



# Hay, Brecon & Talgarth Sanctuary for Refugees

## *Week of action!* October 18-22

**The Nationality and Borders Bill, known by some as the 'Anti-refugee Bill', is now at the committee stage in the Commons.**

If passed into law, the Nationality and Borders Bill will **deny** many refugees the chance to seek sanctuary in the UK, **criminalise** many of those who do try, **isolate** refugees in harmful out-of-town institutions, and **undermine** 70 years of international co-operation under the UN Refugee Convention.

As well as being **inhumane**, it will be **expensive, unworkable**, and **erode our international standing**.

The government says the Bill will 'fix the broken asylum system'. Instead it will **worsen problems** such as the large, growing backlog of people awaiting a decision on being accepted as a refugee, and the poverty and insecurity they suffer in the meantime.

To make matters even worse, the Bill does nothing to increase access to 'official' routes nor to offer safe passage for unaccompanied children or others with family ties in the UK. It does not address the right to work whilst awaiting decisions upon asylum cases, which can take years and may lead to exploitation such as modern day slavery.

**How we treat refugees reflects who we are.**

At our best, we are welcoming and kind to those facing difficult times. If any one of us feared for our lives or the lives of our loved ones, we'd hope that others would help us to safety.

***Please join our call for a kinder, more humane approach to refugees – so they can seek safety in the UK, rebuild their lives and make a valuable contribution to their new communities:***

**• sign this petition:**

<https://act.refugee-action.org.uk/page/86829/petition>

**• Read more about the subject:**

[Hbtsr.org.uk](https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/about/facts-about-refugees)

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<https://togetherwithrefugees.org.uk>

**• Write to your MP if you disagree with this bill.**

*Thanks!*