

YouthImpact Special Edition Ezine

Refugee Week 2025

16 – 22 June



Refugee Week is the world's largest arts & culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. Established in 1998 in the UK, Refugee Week takes place every year around World Refugee Day (20th June) and has since grown into a global movement.

The theme for 2025 is 'Community as a Superpower', and to coincide with World Refugee Day on Friday 20 June 2025, YouthImpact are organising [Transforming Hate in Youth Settings Training](#) for PEACEPLUS Youth Programme workers. This one-day training will be delivered by colleagues from the Equality and Intercultural Team in the National Youth Council of Ireland.

UK [Refugee Week – 16 – 22 June 2025](#)

Ireland [Refugee Week Ireland – Get involved](#)

In this EZINE we have also collated a selection of practical resources, relevant research reports, and links to upcoming events that PEACEPLUS Youth Programme workers may find useful to support their engagement with young people throughout the year.

National Youth Council Ireland (NYCI)

NYCI provide a unique and innovative suite of training programmes, resources, policy development, advice, and networking opportunities to support youth work organisations in Ireland to engage more effectively with young people from minority ethnic backgrounds.

[Equality & Intercultural – National Youth Council of Ireland](#)

BBC Media Literacy for Young People

These resources are designed to help young people think more critically about what they see and hear online, as well as spot 'fake news' and think about how it applies to them and their lives.

[Lesson 1: Real versus fake news – BBC Teach](#)

Salto-Youth Resources

Salto-Youth provide non-formal learning resources for youth workers and youth leaders working with young refugees and asylum seekers.

[SALTO-YOUTH – Resources about working with young refugees](#)

The Mental Health Foundation

Asylum seekers and refugees are at particular risk of mental health problems. These may develop because of their experiences in their countries of origin, during their journeys, or after they arrive in the UK.

[Mental health resources for refugees and asylum seekers | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Mind Yourself

The 'Mind Yourself' project is aimed at improving the mental health and well-being of young people seeking protection and living in [Direct Provision](#) in Ireland. The comic is produced by young people in the protection process. It contains stories that capture the lived experiences of young people seeking protection in Ireland and has everyday suggestions for improving mental health and wellbeing.

[Mind Yourself, A Mental Health Resource for Young People in the Asylum Process | Irish Refugee Council](#)

Intercultural Education Service (IES)

The [Education Authority Intercultural Education Service](#) (IES) offers advice, guidance, direction and support to schools, families and other educational support services to meet the additional educational needs of Asylum-Seeking, Refugee, Traveller, Roma and other Newcomer pupils. The IES have developed resources like bilingual storybooks (e.g., "When the Lights Go Out") and guidance to support newcomer young people, aiding in integration and understanding.

[Intercultural Resources | Education Authority Northern Ireland](#)

NI: Young People's Attitudes to Refugees and Asylum Seekers (2024)

The Northern Ireland Executive Office's annual reports analyse 16-year-olds' perspectives on refugees and asylum seekers. In 2024, 55% agreed that it's a duty to protect refugees, a decrease from 63% in 2023. Additionally, 63% believed media negatively influences perceptions of refugees. These insights can inform discussions on media literacy and empathy.

[Young People's Attitudes to Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Northern Ireland 2024 | The Executive Office](#)

Stranded Dreams

The need for targeted education provision for young refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland (Report by Anaka Collective)

[Take Action | It's time for targeted education provision for young refugees and asylum seekers | PPR](#)

'Peace by Piece' Podcast

Inioluwa (Ini) Olasebikan, 18, has overcome many challenges to become an impassioned advocate for minority ethnic communities on integration and education rights for young people seeking asylum in Northern Ireland. In this conversation she speaks candidly about what it's like to arrive here as a young person and to notice how our two-community lens can prevail. Ini has felt both 'othered' and welcomed in Belfast. This may be a useful listen for workers to help understand newcomers' experience of living in Northern Ireland, noticing and navigating segregation and division.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/inioluwaolasebikan/id1577544566?i=1000709571168>

The Great Refugee Picnic

Belfast City of Sanctuary aims to promote and build a culture of welcome and hospitality for people seeking sanctuary and a home in Belfast. Visit their website for further details of how they work, and key events during Refugee Week, including The Great Refugee Picnic on 21 June.

[Home - Belfast City of Sanctuary](#)

YouthImPact is supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)



**Rialtas
na hÉireann**
Government
of Ireland

Issued: 13 June 2026