



Facts about Refugees

There is so much misinformation circulating about refugees and asylum seekers in the media that it is sometimes hard to work out what is reality and what is myth.

In fact, refugees have always had a huge contribution to make to UK society, in economic terms as well as cultural and social ones.

Here are some information resources that can help you to figure out the facts from the fibs.

Remember to check out the rest of this section to find films, music, literature and educational resources approaching the issue of asylum.

[Refugee Fact Pack](#)

This comprehensive pack gives you the basics facts about refugees in the UK; the latest asylum facts and figures, the key issues facing asylum seekers and refugees as well as additional resources.

[History and Contribution of Refugees to the UK](#)

Refugees have made a massive cultural, social and economic contribution to life in the UK in the last 450 years. Many famous household names are evidence of the presence of refugees: Camille Pissarro, Sigmund Freud, Frank Auerback and Arthur Koestler to name but a few. This pack contains a timeline of refugees in the UK and their contributions.

[Reintroducing Refugees](#)

Beyond the media myths and stereotypes are real people who overcome barriers and achieve great things. Here we introduce the people instead of the statistics.

[Credit To The Nation](#)

This credit card shaped leaflet is pocket sized and full of up to date facts regarding the contribution of refugees to the UK today. This is quite a large file so will take a few minutes to open.

[Mobiles, Money and Mayhem: The facts and fibs about asylum](#)

The Refugee Awareness Project has produced this myth-busting pocket guide which aims to put information at people's fingertips so they can influence others. For real copies email nationalrap@refugee-action.org.uk or call 020 7654 0673.

[The Truth about Asylum](#)

A lot of rubbish is talked about asylum. The same old myths and scare stories are peddled again and again. The truth is in short supply. This leaflet, produced by the Refugee Council, lists these facts and figures that you can rely on. For more information visit www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/practice/

[Make Your Neighbourhood Nicer](#)

The Refugee Awareness Project have also produced this wonderful pocket guide full of easy ways to welcome refugees and

asylum seekers. For real copies email nationalrap@refugee-action.org.uk or call 020 7654 0673.

"The first good thing I hear about my country, the first suggestion that it is changing, and I will go back - and quickly. It might take five years or even ten years but one day things will change. Everybody needs their country. At home you can be a star but then as a refugee you are looked at like a dog. I am a refugee but I am also a singer. That is my job and that is how I survive."

Maryam Mursal, Somalia's powerful and dynamic female vocalist.

