

Refugee Youth Project – Poster Competition

How can I use the poster competition in my teaching during Refugee Week?

This poster competition can be used as a homework task or optional extension task for any lesson taught during Refugee Week (for example a lesson on refugees and asylum seekers in citizenship or geography). The poster competition could also form a whole lesson or part of a lesson in any subject (an art lesson may be particularly suitable).

Lesson ideas, lesson plans and resources...

You can download specially developed lesson plans and resources from the Refugee Week website at:

<http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/simple-acts/toolkit/schools/>

Alternatively in a Refugee Week lesson you could use a film as a starter, for example films found on the Amnesty International website about refugees and asylum seekers:

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=11643#still>

You may then want to introduce definitions of refugees and asylum seekers:

Who is a refugee?

A refugee is a person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country..."

Article 1, The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees

Asylum Seekers

An asylum seeker is a person who has left their country of origin, has applied for recognition as a refugee in another country, and is awaiting a decision on their application.

(Definitions are from the UNHCR website, further information on definitions available at: <http://www.unhcr.org.au/basicdef.shtml>)

You could then complete an empathy activity on the difficulties faced by refugees and asylum seekers in the UK and internationally. See the Amnesty

International website for great teaching resources on the topic - 'A Time to Flee' and 'Border control'.

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=11643#flee>

<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=11643#border>

Then explain the poster competition to pupils and they can complete posters and enter the Refugee Youth Project competition.

How can Refugee Youth Project help me launch the poster competition in my school?

Refugee Youth Project volunteers can visit schools to conduct an assembly on refugees and asylum seekers and to launch their poster competition which is being held in Brighton and Hove to celebrate refugee week 2010. Email us at education@refugeeyouthproject.org.uk

If you are a secondary school teacher and would like Refugee Youth Project volunteers to teach a lesson one or more KS3 classes in order to launch our poster competition please email us at education@refugeeyouthproject.org.uk

To find out more about Refugee Youth Project please visit our website at <http://www.refugeeyouthproject.org.uk>