

Refugees and Wokeness

Everybody is woke in some way.

On social media, viral stories lose their heat very quickly. It's like burning alcohol. It's cool to watch, but after an amount of time, nobody cares anymore. What people don't realise is, it's burning on a wooden table. It's still burning in the background, maybe not so hot, not so scary compared to when it started. But fire spreads. It spreads and affects many people. It doesn't simply just stop when we ignore it, and we can't wait for the table to burn completely.

When we look back on significant movements such as Black Lives Matter, does anyone still have the black fist symbolising the movement as their profile picture? No. But is injustice still happening? It's similar to the refugee problem: movements like these lose heat relatively fast. After this refugee week, who will still show support? There's going to be significantly less people caring for these social problems.

Of course everybody pretends to care, but is it sincere? Conforming to the social norm is easy, but it takes courage to come out and make a change. It shouldn't just be one person, it should be the new social norm. We need to change hearts and minds.

How do we solve this problem then? On social media, when we see people who are still acknowledging the problem, we can try to share their content to make the content creator know that we still care for the problem. This encourages them to do something about it. There should be more clubs at school to confront these problems. Organise groups. Change the refugee week to a longer period; to make people pay more attention to these important events, and for longer. Give money to organisations which focus on these problems. Help them. We need to keep the fuel burning to lead the fire away. Lead more attention to the problems.

We need to change our own minds. When we achieve that, we will already be taking a big step towards making the world a better place towards refugees.