

**JUNE 18th -
24th
2023**



Edmund Rice Centre
for Justice & Community Education

NATIONAL

REFUGEE WEEK

***Finding
Freedom***



This Refugee Week Resource Kit for Teachers is compiled by the Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education to assist teachers, students, and all members of the community in learning about and celebrating the contributions which refugees make to life in Australia.

REFUGEE WEEK 2023 – FINDING FREEDOM

Coordinated by [Refugee Council of Australia](#), [Refugee Week](#) is an important opportunity to **celebrate the contributions made by refugees and asylum seekers** to Australian culture and society. The week is also **an opportunity for all Australians to educate themselves about the issues that affect refugees**. This involves expanding our understandings of the experiences of asylum seekers and refugees by engaging with a wide range of resources. During this week, we are encouraged to **listen to the stories and amplify the perspectives of those people who are seeking asylum across the globe**.

Each year, [Refugee Week](#) is scheduled during the week that includes 20th June (recognised internationally as [World Refugee Day](#)) running from Sunday to Saturday. Refugee Week is a global movement **raising awareness for refugee rights** and issues faced by refugees and asylum seekers internationally. Whilst Australia celebrates Refugee Week in June, other countries celebrate at different times of the year.

As the national coordinators of Refugee Week, [Refugee Council of Australia](#) offers a **diverse range of educational resources** assisting school communities in engaging with the celebration and its key messages. This year's theme, [Finding Freedom](#), challenges us to **think deeply about what it means to be free**, to live in peace with unthreatened access to human rights. Throughout the week, [Refugee Council of Australia](#) **will be providing extensive opportunities to engage with this theme**, through a diverse range of activities, events and resources.

Find out about events occurring in your area at https://action.refugeecouncil.org.au/rw_events.

A wide range of helpful resources can be found at <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/refugee-week-resources/>.

Interested in learning from a refugee ambassador with lived experience? Book a face-to-face speaker at <https://www.refugeeweek.org.au/ambassadors/>.



TWINKL SCHOOL RESOURCES

A useful online resource for teachers can be found online through [Twinkl](https://www.twinkl.com.au). This website contains a wide range of information, ideas, resources, PowerPoint presentations and fact sheets directly connecting to Refugee Week.

Explore this extensive collection of online resources at

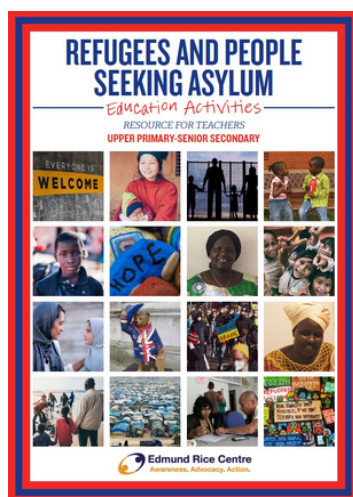
<https://www.twinkl.com.au/event/refugee-week-2020-australia-2023>.

EDMUND RICE CENTRE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

The [Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education](https://www.erc.org.au) is involved in a range of **human rights projects and initiatives** which encourage greater awareness, understanding and action for positive change. For many years the Edmund Rice Centre has been working to raise awareness and advocate for the rights of refugees and people seeking asylum. The [Refugees and People Seeking Asylum Education Activities Resource for Teachers](#) (upper primary - senior secondary, updated 2023) is a resource produced by the Edmund Rice Centre. This publication **converts years of the Centre's research and experience into curriculum support material** that addresses the learning needs of students.

This free 74-page resource offers 44 **cross-curricular activities**, which are practical, engaging and **focused on increasing awareness about human rights and advocacy**. The activities are adaptable to all year levels in secondary school, and some can also be used with upper primary classes and students with special needs. Furthermore, these activities are also adaptable to community group discussions. Through engaging with this resource, **students are encouraged to think about refugees and people seeking asylum with compassion**, to move their understanding from the head to the heart and then to some form of action.

Download this resource at [www.erc.org.au/resources for schools](http://www.erc.org.au/resources-for-schools).





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