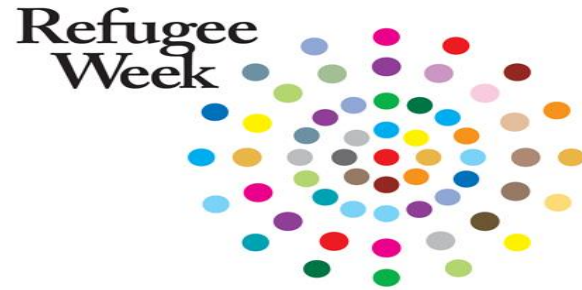


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WHAT IS REFUGEE WEEK?

A UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Founded in 1998 and held every year around World Refugee Day on the 20 June, Refugee Week is also a growing global movement.

Through a programme of arts, cultural, sports and educational events alongside media and creative campaigns, Refugee Week enables people from different backgrounds to connect beyond labels, as well as encouraging understanding of why people are displaced, and the challenges they face when seeking safety. Refugee Week is a platform for people who have sought safety in the UK to share their experiences, perspectives and creative work on their own terms.

Refugee Week's vision is for refugees and asylum seekers to be able to live safely within inclusive and resilient communities, where they can continue to make a valuable contribution".

Theme of Refugee Week 2021: We Cannot Walk Alone

14th - 20th June

The theme of Refugee Week 2021, 'We Cannot Walk Alone', is an invitation to you and your students to extend your hand to someone new. Someone who might be outside your current circle; has had an experience you haven't.

Inspiration for the this year's theme comes from, '*I Have A Dream*': Martin Luther King's speech delivered during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, 1963

For more sources of inspiration for the chosen theme can be found on: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/theme-of-refugee-week-2021-we-cannot-walk-alone>

Refugee Week is Coordinated by London-based Counterpoints Arts
<https://counterpointsarts.org.uk>

Monthly Meet: Refugee Week at your School

Thursday 06 May 2021 4:15pm - 5:30pm

A free online meeting for teachers. A session for Primary and Secondary school teachers to find out about how you can take part in Refugee Week at your school, and what it means to become a School of Sanctuary.

Hear from teachers about what they have done for Refugee Week and find out about the theme, resources and activities available for Refugee Week 2021. (Hosted by National Refugee Week and National City of Sanctuary UK teams).

Visit the Eventbrite page to book your place!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/monthlymeet-refugee-week-at-your-school-tickets-148346726051>

Schools of Sanctuary is a City of Sanctuary UK initiative to celebrate the good practice of schools who foster a culture of welcome and inclusion for all, especially asylum seeking and refugee families.

Keep an eye open for any 2021 ideas and activities for Refugee Week on the National City of Sanctuary website: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>



Refugee Week Website

The Refugee Week 2021 Website:

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/about/>

Look for Get Involved/Children & Young People:

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/get-involved/at-your-school/>

Under 'Further School Resources', you will find the exciting Children's

Resources Pack (Please note this pack is for 2020 under the 2020 theme of 'Imagine'. The 2021 pack is coming soon with reference to the 2021 theme 'We Cannot Walk Alone'):

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Refugee-Week-2020-Childrens-Pack.pdf>

Here you will find a host of activities from fact sheets to practical activities.

These can be easily adapted to the current theme if you are anxious to get started!

A Swindon City of Sanctuary Favourite: Do a Simple Act

- Simple Acts are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities
- Do one or more Simple Acts linked to the theme of 'We Cannot Walk Alone'
- Encourage parents to engage with Simple Acts. Maybe hold a Simple Acts Day?!

Whether you watch a film, take part in a campaign or share your vision for the future, you will be joining a big creative, collective movement to stand with refugees, change how we see displacement and together, imagine a better world.

For the full list of Simple Acts, visit the Simple Acts page on the Refugee Week website: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/>

You can also view suggested activities on the Simple Acts pages of the Children's Resource Pack

Little Amal: a project to set your heart alight.



July to November 2021

One little girl. One BIG hope.

<https://www.walkwithamal.org/gallery/>

Little Amal, a young refugee, embarks on a remarkable journey – an epic voyage that will take her across Turkey, across Europe. To find her mother. To get back to school. To start a new life. Will the world let her? Can she achieve what now seems more impossible than ever?

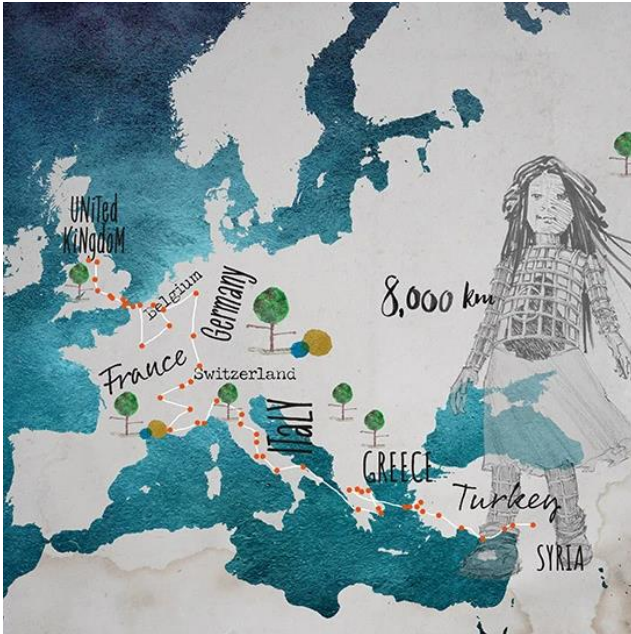
Following the phenomenal international success of The Jungle, Good Chance, in collaboration with world-famous creators of War Horse Handspring Puppet Company, will present its most extraordinary work yet: The Walk – a travelling festival of art and hope in support of refugees, with Artistic Direction from Amir Nizar Zuabi.

<https://www.walkwithamal.org/>

Little Amal (The Walk continued)

- In July to November 2021 , Little Amal will ‘walk’ from the Syria-Turkey border all the way to the UK, The Walk will bring together celebrated artists, major cultural institutions, community groups and humanitarian organisations to create one of the most innovative and adventurous public artworks ever attempted.
- At the heart of The Walk is ‘Little Amal’, a 3.5 metre-tall puppet of a young refugee girl, created by the acclaimed Handspring Puppet Company. Representing all displaced children, many separated from their families, Little Amal will travel over 8,000km embodying the urgent message “Don’t forget about us”.
- Although this huge project doesn’t arrive in the UK until November and to its final destination, the Manchester, we felt that it could be so inspirational and feed into any ideas you may have and for embedding work done, long after Refugee Week has passed. It is extremely relevant to our 2021 theme.
- To engage with The Walk Education Programme: <https://www.walkwithamal.org/education/>
- Before, during and after her journey Little Amal will connect people from refugee and non-refugee communities through creative learning projects to help forge lasting bonds of friendship. The Walk’s Education programme will be developed by, with and for each community, responding to local realities with a focus on bringing people together through projects that transcend borders, culture and language. Working with all age groups, Chance Theatre aspires to build a programme of workshops, performances and apprenticeships that celebrate migration and which have the potential to empower what might otherwise be a lost generation of refugee children.

Little Amal: The Walk Education Launch Events (Primary Schools)



The Walk Education Launch For Primary School Teachers

Tuesday 4 May 2021

5pm- 7pm on Zoom

Learn how The Walk's Education Resources will help develop pupils' core speaking, listening, communication, drama and expressive arts skills through active participation.

All Teachers Welcome. Spaces are limited.

Register by Wednesday 28 April to receive resources via email.

These events will be presented in English, but keep a look out on the website for news of events hosted in other languages.

Little Amal: The Walk Education Launch Events (Secondary Schools)



The Walk Education Launch For Secondary School Teachers

Thursday 6 May 2021

5pm- 7pm on Zoom

Learn how The Walk's Education Resources can be developed across subjects particularly PSHE and Citizenship. They will encourage development of communication, speaking, listening, analytical and debating skills through creative writing, drama and expressive arts.

All Teachers Welcome. Spaces are limited.

Register by Wednesday 28 April to receive resources via email.

These events will be presented in English, but keep a look out on the website for news of events hosted in other languages.

Little Amal: GOOD CHANCE THEATRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH HANDSPRING PUPPET COMPANY website: <https://www.walkwithamal.org/education/education-events>

The 2 hour online Zoom sessions will include:

- Meeting Artistic Director of The Walk, Amir Nizar Zuabi
- Hearing from some of the company's Education partners and their responses to welcoming Little Amal
- A participatory workshop by a Good Chance Education Practitioner to give you the toolkit to facilitate some of the activities and discussions in the classroom.

Further Ideas & Information:

- **Window Wonderland - A Journey**

A project to engage families in your community or to 'map' around your school. This could be to 'map' Little Amal's journey or any other walk or journey

- **Day to Day Mapping** of Amal's journey
- **A community or school mural** based on 'We Cannot Walk Alone'
- **Journey Art:** The Tate Student Pack (suitable for Secondary Schools) <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/student-resource/exam-help/>
- **Interpret a story** about a journey that students have read or listened to. It would be good if some of these stories could be read in students first language (other than English)
- **Create an installation or exhibition of students work**, which brings together the memories of all their journeys to and from school, or other longer journeys
- **Time Travel:** using Drama, Art Music
- **Local artist Bekah Kienzle** will be kindly supporting us throughout May with more ideas and inspiration

- **Sign up to the Refugee Week Newsletter:**

<https://counterpointsarts.org.uk/theme-of-refugee-week-2021-we-cannot-walk-alone>

- **Refugee Week 2021 on YouTube**

<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/how-to-get-involved-in-refugee-week-2021/>

- **Manchester International Festival** (Little Amal's Destination) <https://mif.co.uk/>

We will also be keeping an eye on what is happening in Manchester and will keep you informed of any useful educational ideas that crop up.