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## Bradford Schools and Colleges of Sanctuary Newsletter

Hello! Thank you for reading our latest news and we hope that you will be inspired by the work that has been going on around the city. Bradford Schools and Colleges of Sanctuary (SCoS) work across the district to support schools and colleges to create cultures of welcome and inclusion for pupils seeking sanctuary and their families.

### NEWS

#### Congratulations to Bradford College!

We are delighted that Bradford College became a College of Sanctuary in June. The award recognised the College's commitment, vision and passion in supporting students seeking sanctuary and creating a culture of welcome and inclusion. We were really struck by the wealth of provision – from language lessons to wellbeing and importantly, supporting the development of new skills for employability. We really admired the hard work and passion of the staff. Keep up the amazing work!

You can read more about their achievement [HERE](#). You can also hear from students seeking sanctuary as they share their stories about their time at Bradford College [HERE](#).

The Bradford Schools and Colleges of Sanctuary newsletter is released at the beginning of each term. Sign up to receive the newsletter to your email inbox [HERE](#)

#### Bradford College in action



**Sewing Academy:** in conjunction with other local organisations, Bradford College students learn accredited sewing skills using College equipment in community venues. (Photos by courtesy of Bradford College).



**New ESOL classes:** Bradford College responds to the needs of those seeking sanctuary in the community by establishing ESOL classes all over the district. (Photos by courtesy of Bradford College).

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## REFUGEE WEEK

### Lilycroft Primary welcome Little Amal!



The children at Lilycroft Primary, a School of Sanctuary, gave Little Amal an incredible welcome with banners and cheers when she arrived in their school playground at the start of Refugee Week. Little Amal is a giant puppet of a Syrian girl who started her journey from Syria in 2011 and has now travelled over 6000km (find out more [HERE](#)). She received lots of letters, gifts and poems from the children at Lilycroft and even enjoyed a game of football!

There are some great educational resources to use at any time of the year on Little Amal covering themes of migration, sanctuary and welcome. You can find them [HERE](#).



Pupils at St Joseph's Primary worked with Cecil Green Arts to create welcome labels and poetry to share with Little Amal in City Park. (Photo by courtesy of St Joseph's).

Little Amal also visited City Park and was welcomed by children from St Joseph's Primary, Westminster C of E Primary and Rainbow Primary with banners and boxes of hope. Read more about the event [HERE](#).



Little Amal in City Park. (Photo by courtesy of the Bradford Telegraph & Argus).



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## WORKSHOPS

Every newsletter, we will highlight some of the work from pupils across the Bradford District on themes of welcome, inclusion and sanctuary, created at our workshops.



### Poetry

A new world,  
A strange place,  
We welcome a new face.  
Not welcome there,  
Full of despair,  
Got kicked out,  
It's not fair.  
But you can thrive here,  
Discard your fear,  
An opportunity for a new career.  
Have a new life full of sanctuary,  
A happy life it can be.  
You are brilliant,  
You aren't a mistake.  
You can start anew,  
With a lucky break.  
Not all will like you,  
But I know we will.  
Do not give up since,  
There is hope still.  
You can start again,  
If you have the will.

*By a Y7 pupil at Carlton Bolling*

### Dear diary...

Today I have arrived in Bradford. Everything is so strange. I don't understand the language or the layout of the city. However, I still have hope people will take me in and give me a warm welcome. Every challenge will come to an end and make me stronger. The things I have been through no one will truly understand but I know I am welcome here in Bradford.

*By Rebecca, Ilkley Grammar School*

### Dear friend...

Welcome to Bradford! We are lucky to have you here. We welcome you with open arms. We hope you feel safe in our community.

*By Aaliyah, Oasis Lister Park*

If you would like to arrange workshops for your school, email: [schools@bradford.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:schools@bradford.cityofsanctuary.org)

KS3 Critical thinking workshop: includes critical analysis of media coverage for those seeking sanctuary, using poetry, art and creative writing.

KS2 and KS3 (adapted) workshops: What does it mean to be seeking sanctuary and how do we create a culture of welcome?

Staff workshops: training on refugee, asylum and migration issues.

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## In case you missed it...

[Schools of Sanctuary end of year celebration](#): listen to and read inspirational stories from across the schools' network

[Schools as a place of healing](#): online training

## Resources



This term's newsletter focuses on resources for new Ukrainian arrivals:

[Bell Foundation - Guidance for Parent/Carers \(in Ukrainian and Russian\)](#)

[Ukrainian/English Bilingual Books \(Collated by Norfolk CC's EAL Team\)](#)

[Languages Connect - Classroom Language Mat for Ukrainian Students](#)

[DDLETB - A Background to the Ukrainian Education System](#)

[Schools of Sanctuary - Helping Ukrainian Children Settle Into School Post](#)

[Schools of Sanctuary - Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine](#)

[Oak National Academy - Curriculum aligned learning resources now available in Ukrainian Resources for New Ukrainian Arrivals](#)

[A psychological toolkit for children dealing with trauma](#)

## Upcoming events

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct @ 13:00 - [An Introduction to Colleges of Sanctuary](#) An overview of the award criteria, application process and some recent examples of excellent practice.

11<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 16:00 - [An Introduction to Schools of Sanctuary](#)

26<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 12:30 - [Welcome to City of Sanctuary](#) We recommend all prospective award applicants to come along to this event.

## Become a School or College of Sanctuary!

If you'd like to become a School or College of Sanctuary, we'd love you to be involved. Contact Kate at: [schools@bradford.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:schools@bradford.cityofsanctuary.org)

You can find resources about the award process here:

[School resources](#)

[College resources](#)

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