

WORLD BOX - 1957 - UK MERSEYSIDE

Theme – 50th Anniversary of Scouting

Activity – Refugee Awareness

What you need

- Paper and Pen

Join in the Jamboree

The 9th World Scout Jamboree took place at Sutton Park located in Sutton Coldfield.

As well as 33,000 participants from 85 countries, an additional 17,000 British Scouts were camping on other organised sites spread over a fifteen-mile radius from Sutton Park and attended the daily organised events at the main campsite, giving a total attendance of 50,000 Scouts in residence, with a further 7,000 being bussed in from locations all over England for day-long visits that were spread over the 12 days of the Jamboree.

As local, national, and international citizens, Scouts should look to help those in need such as refugees.

A refugee: has fled their home and country due to a well-founded fear of persecution due to their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Many refugees are in exile to escape the effects of natural or human-made disasters. There are 25.4 million refugees in the world, and 44,400 people are forced to flee their homes every day because of conflict and persecution.



1. Draw a suitcase on a piece of paper, with enough space for 5 items. This is the suitcase you will take on your journey to explore what being a refugee might feel like. Draw your five favourite things in your suitcase.
2. It's time to leave, but the suitcase is too heavy. You need to leave one item behind – choose which one by crossing it out of your suitcase.
3. You've reached a border, with your four items. An official takes one of your items, as payment for you crossing the border. You can't choose what they take – cross out one of your items.
4. You take your suitcase, with its three items, onto a bus. The journey is very rough, and another item gets broken. Close your eyes, wave your hand in front of you, then point to your suitcase. Cross out the closest item to your finger.
5. You've finally found a safe place to stay – but it's very small. There's only room for you and one of your items. Which one do you choose? How do you make that choice?

Reflection:

Think about how the journey made you feel: how did it make you feel when you lost your objects? Did it feel the same each time, or were some losses worse than others?

What sorts of things did you think about when you had to make your final choice? How do you think we should treat refugees who have experienced those sorts of situations for real?

How can you show respect to refugees? Why is it important to trust refugees? Are there things you could do locally, nationally, and internationally to help people who are refugees?

