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# Refugee Week 2024 - Our Home

Refugee Week is the world's largest arts and culture festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary.

[The theme of this year's Refugee Week](#) is "Our Home". From the places we gather to share meals to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what Our Home means to them.

There will be a [range of events](#) organised to celebrate the week, including the [Great Refugee Week Picnic](#) in Belfast on Saturday 22 June, the [Migration Matters Festival](#) in Sheffield, running from 14-22 June., and [an event in Parliament Square, London on World Refugee Day, 20 June](#), where our general secretary will be speaking.

## Reclaiming Refugee

The word "refugee" has legal and historical significance, but in recent years has attracted a negative connotation, often from right-wing politicians and media. Refugee Week will celebrate the contributions of refugees and those seeking safety and highlight their experiences and stories.

Refugee Week hopes to empower those who have experienced displacement, and recognise that there is no single group of refugees, acknowledging that experiences differ because of race, class, gender, sexuality, age and immigration status.

## City of Sanctuary

[City of Sanctuary](#) is a voluntary network of community groups, councils, schools and libraries, as well as other organisations which work to provide a welcoming and supporting environment to refugees and people seeking sanctuary. There are City of Sanctuary Networks throughout the UK and Ireland.