

Inclusive practice

Immigration - recognising need.



Below is a practical activity that can be run as an activity for staff, parents, and children. Adapting as necessary. The aim is to support one another to think about people who seek sanctuary in the UK, what they need and how we can help them, raising good discussion and challenging thinking.

Task 1

You will need: chalk or string.

Time: 15 minutes

Draw a circle on the floor, or make one in string, about the size of a group circle

Ask everyone to stand just outside the circle, and to jump into it when a statement is read that applies to them.

Read each of the following statements, giving everyone time to jump into the circle and move out again.

- I have brown eyes.
- I have short hair.
- I support a football team.
- I'm good at drawing.
- I don't like cheese.

- I like rain.
- I think climbing trees is fun.
- Then pause, and read the second set of statements:
- I need food.
- I need clean water.
- I need a family.
- I need a home.
- I need to feel safe.
- I need to learn things.
- I need to be healthy.

Everyone should jump into the circle for the statements in the second set, unless there're feeling contrary!

Task 2

Explain that the first statements show how everyone is different, and these differences make us individuals with experiences and opinions that should be respected.

The second set of statements show that there are some basic needs that all human beings have. We all have a right to these things, but for some people these rights get lost/taken away when there is war, disaster, or prejudice in their community.

That's why some people leave their country in search of a safer, healthier place.