



**AFRICAN
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FAMILY**
LGBTIQ EQUALITY

**SUPPORT FOR LESBIAN, GAY,
BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND
QUEER (LGBTIQ) PEOPLE OF
AFRICAN HERITAGE & BAME**

- **Supporting LGBTIQ People Seeking Asylum & Refuge**
- **Campaigning For Global LGBTIQ Equality**
- **Stand Against Hate Crimes**



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Love is Love, Love Is Not A Crime

What We Do

- Campaign for a fairer and humane asylum system
- Signposting to immigration advice
- creating social change - influencing policies and decision making
- Reduce isolation - Organise LGBTIQ theme social events and activities
- Improve mental health & wellbeing - free counselling & group therapies
- Hot meals
- Support LGBTI people seeking asylum with no recourse to public fund (NRPF):
 - transport fares
 - food and other costs
- Destitution support with subsistence
- Detention moral support
- Tribunal moral support, letter and evidence
- Buddy support to sign at immigration reporting centres
- Moving-on & integration

Reflections - Key Challenges:

- Increased displaced people
- Increased demand for services
- Increased Mental Health Issues
- Legal Aid
- Destitution
- Poverty
- No Safe Passage
 - Increased Channel Crossing Deaths
- Nationality & Border Act 2022
 - delay in asylum claims
 - Inadmissibility of asylum claims
 - Inadmissibility of evidence
 - differential treatment of recognised refugees
 - Expansion of asylum accommodation
 - Standard of proof – high bar
 - Notice of decision to deprive a person of citizenship
 - for ‘entering illegally’ – 4 years imprisonment
 - Rwanda Offshoring
 - Threat of deportation
 - Case for LGBTIQ people seeking asylum

Looking Forward

- Rwanda Offshoring
 - Deportation Campaign Continues
 - Ongoing Litigation
- Community Cohesion
- A Place of Sanctuary – Salford
- Right to Work

- We are Human Campaign



We Are Human

**I Pledge To Say:
People Seeking**

Asylum

Not

Asylum Seekers!

**Immigration
Is Part of Life**

Achieving Change – Call to Action

- Contact Your MPs:
 - Oppose Rwanda Offshoring Policy
 - Support Safe & Legal passage
 - Enabling Environment:
 - To Strive
 - To Integrate
 - Collaborative work
 - Dignifying Accommodation
 - Volunteer
- £30 pays for healthy, hot meals for a service user who is destitute
 - £450 pays for 10 sessions of LGBT+ specific counselling for a service user
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