



On The Move: Lift the ban

Phoebe has worshipped in Ilford for about three years. She sings in the worship group, volunteers on Tuesdays, volunteers at the charity shop and helps make Messy Church happen.

It's Tuesday, so today Phoebe will spend the morning listening to people coming for help.

She will write out food vouchers for a man who used to be an architect in his home country but cannot work whilst his claim for asylum is considered by the Home Office. She will make a cup of coffee for the man who has been cheated by rogue construction employers who promised to pay him cash in hand, taking advantage of his desperation – they know he can't legally work while claiming asylum. She will listen to the worries of the mother who has three children but is living on handouts because her husband can't work as a lecturer until their asylum claim is settled.

Phoebe knows their struggle all too well. Because their story is her story too.

It's been almost four years since Phoebe and her son were forced to flee their home country and travel to the UK to seek asylum. And for the last four years Phoebe has been in limbo while the Home Office considered her application for asylum. She and her son eat, play, study and sleep in a small bedroom provided by the National Asylum Service (NAS). They have to negotiate with other families in the house for access to the shared kitchen and

bathroom facilities. Phoebe receives a total of £72 a week to provide for all their other needs: food, clothing, medicine, travel, toiletries, study materials and phone bills. There is little left over to save for unexpected costs.

Being able to work while they wait for a decision from the Home Office would make such a difference to Phoebe and her son. Before she had to flee her home country, she worked in a bank and travel agency. Phoebe has qualifications in health and social care and would love to work as a midwife one day. But she would do any work that meant that she could earn a living for herself while her claim for asylum is considered.

The Salvation Army has joined a coalition of organisations calling on the UK Government to allow asylum seekers to work.

We think that people who have risked everything to find safety should have the best chance of contributing to society and integrating into our communities, and have the opportunity to better support their families financially.

They can use their skills and live in dignity.

For more info...

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On The Move: Discussion questions



Question 1

**IS IT EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
SUPPORT AND WELCOME REFUGEES?**

Question 2

**WHAT COULD BE DONE WHERE YOU
LIVE TO SUPPORT REFUGEES?**

Question 3

**WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS YOU
WOULD LIKE TO ASK A REFUGEE?**

Question 4

**WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT STOP
MORE PEOPLE DOING MORE TO
WELCOME AND SUPPORT REFUGEES?**

Question 5

**COULD YOUR SCHOOL DO MORE
TO SUPPORT REFUGEES? COULD
YOU DO MORE?**



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On The Move: Refugee facts

The UK is home to less than 1% of the world's refugees – out of more than 59.5 million forcibly displaced people worldwide. ¹

About 86% of the world's refugees are living in developing countries, often in camps. ²

Turkey is the biggest refugee hosting country in the world. It is currently giving sanctuary to 2.5 million Syrian refugees, while Jordan and Lebanon host 1.7 million between them. By the end of 2016 the UK had resettled 5,706 Syrian refugees. ³

Many refugees and asylum seekers hope to return home at some point in the future, if the situation in their country has improved. ⁴

Britain is not Europe's top recipient of asylum applications. In 2016, Germany, Italy and France each received at least twice as many asylum applications as the UK. ⁵

The top three countries of origin of people applying for asylum in Britain in the twelve months to June 2017 were: Iran, Pakistan and Iraq. ⁶

In 2016 people were most likely to seek refuge here from the Middle East, desperate to escape ongoing conflict and the murderous advance of ISIS. ⁷

¹ www.unhcr.org/56701b969.html

² www.unhcr.org/556725e69.html#_ga=1.134920948.447548864.1453716833

³ www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/policy_research/the_truth_about_asylum/facts_about_asylum_-_page_6

⁴ www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/policy_research/the_truth_about_asylum/facts_about_asylum_-_page_4

⁵ www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/latest/news/5000_top_20_facts_about_refugees_and_people_seeking_asylum

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⁷ www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/policy_research/the_truth_about_asylum/facts_about_asylum_-_page_6

On The Move: Statements from Salvationists*

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