

Core Activity Sheet 3.5

Case-Studies

Case-Study 3

Amira is a Bosnian Muslim and has a Serbian husband. They lived in a village near Banja Luka, Bosnia. A war started in 1992. Many Serbs and Muslims fought each other. Amira and her husband taught in a secondary school. When the war started, Amira and her family started receiving threats from Serbian extremists in the region. They were told that people in mixed marriages should leave the area.

Amira and her family decided to leave the village and stay with her sister's family who live in Zagreb, Croatia. Soon after they left their house another family moved in. Amira's sister's flat is very crowded. As both Amira and her husband are English teachers, they decided to come to Britain.

Case-Study 4

Augustina is 22 and is from Zaire. All political opposition is banned in Zaire. Many people who disagree with the government have been locked up. Until recently she was a student at the University of Lubumbashi. She and many of her friends were supporters of a banned political party. They wanted Zaire to become a democracy.

One night, policemen came to the university. They arrested some students, including Augustina. She was taken to a detention centre in the forest. She did not know where she was being held. She was kept there for about one month and was beaten many times. She was then taken to another detention centre where she was held for several weeks. Her family then managed to pay a bribe for her to be released. Augustina escaped over the border to Zambia and then came to London.