

TAKE ACTION

As a school take up the challenge to work for social justice and to help migrants and refugees.

WELCOME PHOTO



Use our welcome sign template to raise awareness online or in your community to show that your school welcomes new migrants and refugees (and new students). Send us a photo of your students holding the sign. We'd love to show off the welcoming spirit of New Zealand Catholic schools online with a collection of schools stating the same powerful message.



FOOD AND FRIENDLINESS



Host a special morning tea (or equivalent) and invite people to bring and share food from a range of cultures. Make everyone feel welcome and build unity in your community.



SIGN A PETITION



Children who are seeking refuge and asylum from conflict, persecution and poverty are a particularly vulnerable group of people. While many are safely resettled every year, millions of children are affected by detention around the world. Find out more at [End Immigration Detention of Children \[endchilddetention.org\]\(http://EndChildDetention.org\)](http://EndChildDetention.org) and sign their global petition to end child detention.



WRITE A LETTER



Write a letter to the Minister of Immigration welcoming the increase in the refugee quota and asking him to continue to consider other policy changes which will give refugees greater access to New Zealand, especially when reuniting with families. Address the letter to: FREEPOST, Hon Michael Woodhouse, Minister for Immigration, Parliament Buildings, Wellington 6160.



SHARING STORIES ONLINE



Check out our three Social Justice Week videos telling stories of welcome and belonging. They can be found at caritas.org.nz/social-justice-week. Pick your favourite story and share it with your friends on Facebook. Share your thoughts on why you like the video and how it has inspired you to be more welcoming in your community.



CONTACT LOCAL GROUPS



Find out how your school could help local groups. Each diocese has a person in charge of helping resettle migrants. There are Family Reunification Trusts in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington to resettle family members of immigrants already in New Zealand. Your support may involve providing much needed furniture or tools to be used in a new home.



RAISE FUNDS



Come up with creative ways to raise some money to go towards supporting organisations that are involved with helping refugees and migrants. Caritas has its own Peace in the Middle East campaign to support development programmes and provide humanitarian aid to those affected by the ongoing humanitarian crises in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Palestine.



KEEP INFORMED



Stay up to date with the latest information about refugee crises around the planet and the work that organisations are carrying out to support migrants in search of belonging. Find out what Caritas and our partners are doing and like us on Facebook.

