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Event success as children change their minds about asylum seekers and refugees

Pupils from a selection of schools across Wales came together on Tuesday to learn the truth about asylum seekers and refugees. The event, which took place at St Fagans National History Museum as part of Refugee Week Wales 2007 saw sixty children from schools in Newport, Swansea, Wrexham and Cardiff come together to take part in a day of activities to bust the myths about asylum seekers and refugees and learn about the valuable contribution they make to life in Wales and the UK.

The event began with a tour of the new Oriel 1 Gallery at St Fagans National History Museum which included the Wall of Languages exhibition. Children took part in workshops led by Acting Out and the Croeso project before watching a performance of *Floating Doors*- a play based on a true story about a young asylum seeker.

Mike Lewis, new Chief Executive of the Welsh Refugee Council said:

“I am pleased the day was such a success and it goes to show that the earlier the myths about asylum seekers and refugees are eliminated the better. Refugees and asylum seekers have a valuable contribution to make to life in Wales and events like this promote and encourage better understanding between refugees and receiving communities”

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Note to Editors:

- Photos by Martin Ellard, Grafic House press and public relations photography
- Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. More information is available at www.refugeeweek.org.uk.
- *Floating Doors* is a play based on a true story of a young asylum seeker, devised by members of Acting Out Cardiff. Acting Out Cardiff is an award winning alternative creative education programme based at the Sherman Theatre
- For further Information on the Croeso Project visit www.croesoproject.org

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