



Refugee Youth Project

UK Registered Charity No. 1109104

### **Refugee Week Poster Competition: What is Refugee Week?**

A refugee is someone who leaves their country and cannot return because they fear being persecuted (abused or mistreated) because of their race, religion, political opinions or social behaviour. Refugees are often fleeing war, political instability or human rights abuses. When you are given refugee status by another country you are allowed to live in that country, safe from harm.

There are more than 12 million refugees in the world. According to United Nations statistics 1 in every 200 people in the world are refugees or live in refugee-like situations. There are approximately 300,000 refugees living in the UK, which is around 3% of the worldwide number of refugees.

Refugee Week (June 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>) is a programme of events which celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK. It tries to encourage a better understanding between different communities living in the UK. Refugee Week began in 1998 and has been celebrated each year since then.

### **Refugee Week Competition**

Refugee Youth Project is holding a competition for young people in Brighton and Hove to celebrate refugee week 2010. Pupils in primary years 5, 6, and secondary years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to draw or paint a poster on the themes of refugee week, such as these:

- Safety – what does it mean to be safe?
- Celebrating Culture – what new and valuable cultural traditions have refugees brought to the UK?
- Which countries have refugees in the UK come from?
- Famous Refugees in the UK (e.g. the supermodel Alek Wek, Michael Marks who founded Marks and Spencer, Prince Phillip who fled Greece in 1923 and married the Queen of England, the Dalai Lama and the physicist Albert Einstein)

### **How can I enter?**

Please draw or paint your entry on to A3 or A4 paper. You must fill in the entry form with your name, address and class. Staff in your school will collect your entries by Friday 25th

June. Entries must reach Refugee Youth Project at: 44 Kemp Street Brighton East Sussex BN1 4EF by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

### Judging and Prizes

A Refugee Youth Project representative and members of the Refugee Week steering committee will decide on the winner. The best poster will receive a great prize and there will be other prizes for good posters..

Fantastic prizes include:



**An awesome windsurfing and sailing taster session for 4 people worth £150!**



**2 FREE CINEMA TICKETS!  
...and a whole year's Kid's Club Membership for  
The Duke of York's Picture House!**

**Plus more great prizes to be announced!!!**



Refugee Youth Project  
UK Registered Charity No. 1109104

[www.refugeeyouthproject.org.uk](http://www.refugeeyouthproject.org.uk)