

CLASSROOM ACTIVITY, KS3 and 4

Write to your MP

In groups, research who your local MP is and what their policies are on refugees, people seeking asylum and migrants.

Write an email or letter to your MP to tell them about why refugees and migrants deserve to be treated better, and what you would like to see them do to make this happen.

Things to consider:

- What the history of migration is in your local area
- Why living in diverse and multicultural communities is so beneficial to us as individuals and to our society
- How things could be improved for refugees and migrants regarding housing, employment and treatment from the media

Notes for the teacher

Ask your groups to research how their MP voted on the Borders Bill, which would have forcefully deported people seeking asylum to Rwanda. The bill has been scrapped by the Labour government, and your class can read more about it [here](#). They can use their findings in their correspondence.

Ask students to consider if the local area has a rich history of migration, or ties to the Atlantic slave trade.

When telling your MP about what you would like to see change, you can refer to some of our campaigns:

- Our [Lift the Ban campaign](#) is all about lifting the ban on people seeking asylum being allowed to work, which would mean less people seeking safety would find themselves living in poverty.
- Our [Most Wanted campaign](#) focuses on the terrible housing that people seeking asylum find themselves in, and calling for the big companies involved to stop taking profit from the suffering of people seeking safety, and instead for that money to be invested in good, safe homes.
- Our [campaign to end the racist rhetoric](#) used against refugees and people seeking asylum in the media and by our politicians.

If you get a response to your letters or emails, let us know! We'd love to work with you on ways to engage your MP further. You can reach us at fundraising@refugee-action.org.uk.

Refugee Action believes everyone seeking sanctuary in the UK should be able to live, not just survive. So, we make sure people can find the basic support they need and have the chance to rebuild their lives.

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