

This article appeared in the Newtownards Chronicle on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1939.

Read it carefully and complete the activities:

1. How much land was leased?
2. What do they hope to give to the refugees?
3. What kind of training is being given to the 100 refugees?
4. What are the aims of the training?
5. Do you think it would have been better for the refugees to have been placed “individually in homes” rather than living together on the farm?
6. From which country are the majority of the refugees?
7. What phrase in this report suggests that the refugees may not find a permanent home in Millisle?
8. What type of “strain” might the refugees put on the community, especially in early 1939?

### **Role Play situations**

Imagine you are a local farmer in Millisle. You have just heard about the land being leased for these refugees. Act out a conversation in which you discuss this news.