

Assembly Resource

Read the information about refugees from Syria. Do we think people should be protected in difficult situations?

What is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to leave their home country as they believe their life is in danger.



A group of Syrian refugees travelling through Turkey.

What is the 1951 Refugee Convention?

The convention was created to protect European refugees from before 1st January 1951 (after World War 2), now it is used much more widely to protect people all around the world in difficult situations.

The convention was approved at a special United Nations event in 1951 and entered into force in 1954.

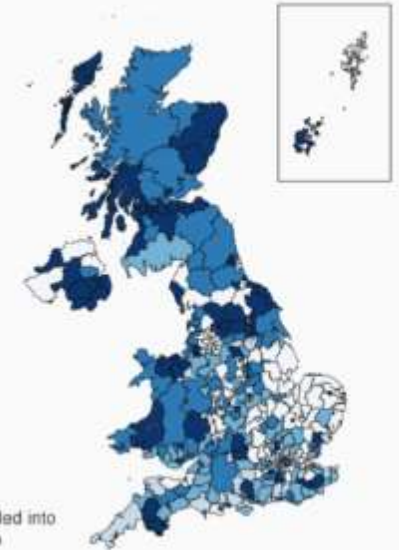
Where are the UK's Syrian refugees?

Local authorities ranked by refugees resettled per 10,000 population

Highest resettlement



Lowest resettlement*



*Total number of councils divided into four equal groups according to numbers of refugees resettled.

Source: Home Office, Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme

BBC

A Syrian family in Turkey, hoping to claim asylum in Greece.



“Refugees are among the most vulnerable people in the world. The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol help protect them.”

Antonio Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees