



Meeting refugees – increase understanding

Description: “Refugees“ become more and more often a topic of controversial debates. The participants discuss and analyze the information, distributed by the media and/or their own experiences with refugees. We present some background information on living conditions of refugees and root causes of migration, referring to examples from the Middle East and the Sudan. Aim is to exercise a change of perspectives and to examine the situation through the eyes of refugees.

Objectives:

- Recognize bias and cliché
- Question the concept of the enemy
- Decrease the fear of the foreigner and the unknown
- Exercise change of perspective and empathy

Participants:

- Pupils and students of the intermediate and upper grade
- Teachers
- Interested adults

Methods:

- Interactive and personal exchange of experiences
- Presentation and discussion on root causes of migration
- Group discussion
- Role play “fear of the foreigner”
- Evaluation

Timeframe: 1 working unit of 90-120 minutes

