



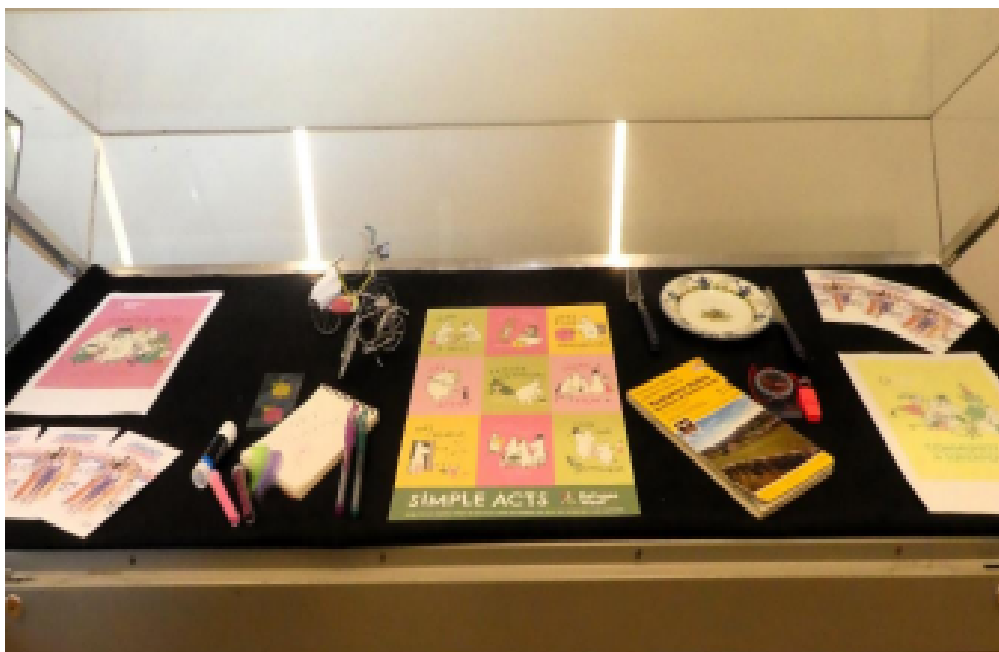
Craven District of Sanctuary

July 2025

Special Refugee Week round-up with photos

Craven area did us proud this year with more events and displays than ever.

Craven District of Sanctuary put up two displays in Skipton; at the Town Hall and in Skipton library.



Bentham Area Refugee Support group created a street display celebrating freedom with birds escaping the cage of imprisonment, torture and war with a petition to sign to the Home Secretary about safe routes and a humane asylum system



The Hub had a great display of books on refugee topics in the front window, Bentham and Ingleton libraries put on displays of books. The film 'The Old Oak' was shown

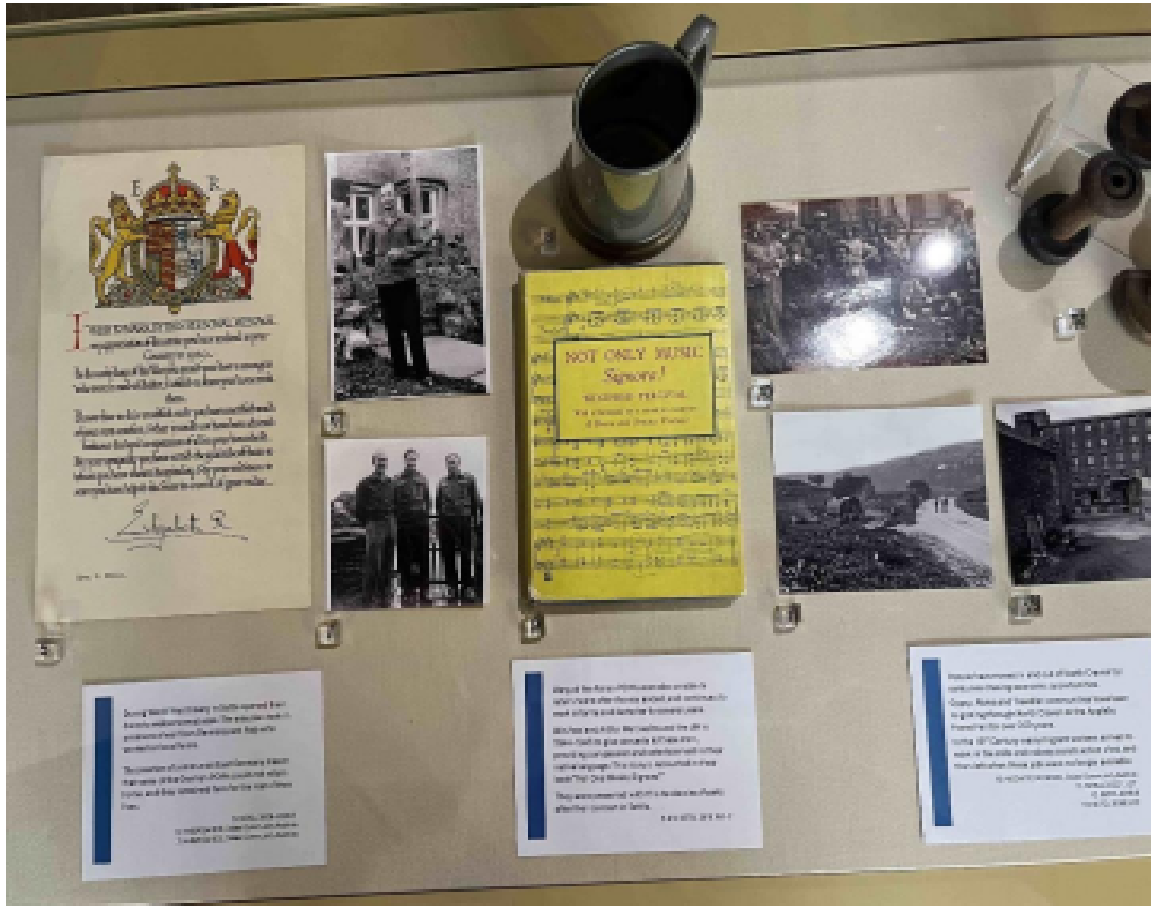
Settle Area Refugee group arranged two inspiring talks which both brought in different audiences: one by Sarah Lister about migration in Craven in the 19th century fascinated those interested in local history, as she linked up migration around the Settle area with stories of individuals' lives. Tim Smith's talk on Polish community movements to the UK attracted some people with family connections locally as well. Both talks brought a wider audience than usual so the group was pleased and now keen to progress this connection of subjects with refugees.



The independent bookshop, Limestone Books put on a display about the refugee experience.



The Folly Museum mounted a display in their community display case using artefacts from their collection.



Skipton Refugee Support group held a social event with a speaker from Abigail Housing, Bradford. There was a stall in the High Street to promote information about refugees and asked passers-by to sign a letter of support to go to the Home Office.



Two groups of asylum seekers from Darwen, Lancashire and St Vincents, Bradford were welcomed and went for local walks.



Craven College ran some tutorials with students to create more awareness and empathy. Woodwork students had created a 'tree'. Myth-busting messages were hung on it for Refugee Week.

