

IATEFL Global Issues SIG Strand
'I am a refugee' –
identifying with the photo
and other tasks

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Imagine

you are a refugee – watch this
short video and tell someone
afterwards about some of
your experiences



Normal task / refugee context

Choose one of the posters. Your partner will ask you yes/not questions about the physical description and facts ('Are you a woman? / Are you wearing a tie? / Do you play sport?') to find out which immigrant you are. Then swap.

I AM AN IMMIGRANT

I SCORED 7 TRIES AND WAS VOTED MY TEAM'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AT THE 2014 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



NAME: LILI LAI

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MALAYSIA

OCCUPATION: ENGLAND TOUCH RUGBY PLAYER

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

FOR 15 YEARS I HAVE BEEN HELPING PEOPLE WITH DEPRESSION, ANXIETY AND SCHIZOPHRENIA



NAME: NIDHIWARE SAMISSOON

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

OCCUPATION: MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

NEXENPHEDIA.ORG

I AM AN IMMIGRANT

I ASSIST AROUND 1000 CUSTOMERS DAILY AND HAVE BEEN WORKING IN NATIONAL RAIL STATIONS FOR 15 YEARS



NAME: WAFY STHOLE

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: ZIMBABWE

OCCUPATION: CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSISTANT

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

FOR 40 YEARS I HAVE BEEN A BUS DRIVER AND COMMITTED TRADE UNIONIST FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF ORDINARY WORKING PEOPLE



NAME: MOHANNAD TOU

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: KASHMIR

OCCUPATION: BUS DRIVER

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

I HAVE BEEN ENTERTAINING CHILDREN FOR YEARS AND MAKING THEM HAPPY



NAME: PADDINGTON BEAR

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: PERU

OCCUPATION: BEAR

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

FOR 13 YEARS I HAVE DELIVERED MAIL TO AROUND 675 HOUSES DAILY



NAME: GIORGI GANI

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: GREECE

OCCUPATION: POSTAL WORKER

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

I HAVE WORKED WITH OVER 400 CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL & NEUROLOGICAL NEEDS TO MAXIMISE THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE



NAME: LANA NIKITSO

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UKRAINE

OCCUPATION: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

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I AM AN IMMIGRANT

FOR 4 YEARS I HAVE HELPED INFORM A GLOBAL BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITY OF OVER 600,000



NAME: LISA POLLACK

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OCCUPATION: JOURNALIST

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Some things are more important than learning English

- Increasing Islamophobia and racism
- Freedom of movement
- Human rights of refugees and migrants
- Uniting families

Objectives of this session:

- Share resources – images related to refugees (and other global issues)
- Share approaches – 10 tasks
- Share concerns / complications

SOME FAMOUS REFUGEES

THROUGHOUT HISTORY



Jesus



Albert Einstein
Scientist



Marc Chagall
Famous painter



Bob Marley
Musician and Singer



Anne Frank
Author of a famous diary



Luol Deng
NBA All-Star basketball player



Victor Hugo
Famous French author



Freddy Mercury
Rock Star



Iman
Supermodel

Many more refugees have made the world a better place.
Look them up!

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WHAT'S A REFUGEE?

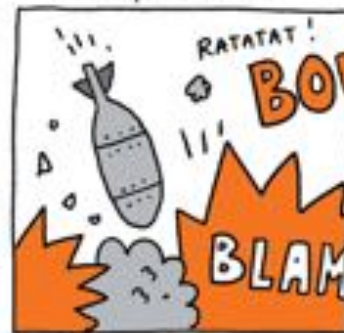
A refugee is a person like you and me...



who had to flee their country because they were in danger:



Maybe because their country was at war...



or because people wanted to hurt them because of their religion or opinions...



or because there was a natural disaster that destroyed everything.



Refugees would prefer to go back to their country, with their friends and family...



But it's too dangerous. Often, their homes are destroyed and they don't have anything left.



Refugees now have to find another country to live in.



A country where they would like to live safely and in peace, just like you and me.



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10 tasks with images
from
eewiki.newint.org

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1. Photo stories

1/ describe and draw or describe and write (pairs)

2/ write conversation between people in 2 different photos

3/ pairs: A – photographer, explaining why / how they took each photo to B – friend asking questions

4/ ‘My memories’ – look at photo story, then try to recreate the memories you now share from the photos by telling someone else (who looked at a different photo story)

Calais refugee camp, 2016



Rohingya refugees in Malaysia, 2015



Tibetan refugees in Nepal, 2016



Idomeni camp, Greece, 2016



Research / prediction – from whole wiki:

5/ pairs choose a photo anywhere on wiki – don't read article – write 2 – 4 sentences about what / why / where / how / who you think it is – then read article to check how close you were

6/ pairs choose photos and decide on headlines to write for the photos – then skim articles to see how near you were



Infographics:

7/ quizzes

8/ pairs write qs for others or

whole group

9/ develop awareness of

numeracy – print out infographic

and cut up to individual diagrams

– hand out one to each pair who

investigate and analyse, then

present to group

Syrian conflict The facts

Death toll

240,000 Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) estimate, July 2013

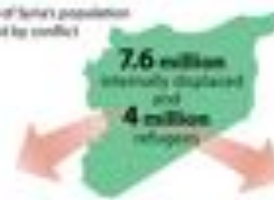
Political prisoners

Arrests recorded by the Human Rights Documentation Center: **150,000** (Estimated number of arrests between 14/03/11-2013)

Over 11,000 Syrians killed in regime prisons by torture, starvation and execution

Humanitarian crisis

50% of Syria's population displaced by conflict



12.2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance inside Syria



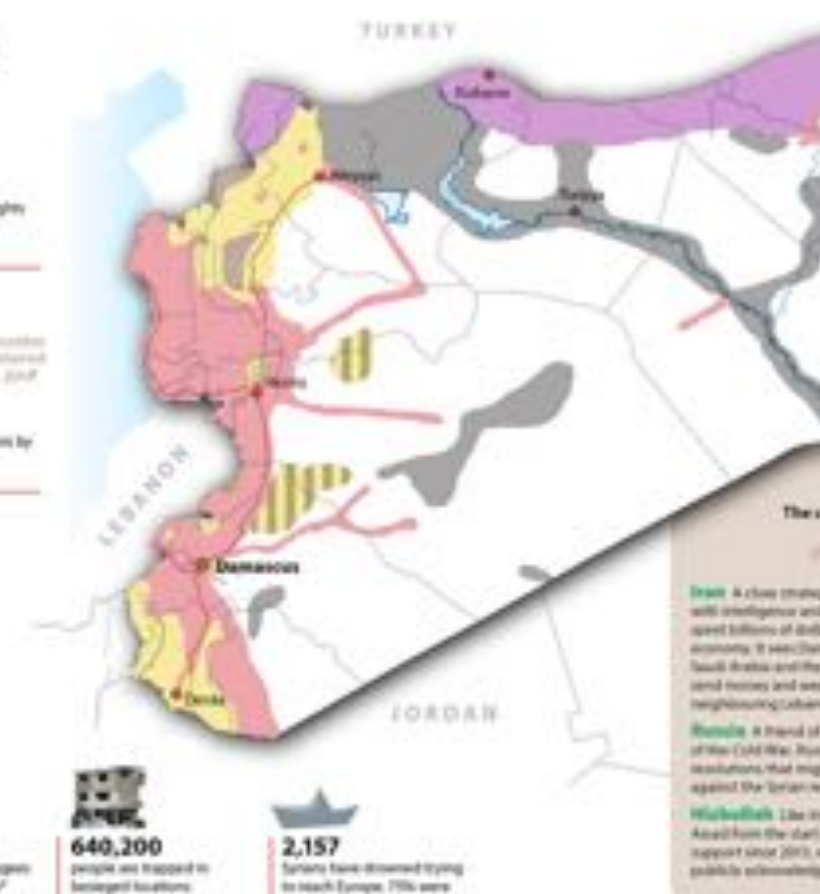
4% the share of Syrian refugees hosted by EU countries



640,200 people are trapped in besieged locations within Syria



2,157 Syrians have drowned trying to reach Europe, 75% were women and children



TIMELINE

2011

March

Inspired by the Arab Spring, revolutionaries in Syria protest anti-regime slogans. Their subsequent arrest and torture sparks peaceful protests calling for reform. President Bashar al Assad announces emergency measures while security forces aggressively open fire on unarmed protesters.

April

Crackdown death toll reaches 200. The people call for an end to the Assad regime.

May

The regime tortures and kills a 13-year-old boy, Hamza Ali al-Hakweel, whose spread throughout the country. Army tanks roll into Hama, Hama, Idlib and suburbs of Damascus. US and European allies impose sanctions.

July

First signs of an armed opposition emerge. The Free Syrian Army is founded by a small group of anti-Assad fighters. Peaceful mass demonstrations continue. Assad begins to release several high-ranking regime officials.

2012

January

Adopted al-Nusra as al-Qaeda affiliate, announces its formation in Syria.

February

Government steps up the bombardment of Hama and other cities. The UN says more than 2,000 Syrians have now been killed. Leading anti-democratic activist Waheed Jarrah and associates are arrested in Damascus.

May

Regime massacres more than 100 civilians, including 60 children, in Hama, near Homs, Idlib, Latakia, and other countries expel Syrian diplomats.

July

The Red Cross declares conflict a full-scale civil war. In Jordan the Zafarani refugee camp opens. It will soon become home to over 100,000 refugees.

2013

March

Syrian refugees number 1 million.

April

Also late of Hezbollah announces the formation of NDF. Conflict breaks out between the two main rebel front groups, FSA and Ahrar al-Nusra.

July

The regime begins the siege of Idlib. A Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus, Harasta, is

Iran A close ally with intelligence and spent billions of dollars economy. It sends Saudi Arabia and sends money and sends neighbouring Lebanon.

Russia A friend of the Assad Regime. Resolutions that might against the Syrian regime.

Wahabites The Assad from the start support since 2011. publicly withdrawing.

Global refugee crisis – THE FACTS

World at war¹

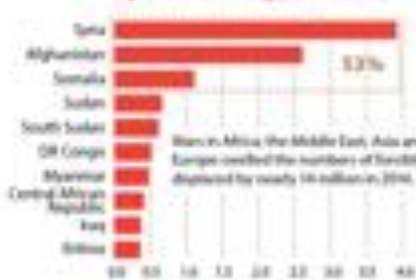
WHERE PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM

War, deteriorating security and human rights concerns in a number of countries – notably Syria – are among the main drivers of a sharp increase in asylum seekers and refugees worldwide.

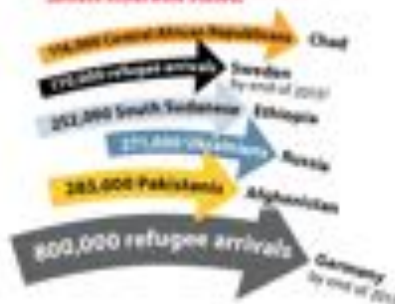
Location of refugees and persons of concern to UNHCR



Top countries of origin (in millions)



Selected refugee arrivals, in 2014 (unless otherwise stated)

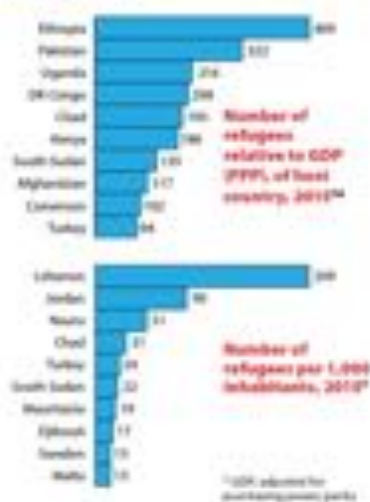
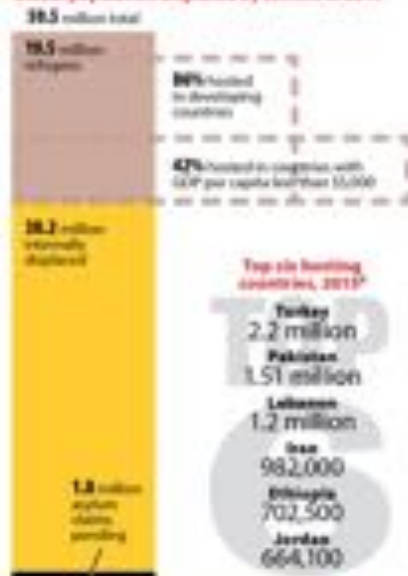


It's not all about you¹

WHERE PEOPLE ARE FLEEING TO

Most refugees do not seek protection in the industrialized world. Nearly 7 out of 10 people find shelter in neighbouring countries, while an even greater number are internally displaced.

Global population displaced by conflict in 2014



Turkey
Lebanon
Jordan
Iraq and
Egypt

95% of Syrian refugees are hosted in just FIVE countries

Rest of World

Pakistan and Iran

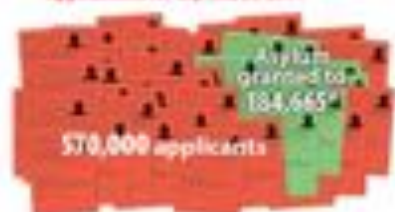
95% of Afghan refugees are hosted in just TWO countries

Rest of World

Sanctuary not guaranteed

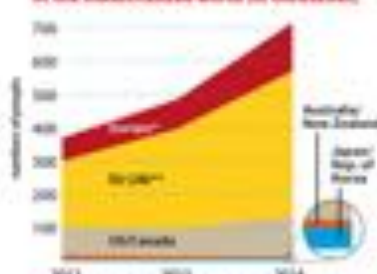
Once asylum seekers leave the question of arriving in safe countries, they may not be granted refugee status.

Applications for asylum, EU 2014*



*Applying for asylum can be a lengthy process, so many of those given refugee status may have applied in previous years.

Asylum claims lodged in selected regions of the industrialized world (in thousands)



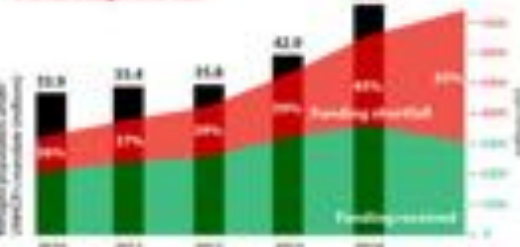
* Includes Turkey, Nordic countries and former Yugoslavia. ** EU = Germany and France.

Seeking security

WHY PEOPLE KEEP MOVING

UNHCR is chronically underfunded. As food prices shoot up, shelter and school places evaporate, families vote with their feet.

UNHCR budget shortfall?



Funding shortfall for UNHCR top 9 emergencies, as of November 2013*

Emergency	Amount requested (in million)	Funding (in million)	% funded
South Sudan	1,244	600	48
Yemen	1,120	510	45
Iran	504	432	86
Other emergencies	433	360	83

A question of priorities

Total UN emergencies budget shortfall (in billions, 2013)**

\$10.3 total shortfall UN humanitarian emergency budget, 2013

\$10 billion estimated annual cost for UN to bankroll 10% in Syria

Hello again, crisis

The current upheaval in Syria is causing large numbers of people to flee. But it isn't the first time – and it won't be the last.

Selected population movements forced by conflict (1945–2013) in millions[†]



* Based on the UNHCR Global Trends in 2014 report (http://www.unhcr.org/5d401010.html). ** UN Emergency Relief Co-ordinator (ERC) Europe and the Americas (http://www.unhcr.org/5d401010.html). † Includes from the Commission on International Migration (http://www.unhcr.org/5d401010.html).

Country profiles:

10/ pairs choose country (lesser-known countries from Global South) and look at photos – from photos, predict country ratings and background info – then read / check

- Country profile: Brazil
- Country profile - Nigeria
- Country profile: Djibouti



- Country profile: North Korea
- Country profile: El Salvador
- Country profile: Burma
- Country profile: Côte D'Ivoire

Responses from my students:

- a) Crying
- b) Saying 'All refugees are Muslim and all Muslims are terrorists'
- c) Telling long emotional stories about their own family or friend
- d) Suggesting we all do a 'guerrilla sticker' campaign and stick AI 'Refugees welcome' stickers on lampposts
- e) Asking what they can do to help refugees in Greece

Too serious / sad / depressing? –
PositiveNegatives



Amnesty International: free training for teachers



Free resources:

PEOPLE SEEKING SAFETY WORLDWIDE IN NUMBERS

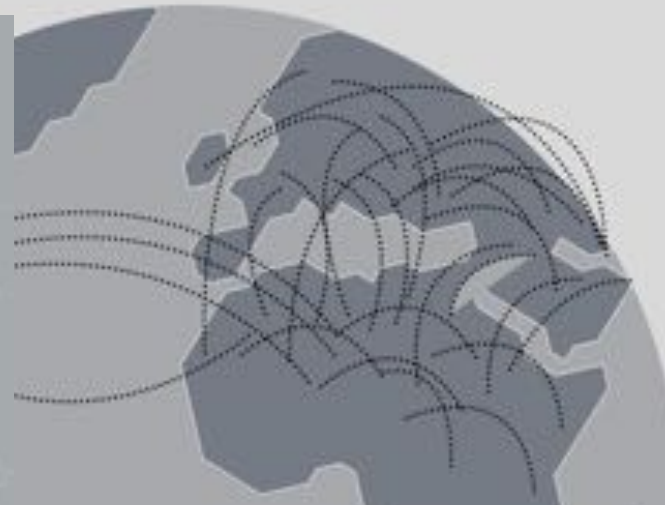
25.9 MILLION
refugees worldwide

1.4 MILLION

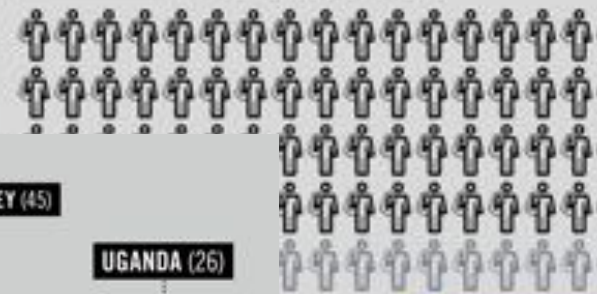
refugees need
resettlement right now



THE WORLD'S TOP 10 REFUGEE HOST COUNTRIES



80% of all refugees are hosted
in developing regions



WHO HOSTS THE MOST REFUGEES PER 1,000 INHABITANTS?



Source: IOM/ODI Global Trends, Forced Displacement in 2014
*These callout numbers include Palestinian refugees in these countries

Support: HRFS and the 'I Welcome Community'



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Join the I Welcome Community

Join the world's largest online community of people who welcome refugees in their communities.

We're so proud of the people who have stepped forward to help those who need us.

Government isn't doing enough. There are billions of people who need us. We're looking for more people to help.

Here's how you can help:

The movement of people seeking to welcome refugees in their own homes. Whether it's by providing shelter, food, clothing, or simply a safe place to stay, we'll have you all about what you can do together.

Join together, we are powerful.



Join our I Welcome Community

There are three things you, your friends, and your family can do to help refugees.

Read these stories of welcome and get inspired.

“
GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE COME TOGETHER”

IN A HUMAN RIGHTS FRIENDLY SCHOOL...

Everyone has a say in decisions that affect them.

School leaders respect everyone's human rights.

We are all responsible for making our schools safe and welcoming for people of every race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and ability.

Everyone can access learning resources and activities.

Everyone learns what human rights mean here and around the world.

Students have choices about how and what they learn.

We look after each other's wellbeing.

We treat each other with respect.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

...WE SHOW THE WORLD HOW WE CAN PRACTICE

Resources:

- **PositiveNegatives.org**
 - Amnesty International –
Amnesty.org.uk/resources /
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/i-welcome/>
 - Easier English wiki - **eewiki.newint.org**
 - **GISIG – gisig.iatefl.org**
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