

# World Refugee Week





What three things would you miss the most if you had to leave the place and country you live in because of war?





What five things would you take with you if you had to leave your home suddenly?

Remember that you have to be able to carry them.





## What is a refugee?





A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country for some reason.





## What causes people to flee their country?





Most refugees leave their homes and countries in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.



Some people also leave their country because of extreme poverty, drought and famine.





In Syria, millions of people have left to escape the violence, conflict and persecution due to the civil war taking place there.





Many people, including children, are also facing extreme danger in countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan.





Globally, 51% of refugees are under 18 years of age.



There are thousands of unaccompanied children, whose parents and families have been killed.





A person who has left their country as a political refugee to seek protection and resettlement in another country is called an asylum seeker.



Asylum seekers arrive hungry, ill, traumatised and with few or no possessions or money.





Many refugees make perilous journeys by sea to Europe.





Tragically, some do not survive the sea journeys. A Turkish police officer carries a child off the shores in Bodrum, southern Turkey, after a boat carrying refugees sank near the Greek island of Kos.



In 2015 more than one million refugees risked their lives crossing the Mediterranean Sea into Europe. Most are fleeing from conflict in Syria and Afghanistan.



Many refugees also make their way on foot through Europe coping with difficult terrain.





The aim of Refugee Week is to promote a better understanding of why people seek asylum and to foster understanding between communities.





Refugee Week takes place annually on the across the world in the week containing Refugee Day which is held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Since early 2015 Europe has been facing a refugee crisis.





The crisis has been caused by the increasing numbers of people fleeing from violence and conflict in their countries.



Many European countries have put greater controls on their borders to stop people getting into their country. Here, barbed wire is used to prevent migrants from entering Hungary.





The refugee crisis has caused tensions in many countries. Police have been put at borders to try to stop people entering their country. Here, a woman crawls through a block of border police in the Macedonian town of Gevgelija.



Many refugees head for Calais in France hoping to travel to the UK. The main camp at Calais was known as The Jungle. There were around 9,000 residents living in terrible conditions there. The Jungle has been closed.

Some countries are hostile to refugees and asylum seekers and either refuse to let them in or do so reluctantly. Asylum seekers and refugees are not made to feel welcome.





Does the UK have more asylum seekers than most countries?



British newspapers are responsible for turning people against migrants and asylum seekers through creating a climate of fear against foreigners.

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**THE Government wants to spend tens of millions to help these men and women who have committed some of the most heinous crimes in the world.**

**It is a disgrace that we have to spend so much money on these criminals, who should be sent back to their own countries.**

**By Elinor Glynne and Alex White**

There have been over 4,000 cases of foreign criminals from more than 100 different countries who have been released on licence in Britain since 2005.

These individuals have rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights so that the British authorities can't send them home.

It is a disgrace that we have to spend so much money on these criminals, who should be sent back to their own countries.

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**Inside: The pictures that prove... MIGRANTS SWARM TO BRITAIN**

By John Chapman  
 THE scale of the migrant crisis facing Britain was underlined yesterday by a series of arrests.

On last night, 21 men and women were found in a lorry on the M25 at Slough. A police officer was seen talking to a man in a lorry.

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According to 2016 Immigration Statistics, the UK had 39,000 applications. This is much less than the applications received in many other countries. The UK is the sixth out of the EU's 28 member states in terms of asylum applications.





Germany had the highest number of applications (692,000), followed by Italy (117,000) and France (83,000). These three countries accounted for 75% of all asylum applications made in the EU.



Asylum seekers do not have the right to work in the United Kingdom and so must rely on state support. Cash support is currently £36.95 per person a week. This equates to £5.28 a day for food, toiletries and clothing.



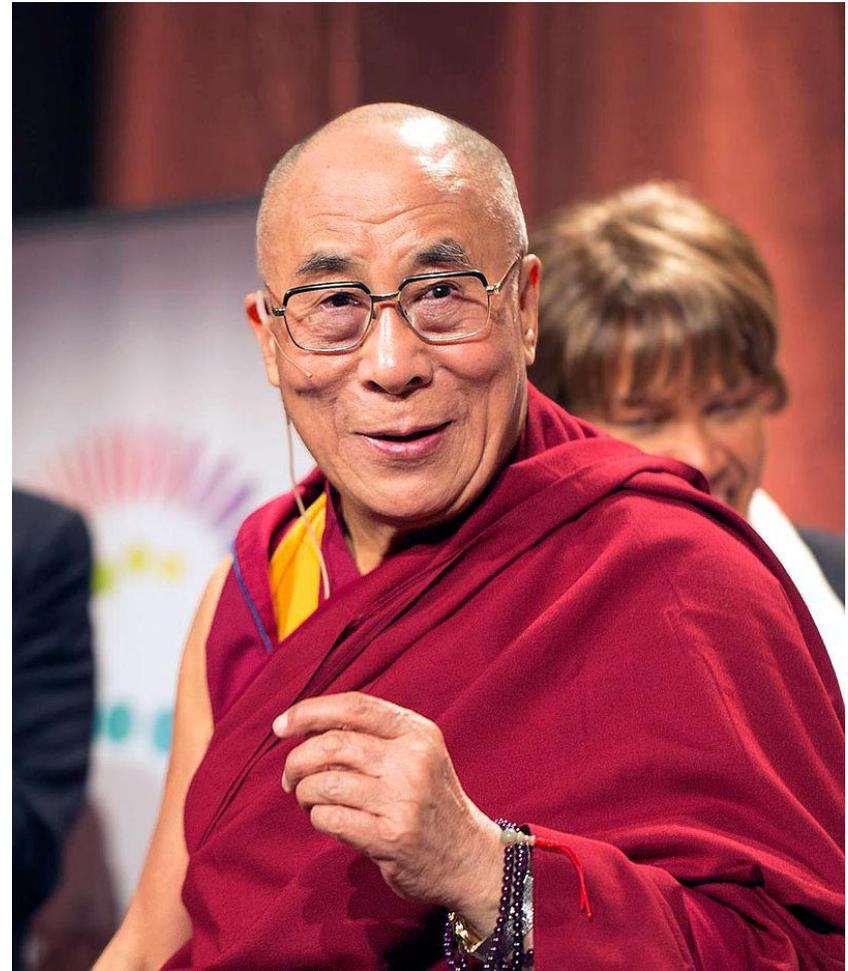
Many famous people are refugees.

Can you think of any?





The Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, fled to India during the 1959 Tibetan uprising, where he currently lives as a refugee.

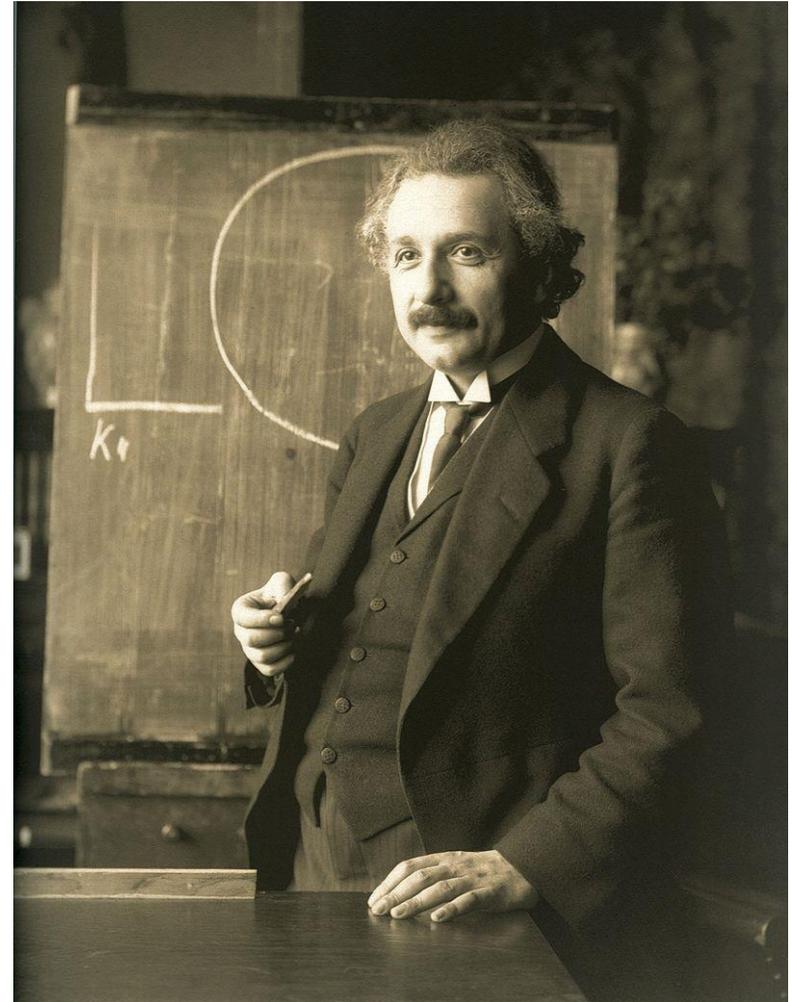




Anne Frank and her family escaped from Germany during the Second World War. She and her family hid for over two years in Amsterdam before they were arrested and deported.



In 1933, when Hitler took control of Germany, Albert Einstein took refuge in America.

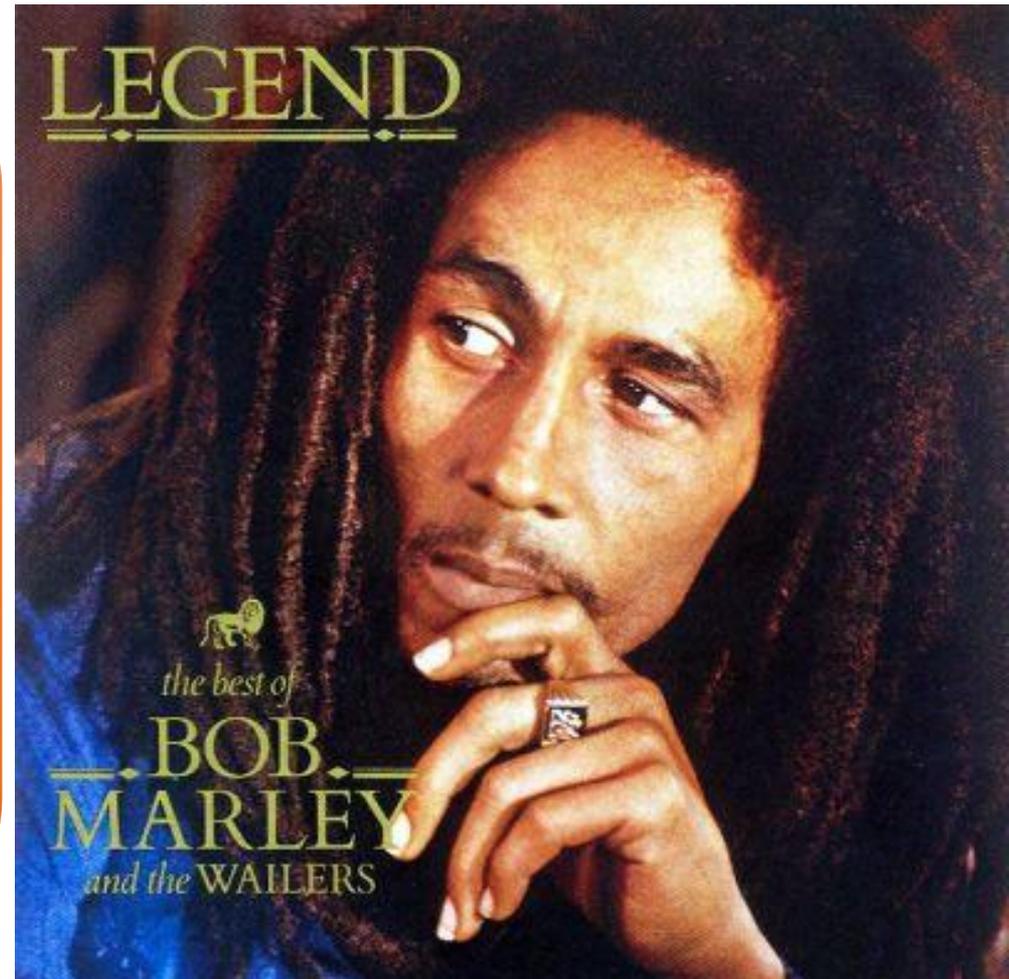




Lomana Tresor Lua Lua, came to the UK in 1989, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo. He became a successful footballer playing for Newcastle United and Portsmouth. He set up the LuaLua Foundation, which provides care for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Cultural icon and reggae superstar Bob Marley had to flee his beloved Jamaica after an attempt on his life in 1976 just as the reggae artist was beginning to come to worldwide prominence. Marley fled to England where he lived in self-imposed exile and recorded two of his best albums, *Kaya* and *Exodus*.



How can we help?

DISCUSS



We could welcome asylum seekers and refugees to our country.



We can help to change other people's views by staying informed and sharing facts about asylum seekers and refugees.



We could raise funds to help those who have been displaced by war or natural disaster.





We can celebrate and enjoy the cultures and traditions refugees bring to the UK.

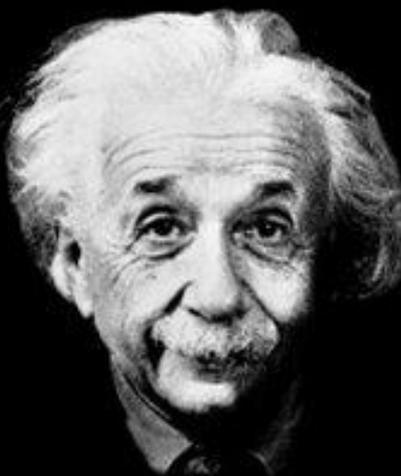


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**A bundle of belongings  
isn't the only thing a refugee  
brings to his new country.**



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**Einstein was a refugee.**



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