Dear

I am writing to ask if you will consider attending a Westminster Hall Debate on the right to work for people in the asylum system that has been secured for Wednesday 18th October from 16:00-16:30.

It makes no sense to force people who come here seeking sanctuary to live on government support, well below the poverty line, when they want to provide for themselves and their families. People seeking asylum bring skills and talents to the UK, we should allow them to use them, rather than letting them go to waste. The impacts on mental health and self-esteem of being forced not to work and to live on less than £40 a week, often for many years, cannot be underestimated. People seeking asylum deserve to live in dignity.

This debate is a rare opportunity to raise this issue in Parliament and show the Government that people seeking asylum matter.

I hope you will take our views as constituents into account and speak out on this important issue.

I look forward to hearing from you if you will be able to attend.

Kind regards,