

Afghan Crisis

You will have seen the humanitarian Crisis that is unfolding in Afghanistan.

We have heard from families in Wales who are desperately worried about their loved ones, not knowing if or when they will see them again. Like you, we want to ensure people can get practical support now and in the weeks ahead.

As a Nation of Sanctuary, we are working with third sector agencies and Welsh Government to mobilise support so that those forced to flee have arrangements in place from day 1 of arrival in Wales.

While we are proud of the support that has come forward, in the background Priti Patel is pushing for the Nationality & Borders Bill to be adopted. The Bill seeks to criminalise all those that seek safety in the UK, that have not come via resettlement lists.

What the Afghan Crisis has shown us is that often people fleeing can't wait to get on those narrow lists. That's why we are urging people like you to stand up for Afghan Refugees and others desperately seeking sanctuary from war, conflict or persecution and to oppose the new Nationality & Borders Bill.

You can help refugees in 3 key ways:

- 1. Offer your support, time and/or money.
- 2. <u>Write to your MP</u> to call for urgent action.
 - You can ask to see quicker action to resettle refugees to prevent risk to life, and to see the resettlement programmes widen so that Great Britain is doing its part on a global stage. Based on what other nations are doing, we feel the UK should be aiming to resettle at least 10,000 per annum.
 - You can ask that Priti Patel scraps the Nationality and Borders Bill being proposed and works with the Third Sector and Welsh Government to take on board practical experience and lessons, to ensure we have an asylum system fit for the future.
 - You can ask that the Home Office doesn't negatively label or criminalise those that flee persecution, taking a humane approach instead.
- 3. Tell your family and friends why you welcome refugees. Your words and positive action will have a ripple effect through your networks.

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