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SUGGESTED PROGRAMMING FOR YOUR 'HAMSA' SCREENING

LETTER FROM HAMSA

WATCH FILM (RUN TIME: 20 MINUTES)

LETTER FROM THE FILMMAKERS

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

WHAT NEXT?

*Q&A with the filmmakers is an option, contact us at hello@hamsathedocumentary.com



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LETTER FROM HAMSA

[TO BE READ BEFORE THE FILM]

Hello,

I am Hamsa and I am a Syrian mother, English teacher, and refugee now living in Germany. We came here after a long, hard journey from Syria to Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Hungary, Austria and finally Germany. I am living here to save my children from the war. In this film you will see my life here.

Hamsa

[WATCH THE FILM]

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LETTER FROM THE FILMMAKERS

[TO BE READ AFTER THE FILM]

Hello,

In September 2015, the BBC recorded an interview with Hamsa: a Syrian mother and refugee. Her desperate journey caught the attention of thousands of people around the world, including ours. Our team contacted Hamsa and she granted us permission to tell her story.

In January 2016, we traveled to the small village of Schnega, Germany to gain a first person perspective that would go beyond what we had seen in the media. Hamsa and her family welcomed us into their home and their openness led to an honest and intimate film depicting one refugee family's experience integrating in a country so different from their own.

This project's mission is to reframe mainstream discourse and opinion around the resettlement of refugees. It was crucial for us to offer you, the audience, effective ways to take action. After watching the film, please go to our website www.hamsathedocumentary.com where you can find out more, sign petitions and donate money aiding the resettlement of refugees. We urge you to share this platform with family, friends and colleagues using the hashtag **#hamsathedocumentary** with your photos and thoughts.

Thank you for watching and taking part in the movement. We hope that Hamsa's story will inspire you to take action and show that diversity, when accepted, can truly enrich a culture.

Caroline and Miriam

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DISCUSSION PROMPTS

What's your initial response to the film?

What is the difference between a migrant, refugee and asylum seeker?

(**Migrant:** One who moves, either temporarily or permanently, from one place, area or country of residence to another. **Refugee:** A refugee is defined as a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster. **Asylum Seeker:** An asylum seeker is someone who has applied for asylum and is waiting for a decision on their claim.)

How would you feel if a large group of refugees resettled in your neighbourhood?

What kinds of things could you do to welcome refugees?

What are some of the ways that refugees can enhance communities?

Do governments have a responsibility to help Syrian refugees?

How can we ask (insert country) to accept more refugees?

[LAST QUESTION SHOULD LEAD INTO "WHAT NEXT"]

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WHAT NEXT

GO TO WWW.HAMSATHEDOCUMENTARY.COM TO:

LEARN more about the Syrian Refugee Crisis

HELP in your local area

SIGN a petition

SUPPORT International Refugee Assistance Project

WATCH the documentary

SHARE with your friends, family and colleagues

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