

# Amnesty UK Activists Asylum Solidarity Action Planning

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## Date and time

- Tuesday 28 June, 5.30 pm to 6.30/7 pm?

## Locations

- Belfast, NI Office, Chichester Street.
- Cardiff: Home Office, Newport Road.
- Edinburgh: QE House, 1 Sibbald Walk?
- London: Home Office, Marsham Street.
- Where else? Promote town halls for people in smaller locations without HO Civil Service centres. Goal is visible locations and where government/ policy makers are based.

## Actions and resources:

- [Draft A1 poster design here](#)
- [Draft A2 placard designs here](#)
- Masks, e.g. [Priti Patel](#), [Boris Johnson](#), [Prince Charles?](#)
- [Paddington Bear?](#)
- Risk assessments and due diligence
- Press release drafted for media team
- Petition, either new on AIUK website or endorse existing elsewhere?
- Social media posts; please add your Facebook/Twitter account below:
  - @amnestylondon

## Background:

[Dire day for refugees and all who care about justice | Campaigns blog | 9 Jun 2022 | Amnesty International UK](#)

[UK: Rwanda flight cancellation should have been moment 'cruel and disgraceful' policy was abandoned | Amnesty International UK](#)

[UK: Rwanda refugee flight is a 'shameful abandonment' of human rights responsibilities | Amnesty International UK](#)

[UK: Priti Patel's racist Nationality and Borders Bill 'drags the UK's reputation through the mud' | Amnesty International UK](#)

## Next steps:

- Promote plan initially within AIUK to hold demonstrations in Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh/Glasgow (TBC), London, and potentially elsewhere, outside government (preferably Home Office) buildings on Tuesday 28 June, 5.30pm to 6.30/7pm.
- Liaise with community organising staff re risk assessments ([London](#)), potential resources, expenses, e.g. groups briefing, leaflets, placards, costumes, equipment. Request promotion of actions in AGM correspondence and during event.
- Identify potential external partners to promote action (subject to due diligence).
- Inform local police.
- Approach advocacy and campaigns staff for review of lobbying opportunities including possible launch of relevant petition for AIUK website or endorse existing popular petition elsewhere. Need to ensure activists align with Amnesty positions.
- Draft press release on joint demos in consultation with media team to send on Sunday 26 or Monday 27 June.
- Develop social media plan (accounts, text, images, hashtags, schedule) to engage audiences during Refugee Week.
- Create a brief/ action pack for Local/ Student/ Youth Groups, and a second invite/briefing for their stakeholder orgs, e.g. for the group in X to send to their local City of Sanctuary/ Care4Calais partners.
- Ask AIUK staff for help with anything that needs finessing: do we want to have a few props to use in bigger cities, e.g. Paddington and an A1 UN Convention?
- Press Release and Media Briefing note for groups – the first to issue the day before notifying them of demos and key messaging [linking to petition], the latter to provide speaking points for anyone interviewed by the press, so our activists are ‘on message’ with what Amnesty think/ want.

## Groups engagement:

What are we asking people to do?

- **Petition:** stop expelling people to Rwanda. [Ideally this is ready to go to coincide with refugee week – and ideally it wouldn’t just be online.
- **Urgent lobbying:** need to initiate and expedite in-person engagements with government decision-makers, say, in form of contact and dialogue [N.B. admin/speak to advocacy team].
- **Social media actions:** take solidarity photos with partners at Refugee week events for posting online at the time with hashtag [#?] and then again at 6.30pm on Tuesday 28 June, targeted @Priti Patel/Boris Johnson, etc.
- **Demonstrations:** at 5.30-6.30 on Tuesday 28 June against new provisions of the Nationality and Borders Act coming into force. In capital cities this will be outside Govt Department buildings [e.g. Home Office], and in smaller towns it can be in front of Town Halls.

## Archive:

Agree on messages – we have the 'refugees welcome' placards, but one other message/ alternate placard would be good. (Deadline COP 15.06.22)

Suggestions?					
No Human Trafficking	Save the Refugee Convention	Not just a number/ a banner for 4 capitals – with images of people in small boats	We're Human too placard – if our refugee/ AS activists or partners support this.	<b>Old protect the human placards [Advantage these are ready to go/ reinforce humanity next to the 'refugees welcome' messaging]</b>	Big a1 'conventions' with 'humane solution to the problem' or something similar incorporated into text... or a line pulled out which reflects this... (See Article 33 of the 1951 Refugee Convention)
Refugee Rights are Human Rights	No changes to refugee rights				
No expulsions to Rwanda Refugees Welcome !	Seeking asylum is a human right				
Uk must respect international Refugee Convention ! Seeking Asylum is a Human Right !	The first covid vaccine was developed by a refugee in Germany. Refugees enrich their host countries				
Safe and legal routes stop people smugglers	Solidarity with protesting civil servants	Respect refugee rights	Protect asylum seekers from Priti Patel	Illegal Force is Brutality	

## Possible partners:

### Amnesty

- Children's Network
- Rainbow Network
- Asylum Justice Project?

### External

- Care4Calais
- City of Sanctuary
- Detention Action

- PCS Union
- SACCODE
- Stand Up To Racism

## Other notes:

P/S:-

1. I am just thinking about the significance and extended implications of the supreme court order. Well, maybe it is not something to worry about now as it could distract progress on our plans of action

Realising you were probably referring to this! .... [Rwanda asylum flight in doubt after 11th-hour ECHR intervention | Immigration and asylum | The Guardian](#)

Looking at the link above, it is encouraging to speed up with everything so that AIUK adds more weight to some calls from other quarters against the government's plan. Action against it would actually still be very relevant to keep the heat on Home Office. We can also think incorporate additional measures as avenues running together with what was already planned. Additional measures could be based on developments as of today so that AIUK may commence implementing as soon as it allows.

I agree with all of it and suggest we get some posters designed specifically about Rwanda . I personally like the Paddington bear with handcuffs led to a plane with Rwanda written on it. I would like to bring it to Mike Quinn who is an excellent designer . We also need a leaflet with a hashtag and QR code to a on-line petition. May be we should use the one from Care for Calais as it would make most sense partnering with them (the others too but I think Care for Calais is the most important as they directly work with the victims. I would use a combination of Steven's blog and Sasha's press release for the leaflet and again give the design task to Mike. What do you think ? Best regards  
Ulrike