The End of (Week of) Welcome + I'm hiring.

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There are 65.6M people currently forced from their homes - The largest number in recorded history. They live with uncertainty and insecurity every single day, not just on a recognized day in late June. Representing 1 in 113 humans on the planet, this is not an issue that is going away and the numbers are growing constantly... or to put it in 'social' terms: *Every minute 24 people are forced from their homes. By 2037, it will be one per second.*

For those who have spent years and years fleeing persecution and war, your new community should feel like... a community. That happens when the people around you make you feel welcome. It is not one them, it is on us - the welcomers. The bare minimum we can do is to be the first to put out a hand and say hello. This is why a small group of friends created the Welcome Party and the first ever week of welcome.

This week thousands of people have been organizing and attending tea talks about refugees or action dinners. With 36 hours to go, now is your last chance to get involved.

1. Attend a 20 minute tea or an action dinner as part of the Week of Welcome. If everyone who read this, downloaded this toolkit and met 2 friends in a coffee shop this weekend- we'd have over 50,000 people talking about welcoming recent arrivals.

2. Go to Airbnb Open Homes platform to list your home to shelter a family in need, be it a refugee or evacuee, with temporary accommodation or share a supper with a recently resettled family. *(coordinated by Airbnb and the International Rescue Committee)*

3. Download a pre-written letter and sign up to support a refugee in your neighborhood. Just download it here, print it out, sign and mail it to a local resettlement organization near you.

4. Tweet, facebook share or inspire others with a social post from the heart. Something like: *Refugees are our new neighbors. Let's meet and find ways to make them fell more welcome* www.weekofwelcome.org

Want to get involved? Email hitthere@weekofwelcome.org

Adapted from <https://www.facebook.com/notes/cameron-sinclair/lets-not-treat-world-refugee-day-like-valentines-day-for-the-displaced/1908934172695417/>

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2700 Syrian children now attending Re:Build School
In November 2013 the Small Works team (Pouya and I) began working in collaboration with the Building Peace Foundation and a number of international organization to design, develop and construct re-deployable schools for refugees on the Syria-Jordan border. Every day 2,700 children are being taught in these schools and on World Refugee Day 2017 we are pleased to announce the building of our 10th school in the Za’atari Refugee Camp.

From Re:Build to Otra Nation, want to get involved? Email c asinclair@me.com

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Livelihoods Development, program lead:
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Transitional Housing, program lead:
Help recruit homeowners to open their homes to communities in need.

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Week of Welcome by the numbers:
1900 people have attended or hosted events
300 refugees or former refugees have been involved
80 community led events
18 company led events
15 countries participating
4 refugee settlements participated (in France, Greece, Jordan and Uganda)
1 day left

Upcoming Travel
June 28/30 UK
July 1/9 Greece
July 10/21 Spain
July 22/24 UK
July 25/31 Mongolia