



Migration Sculpture

In 2018, Cricklewood is shared between the boroughs of Barnet and Camden, with the majority of its neighbourhoods located in Brent. Brent is one of the most diverse boroughs in London, as new people continue to arrive and make their homes here, with notable communities of Somali, Romanian, and Brazilian migrants.

The school of Our Lady of Grace in Dollis Hill was built 50 years ago, to accommodate the growing numbers of Catholic children in the area. Many were children of Irish migrants, and local tradition tells that many Irish men were involved in the construction of new school buildings.

The children at Our Lady of Grace include grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the first pupils, alongside children who have arrived more recently from Eastern Europe, South America, and Africa. And many children have mixed heritage, as blended families share Irish, English, African, and European roots.

All the children at **Our Lady of Grace** junior school in Dollis Hill suggested ideas for a piece of art on the theme of 'Migration'.



After a tough job narrowing down the ideas to work with, a number of pupils from across the school took part in workshops with local artist, **Alistair Lambert**, to bring the ideas to life.

This inspiring sculpture celebrates the stories of people who make the difficult journey to far away lands to build new lives.

Here are some of the OLOG pupils thoughts about the sculpture:

'The work represents the people migrating all around the world.' [Cherissa]

'It inspires me in what I can be just with ideas.' [Kitty]

'It has a whole story in it that we can learn from.' [Anonymous]

'It shows all the different feelings during migration...' [Anonymous]

'We worked extremely hard to make it and I'm proud of it.' [Alec]

'It reminds me that sometimes people go through hard times and have to move home.' [Pablo]

