

**International Comenius Week 2025**

**Refugee education in the UK**

**31st March – 4th April 2025**

We are living in a world that has become increasingly reliant on globalisation and international links, yet the current realities of climate change, Brexit and a global slowdown are making living and working in other countries harder than it used to be. We would like to offer students from our European partners in Comenius the chance to come to Winchester to share ideas, experiences, and reflections about how current events affect attitudes to identity and refugee education in the UK during our International week.

Winchester is the ancient capital of England with many historical wonders situated nearby and only an hour by train from London. Our university is in the centre of the city, and you will be hosted by students and staff from the Institute of Education, which sits within the University of Winchester.

Activities during the week:

* Campus tour
* The chance to sit in on seminar sessions with our undergraduate cohort
* A visit to a Primary school (4 – 11 years)
* Workshops on aspects of the curriculum
* Tour of Winchester
* Trip to Avebury (google it)
* Trip to Oxford
* Chance to present workshops to peers
* Social activities with English students and fellow international week attendees



Costs:

Attendees to pay for flights, food, and accommodation while here:

[Airbnb: Holiday Rentals, Cabins, Beach Houses, Unique Homes & Experiences](https://www.airbnb.co.uk/)

[Winchester Hotel | Hotels in Winchester | Premier Inn](https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/england/hampshire/winchester/winchester.html?cid=KNC_Gen_G_UK_UK_Eng_Winchester_null_null&mckv=s_dc|pcrid|517573573371|kword|hotels%20in%20winchester|match|e|plid||pgrid|124195399571|ptaid|kwd-297462348845|&s_kwcid=AL!9693!3!517573573371!e!!g!!hotels%20in%20winchester!12459965264!124195399571&ef_id=Cj0KCQiAxc6PBhCEARIsAH8Hff2rLBy9S00OyT-a9aiZf5_u_NsTUlfri5OmDhM05uoRE2Toswy8AnYaAkz4EALw_wcB:G:s&gclid=Cj0KCQiAxc6PBhCEARIsAH8Hff2rLBy9S00OyT-a9aiZf5_u_NsTUlfri5OmDhM05uoRE2Toswy8AnYaAkz4EALw_wcB)



There are also a limited number of rooms available at the University, see above.

The University will pay for transport and entrance to visits during the week.

All course materials will be provided.

We will host a meal for the group at the end of the week.

**Arrivals on Sunday 30th March and the programme will start on campus on Monday 31st March 2025 and will finish at Midday on Friday 4th April 2025**.

Best airport to fly into is London Heathrow and then you can either catch the train or a coach to Winchester which is 60 miles southwest of London. **Please make sure that you have looked at the Visas needed for entry.** [Visit the UK as a Standard Visitor - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/standard-visitor)

If you plan to get the train you would need to travel into London on the underground and get to Waterloo to catch the train out from there.

[Cheap Train Tickets | Travel Safely | South Western Railway](https://www.southwesternrailway.com/)

[Coach Travel & Airport Transfers | National Express](https://www.nationalexpress.com/en)

The week will be conducted in English so a good working knowledge will be required (Level B1).

**No ECTS are attached to this International Week.**

**Participants are kindly asked to try to book travel arrangements which can be changed or cancelled with little additional costs wherever possible. The University of Winchester cannot accept liability for any costs howsoever arising.**