

STAR Briefing

Still Human Still Here campaign



The Still Human Still Here campaign is dedicated to highlighting the plight of tens of thousands of people who are forced into destitution after being refused asylum.

Campaign Aim

STAR is calling for the Government to:

- * End the threat and use of destitution as a tool of Government policy against refused asylum seekers
- * Continue financial support and accommodation to refused asylum seekers as provided during the asylum process and grant permission to work until such a time as they have left the UK or have been granted leave to remain
- * Continue to provide full access to health care and education throughout the same period

STAR believes that everyone has the right to food, clothing, housing and medical care, regardless of their immigration status. We believe that it is morally unacceptable for governments to force people into poverty as the cheapest method of trying to make them leave the UK.

Key messages

- ☆ Tens of thousands of people are living in abject poverty in the UK simply because they have been refused asylum; they are not permitted to work and they no longer receive any financial support.
- ☆ Many refused asylum seekers have protection needs but have been failed by the asylum system. The policy of starving people into returning to countries like Zimbabwe and Iraq is inhumane and ineffective.
- ☆ The Government cannot afford to remove everyone who has been refused asylum, so it is deliberately making them destitute in order to force them to leave the UK.
- ☆ Where individuals cannot be returned safely, through no fault of their own, they should be granted a form of temporary leave that allows them to work and access basic support. This will allow them to contribute to the UK economy and society until they are able to return.

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"Everyone has the right to... food, clothing, housing and medical care"

- Article 25 (1), Universal Declaration of Human Rights

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