

ACTS OF WELCOME



#ACTSOFWELCOME
#LITTLEAMAL



One (very large) little girl is inspiring the world

To Respond
To Create
To ACT and Welcome

WHAT ARE ACTS OF WELCOME?

For World Refugee Week 2021, Good Chance Theatre calls on all artists and creatives worldwide to join a social media movement to welcome Little Amal, a 3.5 metre puppet of a 9-year-old girl who will walk from the Syrian border to the UK in search of her mother.

If you were in her shoes, what would make you feel at home when you arrive in a strange new village or town? The sound of a song ringing out your name? A mural depicting your journey? A poem celebrating your quest for a new home?

Opening your arms to welcome a stranger with kindness can be a radical act. Collectively these Acts of Welcome can change the way the world thinks about those who seem to be different. We need your help to achieve this. Each Act of Welcome will help Amal to take the next step into her future. She has 10 million steps to travel – so we need everyone.

Can we come together for Little Amal? Will you join us?

HOW WILL MY ACT OF WELCOME ADVOCATE FOR REFUGEES?

We want to help rethink the way the experience of being a refugee is imagined. Who is Little Amal? Why is she travelling? What is she hoping for?

Your Act of Welcome could be a poem, a song, a drawing, a painting, a dance, a video of you saying 'I will welcome Little Amal' or whatever you are inspired to create as long as it can be uploaded to social media and would make Little Amal feel nearer to finding a home.

HOW CAN YOU AND YOUR NETWORK GET INVOLVED?

It's easy to join the conversation.

1. Create your act of welcome, big or small, simple or complex. The only criteria is that it's your creative attempt to make Amal feel welcome.
2. Share your Act of Welcome on social media or via The Walk's website. Be sure to tag @walkwithamal and include the hashtags #ActsOfWelcome #LittleAmal. Encourage everyone in your network to join the conversation and follow @walkwithamal for more information.
3. Invite a friend or organisation to join the conversation and create their own #ActOfWelcome
4. We will share all your Acts of Welcome every week and celebrate the creations on an on-line gallery.

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES OF AN ACT OF WELCOME?

Yes! Here are some amazing Acts of Welcome that have already been created.

- [An online performance by the Oasis One World Choir](#)
- [Drawings by the students at Greenside Primary School](#)
- [A local Mural by Cheltenham Paint Festival and Everyman Cheltenham](#)
- [Art project by Scuolo Bruno Munari in Parma, Italy](#)
- Instagram lives by Good Chance Theatre Ensemble Artists [Magid Adin](#) and [Mohamed Sarrar](#)

WHAT SHOULD I POST ALONGSIDE MY ACT OF WELCOME?

Post your Act of Welcome with the caption like the one below or write one that is completely your own.

I will welcome #LittleAmal. No one chooses to be a refugee, but I can choose to respond with generosity, kindness and mindfulness of the individuality and potential of every refugee. Join the #ActsOfWelcome movement and follow @walkwithamal to find out more.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFO?

Find out more at walkwithamal.org/acts-of-welcome or email alice@goodchance.org.uk

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