

Tackling Myths about Immigration

“WE'RE ALL FAE SOMEWHERE”

Ref-u-wee-gee

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Refers to the people from different countries moving into your country to live

EMMIGRATION

Refers to the people from your country that are moving out to other countries to live

MIGRATION

The movement of people to live around the world

IMMIGRANT

A person who has come to live in your country from somewhere else

EMMIGRANT

A person from your country who has gone to live in another country

Images in the media....



What do you think are the differences between these words?

Migrant

Displaced
Person

Refugee

Economic
Migrant

Asylum Seeker

Illegal
Immigrant

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Migrant: a person who makes a free and conscious choice to leave their country to seek a better life elsewhere; often wrongly used to describe refugees or asylum seekers.

Displaced person: A person who has been driven from their homeland or place of residence by war, internal upheaval, or natural disaster; another term for a refugee.

Economic migrant: someone who has moved to another country to work. For example, members of the European Union are currently free to move between EU member states and to seek work in any of them. A suggested definition for primary might be "someone who has moved to another country to get a job."

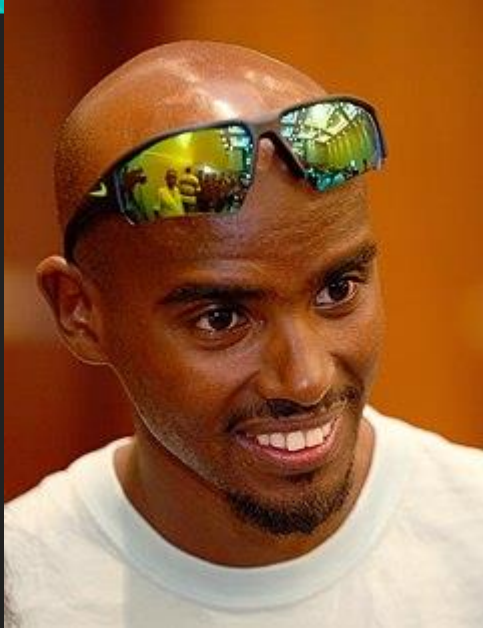
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Asylum seeker: a person who has fled persecution in their homeland, has arrived in another country, made themselves known to the authorities and exercised the legal right to apply for asylum. A suggested definition for primary might be: "someone who had to leave their home country because they were not safe at home, because of violence or war or being treated badly because of what they believe in or how they live, has arrived in another country, and has asked the government for permission to stay."

Refugee: a person whose asylum application has been successful and who is allowed to stay in another country, having proved that they would face persecution or threat to their life in their home country; they have been given the legal "right to remain". A suggested definition for primary might be "someone who was not safe in their home country and has been given the right to stay in their new country."

'Illegal immigrant': a term commonly used to refer to someone who has entered the country through deception, perhaps not applying for a visa or for asylum. Some people do try to avoid detection when they get to another country but that may be because of a fear of authority, a fear of persecution, illiteracy, trauma or other good reasons. This is the least common type of immigrant to the UK. We recommend that other terms be used instead of this one.

What do all these famous faces have in common?



Answer the following questions:

- What is the difference between immigration and emigration?
- Why does someone who is an 'economic migrant' want to live in another country?
- Why might someone be a 'displaced person'?
- What does it mean by 'seeking asylum'?
- Why do you think people and newspapers often portray immigration as a negative issue?



Tackling Myths about Immigration Part 2

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What we already know...

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To be a refugee...

“War is bad. It’s when they throw bombs out of planes. Sometimes I heard bombs. But I don’t remember. I only think of good things. I have a box in my head and put all the bad things in there and keep it locked. At the start in the UK it was hard because we knew no one. I was shy at first, but I have many best friends here now. I like school.”

Ahmed, age 9, from Syria but now living in the UK.

What do you think about these statements?

Do you agree? Why do people say this?

“We have loads of immigrants in the UK”

“Immigrants are all the same”

“People just want free healthcare and free houses”

“Immigration causes terrorism”

“Loads of immigrants are criminals”



Busting the Myths!

“Immigrants are all the same”

There are important legal differences between economic migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. Immigration has brought new and exciting cultures to Scotland. We are a mix of races and have benefited from that diversity. Ultimately all human beings have the same rights and needs.

“Immigration causes terrorism”

Many immigrants are fleeing terrorism. Many immigrants have been victims of terrorism. Most terrorism is committed by people who are legally resident where they commit their crimes. Leaders from Black and Minority Ethnic groups and faith and community groups condemn terrorism. Terrorism is a complex issue with complex causes; stigmatising immigrants is wrong.

Busting the Myths!

“We have loads of immigrants in the UK”

Less than 1% of the world's refugees live in the UK, and refugees make up only 0.19% of the UK population. 86% of the world's refugees live in the poorest countries. There are more refugees in Turkey, Pakistan and Lebanon than anywhere else.

“People just want free healthcare and free houses”

Immigrants make a net contribution to the economy: they pay more tax than they take out in benefits. Migrants coming to the UK since 2000 have been 43% less likely to claim benefits or tax credits compared to the UK-born workforce. Immigrants tend to be better educated than the UK-born and less likely to be unemployed.

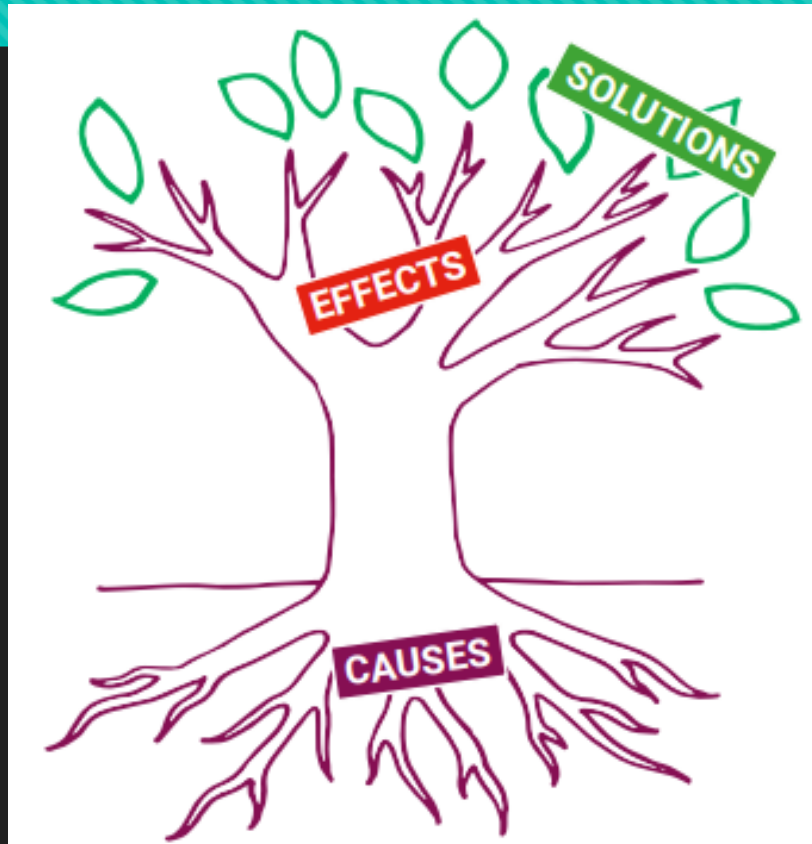
More people leave the UK for medical treatment abroad than arrive here seeking care. Without immigrants the NHS would struggle to provide effective care. 11% of NHS staff are not UK citizens, including more than a quarter of doctors.

“Loads of immigrants are criminals”

Immigrants are no more likely to commit crime than anyone else. Research found that crime fell significantly in areas of the UK that had experienced mass immigration from eastern Europe. There is no causal link between immigration & crime.

Immigrants often face the poorest conditions and become targets for crime. People who arrive via human traffickers are vulnerable to exploitation, such as being forced into domestic work. Immigrants can also experience hate crimes and racist attacks.

The Issue Tree...



In your groups create an issue tree looking at the plight of refugees and asylum seekers.

What are the causes that force people to seek asylum?

What is the effect on their lives and of others?

What can be solutions to address these problems?

We're all fae somewhere.....

Refuweegee (ref-u-wee-gee)

noun - A person who upon arrival in Glasgow is embraced by the people of the city, a person considered to be local.

see also Glaswegian -

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If you lost everything you have today, including the home you live in, what help would you need?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Y2kbw0JxBA>

Letters from locals

We are going to write a postcard to send to Refuweege to include in their welcome packs for refugees arriving in Glasgow.

Imagine how you would describe Glasgow and it's people to someone who had never been here before.

What are the things you could say to make them feel safe and welcome.

