

Breaking through the barriers of stereotype: *The truth about Asylum Seekers and Refugees.*

FIVE NATIONS NETWORK



The overall aims of the Project were to:

- Facilitate my CSPE students in examining stereotypical views about migrants/asylum seekers/refugees and aiming to help students become critically aware citizens by investigating the truth about these people's lives in Ireland.
- Help my students to develop empathy for other people who are less fortunate and whose human rights are being denied.
- Guide and support my students in creating and awareness raising exhibition about asylum seekers/refugees in their school community.

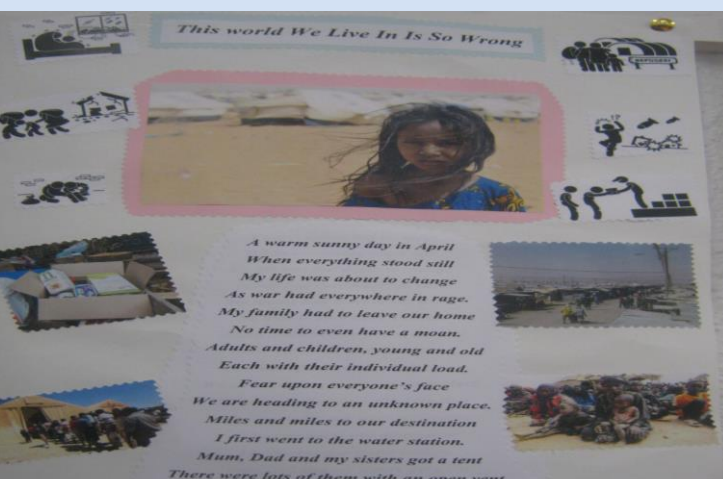
Action Taken:

- We investigated the realities of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Ireland through independent research and also by inviting a former Asylum Seeker to our school and holding a Q & A session with him to uncover the truth.
- Students then designed a mixture of fact posters and "people" posters for which they chose an image from the media about refugees and wrote a fictional piece from that persons point of view.

"Isn't this world we live in so wrong?" – CSPE student

IMPACT:

- It is clear that students have gained an understanding of the realities of Refugees and Asylum seekers in Ireland through their investigative work and the production of their "fact posters."
- It is clear from their "people posters" (example below), that students have become more critically aware and have also gained a sincere empathy for those who are less fortunate than themselves.
- The exhibition of students' work has raised awareness about asylum seekers/refugees in the wider community.



CONTACT:

