

Refugee Week: Clean Air Day

Here at Dynamic Earth we are joining in on the UK's largest air pollution campaign which is taking place on the 17th June.



Let's protect our children's health from air pollution this #CleanAirDay

Learn more about air pollution.



#CleanAirDay
cleanairday.org.uk

We have a once in a lifetime chance for change. Let's use it.

This is part of [Clean Air Day](#). Their mission is to improve public understanding of air pollution, build awareness of how it affects our health, and explain the easy actions we can all do to tackle air pollution. This will help protect both the environment and our health.

Here's a video to explain a bit more about what air pollution is and how it can be harmful to us:



Why don't you try testing for your own air pollution levels [here](#).

So what can we do?

- We can walk, cycle, scoot or take public transport to reduce the number of cars on the road.
- Where it's safe to, avoid main roads where pollution levels are worse.
- We can think about how and where the things we buy are made.
- We can campaign for clean air zones around our homes and schools.



What does Clean Air Day have to do with Refugee Week?

The most vulnerable in our society are hit the hardest by poor quality air.

In London, 50% of residents living in deprived areas experience dangerous pollution levels. This is compared to only 2% of the richest people experiencing dangerous levels.

This is due to several reasons, but one factor is lack of green spaces.

Green spaces are really important because they provide areas where cars are not allowed and the air is generally cleaner. (they are also good for your mental health!) People of colour and refugees are more likely to live in areas where there is less green space.

It is often more expensive to live in places where there is lots of greenery.

Generally, refugees and asylum seekers don't have much money. They are therefore often forced to live in areas that lack green space and clean air.



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Having access to green space and clean air is important for everyone.

Wouldn't it be amazing if all of our cities had more greenery?

Imagine how you would design a new city to make the most of green spaces. Look below for some inspiration:



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Activity

Have a go at writing a poem about the importance of trees.

Art and creativity is a great way to highlight and explore important issues. Your poem could help someone to realise how important trees are, especially in our towns and cities.

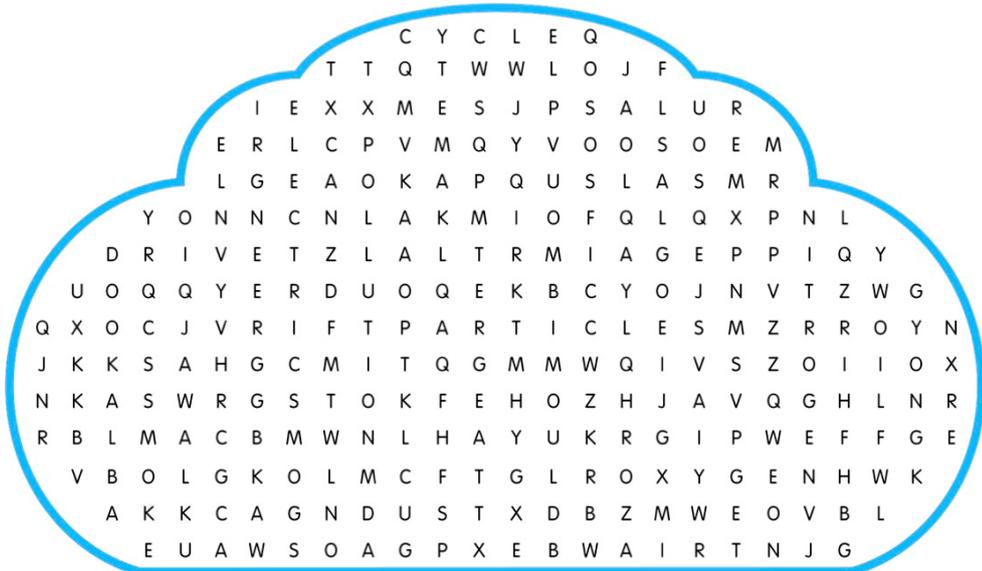
If you do write a poem, we'd love to see it! Send it to us via our Twitter [@ourdynamicearth](https://twitter.com/ourdynamicearth) using the hashtags #DynamicEarthOnline #RefugeeWeek2021. Alternatively, email us at enquiries@dynamicearth.co.uk.

Activity

Try out this word search from [Clean Air Day](#), with loads of important clean air themed words!

Can you find all the words?

Hidden inside this cloud are several words about what makes our air clean or dirty.
See if you can find all 20!



AEROSOL	MOULD
AIR	NITROGEN
CARBON	OIL
CHEMICALS	OXYGEN
COAL	PARTICLES
CYCLE	POLLEN
DRIVE	POLLUTION
DUST	SMOG
ELECTRIC	SMOKE
GAS	WALK

