

A photograph of a group of people in a brick hallway. In the center, two men are hugging; one is wearing a Union Jack baseball cap. Other people are visible in the background, some standing and some walking. The scene is warmly lit.

# No Afghan Left Behind

## Safe Passage Campaign Toolkit

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## Hi there!

If you think the UK Government must urgently do more to help Afghans safely reach the UK and family here, as it has rightfully done with Ukrainian refugees, this toolkit is for you.

### What is this toolkit for?

Use this toolkit to launch the **No Afghan Left Behind** campaign and organise in your local area.

### Who is this toolkit for?

This toolkit is for all of us – it's for anyone who wants to create a world where the people who need it have safe passage to a place of safety, family and justice.

# No Afghan Left Behind

People in Afghanistan live in constant fear for their lives under the Taliban, with no way to safely reach the UK. Despite evacuation efforts a year ago, the Government has only broken promises ever since - betraying Afghans who helped British endeavours. Afghans have already been waiting a year for help, they can't wait a day longer.

Despite safe routes promised by the Government, Afghans have been abandoned and trapped in the region. Currently, there is no safe way for Afghans fleeing the Taliban to reach the safety of the UK. Afghanistan families were torn apart last year as Kabul fell to the Taliban and have been separated ever since. We have seen how quickly the Home Office can move and adapt from its response to Ukrainian refugees in the past 6 months. Yet, it has failed to help Afghans in double that time. We fear more refugees from Afghanistan will be forced to risk dangerous journeys to safety and family, as there is no other way.

**Our campaign demand:** The Government must urgently do more to help Afghans safely reach the UK and family here, as it has rightly done with Ukrainian refugees.

**Add your voice!**

Sign our petition:



[www.safepassage.org.uk/no-afghan-left-behind](https://www.safepassage.org.uk/no-afghan-left-behind)



# We are calling on the Government to ...

## No Afghan left behind:

Help more people  
by expanding  
existing routes

## Fix Family Reunion:

Make sure  
Afghans can  
reunite with family

## No more waiting:

Make the  
schemes work,  
process  
applications fairly  
and quickly

## Stop betrayal at the border:

Welcome those  
forced to travel  
irregularly

Refugee by Force  
Not by Choice

# Latif's\* Story

Latif\* is a 13-year-old boy who was separated from his parents and siblings during the evacuation one year ago. He has started school and is trying to re-build his life in the UK as a refugee. He is desperate to be with his closest family who are currently living in hiding and under constant threat from the Taliban. Under the current rules, Latif\* is unable to reunite with his family, unless the application is made outside the rules which is an incredibly difficult and lengthy process with no guarantee of success.

# Zahra's\* Story

Zahra\* is a young woman who worked with international organisations promoting women's rights and defending democracy before the fall of Kabul. She is now under serious threat from the Taliban and fears for her and her daughter's life who can no longer go to school. She is desperate to get her family to safety but there is no way for her to access a safe route as she is unable to meet the very narrow criteria of the UK's Government schemes.

\*Names have been changed to protect people's identities.

# How to activate our campaign demands

**When doors are being closed to refugees across the world, now is the time for action. We can all build our power as a movement by organising and campaigning today. Here are some ideas to get started:**

- ☐ Raise your voice! Sign our campaign petition here (2-minute action): [www.safepassage.org.uk/no-afghan-left-behind](https://www.safepassage.org.uk/no-afghan-left-behind)
- ☐ Write to your MP (5-minute action).
- ☐ Meet your MP or local councillor (2-hour action). Have an in-depth conversation to show MPs and/or local councillors the impact of their policies have in their communities. Get in touch with Safe Passage if you want resources to help with a meeting with your MP or councillor.
- ☐ Work with local and regional press (1-week action) to change public perceptions and narratives around refugees and influence local-decision makers. Contact us for any support needed.
- ☐ Petition leafleting (2-hour action): order leaflets with our petition QR code to distribute far and wide in your communities.
- ☐ Organise a fundraising event to help a local grassroots refugee organisation (1 week+ action).
- ☐ Spread the word through your faith networks (1 week+ action): if you're a person of faith, you can share the campaign within your communities and work with faith leaders.
- ☐ Join our network of Grassroots Campaigners across the UK to develop actions and grow your organising skills. Click here to sign-up: <https://www.safepassage.org.uk/grassroots-campaigners>

Have questions or  
need support /  
resources?

Email us at:

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# Campaigning Resources!

- Power mapping: Identify who your local power-holders and decision-makers are to influence the right people, and find allies, or organisations in your area that share your vision. Use: [The Change Agency Power Mapping Template](#)
- Identify and manage risks to yourselves, others and the campaign. Use: [Resource Centre for community groups: Risk Assessment](#)
- How to get into local and regional media. Use: [Media Trust guide](#)
- Looking for best practice and advice on mastering media interviews? Use: [Media Trust Interview Training](#)
- Strengthen resilience and avoid burnout by building in self and collective care to your campaigning. Use: [Frida Self-Care Plan](#)
- Ensure your campaigning takes an intersectional and anti-racist approach by understanding power, privilege and bias. Use: [Y Advocacy: An Intersectional Feminist Toolkit](#)

# Join us!

## Safe Passage Grassroots Campaigners

Join our network of Grassroots Campaigners across the UK who fight for refugees and their right to asylum in their communities.

[Click here to join the movement.](#)

## Safe Passage Young Leaders

Do you have lived experience of the refugee and asylum seeker process? Are you aged 15-25? Join our network of Young Leaders who work together to make a difference and campaign for change.

[Click here to sign-up.](#)

Support our work by [donating](#) anything you can.



**We champion the rights of refugees and displaced people as they flee persecution, using the law to help them access a safe route to a place of safety.**

**We work alongside refugees to campaign for change and build public support for safe passage for all.**