

What could A Day of Welcome look like in my school?

Every school is different, so there's no fixed template for how A Day of Welcome should operate. Below are examples of the type of things you could organise in your school.

Straightforward

- **Join us for a live author event** – This year we are hosting 3 free online author events for KS2
- **A Welcome assembly** – Use our tailor-made resources to hold a special assembly.
- **A Welcome lesson** – Use or adapt one of our lesson plans to help pupils make sense of refugee migration and to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about refugees and asylum seekers.

A bit more effort

- **A day off-curriculum** – Explore our selection of online assembly/lesson/PHSE session plans and recommended resources and use them to timetable a whole day of activities that help pupils explore refugee migration in greater depth.
- **Signpost local Refugee Week events** – Let your pupils, staff and wider community know what events will be held in your area for this national celebration of the contribution refugees make to UK culture. For details of what is happening in your area, see the Events section of [Refugee Week's website](#).
- **Non-uniform day** – Invite pupils and staff to wear particular clothes with some thematic relevance to the work of A Day of Welcome (colours are easiest!) and ask for donations to raise funds for an organisation that supports refugees and asylum seekers.
- **Improve your school's provision for refugee pupils** – Attend our free teacher CPD session with International Rescue Committee and/or explore our supporting resources to find guidance ideas and training that will help you to better support your refugee pupils and families.

Really going for it

- **Explore your area's history of refugee migration** – Whether in the past or in the present, most UK communities have been touched by stories of refugee migration. With a little internet research, you can uncover these stories and share them during A Day of Welcome. Or go even further and use our Toolkit to develop your own citizen research project.
- **Design a creative arts project** – Using our creative response resources for inspiration, invite your pupils to use music, art, poetry or another creative medium to respond to what they've learned about refugee migration – and, ideally, showcase their work for parents and carers, or find another appropriate way to share it with a wider audience.

The start of something bigger!

- **Become a School of Sanctuary** – Commit your setting to building a culture of welcome for refugees and asylum seekers by starting your journey to become a School of Sanctuary. A Day of Welcome is the perfect opportunity to launch this as a whole school project. Find out more [here](#).
- **Embark on a heritage project with Historic England** – Join the Heritage Schools programme and develop a project inspired by local refugee histories. Find out more [here](#).