



WARRIORS OF
HOPE

Learning about migrants, asylum
seekers and refugees



Learning Outcomes

TO UNDERSTAND:

- The difference between a migrant, an asylum seeker, and a refugee
- The reasons people may leave their country
- Some of the difficulties people face on their journey
- What we can do to help



'Share the Journey' Prayer



God our refuge,
you share the journey
with migrants and refugees,
lightening their footsteps with hope.

For you, Lord, are close
to the broken-hearted.

Pour out your Spirit
upon world leaders.

May they see the tragedies
of our human family,
and be moved to respond with
wisdom, compassion and courage.

Open our eyes and hearts
to the God-given dignity
of all your people.

Move us to welcome our neighbours,
and so bear witness to your love.

Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

In Groups:

MATCH THE
DEFINITIONS TO THE
DESCRIPTIONS.

Migrant

A person who has been forced to leave their own country because they are in danger and who arrives in another country asking to be allowed to stay there.

Asylum Seeker

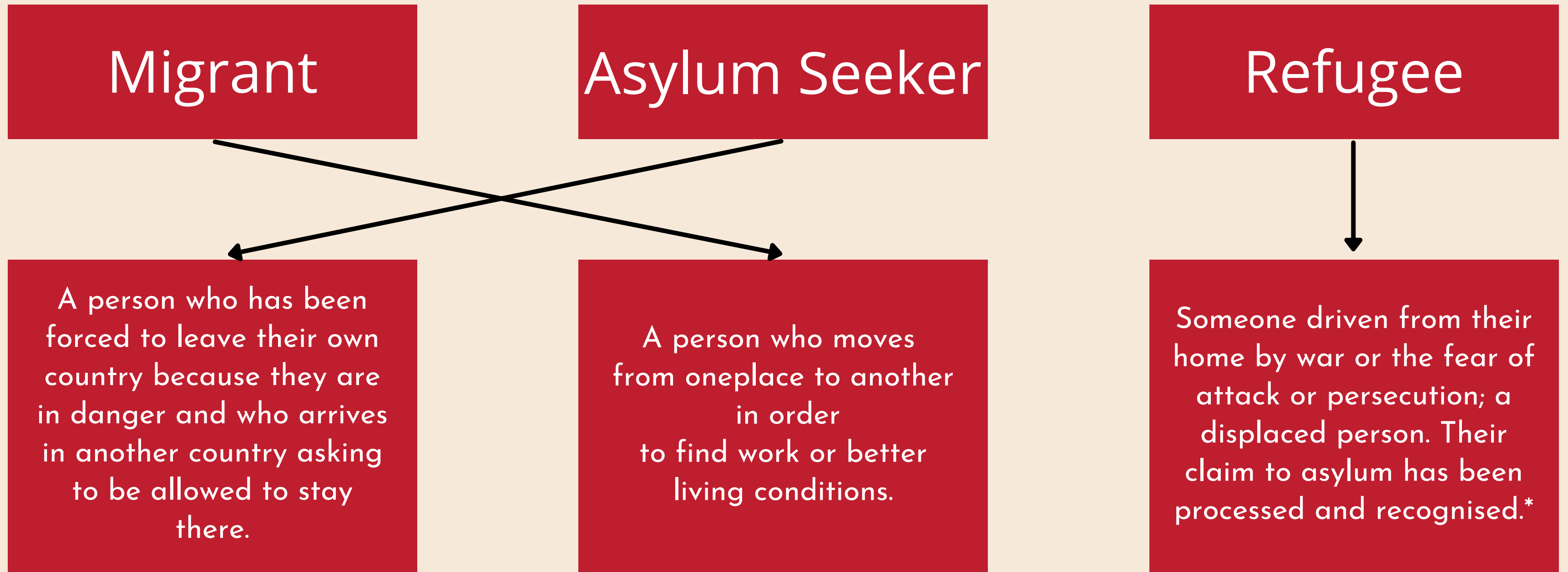
A person who moves from one place to another in order to find work or better living conditions.

Refugee

Someone driven from their home by war or the fear of attack or persecution; a displaced person. Their claim to asylum has been processed and recognised.

In Groups:

MATCH THE DEFINITIONS TO THE DESCRIPTIONS.



*N.B. governments tend to describe people as refugees only after processing and recognising their claims, but people who fit the definition of refugees are refugees whether governments recognise this or not.



Why do people have to leave their homes and countries?

hunger

join their family

war

further their education

oppression

climate change

violence

the hope of a better life

dictatorships

extreme poverty

Can you think of any other examples?



WHO AND WHAT WOULD
YOU MISS IF YOU HAD
TO LEAVE YOUR HOME?





What do you think are some of the difficulties people can face when they leave their home?

hostility

destitution

hostile laws

leaving possessions behind

language barriers

homelessness

disbelief from governments in host countries

difficulty reaching somewhere to rebuild their lives

not able to work legally



Pope Francis has called migrants, asylum seekers and refugees

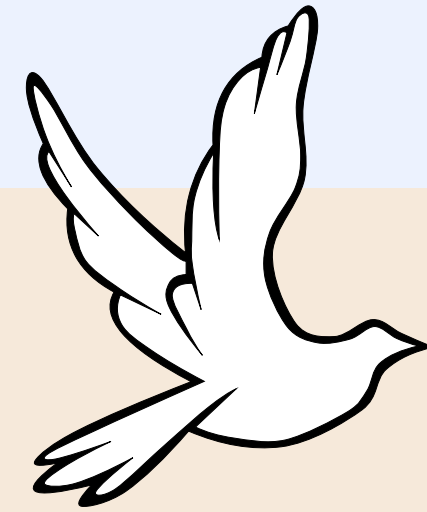
'Warriors of Hope'

What do you think of when you hear the words...

WARRIOR



HOPE



What do you think Pope Francis means when he calls migrants, asylum seekers and refugees 'warriors of hope'?





ANYBODY CAN BE A WARRIOR OF HOPE

Can you think of any friends, family members, teachers or celebrities who are warriors of hope?



Listen to the following Bible passage.

Thinking about the needs of migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, write down the words that jump out at you.



Matthew 25: 35 - 40

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Can you think of any other needs they might have?
In groups write your own version of this passage.



Ways People Help

Sharing their home

Learning each other's languages

listening and sharing stories

reaching out in the community

Welcoming families to the
community

Donating food, money, clothing

being a friend

Writing to their local MP

playing sports together

volunteering



Could you do any of these?

How could you be a Warrior of Hope for another?

THINK OF THREE ACTIONS



Access the Nationality and Borders Bill Campaign Toolkit [here](#).

The Toolkit contains information about the impact of this Bill as well as ways in which you can advocate.



All photos from: <https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/photos/>
Share the Journey Prayer: <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Share-the-journey-prayer>
Definitions for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, Oxford English Dictionary

