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The Refugee Council Advocacy Network bulletin

We aim to provide a direct link between the Refugee Council's Advocacy Team and other individuals and organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. [Read more about the Advocacy Network](#) and share with others who you think may be interested in joining.

New report highlights suffering of 'England's Forgotten Refugees'

Our new [report](#), published in May, showed that many newly recognised refugees become homeless and destitute following a positive decision on their asylum claim, when their asylum support is quickly cut off. These experiences are in stark contrast to those of refugees entering the UK through resettlement programmes, such as the 20,000 Syrian refugees due in the UK by 2020.

The Refugee Council will be pushing for changes in policy and practice so that all refugees are given the support they need to ensure they do not end up on the streets after being granted protection.



Latest asylum statistics

In the first three months of 2016, 30% of initial decisions were grants of asylum, while the proportion of

asylum appeals allowed increased to 42% compared with 28% for the same period last year. A startling 85% of refused Eritrean claims taken to appeal are overturned by the courts. [Read our Top 20 facts](#) and [latest statistics Briefings](#).

What impact will the Immigration Act have on refugees & asylum seekers?

The Immigration Act 2016 became law on 12th April. The Refugee Council worked with other organisations to brief MPs and Peers on the impact the Act will have on refugees and asylum seekers, as well as calling for positive reforms. [Read our Briefing on the Act](#).

Charities issue joint call for greater action on global displacement

In April Oxfam, the Refugee Council, the International Rescue Committee (IRC-UK) and ten other agencies laid out the steps the UK needs to take to respond to the global displacement crisis, in the report [A Safe Haven?](#) [Read more](#).

Coming up: Refugee Week!



An exciting programme of arts, cultural and educational events celebrating refugee communities kicks off this weekend across the UK. Leeds plays host to the Refugee Week World Cup, Refugee Festival Scotland kicks off on Sunday and London's Southbank open the week with a special free

event. [Find an event near you!](#)



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