

Aim

To challenge the group to see if they realise the strong contribution refugees have made to our own country.

Materials

Leader will need to have the list of names of the characters from history written out

Time

Total time should be around 5 minutes

The refugee council have designed T shirts with images of the British Isles and Ireland made up of the names of almost 100 refugees who have made a rich contribution to our culture. A complete list is given at this website – www.philosophy-football.com Look for the refugee football shirt.

Get one person to hold a card with true on it and another to hold a card with false on it. The leader reads out a name and the group has to decide whether this person was a refugee (true) or not (false) in the UK.

Questions to Finish

Were there any people that you were surprised to find were refugees?

Pick one of the names of the refugees and ask the question: If this person had not come into our country as a refugee, how would it have affected our own lifestyle? (an obvious one would probably be Marks and Spencer)

Does this exercise change the way you view refugees?

1. Michael Marks, the founder Marks & Spencer (a refugee)
2. Sir Winston Churchill (not)
3. Karl Marx (a refugee)
4. Albert Einstein (a refugee)
5. Frank Bruno (not)
6. Lenny Henry (not)
7. Alan Yentob, BBC programmes Director (a refugee)
8. Haile Selassie of Ethiopia (a refugee)

9. Rolf Harris (not)
10. Vladimir Lenin of Russia (a refugee)
11. Sir George Solti, conductor (a refugee)
12. Stalin of Russia (not)
13. Sigmund Freud, psychiatrist (a refugee)
14. Fatima Whitbred, javelin thrower (not)
15. George Handel, composer (a refugee)
16. Victor Hugo, French writer (a refugee)
17. Laurence Dallaglio, English rugby (not)

GROUP ACTIVITIES: Tshirts