



association of **visitors** to  
immigration detainees

### **Further comments from the signatories**

We asked the signatories to share their own thoughts in writing this [letter to King Charles III](#). The signatories poured their hearts into every word, declaring what they fervently wished to convey to His Majesty, see below:

- Detection kills.
- Women fleeing persecution should not be detained, it's inhumane and insane.
- Thank you for sharing our pain !! UK as a great nation for the equality of human race we do not deserve such in human practice. I hope you would involve and make a difference. I am very grateful on behalf of those expected and experiencing this inhuman act.
- The dehumanisation of persons seeking asylum in UK detention centres has to be culled and reformed.
- Immigration detention centres are prison, our human rights are abused, they kept us there indefinitely and UK is the only country in Europe that detained people indefinitely. Therefore, people should be detained for a short time and then be deported or released some people are being detained without any crime. Therefore, detention centres should be abolished.
- Asylum seekers are human beings who are fleeing their countries because of discrimination and injustice and human rights violation they are victims not criminals.
- Yarl's Wood I wrote a poem, two, three, and ten, I have not forgotten. I swallowed all the spiders in my room Lay on a hot oven tray Drank all the drainage in my shelter Vomited everything I ate, And I did not forget. Suicidal, sectioned and 180 doses to wash up my mind In The Bradgate Mental Health Unit And I did not forget. Divided my life into Pre-Yarl's Wood and post-Yarl's Wood I bought the threads for my wedding dress, I sewed it, embroidered it, put it on, danced with my love, And I did not forget. I shook hands with the sun on the shores of Wales Tide and traction hundreds of times And I did not forget. Counted the stars in the sky of Scottish Highlands The fields were green and dried ten times. And I did not forget. Hung my memories on the washing line Waited for it to dry everything out and went back to say: Yarl's Wood \* It's not forgotten Not forgotten. This morning I looked in the mirror at my hair which was full of white, And I realized then that I got older quickly Faster than I could imagine, And I still haven't forgotten. \*Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre is a detention centre for foreign nationals before their deportation from the UK. Detention in Yarl's Wood is experienced as a form of "kidnapping" and psychological torture.

- It is unfortunate that the great British power has transformed from its ancient history of mercy and victory for human rights and the weak of human beings to the complete opposite, with the politics of neo-conservatives, the harshness of the new unjust law on refugees, and the extremism of the government and its ministers in adopting such laws, chasing immigrants instead of criminals. This has gone beyond regret, admonition, and admonition, to the fact that it is a disgrace to the state, the people and the government, in adopting such permissible laws in view of the Kingdom's glorious history in adopting human rights and taking the name of the historical castle to preserve human rights and human dignity.
- It is inhumane.
- I was born in this country but raised in Nigeria my offence with the home office now is that they said I looked like someone they have no proof and evidence of nothing to show that this is the person.
- Being in detention is bad and not good for anybody, the treatment you get there is traumatising.
- It ruins lives and re-traumatizes victims of modern-day slavery.
- It's secondary trauma at its best and worse when happens to where you sought refuge and sanctuary from. Detaining us is hostile and we are pleading for amnesty your majesty. Thank you as you consider our request.
- UK should stop torturing people in the immigration detention and should stop implementing racist immigration policy that labels migrants as unhuman just because they are not born British.
- I have been very unlucky with my case despite strong evidences and I am living in a limbo since 2013 as I am temporarily released but No right to work or go to Germany to see my mum after 12 years ( as I am not safe in Iran but my sister n her husband live in Germany) I have no criminal records and I have done nothing in my life except serving the Music and I'd be delighted if his Majesty could read these words.
- The conditions are appalling and the damage to one's health is irrecoverable.
- I have been excluded in deaths and burials as I have been denied travel documents.
- My mental health deteriorated while in detention, it is worse than prison because of the threats and inhumane rules and regulations.