



When I needed a
Neighbour

What's going on this week?

The people in Afghanistan are now under Taliban leadership following the collapse of the country's government, the UK has introduced a new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees, aimed at helping those most in need.

The new scheme is offering up to 20,000 Afghans a route to set up home in the UK over the next few years.



The Coop is an amenity for everyone in Cranbrook – lots of these children came to St Martins, which is another amenity.

Make a list of all the amenities which you and your parents are able to use in Cranbrook?



School



Fields



Bus stop



Park

How would you explain to someone from another country what amenities are in Cranbrook?

Key Vocabulary

Amenities – a desirable or useful feature of a building or place

Neighbour -

Refugee - a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape danger such as war or a natural disaster.

Resettlement – moving people to a different place to live because they can no longer stay in the area they used to live.

Scheme – a plan or an arrangement for achieving something.

Taliban – an Islamic political and military organisation in Afghanistan and Pakistan.



13th-19th September

**How would you feel if you were
forced to leave your home?**



What might the challenges be of having to leave home suddenly?

How do you think the refugees are feeling?

What would be the most important things to try and solve first?

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UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live so that we can develop in the best possible way.



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Courageous Advocacy – How could we help the Afghan Refugees?

British Values

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Individual Liberty

We all have the right to live somewhere safe. We can choose to help refugees, who have had to leave their country, homes and lives behind them.



Afghanistan
Capital: Kabul

Being forced to leave our home is something that most of us will never have to experience. Sadly, at the moment, tens of thousands of people are being forced out of Afghanistan because of what they believe. For Christians, particularly, it is a difficult time. In Britain, we are preparing communities across the country where these refugees can stay – it is called operation warm welcome. As Christians, we are called to be hospitable. Importantly, it is at these times when we must really understand that everyone can receive a warm welcome from God and that the best thing we can do is try to do the same. You might have Afghan refugees start in your school – how can you give them a warm welcome?

Volunteer time to offer support and help refugees settle in such as companionship and friendship, translating, running errands, tutoring etc.

Donate items such as clothing, homeware, baby equipment to charities and organisations that can be distributed to refugees.



Fundraise. Host a sale (cakes, second-hand items, raffles), take part in a sponsored activity or recycle aluminium cans!
Fundraising can help raise money but also awareness.

Donate money to charities and organisations that help refugees.

People with spare rooms or the space in their homes can host a refugee.

Raise awareness of the situation refugees face. If people don't know about it, they cannot help!

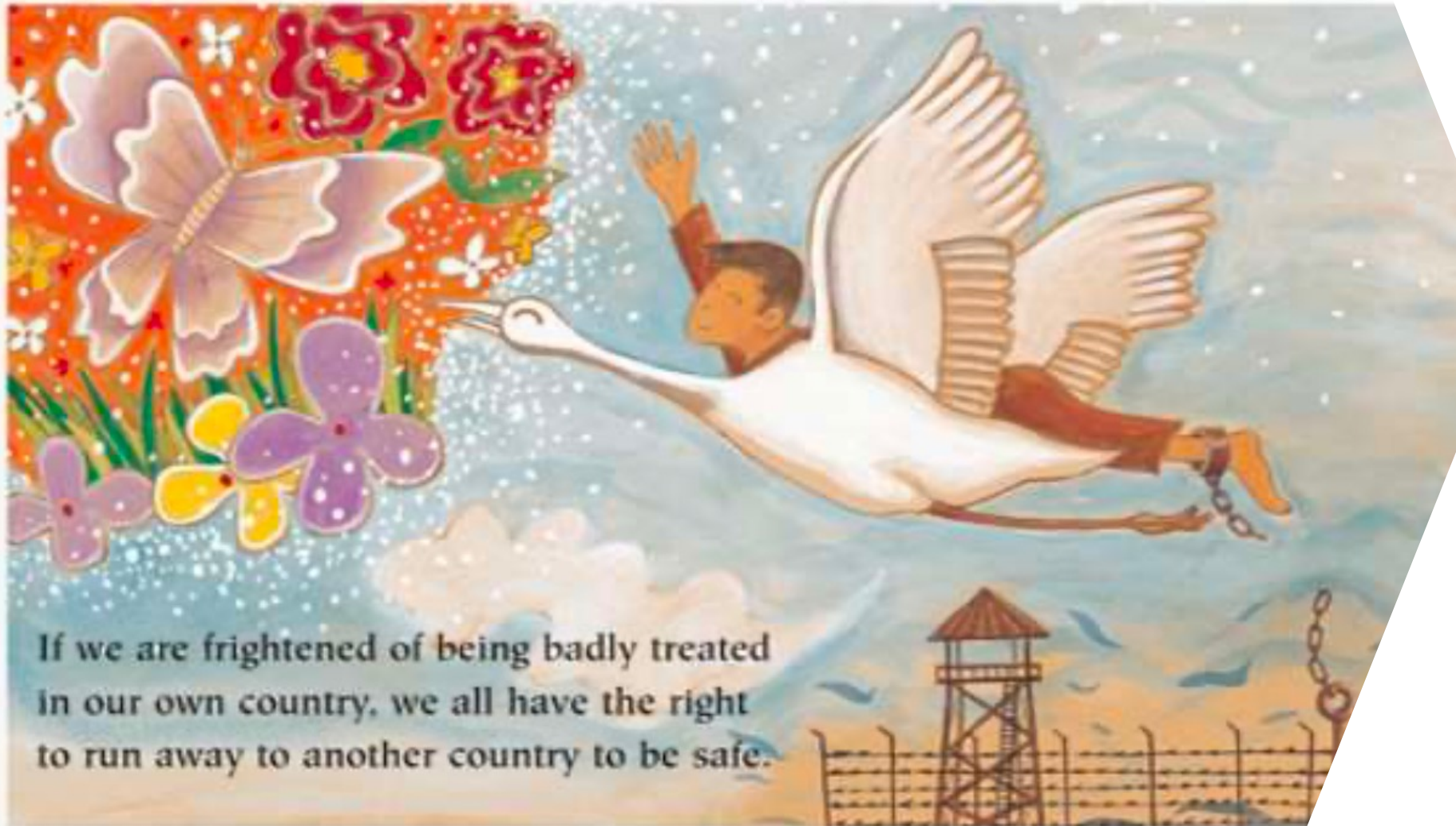


Welcome refugees to the community. Invite them to youth groups, fitness classes, social events.

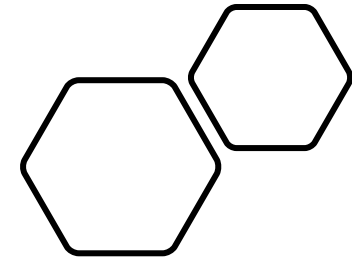
Businesses can offer refugees employment so they can have a job, become self-sufficient and make social connections too.

**Which do you think is the best way to help?
Which is the worst?**

Article 14



If we are frightened of being badly treated in our own country, we all have the right to run away to another country to be safe.




Look at the image , taken from the book, 'We Are All Born Free', which outlines Article 14 from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.


What do we think about this statement?



Samiulla knows that the move to the US will come with many changes and sacrifices, including to his language and his shalwar kameez, the clothing essential to his Afghan identity. He described the range of emotions he felt, from sadness to be leaving his homeland to the hope and opportunities ahead for him, his three brothers and their nine-year-old sister.



It won't be easy. I need to be ready for that. I won't have the same position I had in Afghanistan, and I will be starting from zero. But after what we've been through, I know it's not impossible. First, I have to change my own life if I'm to be able to help others. Only when I change myself can I help change Afghanistan.



John 10:10 - 'Living life in all its fullness'

Reflection

How can we support each other to live life in all its fullness?

How can we be the best we can be for others?

Why is this presentation called 'When I needed a neighbour?'

We pray for safe journeys for the many refugees who are travelling to the UK or to other destinations around the world and hope that when they arrive at their destinations they are given a warm welcome.

Amen.

For those who want to know more...

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