

S.C.A.I.L.

Sheffield Campaign against Immigration Laws

was set up in response to this kind of harrassment by the British Government of black people. We wanted to learn more about the immigration and nationality laws and make others aware of how racist they are. We also wanted to support individuals both locally and nationally, who are campaigning against the ways these laws are directly affecting them. Some people may not wish or need to start a campaign immediately - we wanted to offer these people advice and information to help them decied what best to do.

We've set ourselves a very big task. We need more people and more money to do this properly.

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY WAY?

WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 8.00pm

NEXT MEETING: Wed. October 5th at Commonground,
87 The Wicker,

We will be discussing current campaigns and also continuing our educational work on the details of the Immigration and Nationality laws.

Please send any donations to SCAIL

c/o Commonground,
87 The Wicker,
Sheffield 3

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***All these women and children would
have been deported by now***



if they hadn't campaigned

The Immigration and Nationality Laws of this country are bringing misery to the lives of countless black people. Over a thousand deportations are carried out every year without any campaign or public outcry. Many women and children have been waiting for periods of 10 years and more to join their husbands here. And those who are lucky enough not to have been affected yet live in fear that they'll be the next in line.

JUST LOOK AT SOME EXAMPLES OF RECENT CAMPAIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED ABOUT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS AND THEN MULTIPLY THAT BY 1000's AND YOU'LL GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT'S HAPPENING.

HALIMAT BABAMBA - Nigerian
She left her violent husband and then had to fight against being deported with her two children. She won her campaign.

MALIKA BENKHELEFA - Moroccan
Home Office want to deport her and her 8 yr old daughter. They claim this is in the public interest. Like Halimat, she left her husband because of his violence and was then told she must be deported. She is still campaigning.

THERE ARE MANY WOMEN LIKE THESE WHO JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS IN BRITAIN AND HAVE NO INDEPENDENT RIGHTS. If her husband leaves or is deported then a woman must go too. If she leaves her husband she will not be allowed to remain. Many women are afraid to leave violent or unhappy marriages for fear of being deported.

JOSEPHINE THOMAS- Grenadan
She came here in 1962 to work and has paid insurance and tax over 15 yrs of full employment. She has 4 British born children. She stayed out of Britain for just 5 months over the permitted two years* and for that she is being told to leave the country she has made her home.



* JOSEPHINE IS ONE OF THE MANY UNSUSPECTING VICTIMS OF THE RETURNING RESIDENTS RULE. This rule says that people who are settled in this country must not stay out of the country for periods of more than two years. If they do so they will lose their right to settle here regardless of how long they have been living here.



AT THE SAME TIME WOMEN ARE PREVENTED FROM LIVING WITH THEIR HUSBANDS WHEN THEY WISH TO DO SO...

We know of at least 40 to 50 families in Sheffield who have been waiting for anything up to 12yrs to be reunited. The women, with their children At least 40 to 50 families that we know of in Sheffield

have been waiting for anything up to 12 yrs to be reunited. The women, who are waiting with their children, in Bangladesh are entitled to join their husbands here. However, they are forced to go through many procedures and interviews before they are even considered and more often than not these procedures are used to prevent them from ever getting here.

WE ARE TRYING TO SET UP A DIVIDED FAMILIES CAMPAIGN HERE IN SHEFFIELD, TO BRING TO LIGHT THE INJUSTICES THAT MANY FAMILIES ARE SUFFERING AND TO CAMPAIGN FOR THEM TO BE REUNITED IMMEDIATELY.

COME TO OUR MEETINGS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS.