

# January 2024



## Bradford Schools & Colleges of Sanctuary

Happy New Year! 2023 was a busy year for us and our work with schools, colleges, new arrivals and partner organisations across the district. We hope you enjoy reading about our most recent work and find the resources helpful. Do follow the links for further reading and if you'd like more detail on our work, see our 2023 [Impact Report](#). Wishing you all the best for the new year ahead.

### News

#### College and school collaboration



Listening to the stories and experiences of those seeking sanctuary is an invaluable way to develop empathy, understanding and realise our shared humanity. Last term, students and staff from Keighley College (an awarded College of Sanctuary) and Eastwood Community School (working towards the accreditation) facilitated this.

To sign up to receive our termly newsletter click [HERE](#).

They brought together college students, most who are seeking sanctuary, with children from the primary school to share stories and activities.



Read more about the story on our latest [blog post](#).

#### Orange heart campaign

To mark International Education Week, schools nationwide created chalk art murals to show solidarity with refugees. Westminster C of E Primary, one of our Schools of Sanctuary, also took part:

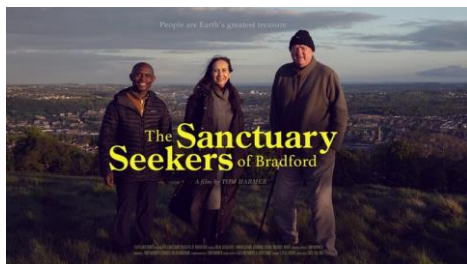


#### Have you ever hosted a refugee?

Read about Isaac, aged 9, from Thackley Primary and his [experience of hosting](#) a Syrian refugee in his home.



## Workshops



Last term we piloted our new KS3/4 teaching resource to accompany [The 'Sanctuary Seekers of Bradford'](#): a 30-minute documentary following the lives of three Bradford residents as they show compassion to refugees and asylum seekers living in the city. The workshop is designed to help students reflect critically on the film and gain a better understanding of the refugee crisis. Access the resource [here](#). We are running these workshops in schools thanks to funding from Bradford Community Fund so get in touch if your school or college would like to book a session.

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## In case you missed it...

- [Schools of Sanctuary 2023/24 launch](#) – outlining details of the Schools of Sanctuary programme
- [Teacher Education Programme Launch: Supporting Refugee Children in the Classroom](#) with REUK and the University of Nottingham.
- [FE Colleges Network Meeting](#): An Introduction to FE Colleges of Sanctuary
- [FE College of Sanctuary Network Meeting](#): Wellbeing and Welfare

Interested in more sanctuary-related staff training and CPD? See our [website](#) for the latest.

## Upcoming events

- 11th, 18th, 25th January at 4.00pm: Healing Classrooms [Basics] Training (International Rescue Committee) [Learn more and sign up](#).
- Ongoing - Early Career Teachers EAL free Self-Study Modules (The Bell Foundation). [Learn more and sign up](#).
- On demand - a range of trainings from Refugee Education UK available, including on education progression, trauma-informed practice, supporting refugee students and more! [Learn more](#)

## New resources

- [Childhood trauma, war, migration and asylum resources from the UK Trauma Council](#)
- [Kicked Out!](#) by A.M. Dassu - learn what happens to Sami and Ali in the follow up to Boy, Everywhere.
- [Our Migration Story](#) - a fantastic website which presents often untold stories of the generations of migrants who shaped the British Isles.
- [Guidance - Supporting Refugee and Asylum Seeking Young People: Best Practice](#) (Gateshead Psychological Service)
- [Blog - Supporting Parental Engagement for EAL Students](#)
- [Lift The Ban Schools campaign resource](#) : Bradford SCoS
- [The Sanctuary Seekers of Bradford: KS3/4 resource](#)

For more resources, visit our [website](#). You can also [sign up](#) to the national Schools of Sanctuary newsletter which is packed with helpful ideas.



# Could you be our next School or College of Sanctuary from the Bradford District?

## What the award means to schools and colleges...

*"The recognition of 'College of Sanctuary' allows us both to internally recognise our best practice and also promote our values in an area where they are most required in our local community. The award encourages us to strive to continue to develop and improve what we do to make our college an even more welcoming place for refugees and asylum seekers."*

**Jo Rusden, Deputy Head for Adult and Community at Keighley College**



*"Being a School of Sanctuary is the school actively living out its mission to follow in Christ's footsteps: love for one another, providing refuge and being a friend to all."*

**Sarah Walsh, Head of School at St Cuthbert and the First Martyrs' Catholic Primary School, Bradford**

*"At Westminster, staff and pupils welcome everyone in the community, no matter where they are from or what their circumstances are. We are proud to be a school that ensures 'Everyone Welcome, Everyone Belongs, Everyone Flourishes.'"*

**Noshin Mushtaq, Assistant Head at Westminster C of E Primary, Bradford**

*"Being a school of Sanctuary is something we are all very proud of. It means we are a school where everyone is made to feel welcomed and valued and loved; being a School of Sanctuary helps us live out our mission of protecting with love, all of God's gifts."*

**Judith Kelby, Deputy Head at St Joseph's Catholic Primary, Bradford**



*"Being a School of Sanctuary means creating a safe and inclusive space where every student feels valued, supported, and welcomed. It means fostering a culture of empathy, understanding, and respect for diversity. We strive to be a beacon of compassion, embracing students from all backgrounds and providing them with the tools to thrive."*

**Mohammed Azum, Headteacher at Carlton Bolling, Bradford**

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The Schools and Colleges of Sanctuary award and the supporting resources, training and guidance we offer is completely free. However, we do rely on donations to help us secure the future of the programme. If you'd like to donate, you can do so [here](#).

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