

# The Detention Forum



## Let's put an end to the indefinite detention of asylum seekers and migrants

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The Verne, the newest detention centre (Immigration Removal Centre)

### 5 key facts of immigration detention

- Who gets detained and why, where and how many
- There is no time limit on immigration detention, anomaly in Europe. Terrorist suspects can be detained up to 14 days.
- It is not judges but the Home Office who decides whether someone should be detained. You can apply for release (bail) from inside, but many people are refused.
- Many problems with conditions & access to services exist, but detention centres are more accessible in the UK than other countries and are regularly monitored by independent bodies whose reports are publicly available.
- The government is planning to expand the detention estate, despite that the parliamentary inquiry into detention not even finished. (The Detention Forum is calling for a moratorium on the detention expansion – join us! More info here <http://detentionforum.org.uk/call-for-a-moratorium-on-the-detention-expansion-stop-campsfield-expansion/>)

### Sharing experiences – let's hear from people who have experienced detention

#### Questions?

- Note that there are numerous reports, briefing papers and articles about problems of immigration detention. We can signpost you to them if you contact us.

### More about indefinite detention – see the briefing paper

#### Opportunities for change!

- The first ever Parliamentary inquiry into immigration detention will publish its findings in early 2015. They are asking people's views on indefinite detention. Have you told your MPs about this?
- The Detention Forum, CitizensUK, Migrants Rights Network, Detention Action and many more are calling for a time limit on immigration detention. Are you a part of the movement?

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Put an end to the indefinite detention of asylum seekers and migrants? What do we do now?



TEA principle – touch / enthuse / act

<b>Touch</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share stories of immigration detention, invite us and former detainees to come and speak to your groups. We have many member groups who are willing to speak to you. Email <a href="mailto:detentionforum@gmail.com">detentionforum@gmail.com</a> for more info.</li> <li>• Join Unlocking Detention tour on Twitter or on <a href="http://www.unlocked.org.uk">www.unlocked.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Enthuse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join others who are campaigning against detention and invite others too to build momentum. Email <a href="mailto:detentionforum@gmail.com">detentionforum@gmail.com</a> for more info.</li> </ul>
<b>Act</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start talking to MPs (sample letter here <a href="http://detentionforum.org.uk/lets-put-an-end-to-indefinite-detention-of-asylum-seekers-and-migrants/">http://detentionforum.org.uk/lets-put-an-end-to-indefinite-detention-of-asylum-seekers-and-migrants/</a>) and keep in touch with the Detention Forum and Detention Action for future action and updates.</li> </ul>

When you are at home... Watch them and share them.

'Dear Jane' (5min) by Detention Action <http://vimeo.com/54850785>

'Set Her Free' (3min) by Women for Refugee Women  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWXhenEMN7c>

'Unwelcome' (7min) by Pall Navneet  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1lGKsJDK\\_k&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1lGKsJDK_k&feature=youtu.be)

'Mohamed B' (3min) by Migrant Voice  
[http://www.migrantvoice.org/index.php?option=com\\_hwdvideoshare&task=viewvideo&Itemid=21&video\\_id=44](http://www.migrantvoice.org/index.php?option=com_hwdvideoshare&task=viewvideo&Itemid=21&video_id=44)

'Campsfield House: An Immigration Removal Centre' (23min) by Standoff Films  
<http://vimeo.com/106182843>

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