

WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HERE

Bringing together all those facing a 'hostile environment' from the Home Office

7pm, Thursday 31 May

Venue: UNITE the Union, 33-37 Moreland St., EC1V 8BB

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Speakers include:

- Windrush generation families from the Caribbean and other Commonwealth countries
- People seeking asylum from wars, dictatorships, ecological devastation and hunger
- EU nationals threatened by Brexit
- Ian Macdonald QC, leading barrister in immigration and human rights law



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Commonwealth citizens from the Caribbean and other countries, invited by the government to help rebuild war-torn Britain, have been separated from loved ones, lost jobs, homes, refused healthcare, pensions and rights after living in the UK most or all of their lives. An estimated 50,000 people have been affected but it is yet to come out how many were deported, suffered permanent harm, or even died.

The media, and even right-wing MPs, had to reflect public outrage forcing the then Home Secretary Amber Rudd to resign. The government promised to acknowledge the citizenship of and pay compensation to the Windrush generations and their descendants, partly because Commonwealth heads were meeting in London. The new Home Secretary Sajid Javid is a Tory banker, with a disgusting track record against immigrants even though his own parents were immigrants. The government is likely to renege on some or all of their promises, and they will try to use this moment to split Commonwealth residents from other immigrants – already the Home Office is quietly recruiting NGOs to help deport asylum seekers and their children.

We all have the right to be here. African, Asian, Caribbean and other Third World people have contributed over centuries to the wealth in the UK. We have suffered through imperial conquest, slave trades, plunder of resources, proxy wars, Western backed dictatorships, rape and other torture. More recent immigrants from Europe and elsewhere have also contributed with hard work and have made their lives here. The NHS would not function without people from all over the world who work hard despite wage freezes, underfunding, privatisation, and poor working conditions.

We demand: An amnesty for all affected and immediate compensation for this persecution. Stop all deportations, detention and destitution. Abolish laws that recruit teachers, doctors, landlords, employers, etc., to snoop and report on immigrants. No collaboration by voluntary groups, charities and NGOs with Home Office deportations.

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