

South London Refugee Association is excited to invite you for a virtual launch of our report:



# IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR DESTITUTE MIGRANT FAMILIES IN LAMBETH: LEARNING FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE

- Learn about the Home Office policy of 'No recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) and how it impacts migrant families in your local community.
- Be inspired by our community leaders with lived experience fighting for change in their local communities. Their experiences are at the heart of the report.
- Hear our recommendations on how to improve access to support and specialised immigration advice and what change is already starting to happen in Lambeth.
- Our report and ongoing organising work in Lambeth have been in collaboration and with the invaluable support of: Lambeth Citizens, Project 17, Southwark Law Centre and Lambeth Council.

**When:** Thursday, 17th of June 6PM - 7:30PM

**Where:** Online on ZOOM

**Who:** Listen to our SLRA community leaders and guest speakers from Lambeth Council and MP Bel Ribeiro-Addy.

➔ **Background:** In August 2020 SLRA started regular sessions with a group of migrant women with lived experience of destitution as a result of a 'No Recourse to Public Funds' (NRPF) condition on their leave to remain or because their immigration status is irregular. This means they are unable to access mainstream support, such as housing and child benefit or free school meals and many of their struggles have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Too often the hardship experienced by these families is compounded by additional barriers in trying to access advice and support.

This report looks particularly at access to emergency support for destitute migrant families by the local authorities and access to information and immigration advice in the borough of Lambeth. The group of women come together to improve access to justice, not only for themselves but for others facing similar forms of discrimination. Their voices are at the heart of this report. We are excited that Lambeth Council has committed taking some of our recommendations on board and will work alongside SLRA and our community leaders with lived experience of the UK's discriminatory immigration policies to make Lambeth a truly welcoming borough for everyone.

➔ **Who we are:** South London Refugee Association (SLRA) is a frontline, Lambeth-based voluntary organisation providing specialist advice and support to more than 1,000 refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants in crisis or at risk each year. Established in 1991, SLRA is one of very few sources of free, high-quality immigration advice in South London. SLRA is a member of the nationwide community-organising network Citizens UK.

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