

# REFUGEES

## Dispelling the Myths



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**R**ecently, there has been a lot of discussion of refugees and conflict displacement in the media. It seems to be constant bad news, with reports of violence, abuse and deprivation. These do happen but there is another side to the crisis. It includes refugees' individual stories and their voices, which need to be heard. The journey back to normality after being uprooted is not easy, and spans from initial survival and having basic needs met to preparing for the return home or resettlement in a new community. For this to happen, it is essential for refugees to regain their independence and become valued and contributing members of the community. The people we meet in our travels show amazing resilience and great strength in the face of adversity. This lecture will dispel many of the myths surrounding refugees and report some of the good news.

Jane Best is Executive Director of Refugees International Japan. She joined RIJ as a volunteer in 2000, managing project funding. In 2016 she became the first full-time employee, leading an all-volunteer team. Jane has visited over 18 countries in her work with RIJ and met thousands of beneficiaries. Her inspiration and passion comes from meeting these people and learning about their lives.

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