

STRIKING A BALANCE by Carolyn Herbert

10 Year 6 literacy hours teaching balanced argument and addressing the issue of asylum seekers in the UK
Lesson plans and resources, a book list and CD with web links

Striking a Balance is a cross-curricular programme that addresses both literacy and PSHCE objectives. It provides a real life context for quality writing in the discussion genre. Pupils are required to communicate differing points of view supported by evidence and to consider the quality and balance of the arguments in order to reach a conclusion.

Should an accommodation centre for asylum seekers be sited in a small coastal town in southern England?

This is the starting point. Over the 10 lessons pupils build up the knowledge and linguistic skills needed for the final piece of writing – a letter to the local press.

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A Welcome Experience seeks to increase teachers' confidence in addressing the needs and experiences of their refugee pupils in a mainstream setting whilst raising the profile of the 'refugee experience'.

The lessons address the QCA Unit 5 Living in a Diverse World and are intended for use with the whole class. The issues raised are relevant to all children.

Stories are used to introduce the issues, which include:

- The importance of family, friends and school
- Similarities and differences between people
 - Welcoming newcomers

There are many opportunities for listening and speaking. Other activities involve role-play and supported writing.

The lessons are intended as a starting point only. It is hoped that teachers will develop their own ideas for follow-up and supplementary activities. The topic lends itself to cross-curricular links with Geography, History, RE, drama and other creative activities.



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