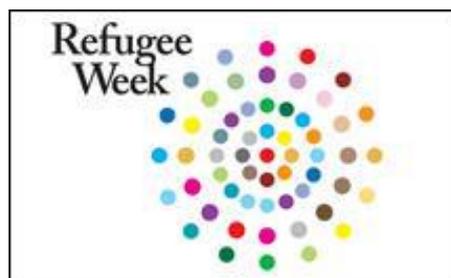


## REFUGEE WEEK: 20-26 JUNE 2016

Refugee Week is an annual UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events and activities that celebrates the contribution of refugees to the UK and promotes better understanding of why people seek sanctuary.



Anyone can take part in Refugee Week by organising, attending or taking part in a variety of activities – both on- and offline.

**This year, the theme is “welcome”: join us in celebrating and encouraging welcome.**

Refugee Week is coordinated and managed by Counterpoints Arts, an arts organisation comprising creative arts and cultural projects exploring refugee and migrant experiences. Amnesty International UK is proud to be a partner of this multi-agency project, alongside: British Future; British Red Cross; City of Sanctuary; Freedom From Torture; International Organization for Migration – IOM; Migrant Help; Refugee Action; Refugee Council; Scottish Refugee Council; Welsh Refugee Council; Student Action for Refugees – STAR; The UN Refugee Agency - UNHCR.

**To find out more about Refugee Week and how you can get involved, visit [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk)**

You can also follow [@RefugeeWeek](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeek) on Twitter or [/RefugeeWeek](https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeWeek) on Facebook. Hashtags [#RefugeesWelcome](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeek) and [#RefugeeWeek](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeek)

## What we’re asking you to do

### Share stories of welcome

During Refugee Week we will be sharing specially prepared quotes, blog posts and graphics to promote and celebrate messages of welcome from across the UK for refugees, as well as stories of how refugees have been welcomed to the UK. Please follow [@AmnestyUK](https://twitter.com/AmnestyUK) or [@RefugeeWeek](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeek) on Twitter, or [AmnestyUK](https://www.facebook.com/AmnestyUK) or [Refugee Week](https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeWeek) on Facebook, to retweet and share, using the hashtag [#RefugeesWelcome](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeek).

### Attend an event

Take a look at the [Refugee Week Events Calendar](#) to find one in your area. Or, you could organise your own!

## **Organise and promote an event**

For information and guidance on organising an event for Refugee Week, see the [advice and ideas page](#) – and if you do organise an event for Refugee Week, please be sure to [submit the details to the Refugee Week Events Calendar](#).

If you are promoting your event on social media, please do include the hashtag [#RefugeesWelcome](#). Coming soon via the [Refugee Week website](#): the Refugee Week team are preparing some social media graphics to help you promote your event on Twitter and Facebook!

## **Tell local press about your event**

A template press release for local media will be sent out to group media workers at the end of May.

If you do not regularly receive template letters or press releases from our media team and would like to, or for any other help or assistance on media work, including local contacts for journalists in your area, please email Naomi Westland in our Press Office at [Naomi.Westland@amnesty.org.uk](mailto:Naomi.Westland@amnesty.org.uk)

## **Resources**

The Refugee Week team are producing free posters and postcards to promote Refugee Week. Badges, balloons and t-shirts will also be available for a fee. You can order resources from the [Refugee Week shop](#).