



Anti-racism resources for adults

“It is the obligation of every person born in a safer room to open the door when someone in danger knocks.”

Dina Nayeri

The theme for this half term is **Seeking Sanctuary**. New additions to the list are in **red**. All of these recommendations have been chosen to give an insight into the experiences of displaced people and to counter some of the common stereotypes and misconceptions about refugees and asylum seekers.

Avenue Junior School is proud to be a School of Sanctuary. You can find out more about this commitment on the school website [here](#).

MULTIMEDIA

Television, film and video

For Sama

An epic and intimate journey filmed through five years of the uprising in Aleppo, Syria. Waad al-Kateab tells the story of how she fell in love, married and gave birth to her daughter Sama.

[Watch it here.](#)

Exodus: Our journey

Documentary following some of the million people who smuggled themselves into Europe in 2015. [Watch it here.](#)

TED Talk: The Danger of a Single Story

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

[Watch it here.](#)

Noughts and Crosses

Drama set in a dystopian London, Sephy and Callum fall in love despite the odds. Can they breach the divide between the black elite and white underclass? Based on Malorie Blackman's brilliant novels. [Watch it here.](#)

The School That Tried to End Racism

Two-part documentary that follows a British school helping its students uncover and eradicate hidden racial biases, exploring how this can affect us all and what we can do to tackle it. [Watch it here.](#)

Black & British: a forgotten history

Historian David Olusoga explores the enduring relationship between Britain and people whose origins lie in Africa. [Watch it here.](#)

Small Axe

Five films - love letters to black resilience and triumph in London's West Indian community, directed by Oscar winner Steve McQueen. Vivid stories of hard-won victories in the face of racism. [Watch it here.](#)

Podcasts

UNHCR Awake At Night podcast

First-hand accounts of what it is like to be a humanitarian worker or refugee from around the world? [Listen here.](#)

BBC Witness Black History Podcast

Interviews with people who were there at key moments in black and civil rights history. [Listen here.](#)

Have You Heard George's Podcast?

The award-winning and critically-acclaimed podcast from George the Poet delivers a fresh take on inner city life through a mix of storytelling, music and fiction. [Listen here.](#)

About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge

From the author behind the bestselling *Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race*, comes a podcast that takes the conversation a step further. Featuring key voices from the last few decades of anti-racist activism, *About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge* looks at the recent history that led to the politics of today. [Listen here.](#)

BOOKS

Non-fiction

The Lightless Sky: My Journey to Safety as a Child Refugee by Gulwali Passarlay

The boy who fled Afghanistan and endured a terrifying journey in the hands of people smugglers is now a young man intent on changing the world. His story is a deeply harrowing and incredibly inspiring tale of our times.

Natives: race and class in the ruins of Empire by Akala

Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, *Natives* speaks directly to British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.

The Good Immigrant edited by Nikesh Shukla

Award-winning writer Nikesh Shukla gathers twenty British Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic writers and artists to reflect on race, immigration and being 'other' in Great Britain.

Brit(ish) by Afua Hirsch

Challenging the harmful legacy of white-centred British history, this is a powerful, hard-hitting examination of modern, divided Britain.

Fiction

The Map of Salt & Stars by Jennifer Zeynab Maccani

The tales of two heroines coming of age in perilous times interweave, and shine a light on a country in turmoil, human resilience and the power of stories.

The Year of the Runaways by Sunjeev Sahota

Tells of the bold dreams and daily struggles of an unlikely family thrown together by circumstance. Thirteen young men live in a house in Sheffield, each in flight from India and in desperate search of a new life

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo

Tracking the lives and loves of a dozen British women through generations and social classes, *Girl, Woman, Other* weaves a distinctive, illuminating tapestry of modern British life.

Breach by Olumide Popoola & Annie Holmes

The eight short stories in this collection explore stories of refugee migration from Calais through fiction. They give voice to the hopes and fears of both sides.

OTHER

Resources to support parents and carers to discuss race and racism with their children

UNICEF have produced this excellent factsheet for children. It explains refugee migration using infographics and child friendly language. Suitable for Key Stage 2. [Click here.](#)

Equaliteach have posted this excellent blog post, How to Talk With Children and Young People About Race and Racism. [Click here.](#)

UNICEF offer advice and guidance to help you talk to children of all ages. Their advice is organised by age range to make it easier for you to find the information you need. [Click here.](#)

SEEKING SANCTUARY

Local places, events, resources and organisations of interest

TV **Britain's Most Historic Towns: Tudor Norwich**

Professor Alice Roberts uncovers stories from Norwich's Tudor past including the importance of The Strangers – refugees fleeing religious persecution in the Spanish Netherlands who left an indelible mark on the city. [Watch it here.](#)

BOOK **Strangers – A history of Norwich's incomers by Frank Meeres**

Meeres explores the history of some of the many groups that have made Norwich their home over the centuries and considers the role incomers have played in creating today's vibrant city.

CHARITY **New Routes Integration**

This fantastic local NGO support and empower refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Norwich, and promote cross-cultural integration and community cohesion. They are always looking for new volunteers. [Click here.](#)

EVENT **Norwich Refugee Week**

Norwich usually has an eclectic, vibrant and interesting programme of events to mark Refugee Week in June. Well worth checking out. [Click here.](#)

MUSEUM **Strangers' Hall**

One of Norwich's most historic buildings, this magnificent Tudor house has been home to many of the city's leading citizens and is thought to have housed the first 'Strangers' to the city – 16th century refugees fleeing religious persecution. [Learn more here.](#)

WEBSITE Havens East

Havens East uncovers the forgotten stories of Basque child refugees who sought sanctuary in Cambridge and Norfolk during the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939). [Visit it here.](#)

NGO Norwich City of Sanctuary

This local group are part of a national grassroots movement to build a culture of welcome and hospitality for refugees and asylum seekers. They coordinate and can signpost many local initiatives in support of displaced people. [Visit here.](#)

WEBSITE Norfolk Schools of Sanctuary

The school stream of the local City of Sanctuary movement is very active. Our school is the lead school in the Norfolk network which is led by Mr Rose-Brown. [Click here.](#)

Avenue Junior School is proud to be a School of Sanctuary. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive school where all members of the community share our values; respect, resilience and aspiration. Our commitment to anti-racism is a key part of this vision.

In the consultation on racism that we conducted in the summer term of 2020, many parents and carers expressed an interest in the school sharing and signposting information and resources in order to support antiracist education in our community.

To that end, this document will host recommendations from our staff for books, websites, TV, film and other resources that you and your family may find of interest. Each half term we will add new recommendations.

If you have a suggestion for a resource to be added to these lists, we'd love to hear it! Let us know by completing [this form.](#)



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