

This activity contributes to the following badges:



Community Impact
Staged Activity
Badge



Cub Global Issues
Activity Badge



Scout World
Challenge Award



Explorer Global
Issues Activity
Badge



Queen's Scout
Award, Chief
Scout's Diamond
Award, Chief
Scout's Platinum
Award

Thought about peer leadership?

Could one of your young people lead this activity for their section?

Beavers | Cubs | Scouts | Explorers

Refugee Response

Encourage empathy and understanding with this simple activity

Time 45 minutes

Preparation

Discuss what it means to be a refugee with your section in order to help them understand what it might be like.

Equipment

- paper
- pens

Instructions

1 Ask everyone to draw a suitcase on their sheet of paper and to then draw their five favourite possessions inside it. Once everyone has done this, tell them their suitcase is too heavy and they need to draw a line through one item.

2 Now they have four objects remaining. Tell the group that they have to remove/cross out an object from the suitcase of the person on their left. How does that make everyone feel?

3 Now they have three objects left. Tell the group that they have a rough journey on a bus and one of their objects breaks. Ask them to close their eyes and point to one object in their suitcase and cross it out. Did they find that hard?

4 Now they have two objects left. Tell the group that they have found a safe place to stay but it's very small so they can only keep one object. How do they make that decision?

5 Once everybody has just the one object in their suitcase, gather the young people together and discuss:

- how it made them feel when they lost their objects during their journey
- what kind of things they

considered when they had to choose just one object – how we might treat refugees knowing that they have had to flee their home and experienced our simulation for real.

Take it further

This activity could be the start of a community project as part of the World Challenge Award, the Chief Scout's Platinum Award, the Chief Scout's Diamond Award or the Queen's Scout Award.

