

JCWI'S 10 RECOMMENDATIONS

The UK should:

1

Fulfil its obligations under international human rights treaties such as the Geneva Convention and take its fair share of the world's refugees

2

Create an independent decision-making body on immigration directly responsible to Parliament and not the Home Office.

3

End the arbitrary detention of asylum seekers and the compulsory dispersal of asylum-seekers away from their sources of community support

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Help ensure immediate access to employment and training opportunities for asylum seekers

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Ensure user-friendly visa procedures for all persons wishing to migrate to the UK to work

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Offer the right to reside to anyone who is employed or running a business; and offer the right for all migrant workers to be joined by dependent family members

7

Ensure that public services and social security is available to everyone living and working in the UK and to members of their family

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Ensure a full and unhindered right to marry, found a family and settle in the UK

9

Review all its immigration policies periodically to ensure that they have not become instruments for institutional discrimination

10

Combat discrimination against the free movement of people from the poorer regions of the world; and ensure that the UK's immigration system promotes the economic prosperity of all countries, and greater international cooperation and stability.

Immigration is good for us

*Making
immigration
work for
everyone*



A vision of a modern progressive approach to immigration

For too long immigration has been depicted in a negative light. Racism has often underpinned the debate. Migrants make up less than 10% of the population of the UK, but they will contribute up to 15% of predicted economic growth.* Despite this evidence of migrants' positive contribution, UK governments have frequently introduced ill-considered anti-immigrant measures.

We now have an opportunity to consider a bolder and more progressive immigration policy. Such a policy would take into account the need to provide human rights protection to people fleeing persecution; and recognise that economic migration is beneficial to the UK. It would protect the rights of everyone in the UK, whatever their immigration status. It would help promote global economic development and peace.

* Source Controlling our borders, Government Command Paper Cm 6472, p11

It is high time the immigration system be freed from political manoeuvring. It should be administered by an independent decision-making body, directly responsible to Parliament. This, together with our other recommendations are overleaf.

Prosperity and protection

Immigration policy should be determined by four fundamentals:

- 1 The obligation to provide human rights protection to those seeking refuge in the UK.
- 2 The recognition that economic migration brings benefits to the UK and promotes increased prosperity across society
- 3 A robust system of fundamental human and civil rights which underpins the position of all migrants in the UK, whatever their status.
- 4 The promotion of global economic development and peace based on equal access to migration schemes for everyone irrespective of race and nationality.



Please ask your MP, councillors and candidates in all elections for their response to our top ten recommendations. If possible please let us know their response either by post at the address below or by e-mail at immigrationforpeople@jcwi.org.uk.

Or just send your message of support to immigrationforpeople@jcwi.org.uk

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants has been assisting those affected by the immigration laws, and campaigning against injustice and discrimination in UK immigration control for 38 years.

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