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Getting to know you...

Who are You?

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Have you ever felt like an elephant in the room?



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"According to archaeologists, almost all the people on the Earth are migrants, as humanity originated in Africa about 200,000 years ago and then spread all over the world – to Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas. ... Nowadays there are about 200 million migrants in the world, and the problems and opportunities related to migration are fiercely debated by politicians and ordinary people all over the globe. ... We could name the 21st century 'the age of migrants'."

"They arrive from across the ocean in shaky and dangerous boats, many losing their lives along the way, with their anonymous bodies occasionally washing up on European shores. They arrive via land hidden in the back of smugglers' trucks, travelling thousands of miles in cramped and dangerous conditions. They find ways to cross land borders in secret, or elude border controls with false documents. ...

European countries tend to approach this population as a 'security threat.' Seeking to protect their borders, they criminalise these migrants, lock them up in prison-like conditions, and expel them as quickly as possible – even to countries where they risk persecution and torture.

These foreigners are not criminals; they are guilty only of having aspired to a better life, a job or, in the saddest and most distressing cases, protection from persecution. All migrants have human rights – and these must be respected."

Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

A teaching moment ...



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“Whatever is happening elsewhere in Europe, Ireland does not have a migrant crisis. The 2011 census shows that 12 per cent of people living here are of migrant origin. Three-quarters of these are of “other white background”, 2 per cent are of Asian origin, and just over 1 per cent are African or “other black background.”

<http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/health-family/ireland-s-migrant-crisis-is-one-of-equality-not-integration-1.2991203>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2017/feb/24/irelands-forgotten-mixed-race-child-abuse-victims-video>



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWPRieFW7mo>

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Any questions ...

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