



Bristol Celebrating Sanctuary Schools Toolkit

Celebrate our wonderful city of sanctuary and the amazing contribution refugees and asylum seekers make to Bristol with activities/celebrations during **Bristol Refugee Festival 7th – 22nd June 2025** and **World Refugee Day – Thursday 20th June.**

Ways to Take Part

Support your local Celebrating Sanctuary Event

We are busy organising a number of local celebrations across the city. Join our mailing list to find out more and either come along to show your support or get in touch if you want to be directly involved.

Book a Speaker

Get in touch with us if you would like one of our team or lived experience ambassadors to come in to talk at an assembly about our work.

Organise your own Celebrating Sanctuary Event

Create an event involving students/families with lived experience and allows them to share their culture through food or music etc.

Join Schools of Sanctuary Day of Welcome

An annual day of solidarity to build a culture of welcome and understanding. Fri 13th June 2025

Organise some class room activities

Here are some suggestions:

Discuss this year's theme 'CommUnity as a Superpower.'

- What does this mean to you?
- How can we make our school community more welcoming and inclusive?
- Create your own picture/poem/song around the theme.

Use Resources from our You tube Channel to create discussion

Finding Stories – a series of short animations using stories from refugees and asylum seekers settled in Bristol

Cox's Bazar by Shiddik - Shiddik narrates this beautiful animation telling the story of when he visited the



world's largest beach in Bangladesh.

Discussion point: Think of a time when you went somewhere new for the first time. Was it scary? What is it like for people coming to the UK for the first time?

The Princess and the Snails by Parvana - Parvana tells the story of an exiled princess who finds her way back home with the help of some friendly snails.

Discussion point: If you were exiled like the princess, what would you miss most about home? / Draw a picture of your home and what you would miss the most

Making Bristol Home - A series of short videos where refugees talk about their experience of arriving in the UK and making Bristol their home.

- Ali Elmubarak – Sudanese musician, Ali, talks about why he left Sudan, the welcome he received in the UK and feeling at home in Bristol.

Discussion points: What does it mean to be a Bristolian? / What do you know about the situation in Sudan?

- Luis Bustamante – since arriving in the UK in the 1970s following a coup in his home country of Chile, Luis has had children and grandchildren in the UK and feels “part of this place”

Discussion point: What is a refugee? / Has what it means to be a refugee changed over time?

Whatever you do - don't forget to **share it!** we would love to see what you have been doing.
Please share and tag any photos so we can share on our social platforms*

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#BRF2025 #CelebratingSanctuary #refugeeswelcome #communityasasuperpower

*please ensure you have permission to share images of people who take part in your events.