

As we head into the summer holidays, we want to thank you for your continued support and share some of the things we've been up to. Our mission remains the same: to ensure education meets the needs of refugees and people seeking asylum, and to raise awareness about displacement through learning. So, here's a snapshot of this term's work...

News



Congratulations Hanson Academy!



In June, we hosted an event (inspiring video [here!](#)) with Bradford Council's Education Access Team at [The Beacon](#). We were delighted to celebrate four schools who had received the award over the year. The award celebrates a school's strong culture of welcome, inclusive values, and well-structured support for new arrivals. For more on Hanson's journey, check out the [T&A article](#) or watch our feature with them on [ITV news!](#)



We are very proud to have been allocated the Schools of Sanctuary Award last week following on from our audit. When rhetoric around migration and forced displacement becomes polarised and inflamed, it is important to remember that children have no choice in the matter. They should receive solace, not rejection in their time of need. Marginalisation of children has huge long-term costs which are paid by the individual and society as a whole.

Sam Sheedy, Principal at Hanson Academy



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Refugee Week

From art exhibitions and assemblies to workshops, Peace Meals, [Days of Welcome](#), [Culture Days](#), multilingual football matches and [performances](#) - Refugee Week was as busy as ever! We hope you had the chance to hear, watch, or read a story of someone with lived experience of seeking sanctuary. A huge thank you to [Kaleidoscope](#) who delivered workshops about life in Calais to pupils; [An Invisible Man](#) who delivered theatre performances exploring the experiences of Syrian refugees and the challenges they face and our other partners below...

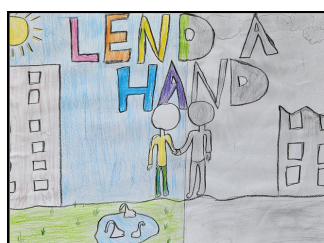


[Furaha Mussanzi](#) delivered assemblies and workshops throughout Refugee Week including at Co-op Academy Grange - the school she attended as a pupil 20 years ago after fleeing war in DRC.

Keighley Place of Sanctuary, Keighley College, Eastwood Community School, Keighley Creative and Bradford 2025, with members of the local community, put together a really creative and meaningful Peace Meal. A brilliant way to end a week of celebration and solidarity!



45 pupils entered our annual art exhibition in collaboration with Bradford Libraries. The work was displayed in four libraries across the District during Refugee Week - you can see it all online [here!](#)



It was a pleasure being part of such a great initiative. We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their creativity and thoughtful contributions. Knowing that their artwork is being shared widely across the UK and bringing encouragement to others is truly inspiring.

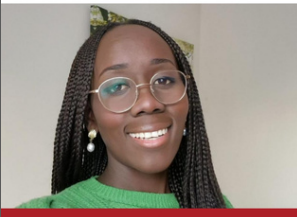
Gulshan Gull, teacher at Bankfoot Primary School



You're Welcome

Schools to take part in creative project You're Welcome

8 HRS AGO UK CITY OF CULTURE 2025



Hoyle Court Primary in Shipley, Eastwood Community Primary in Keighley, and Westminster CE Primary Academy in Bradford will take part in the You're Welcome project, one of whose facilitators is Furaha Mussanzi, pictured (Image: Supplied)

We are delighted to have supported a project by [Word Up North](#) with three of our Schools of Sanctuary in Bradford District exploring what it means to feel welcomed, especially for people seeking sanctuary, arriving in our city.

'You're Welcome' is part of a series of cultural engagement projects running across

Bradford in the build up to the BBC's Contains Strong Language Festive which comes to Bradford 18-21 Sept as part of Bradford 2025. Look out for pupils' work soon!

Staff training

We've enjoyed being with staff at Bradford College and Co-op Academy Grange for training on Forced Migration this term. If you'd like to book training with us, you can find out more on our website [here](#).

Voices from North Korea



In June, we had the privilege of hosting a group of North Korean refugees, (working with [Freedom Speakers International](#)) who delivered workshops and assemblies in five secondary schools across Bradford, sharing powerful first-hand stories of life before, during and after fleeing their country.

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We had the North Korean speakers in school earlier. They were lovely and their presentation was powerful and emotional. They are doing a great job raising awareness. Our students and staff enjoyed the presentation. It must have been difficult for the speakers to share their stories and relive some of the things that they had to live through.
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Marketa Moskvikova,
Carlton Bolling

Join us next year!

If you'd like to find out more about becoming a School of Sanctuary or be inspired by good practice across the District, join our quarterly online meet-ups (more [here](#)).

We need your help!



Our appeal raised **£610** last month through YOUR generosity - can you help us go further?

Our work relies on the generosity of individuals and trusts who believe in what we do.

To keep our work going, we need your support - whether as a regular donor or with a one-off gift. Every donation counts.

Be part of the welcome. Give [HERE](#).

COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE
MEETINGS
For staff and organisations engaged in Schools of Sanctuary.
DATES
MONDAY 22ND SEPT 2025
MONDAY 12TH JAN 2026
MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026
MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026
TIME
3:45 - 4:45 PM
Meetings are online. A link will be emailed to you
Sharing good practice in schools
Guest speakers
Ideas and Inspiration
Schools of Sanctuary updates

A massive thank you to the staff and students at Carlton Bolling for making buns and Eid cards to sell this term, raising over £250 for the project! Incredible work!



You have been reading our end of term celebration newsletter. To receive our half-termly digests (example [here](#)) where we summarise events, dates, CPD opportunities, new learning resources, research & service providers, please email us and we will add you to the list.



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