



# Refugee Week

20 – 26 June 2005

[www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk)



## Tuesday 21st June – Thursday 23rd June

1.30pm Tuesday, 1.30pm and 6.30pm  
Wednesday and Thursday  
Film Showing of 'Turtles Can Fly' Exeter  
Picture House, Bartholomew Street West.  
Director Ghobadi witnessed at first hand the  
conditions in a refugee camp on the Iran/Iraq  
border, and has fashioned a film which  
celebrates the survival of human spirit.  
Beautiful and surprisingly uplifting.

## Friday 24th June

Coffee morning in St Stephen's Church,  
Exeter High Street (next to Dingles) 10 – 1.00  
Guests include the Mayor. Information from  
Amnesty International, British Red Cross,  
STAR and Refugee Support Group Devon.  
Try desserts from Iran and pick up educational  
literature about refugees.

## Saturday 25th June

Events around town. Look out along Exeter  
High Street and in the Guildhall Shopping  
Centre for arts and crafts, music and  
information.

## Saturday 25th June

Multi-faith Celebration. Midday at Friends'  
Meeting House (opposite Hotel Barcelona).  
Come and join a small celebration focusing on  
human rights and featuring members from the  
University World Choir. All faiths most welcome.

## Sunday 26th June

Five-a-Side Football Tournament featuring teams  
from Refugee Support Group Devon and Devon  
and Cornwall Constabulary –  
contact [info@rsgdevon.org.uk](mailto:info@rsgdevon.org.uk) for more info

Plus displays throughout the week at:  
St Stephen's Church, Exeter Central Library,  
Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter  
College

**Organised by** Refugee Support Group Devon,  
STAR (Students Action for Refugees),  
British Red Cross, Amnesty International  
(Exeter Group)



**Sponsors** Devon County Council, Refugee  
Support Group Devon, Amnesty International  
(Exeter Group), British Red Cross, Think Tank  
Productions, Devon Race Equality Council



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Refugee Week is a UK wide festival that celebrates the enormous contribution made by refugees to UK life and promotes understanding of why people become refugees. No-one wants to be a refugee in a strange land, but sometimes people have to run from their homes because they are facing torture, imprisonment or even death. People who are persecuted are faced with no choice

but to flee their homes, and only a tiny proportion of these people come to the UK. Can you imagine what it must be like to be a victim of persecution, where there is no adequate protection from people in authority?



## Certain danger, or a chance of safety. Which would you choose?

### Did you know.....?

A Refugee is someone who has applied for asylum and by law been granted refugee status. Illegal refugees do not exist, neither do illegal asylum seekers – these are people seeking help through our legal system. *Refugee Council*

The UK is home to less than 2% of the world's refugees? The majority are hosted by the world's poorest countries. *Home Office Statistics*

“People think you come here just to claim benefits but they don't see we had better lives at home. We had jobs, status, qualifications which aren't recognised here” *Sudanese refugee.*

**Refugee Support Group Devon** ([www.rsgdevon.org.uk](http://www.rsgdevon.org.uk)) is a small local charity (no 1092410) that provides information and support to asylum seekers and refugees in Devon. We have limited funds and rely on your support to provide vital assistance to individuals, particularly in emergencies.

If you would like to support us please complete and return this slip to the address below.

Name .....Address .....

I would like to make a donation of .....(please make cheques payable to 'Refugee Support Group Devon')

\*I am a UK Tax payer and would like my donation to be treated as gift aid (For every £1 we can claim 28p from the government)

\*I would like to receive further information \*delete where appropriate

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