

# Birmingham Refugee Week 2021

14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## Community Engagement brief

There is a moment in Martin Luther King's historic 'I have a dream' speech when he turns his attention to the White people who, realising their destiny and that of their Black fellow citizens was intertwined, joined in the movement for equal rights.

**“They have come to realise that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom,” he said..... “We cannot walk alone.”**

The theme of Refugee Week 2021, **‘We Cannot Walk Alone’**, is an invitation to extend your hand to someone new. Someone who is outside your current circle, has had an experience you haven't, or is fighting for a cause you aren't yet involved in.

We hope you'll join us in making Refugee Week 2021 a bold, collective act of reaching out; a space for us all to listen, to exchange and connect. To find out what we can learn from each other, and what we can build together.

### How to get Involved

We will be inviting non-refugee organisations from the [Near Neighbours](#) network to partner with a refugee group from the [BARMS](#) or [Celebrating Sanctuary Birmingham](#) networks, to get together to engage in a safe walking & talking activity.

The purpose of these events is to raise awareness and to show a bold, collective act of reaching out; a space for us all to listen, to exchange and connect. To find out what we can learn from each other, and what we can build together

**Refugee Groups** Register your interest to either bring some of your group members to engage in a walking activity with a partner group, or to host an activity.

**Email:** [dawn.x.murray@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.x.murray@birmingham.gov.uk)

**Community Groups** Register your interest to either bring some of your group members to engage in a walking activity with a partner group, or to host an activity.

**Email:** [rabiyah@nearneighbours.com](mailto:rabiyah@nearneighbours.com)

Please register your interest with Dawn or Rabiyah by **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Further details re numbers to register, suitable dates and times will be shared soon after registration.

All activities will take place during **Refugee Week: 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

*Due to COVID19 restrictions, we will ensure that the walking activity is organised safely and within the guidelines, on the date of engagement.*

