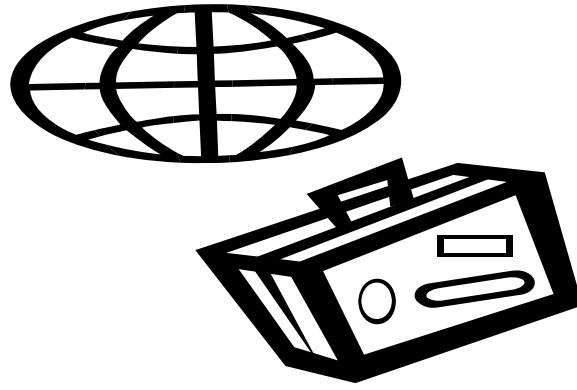


# PASSPORT



## ESCAPE TO SAFETY EXPERIENCE

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SAFETY

Imagine you are a **teenager**, have a good home, friends, family and a great future. Sound familiar? But now **war** has broken out and soldiers have forcefully **taken your parents away** and no-one knows where they are. The soldiers might **come back for you** next.

**What do you do?** You could **flee to the U.K.**, a country that promises to **protect your human rights**. **How will you get there?**

*Can you escape to safety?*

**“Escape to Safety”** is an interactive exhibition that helps to answer these questions by looking at the stories of 3 different asylum seekers. You can experience a little of what it is like for this to happen to you.

It gives you the opportunity to think *for yourself*:

**What do you REALLY know about refugees?**

**What do you think about them?**

**Has this changed after seeing the exhibition?**

**Do you now look at press reports differently?**

This booklet is to help you think more carefully about the issues behind this important subject.

**You don't have to complete the pages in order, but you should try and look at all the pages by the end of the session.**

Many thanks to Viv Jackson of STAR for her help in preparing some parts of

# 1. ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. According to the 1951 Geneva Convention which of these statements best defines refugees?

- a) people escaping danger and persecution
- b) people just looking for jobs in the UK
- c) people looking for an easy life and welfare benefits

2. How many people of concern to UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) are there in today's world?

- a) about 5 million
- b) about 10 million
- c) about 20 million

3. Most of the people who have escaped danger and persecution are hosted in:

- a) Africa
- b) Asia
- c) Europe
- d) North America

4. Once in the host country what is the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee?

- a) asylum seekers are illegal, refugees are not
- b) asylum seekers are still waiting for a decision on their case to be made, refugees have been granted permission to stay
- c) none

5. As a percentage of our population the UK has more refugees than anyone else in Europe

- a) True
- b) False

6. According to British and international laws can you ever have an 'illegal asylum seeker'?

- a) Yes
- b) No

7. After entering the UK asylum seekers have the legal right to work

- a) straight away
- b) after 6 months
- c) only after they have been granted leave to remain, or in exceptional circumstances

8. If entitled to financial support, how much does a single asylum seeker over 18 get a week as from Apr 06?

- a) less than a British citizen, £31.85 - £40.22
- b) same as a British citizen, £45.50 - £57.45
- b) more than a British citizen, £58.80 - £78.40

9. In 2003 there were 49,370 asylum applicants in the UK. In the end how many were successful?

- a) all
- b) 1 in five
- c) 3 in 5

10. In 2004 how many asylum seekers were still administratively detained, with no time limit, despite not having committed any crime?

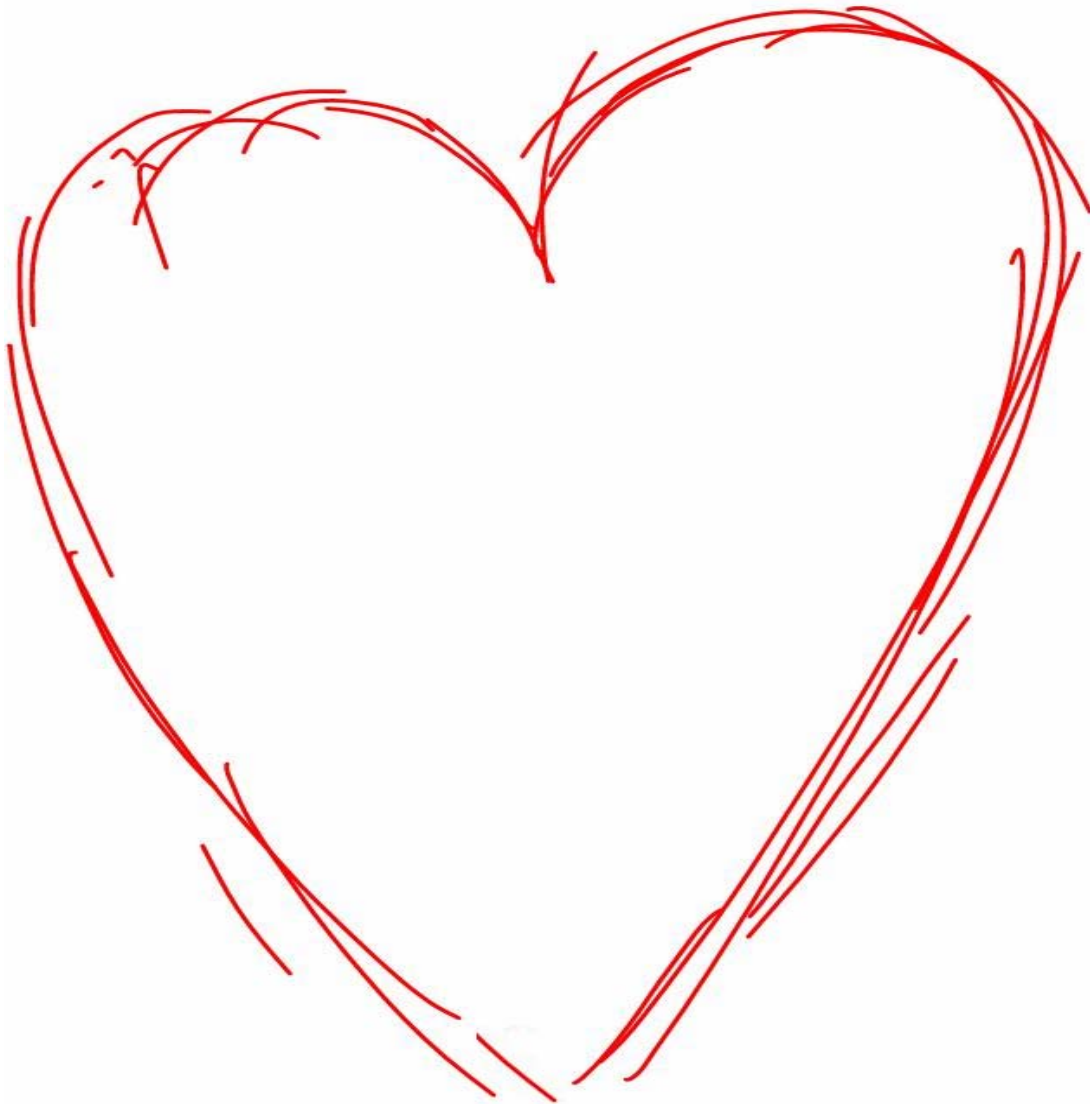
- a) 100
- b) 0 as in UK there is no unlimited detention
- c) about 2,000 including children

11. What do Prince Philip, Lomana LuaLua, Albert Einstein, Jesus Christ and the Prophet Mohamed have in common?

## 2 - HOME

In English we say that *Home is where the Heart is.*

Try and think what *home* means to you and what makes it so special. Draw inside the heart all those things that most matter to you.



Now try to imagine how you would feel if all of this was taken away from you. Write your feelings here below:

### 3 - TRAVEL

## What would you take?

Imagine you had to leave your house at short notice.  
You are in **too much danger** to take your time.  
You only have 10 minutes.  
What would you take with you?  
Just remember:  
*You have to carry everything you choose*



## 4 - IMMIGRATION

When people escaping danger and persecution arrive in the UK, they are legally entitled to claim asylum. They have to make their claim as soon as it is reasonably possible – legally, that usually means within 3 days. Then, they have 10 days to hand in their claim. The Statement of Evidence Form (SEF) is a 19 page form which must be completed in English. Failing to answer the questions correctly will end up in the form be classed as NON COMPLIANT. *In practice this means that many people's claims are refused not because they do not have a genuine fear of persecution and were in danger, but because they could not speak English well! Do you think this is fair?*

It is your turn now, can you do it? Or would you be sent back to danger and persecution?

### Asylum seekers questionnaire İltica talebi formu

1. **Name?**İsim:.....Soyedi:.....
2. **Cinsiyet?** Erkek ..... Kadın .....
3. **Adrea?** ..... **Şehir:**.....
- Country/Ülke:**.....
4. **Dogum Tarihi?**...../...../19.....
5. **Passaport numerasi?**.....
6. **Veraberde getirilen cocukların sayisi?**  
İsimleri.....  
Cinsiyetleri:.....  
Yasları : .....
7. **İngiltere'ye nasıl geldiniz**  
ucakla  
gemiyle  
Eurostar'la
8. **İngiltere'ye direk olarak mı geldiniz ?**  
*Eğer başka ülkede durakladıysanız, hangi ülke:*  
.....
9. **İngiltere'ye gelmenizin nedeni:**  
.....
10. **Kendi ülkenizi terketmenizin nedeni:**  
.....

## 5 - JUST LIKE YOU AND ME

### *Refugee*

*So I have a new name, refugee.  
Strange that a name should take away from me  
My past, my personality, and hope.  
Strange refuge this.  
So many seem to share this name, refugee,  
Yet we share so many differences*

*I find no comfort in my new name,  
I long to share my past, restore my pride,  
To show I too in time will offer more  
Than I have borrowed.  
For now the comfort that I seek  
Resides in the old yet new name  
I would choose.  
Friend.*

By 14 year-old Ruvimbo Bungwe, a student at Villiers High School, London



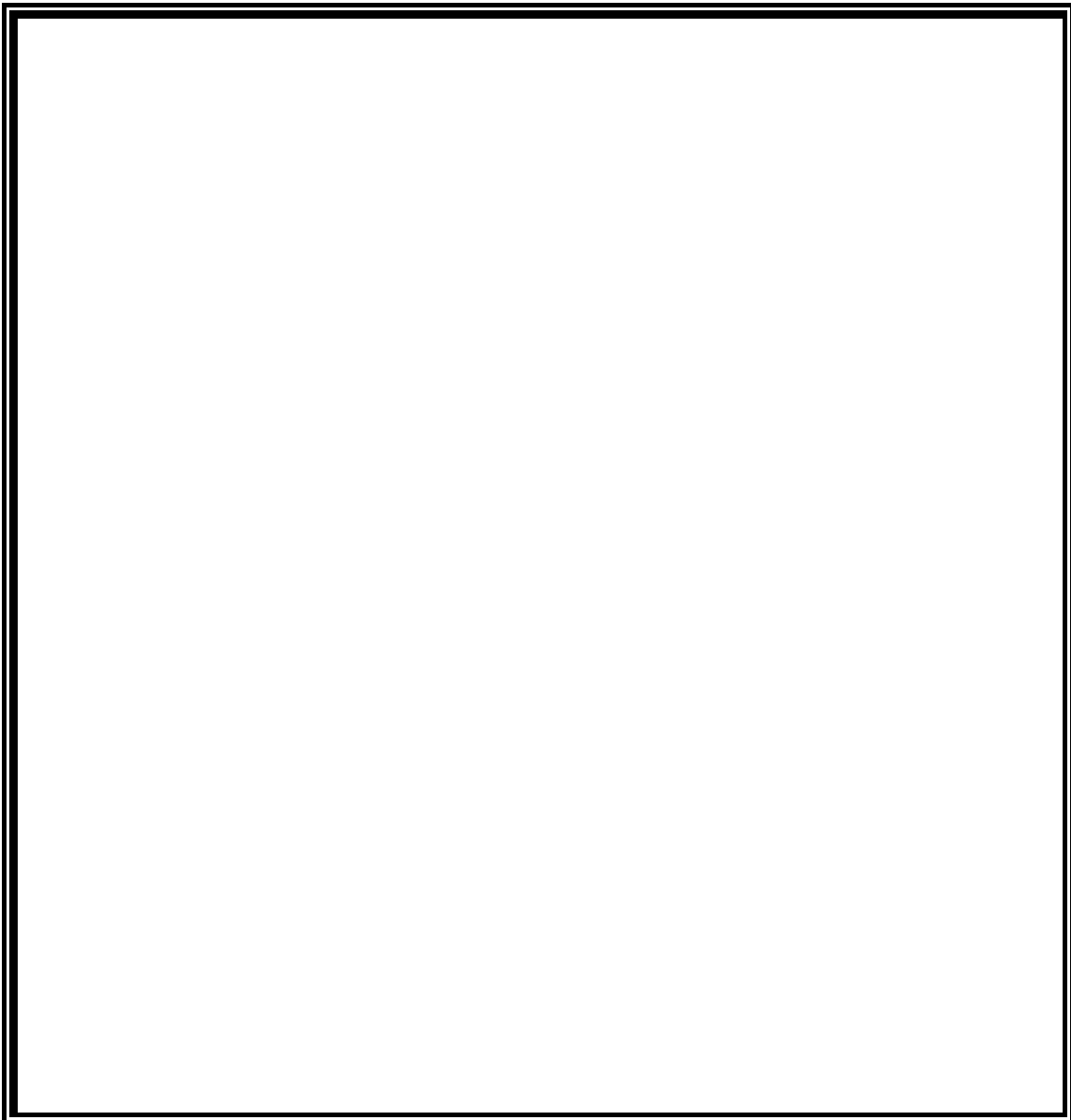
## 6 - LET'S TAKE ACTION!

Refugees and asylum seekers are among the poorest in our society. They have come through terrible trauma to be here and have often been badly treated when they arrive. Whilst many make a great effort to mix in with their new society, we can all help in many different small ways.

Imagine if you were a refugee or asylum seeker newly arrived into this country, how would you like to be treated?

Now think what **YOU** could do to make this happen. Write your ideas here below and then share your ideas with the person sitting next to you:

*What can you do?*



Complete after going through the exhibition. School ..... Year.....

**Section A About your learning**

**Please answer the questions by circling the number nearest to what you think**

- 1 Most asylum seekers are 'illegal'  
agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 disagree
- 2 Refugees do not make a great contribution to British society  
agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 disagree

**Please answer the following questions by choosing ONE answer each.**

- 3 Which of these statements best defines asylum seekers?  
0 people looking for jobs in the UK  
1 people escaping danger and persecution  
2 people looking for an easy life and benefits
- 4 Britain has one of the highest percentage of refugees in the world  
0 true  
1 false  
2 not sure

**Section B About you**

**Please answer the questions by choosing 2 options per question 5 and 2**

- 5 How did you feel when you went through the exhibition?  
0 - angry  
1 - lucky  
2 - scared  
3 - sad  
4 - sorry for them  
5 - ashamed to think bad things about refugees
- 6 What do you think we should give asylum seekers in this country?  
0 - more respect  
1 - more help  
2 - more friendship  
3 - more money  
4 - more understanding  
5 - less respect  
6 - less help  
7 - less friendship  
8 - less money  
9 - less understanding

**Section C About the exhibition**

- 7 What did you like about the exhibition?
- 8 What did you not like about the exhibition?
- 9 What would you do to improve the exhibition?