REFUGEES: THE FACTS

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR HOSTING REFUGEES



1	Turkey	3.7 million
2	Jordan	2.9 million
3	Colombia	1.7 million
4	Pakistan	1.4 million
5	Lebanon	1.4 million
6	Uganda	1.4 million
7	Germany	1.2 million
8	Iran	1 million
9	Sudan	1 million

10 Bangladesh 900,000

The UK is nowhere near the global top 10, and behind many other countries in Europe – an estimated 200,000 refugees in total live in the UK. 86% of refugees are hosted in developing world countries.

REFUGEES WELCOME

FIND OUT THE FACTS

Since Kabul fell to the Taliban, our TV screens have been full of images of desperate people fleeing for their lives.

But rather than opening up to refugees, the UK government is introducing a new law that will make it almost impossible for many to claim asylum here. Read on to find out the facts, and what you can do.

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Source: UNHCR



WHAT'S GOING ON?

We have all been shocked by the scenes emerging from Afghanistan in recent weeks. As the Taliban returned to Kabul, many thousands of Afghans have tried to flee, risking their lives – and that number will increase in the weeks and months to come.

The UK has a moral and legal duty to provide safe haven for refugees. But rather than welcoming refugees, the government is bringing in the Nationality and Borders Bill.

This new law will mean that:

• Unofficial journeys to the UK (for instance over the channel) could be criminalised, as could those assisting refugees to reach British soil.

• Any migrant reaching the UK not via an official route could be deported, and may never get stable long term asylum, no matter how compelling their case.

• The standard of proof for some aspects of an asylum case will be made vastly more complicated, forcing traumatised people to get through a system that doesn't believe them.

• Asylum cases could be processed abroad, with refugees housed in processing centres rather than in the community in the UK

• Unless they come in through an official resettlement scheme, families may not have the same right of family reunion as they did before

WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR

Attacks on the rights of refugees are callous and inhumane, but they don't exist in isolation. The Borders Bill is just the latest part of the Tories' anti-migrant agenda, which is about deregulating the economy after Brexit, attacking workers' rights and public services, and blaming foreigners for the consequences.

We are demanding:

- Ditch the Nationality and Borders Bill
- The UK and Europe must open up to refugees
- Defend migrants: free to move, free to stay

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Write to your MP in a single click using this tool: bit.ly/3kA96my
- Sign up to hear more from us: anothereurope.org

• Keep in touch with anti-deportation groups like Right to Remain (righttoremain.org.uk), the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (www.jcwi.org.uk) and Detention Action (detentionaction.org.uk).

• Join the Refugees Welcome demo in Parliament Square, London on Wednesday 20 October 2021, 16:30 to 18:30 (bit.ly/3EkK7N3)

WHO WE ARE

Another Europe is Possible is an alliance of left-wingers and progressives fighting for an alternative to the politics of Brexit. If you agree with us, you should join us at anothereurope.org/join