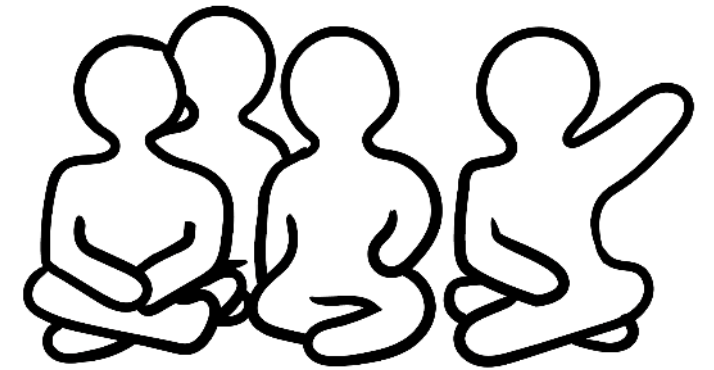




A DAY OF
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ASSEMBLY

*Community as a
Superpower*



Delivery guidance

This assembly could be delivered in person or virtually. It would also work as a stand-alone lesson.

It could be used or adapted for any age group.

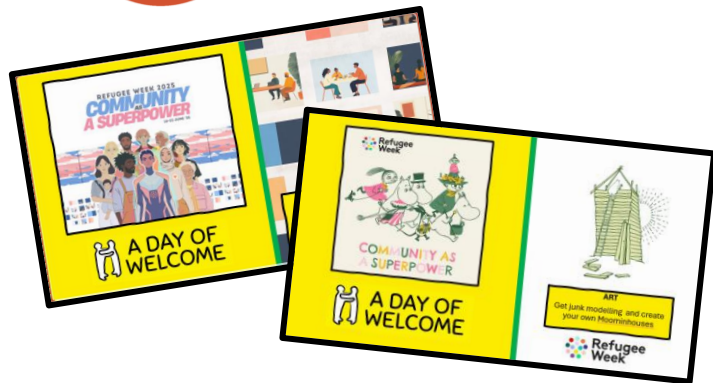


When you see this symbol, this is an opportunity for you to engage with your audience. What form this takes is up to you.

- **Silent reflection**
- **Hands up**
- **Think pair share**
- **You thinking aloud**
- **Using a sharing box**



If you want to customise this lesson...



We have **editable PowerPoint versions** of all of our lessons that you can [download from Google Drive via our website](#).

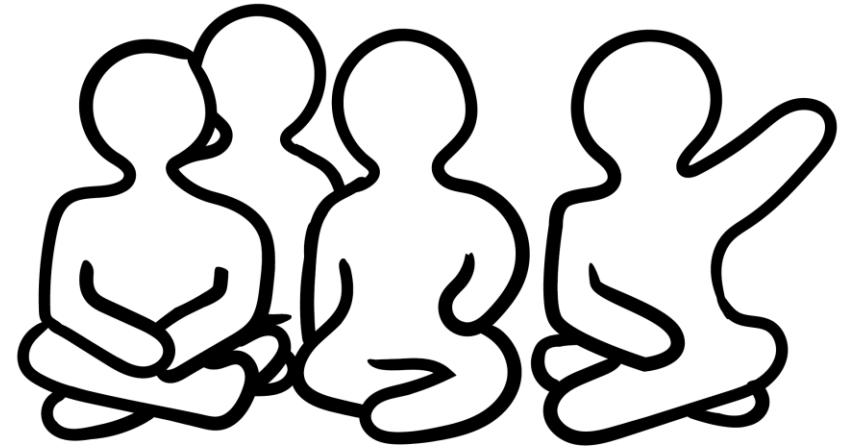
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The PowerPoint versions include **higher resolution images, slide notes to support delivery and embedded videos**.

If you have refugee pupils in your class...

It is essential to be mindful of the needs of any children whose family have a refugee or asylum-seeking background before delivering this lesson.

If this applies to any of your children, it's important to talk to them in advance of the activity and plan accordingly. .



Please read and consider this guidance before delivering the lesson.





Today we are joining with schools across the country for A Day of Welcome.

It will show how our community can be a powerful and welcoming place.



It will help us to understand and share stories of migration, especially those journeys made by refugees.

“Migration is the story of the human race.”
Michael Rosen



A Day of Welcome *marks the start of:*



Who are refugees?

Refugees are ordinary people who live through extraordinary times

They are people forced to leave their country to flee danger and who cannot return or be returned to their homeland.





1 in every 67

**people on earth have
been forced to flee
their homes**

*Everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in
other countries asylum from persecution*

Article 14 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights

There are many reasons that someone might need to leave their community and find safety in another country, including:

- war or conflict
- persecution

Persecution is when someone is treated badly again and again just for being who they are.





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REFUGEE WEEK 2024



**15,000
events**



**1.6 million
people**

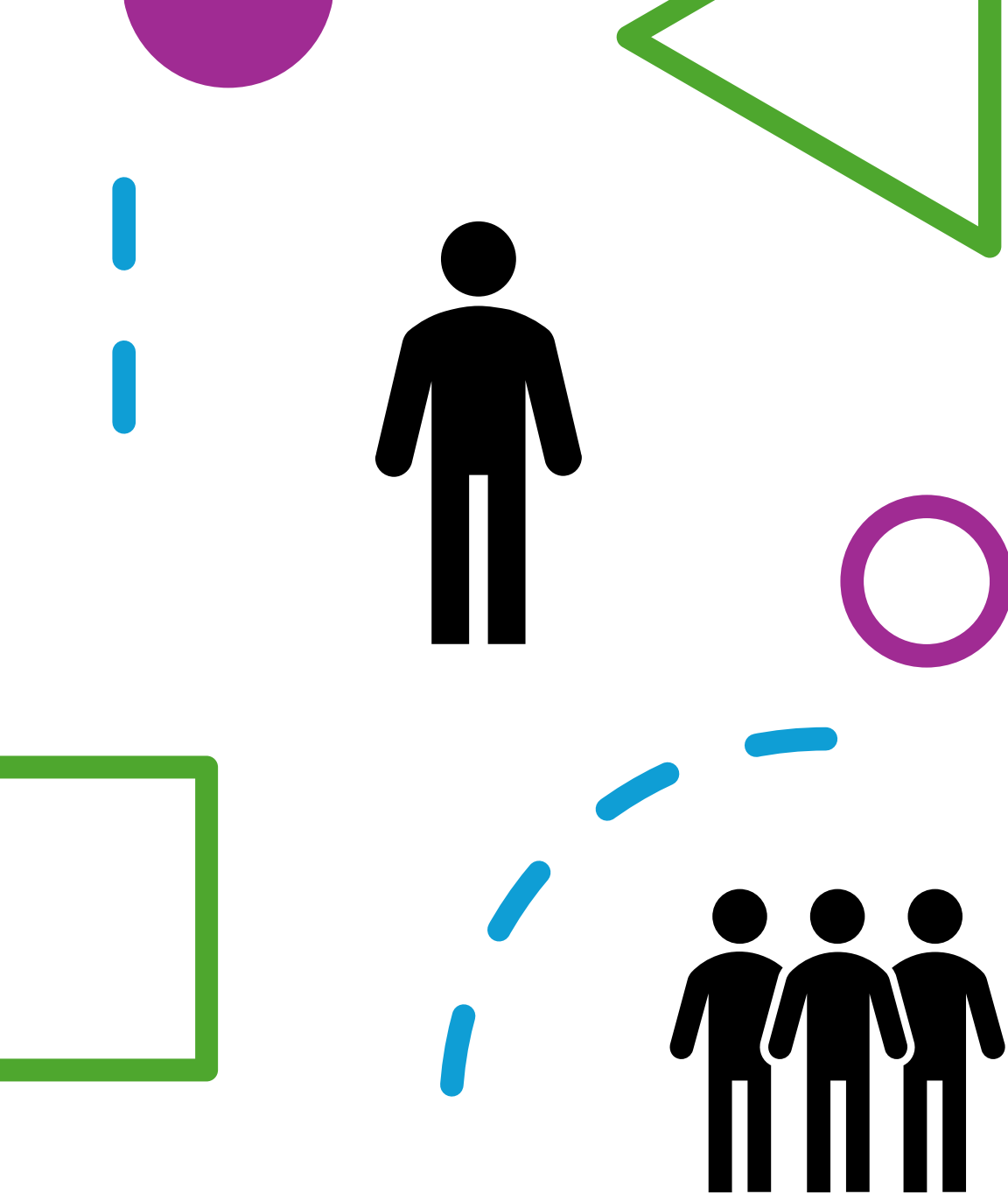
Refugee Week is all about sharing stories, art, and ideas so that our communities are more understanding and welcoming.

What is happening for Refugee Week in your area?

We're going to complete a challenge linked to the theme for this year's Refugee Week.

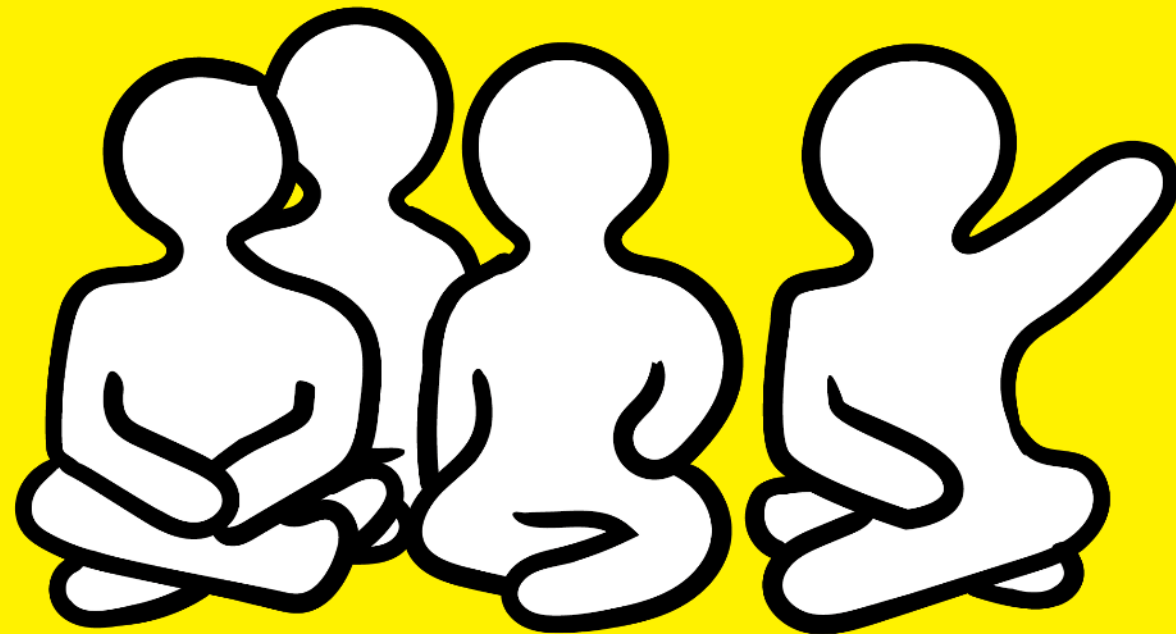


CHALLENGE
**Can you get
the balls
from A to B?**

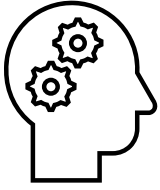


REFUGEE WEEK 2025
COMMUNITY
AS
A SUPERPOWER
16-22 JUNE '25

community



*What does this word
mean to you?*



What superheroes do you know?

They are all unique and they all have different powers.

When people come together,
community
is a **superpower.**



*We want to make every day **A Day of Welcome** in our school!*

A **community** is a group of people who have something *in common* – an interest or a place that they share. It might be...

Your class

Your school

**A choir or
orchestra**

**A sports
team**

**A club like
Brownies or a
drama group**

Your family

**Your
Neighbourhood**



**Can you think of
any others?**

Joining a new **COMMUNITY** can be hard!

If someone joins our school community, what do you think they need to know?

**When is
lunchtime?**

**Where are
the toilets?**

**What are the
school rules?**

**Who would
be nice to
play with?**

**What are
people's
names?**

**Where can I
sharpen my
pencil?**

**Who will
help me?**



**Can you think of
any others?**

Hands up if you have heard of The Moomins

The first Moomins story was written by Tove Jansson 80 years ago.

It is a story of seeking sanctuary. She was inspired to write her book because she was thinking about people who had to leave their homes because of World War II.



[Click this link to watch the video online](#)

The Moomins can help us learn about displacement and to think about the importance of community.

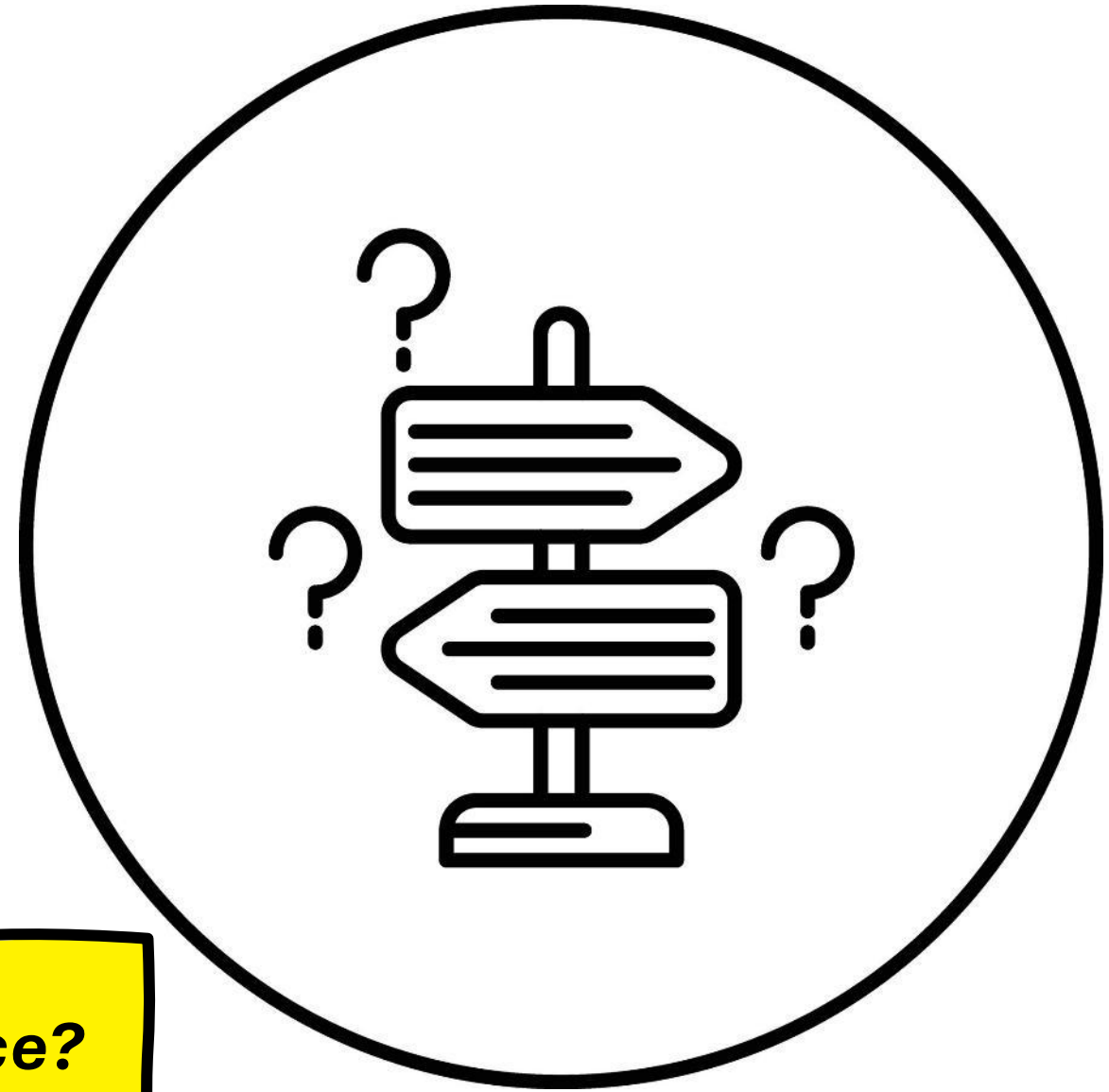
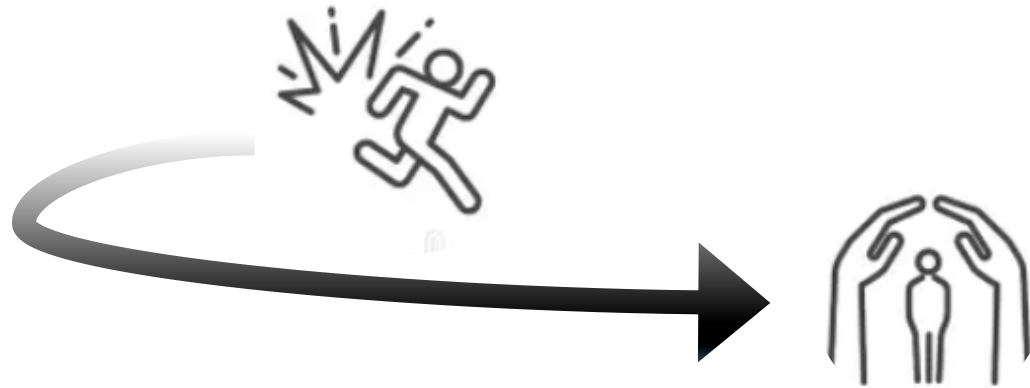
The Moomins welcomed people into their community on their long and difficult journey

Many of the strangers they met helped them, but they helped their new friends too.



**COMMUNITY AS
A SUPERPOWER**

We know that **refugees** have to leave their communities and find a place to call home in a new country .



What challenges might they face?



Building a welcoming community

The Day of Welcome and Refugee Week help us to think about how we can build a community or welcome people into our existing communities.

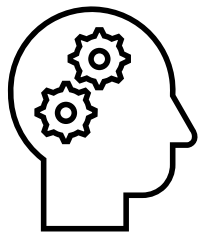
Our community is our superpower!



**Community is incredible!
Simple acts of shared
generosity. Kindness
multiplied to become an
unstoppable force!**

We can begin by sharing a smile, a warm greeting, a bit of conversation. By doing a kind deed or by acknowledging kindness offered to us.

We can begin the process of making community, together, wherever we are!



What could we do?



**COMMUNITY AS
A SUPERPOWER**



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What is happening
at our school?



And finally...

How about this as an example of *Community as a Super Power?*



This viral drum 'n' bass rap track, *The Spark*, took the internet by storm, racking up over 8 million views in 2024.

The track was created by young Irish rappers, including children from refugee accommodation.

A collaboration between two youth music projects, the track showcases what children can do when they come together as a community.

[Click this link to watch 'The Spark'](#)



A DAY OF WELCOME

 **Refugee Week**
 A great way to kick-off Refugee Week in your school



A Day of Welcome is an annual day of solidarity and learning in schools that aims to build a culture of welcome and understanding for people seeking sanctuary.

Build a culture of welcome, belonging and solidarity in your school for those seeking sanctuary

Share stories of refugee migration, local and global, past and present, with your pupils

Better educate and support your refugee pupils and their families



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Is your school a School of Sanctuary?



A School of Sanctuary aims to be a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Find out more [here](#)

Schools of Sanctuary is a UK-wide network of 1000+ primary and secondary schools, nurseries and sixth forms all committed to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum.

A School of Sanctuary:

Raises awareness of forced displacement and migration

Ensures school practice effectively supports and welcomes new arrivals

Advocates for our vision of welcome and compassion

We are building a movement of welcome!



A DAY OF WELCOME

We have so much more to offer you!

REFUGEE EDUCATION

Improving provision for any pupils or families who have experienced forced displacement is so important! We signpost and share the best and latest refugee education resources, guidance and CPD from partners such as UNHCR, The Bell Foundation and City of Sanctuary - essential for educators who work with refugees or asylum seekers.

[Access our Refugee Education page](#)

DAY OF WELCOME ARCHIVE

Over the years we have produced many resources to support schools to build a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers. Feel free to explore our archive and choose from the dozens of teaching resources for Key Stages 1-4. There are ready-made assemblies, and lessons which introduce refugee migration, explain key concepts, explore refugee histories and much more!

[Access the Day of Welcome archive](#)



LOCAL RESOURCES

In some parts of the country, we have created and curated opportunities, organisations, resources and support that you can call upon as you build your culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers.

- Norfolk
- Suffolk
- Wales
- Essex
- Cambridgeshire
- West Midlands
- Greater Manchester
- Merseyside
- West Yorkshire
- Tyne & Wear

[Access our local resources](#)

*Join our movement to
make every day A Day
of Welcome for people
seeking sanctuary.*

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