

Get Involved: Pray



**EMBRACE Prayer Group
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Voices of young migrant people

What is it like to come to Northern Ireland with your family when it is not your choice? What if you had to leave home and friends to journey to a new place where you did not know the language or the culture? What if you were born here but seem different to many of your classmates or neighbours because of your ethnic background? Are you accepted, welcomed or befriended? Are you made fun of, bullied or left out?

In May, young people, many from refugee families, from Sudan, Eritrea, Poland and Palestine, took part in the EMBRACE Spring Meeting. They shared their experience of living in Northern Ireland, their hopes for the future and answered some questions from the floor. When they were asked about some tips for churches/people seeking to build relationships, they said:

- Talk to young people
- Take them to church/church activities
- Include them as part of the church family

This month we give thanks for:

- Young migrant people in N Ireland
- Groups who offer support and places where new friendships can be made
- Church youth ministries and youth leaders

We pray:

- For parents, teachers, youth leaders, and others who work with young people
- That schools and pupils will be welcoming towards newcomers and those who appear different
- That we will talk to, encourage and support young people we know, and build relationships with the younger generation

A resource to provide insights into the experience of migrant young people

EMBRACE has developed a DVD presenting the voices of young people who have come here from other countries, such as Poland, USA, Nigeria, Romania, China, India, France and Iran, illustrated in animated form. The film can be watched here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tx6pmync3k>

Hard copy DVDs are available free on request from the EMBRACE office.