REFUGEES: THE FACTS

TOP 10 COUNTRIES FOR HOSTING REFUGEES

REFUGEES WELCOME

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.

FIND OUT THE FACTS

Numbers of asylum seekers in the UK remain roughly the same, despite scare-mongering and demonisation from the Tories and their press. However, increasingly draconian and unworkable policies push more people towards riskier journeys and expose them to trafficking and death.

Read on to find out the facts and what you can do.

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Source: UNHCR



WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are currently no safe routes by which people seeking asylum can reach the UK. In the wake of our departure from the EU, there is currently no safe route for people with family in the UK to reach them from Europe.

But people will always seek safety, family and security – and we should be welcoming them, not criminalising their survival.

As long as our borders are closed to refugees, there will be people willing to take enormous risks to get here. The smugglers will be the only ones to benefit.

The Nationality and Borders Bill will mean:

- 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 and a member of the House of Lords check our website for more info!
- Sign up to hear more from us: www.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).

• Get in touch if you want to organise a local demo or a meeting in your community about the Nationality and Borders Bill!

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