<Insert your address here>

<Insert date>

Dear <Councillor/ MP’s Name>

***Invitation to Lift the Ban Event: Give People Seeking Asylum the Right to Work***

***<Date + Location of Event>***

I am writing to you on behalf of <organisation>, a member of the Lift the Ban coalition which is campaigning to end the ban that currently prevents people seeking asylum from working to support themselves and their families.

I would like to thank you for your support so far with the [**Lift the Ban**](http://lifttheban.co.uk/) campaign.We are making progress towards achieving our aim of securing the right to work for people seeking asylum who’ve been waiting longer than six months for a decision on their claim, unrestricted by the Shortage Occupation List. There have been indications from Ministers that the Government is listening carefully to the arguments around policy reform. In the coming weeks and months, we would like to demonstrate the extensive public and political support for change.

To that end, we are planning a series of public mobilisation events in June, to be held across the UK calling on the Government to ‘Lift the Ban’. These events will showcase the widespread support for this policy reform and ensure that the issue remains firmly on the political agenda. Here in <insert location> we are planning to hold an event on < date of event> at <location of event> and we warmly invite you to join us there. The event will bring together local refugee organisations, people in the asylum system, members of the public and local decision-makers, to show our support for the campaign, learn about the impact of the ban, and take action to call for change. As a champion for refugee rights in <location>, your input at the event as a speaker on your experience campaigning on the issue would be most welcome.

It is important to <organisation’s name> and the other 190+ members of the coalition that we make the case for a fair and compassionate asylum system that recognises rather than inhibits the skills that sanctuary-seekers bring to the UK, and protects their mental health, well-being and ability to integrate as they pass through it.

I hope you will be able to join us and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,