

Sanctuary Campaigns

Do you want to get involved with campaigns that work to promote change in the experiences and treatment of people seeking sanctuary? We are working to ensure that CoS UK ambassadors are actively involved in the campaigns work of CoS UK by matching Sanctuary Ambassadors with the CoS UK lead on relevant campaigns.

In this role, you can attend campaign coalition meetings, contribute your thoughts and ideas for the direction and activities of the campaign and share your experiences to support the campaign.

This document gives an overview of the different campaigns to help you decide which you would like to get involved with. If you see one of interest, get in touch with Megan so she can connect you with the relevant CoS UK lead.

Detention Forum

Immigration detention is not the answer, for anyone. People are detained without a time limit, for months, sometimes even years. It is harmful and expensive. It robs people of their dignity, spirit and lives. Detention Forum calls for the end of immigration detention.

More specifically they call for:

- A 28-day time limit on immigration detention for all
- Automatic judicial oversight of detention decisions after 72 hours
- An end to the detention of vulnerable people

They instead suggest community-based alternatives to detention that respect rights can minimise the use of detention, reducing costs and helping people to live with dignity in the community while going through the immigration process.

Families Together

Right now, unfair rules are keeping refugee families apart. We want to change that and bring #FamiliesTogether.

More specifically they call for:

- **Children need their parents:** Child refugees in the UK must have the right to sponsor their close family. This will allow them to rebuild their lives together and integrate into their new community.
- **Fair treatment for young and old:** The definition of who qualifies as family to be expanded so that young people who have turned 18 and elderly parents can live in safety with their families in the UK.
- **Bring back legal aid:** The reintroduction of legal aid so refugees who have lost everything have the support they need to navigate the complicated process of being reunited with their families.

Lift the Ban

People seeking asylum are being frozen out of work. The ban is harmful to everyone involved. It takes the toughest toll on people seeking asylum, but the UK economy also misses out on tax revenue and much-needed specialists by leaving people frozen in poverty. The time has come to #LiftTheBan.

Together with Refugees

We are calling for a kinder, fairer and more effective approach to supporting refugees in the UK. Be part of a shared movement for change.