



General information about Asylum

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Who's who

Asylum Seeker

A person who is fleeing persecution, conflict and violence in their home country, has arrived in another country, and exercised their legal right to apply for asylum.

Refugee

A person whose application for asylum was successful and was granted permission to stay in the country where the application was made.

Refused Asylum Seeker

Someone whose asylum application has been refused, and is exploring their rights to appeal the refused decision.

Fail Asylum Seeker

Someone whose asylum application has been refused, all appeal rights have been exhausted and are awaiting return to their country.

Economic migrant

Someone who has moved to another country to work.

Refugee Convention

The United Nations Convention relating to the 1951 Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol.

The Truth about Asylum

Myth: "Most Asylum seekers come to the UK"

Fact : No they do not. Over **two thirds of the world refugee population lives in non developed countries.**

Myth : "Most Asylum seekers are illegal"

Fact : There is **no such thing as an "illegal" asylum seeker.** Asylum seekers seek protection from many forms of persecution and have the legal right to apply for asylum. The government know there are here and they would have security checked.

Myth: "Asylum Seekers come to the UK for work"

Fact : Asylum Seekers are **not economic migrants** and almost all asylum seekers are **banned from working in the UK.** They leave a very desperate and turbulent situation in their county and a place of safety and security is their main priority.

Myth: “Asylum Seekers come from safe countries”

Fact : **This is not the case.** They seek sanctuary from unsafe countries with poor human rights records and/or have ongoing conflict.

Myth: “Asylum Seekers put a strain on our housing”

Fact : **Asylum seekers are not given houses** but have to share rooms with other people they have never met before.

Myth: “Britain has a soft touch to Asylum”

Fact : **The UK asylum system is strict with many complexities** which makes it very difficult to get refugee status. In 2013, out of **23,499 applicants only 7,106 were accepted.**

Myth: “Asylum Seekers are benefits shoppers”

Fact : This is not the case. Asylum seekers are **not entitled to mains stream benefits** and have to survive on less than £5 a day.

Myth: “Refugees are a threat to British way of life and culture”

Fact : Not true. Britain has benefited from refugees culturally and economically. Refugees make up 17 of the 115 Noble laureates that Britain enjoys; refugees have created a high number of jobs in the UK and are part of the many successes in the arts.

Other Facts on Asylum Seekers and Refugee in Britain:

Over **1,073** refugees and asylum seekers are doctors in the UK

Over **132** refugees and asylum seekers are registered dentists in the UK

Over **257** refugees and asylum seekers are registered nurses in the UK

Some Famous British Refugee

Shappi Khorsandi - a successful comedian and television personality.

Sigmund Freud - one of the world most famous psychologist

Alex Wex - British Model and fashion Designer

Michael Max - one of the founders of Marks and Spencer

Alexander Issigonis – designer of the Mini

Mika – British Lebanese successful Singer and Songwriter

Victor Hugo – French author who wrote – the play Les Misérables

Albert Einstein – German Jewish physicist

Rapper M.I.A – British Sri Lanka Rapper and artist.

Rotimi Adebari – Ireland First Black Mayor and a Nigerian Refugee

