

Since 1999 BID have supported over 46,000 people to get out of immigration detention and have borne witness to and evidenced many gross abuses of state power.

In the UK the Home Office have the power to lock people up indefinitely, without trial for the purpose of immigration control. However as evidenced by the Windrush Scandal, they have a history of terrible decision making with horrific consequences; paying millions in compensation each year for those who are wrongly detained.

Additionally their decisions fail to take into consideration racial biases in the criminal justice system, “institutional ignorance and thoughtlessness” towards race within the Home Office and the UK’s colonial past therefore reproducing racial trauma and injustice.

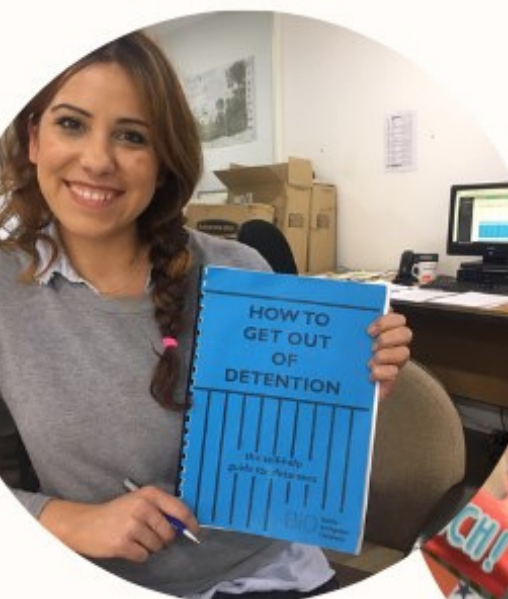
In their 2022-23 Annual Report, His Master’s Chief Inspector for Prisons commented on immigration detention saying that:

“Detainees struggled to access legal advice: very few had been told that they were entitled to half an hour of free advice, and many prisons and Home Office staff who we spoke to were not themselves aware of this entitlement. Perhaps most worryingly, vulnerable detainees, including victims of torture, were not routinely identified, nor their release considered in the same way as in IRCs.”

BID has been helping people exercise their right to liberty alongside campaigning for the end of Immigration detention for over 20 years.

We are hoping to raise £_____ to help BID continue to provide free legal advice and representation to people in detention in the UK.

Please give generously to this vitally important cause! You can find out more information about immigration detention and BID’s work on their website www.biduk.org.



Fundraising page template

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“Thank you for all your help. You have been a saviour in this process. We are all so grateful and appreciative of your amazing Service..”

- BID Client, 2023