular events that interest you and why?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like to take part in some creative and educational events at school to learn more about refugees. I would also like to take part in some of the nine Simple Acts, such as watching a film or learning something new.

Refugee Week

What Does Being a Refugee Mean?

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country to seek sanctuary because they are being persecuted or are in fear of being persecuted. This means that they are afraid of being killed because of their religious beliefs, political opinions or their race. People are often forced to become refugees due to war, political oppression or natural disasters, such as floods, droughts or famine.



What Is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrate the contribution, creativity and resilience of refugees in the UK. It aims to promote a better understanding of why people have to become refugees. In 2025, it is being celebrated from 16th – 22nd June. Refugee Week is an umbrella festival, which means that anyone can get involved by holding or joining in with an event or activity.

Events include arts festivals, exhibitions, film screenings, theatre and dance performances, concerts, football tournaments and public talks.

Schools are also invited to organise creative and educational events to help children gain a better understanding of refugees. It is important that children are involved, as they will be the ones to make decisions about worldwide issues like refugees in the future.

Did You Know...?

The countries refugees are fleeing from are often vastly different in comparison to the UK. They speak different languages, have different food, traditions, religions, artistic and creative skills and much more. We can learn a great deal from people of different cultures and with different experiences.

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Oppression means unjust treatment, often involving severe restrictions on an individual, group or institution.

When Did Refugee Week Begin?

Refugee Week was founded in 1998 because there was a lot of misleading information and ignorance about refugees and why they were coming to the UK. Many newspapers reported that refugees were here for financial benefits and 'free housing', which led to negative attitudes and behaviour towards refugees.

Did You Know...?

According to the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR, there were over 231,597 refugees in the UK at the end of 2022.



The 2025 Refugee Week Theme

The theme for Refugee Week 2025 is, 'Community as a Superpower'. Community is when a group of people have something in common; for example, you are a part of your school community. This year's theme encourages people to welcome others and make them feel like part of a group. We must collaborate to make sure everyone feels like they have a safe and welcoming community.

Inspired by the theme 'Community as a Superpower', people are invited to do one or more of these nine simple acts:

1. Meet your neighbours
2. Share a film
3. Explore outdoors
4. Read and listen
5. Share a meal
6. Learn something new
7. Get creative
8. Get active
9. Join the Movement

Ultimately, the aim is for as many people as possible to come together during Refugee Week and hope for a safe and welcoming world where healing replaces harm.

Refugee Week organisers state: "Our ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and continue making a valuable contribution".

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Questions

- When is Refugee Week taking place and what is the theme for 2025? Tick one.
 - 21st - 26th June and the theme is 'Healing as a Superpower'.
 - 19th - 25th June and the theme is 'Community'.
 - 16th - 22nd June and the theme is 'Community as a Superpower'.
 - 20th - 26th June and the theme is 'Recovery'.
- Refugee Week is a festival that anyone can get involved in by holding or joining in with an event or activity. What name is a festival like this given?

- Name **four** different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

- Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of...

there was a lot of misleading information and ignorance about refugees and why they were coming to the UK.

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country to seek sanctuary because...

arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrate the contribution, creativity and resilience of refugees in the UK.

Refugee Week was founded in 1998 because...

encourages us to make everyone feel like they have a safe and welcoming community.

The theme for this year's Refugee Week...

they are being persecuted or are in fear of being persecuted.

5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'a lack of knowledge'.

6. Look at the section called '**What is the theme for Refugee Week 2025?**'
Find and copy word that means the same as 'working together'.

7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

8. How do you think refugees contribute to the UK? Explain your ideas.

9. In your own words, explain what a Simple Act is.

10. How would you like to get involved in Refugee Week? Are there any particular events that interest you and why?

Answers

1. When is Refugee Week taking place and what is the theme for 2025? Tick one.

- 21st - 26th June and the theme is 'Healing as a Superpower'.
- 19th - 25th June and the theme is 'Community'.
- 16th - 22nd June and the theme is 'Community as a Superpower'.**
- 20th - 26th June and the theme is 'Recovery'.

2. Refugee Week is a festival that anyone can get involved in by holding or joining in with an event or activity. What name is a festival like this given?

An umbrella festival.

3. Name **four** different events that might be held during Refugee Week.

Accept any four of the following: arts festivals and exhibitions; theatre and dance performances; films; concerts; football tournaments or public talks

4. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence.

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of...	there was a lot of misleading information and ignorance about refugees and why they were coming to the UK.
A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country to seek sanctuary because...	arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrate the contribution, creativity and resilience of refugees in the UK.
Refugee Week was founded in 1998 because...	encourages us to make everyone feel like they have a safe and welcoming community.
The theme for this year's Refugee Week...	they are being persecuted or are in fear of being persecuted.

5. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'a lack of knowledge'.
ignorance
6. Look at the section called '**What is the theme for Refugee Week 2025?**' Find and copy a word that means the same as 'working together'.
collaborate
7. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?
Pupils' own responses, such as: A refugee arriving in a new country might feel frightened and homesick or they might feel relieved that they are away from harm and in a safer place.
8. How do you think refugees contribute to the UK? Explain your ideas.
Pupils' own responses, such as: Refugees could introduce people in the UK to different foods, a different language, artistic or creative skills or religious beliefs. They can teach us about the traditions and culture in their country.
9. In your own words, explain what a Simple Act is.
Pupils' own responses, such as: A Simple Act is inspired by the theme of Refugee Week 2025 - 'Community as a Superpower', and involves people being invited to do one or more simple everyday actions, such as learning something new or watching a film to come together and show their support for refugees.
10. How would you like to get involved in Refugee Week? Are there any particular events that interest you and why?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I would like to take part in some creative and educational events at school to learn more about refugees. I would also like to take part in some of the nine Simple Acts, such as watching a film or sharing a meal.