

Worksheet 2: Film 1 Transcript

Activity 1: Why do people migrate?

Activity 5: Who are migrants?

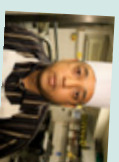
Why do people migrate?

“Would you leave your home if it would save your life?”



(Saijwaal) “I left Iraq in 2006 with my three children due to the escalated situation back there. There was a civil war in Iraq and due to my background and my husbands, we were subject to persecution and threats by different parties”.

“Would you leave if another country offered a better life for your family?”



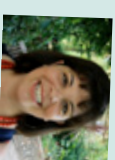
(Shakeeb) “I left India in search of more experience and because I wanted to get more exposure in my job. I wanted to learn about different cuisine and I had always heard about Europe; that there’s more work and better working environments, more job security and that people are more accepting of people from other parts of the world”.

“Would you move to another country if you couldn’t find work?”



(Alain) “I left Congo because of political problems. In our country especially things are not going well, people are starving every day, students are not going to school, there’s no freedom, you can’t even express yourself and I thought that if I went back to that country I would die, or maybe be persecuted”.

“Would you leave everything behind, all your friends, all your family, all your belongings, everything you played with, everything that you grew up with?”



(Ines) “My name is Ines, I come from Portugal, and I came to the UK because of work. At the time it was not as bad as it is now, but I still couldn’t find any sort of work for two years. For some time I was doing temporary jobs and these started to become fewer and fewer until I had nothing”.



(Priyanga) “I came here simply for a better life. My parents and I, we left Sri Lanka when I was twelve years old, and we had to flee the country because civil war had broken loose, and the lives of both my parents were in danger. When we came to the UK it was the year 2000 and several locations – asylum applications – were originally rejected and we had to keep putting in fresh claims”.

“What is it that would make you leave your own home, what is it that would make you leave everything you have, all your friends, all your family, everything that you own and go to a different country?”