



Leaving Home

A lesson for 14- to 16-year-olds

To understand what a refugee is and reflect on what it would be like to be a refugee

To understand what The Salvation Army is doing to help refugees and reflect on if it is important to help refugees and why.

PowerPoint presentation

Video clip (<https://youtu.be/YG81CDcdV8Y>)

Access to The Salvation Army International's

Refugees in Europe webpage
(<http://sar.my/europerefugees>)

Starter

Ask the pupils to imagine that they need to pack in a rucksack to go on a long journey. What are the three most important things that they would want to take? Why?

Phase 1

Explain that usually in our country packing a bag to go away should be for something positive, a holiday, a day out, visiting family, staying with friends. But sadly many people have been packing their bags and leaving their homes with a few belongings for reasons that are not positive but because they are unable to stay in their homes as it is not safe. Go over the lesson outcomes with the class (slide 2).

Show the pupils the quote of what a refugee is (slide 3), you may want to explain further and describe examples.

Give the pupils the character cards and ask them to explain why the person described is a refugee referring to the definition. What is it that makes them a refugee?

Ask the pupils to tell the person next to them how they think they would feel if they were the character on the card, why would they feel like that? Ask for some feedback from the class.

Phase 2

What is being done to help? Explain that there are a lot of charities doing different things to provide support to refugees. One of these charities is The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army is providing practical, emotional and spiritual support across Europe (show slide with map).



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If the pupils have not come across The Salvation Army before you may want to explain that The Salvation Army is a Christian church and charity working in more than 125 countries.

Split the class into groups of four. Ask pupils to use The Salvation Army International's webpage 'Refugees in Europe' to research how The Salvation Army is helping refugees. Give each person in the group a number between one and four and explain that their job is to research how The Salvation Army is helping the country next to their number on the presentation.

1. Italy
2. Switzerland
3. Germany
4. Greece

After 10 minutes ask the pupils to come back together with their groups and to explain to the others what The Salvation Army is doing in that country.

Ask for some feedback on the sort of things The Salvation Army is doing to support refugees in Europe and then show the short video clip about the support in Norway.

In their groups ask them to discuss why they think the members and volunteers of The Salvation Army want to help refugees. Lead a discussion with the feedback.

Finally ask the pupils to think about and write down their opinion to the following questions:

Do you think it's important to help? Why? Why not?
If you think it is, what could you do?

Ask a few students to share their opinions

Plenary

Pick out students to answer the following questions:

What is a refugee?
What is The Salvation Army doing to help?