



association of **visitors** to
immigration detainees

Training for Visitors: Introduction to Statelessness and how visitors can help detained stateless persons

Wednesday 12th September, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, London

AVID is working with an external trainer, Asylum Aid, to offer a free training to all AVID member visitors groups on **“Introduction to statelessness and how visitors can help detained stateless person.”**

The training will be led by Cynthia Orchard who is an expert practitioner with long-standing experience on asylum and statelessness. She works at Asylum Aid, as Statelessness policy and casework coordinator. Her work at Asylum Aid focuses mainly on statelessness, and she is Asylum Aid’s representative on the Advisory Committee for the European Network on Statelessness and was part of the advisory group for the Best Practice Guide on statelessness produced by ILPA and Liverpool Law Clinic in 2016. Cynthia has authored or contributed to several publications on statelessness and refugee issues.

Training in how best to support these vulnerable people in detention, as a volunteer visitor, is more important now than ever. Stateless persons are vulnerable in various ways; they are likely to have difficulties in obtaining adequate legal advice in detention, in particular, because statelessness presents many legal complexities, and applications to remain in the UK based on statelessness are out of the scope of legal aid. Stateless persons are also more likely than others to experience prolonged periods of immigration detention; in many cases, it is not possible to remove stateless persons from the UK, even if they have been refused any form of leave to remain, because no country considers them as a national.

While the Follow up report on Shaw review has just released, and it is timely then to consider how best we, as volunteer visitors, can ensure we are equipped to identify stateless persons and help meet their needs in detention, to understand rights, policy and guidance in place, and to make sure that we are offering the best support we can.

The training session will take place in central London, more details are below:

Venue: Wework, 01 Mark Square, London EC2A 4EG ([MAP](#))

Transportation: Old Street Tube Stop, Shoreditch High Street Overground (5 Minute walk to both). 12 Minute walk to Liverpool Street Station (providing multiple tube and out of London train lines)

Date: Wednesday, 12th September 2018

Time: 18:30 – 20:30 pm

Learning objectives

At the end of this course delegates will be able to:

- ➔ Share a basic understanding of statelessness with others;
- ➔ Identify and provide appropriate assistance or appropriately refer stateless persons for assistance from other organisations;
- ➔ Raise awareness of the issues faced by detained stateless persons and barriers to stateless persons being granted permissions to stay in the UK and how visitors can help overcome these difficulties.

Registration:

We are pleased to be able to offer this training on a first come, first served basis to volunteer visitors throughout the AVID network.

Places are limited, so please register your interest by emailing **Gee Manoharan**, Training and Membership Coordinator: gee.manoharan@aviddetention.org.uk by the **Friday 07th September**.