



Pledge your support for the campaign:

LET ASYLUM SEEKERS WORK

Since 2002 the government has refused permission for almost everyone claiming asylum to work.

Refugees come to the UK seeking sanctuary from persecution. Some wait years for their claim to be finally resolved. They want to take responsibility for looking after their families and escape from destitution when they cannot access government support. Yet long periods of unemployment during their asylum claim means that when allowed to stay, they often end up in jobs far beneath their qualifications and skills. And if they have their claim refused, they end up returning home with fewer skills than when they left and find it hard to start again.

Our society is losing too. The UK taxpayer foots the bill for a policy which prevents people from contributing to our economy. The great injustice is that people seeking asylum find themselves scapegoated as scroungers, when they would welcome the opportunity to work while they are here.

JOIN THE CAMPAIGN

We want the Government to allow asylum seekers to work if they have been waiting longer than six months for a full resolution on their asylum claim. Until 2002 asylum seekers could work if they'd been waiting longer than 6 months for an initial decision from the Home Office.

We want the Government to ensure that permission to work remains for people whose claim for asylum is refused, but they are unable to return home immediately through no fault of their own, and are complying with reporting instructions.

We call on the government to allow people seeking asylum to work:

Organisation name:

Address:

City:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

We certify that we have held a meeting of this organisation and resolved to support the Let Them Work campaign pledge:

Signature:

Campaign contact name:

Email address:

Telephone:

Please add our name to the list of organisations supporting this campaign on the website – and keep us in touch with developments by email:

- Send the signed pledge to the campaign website campaigns@refugeecouncil.org.uk
- Or fax a copy to 020 7346 6730
- Or send a printed copy to: Let Them Work, Refugee Council, 240-250 Ferndale Road, London SW9 8BB

How else can I help?

- Contact the local refugee support group for this campaign. www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/act_locally lists details of groups in your area
- Write to the local MP from the organisation. You can find a template letter on our website: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/letthemwork
- Send a note or message to the local council, or a regional body, for their support to be added
- Join the mass constituency lobby on June 25/26 2009
- Provide funding for local production of campaign materials. Visit www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/campaigning/letthemwork/materials to download the Let Them Work logo
- Provide funding for refugees to speak at events and meetings (contact the local support group)
- Send a motion to our national organisation/federation (as appropriate)