

### **Using picturebooks in research with migrant learners**

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This taster session will show participants how to use picturebooks to engage migrant learners in educational research. Using the picturebook *The Arrival* (Shaun Tan, 2007) that tells a story of migration, Helen will take participants through the steps that she used in her research with primary school learners in South Africa. This will include annotating parts of the wordless story to discover how the learners thought the man was feeling as he arrived in the new, strange country, and how they believed he could be helped and supported. She will give examples of how this revealed children's views on being new at school, and of how to support them.

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