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## **How to use the Right to Remain Toolkit to get your MPs on your side (maybe!)**

The [Right to Remain Toolkit](#) is a comprehensive, accessible, step-by-step guide to the UK immigration and asylum system. You can share it with Members of Parliament (MPs) and their staff to increase their understanding of the legal system and the issues faced by people who are going through the asylum and immigration system, particularly those without legal representation.

### **Why?**

Many MPs deal with asylum and immigration queries from constituents, increasingly so because of the chronic shortage of legal aid advisors and lawyers. However, many lack working knowledge of the asylum and immigration system. The [Right to Remain Toolkit](#) can increase their ability to handle constituents' inquiries and better equip them to understand the demands and the issues raised by *you*.

It is predicted that there will be many new MPs – they need the Toolkit, just like the 50,000 people who use it online every month. They also need *you* – you are the experts, because you have first hand knowledge of what harm this system does to our communities.

Use the Toolkit to bring the MPs into our shared struggle for migration justice. We need them on our side.

### **How do I do it?**

Use the Toolkit as a 'calling card' when you write to them or when you go and meet them face-to-face! When you introduce yourself, your group, and the communities you work with, introduce the Toolkit as well.

Through the Right to Remain Toolkit, you can provide MPs and their staff teams the opportunity to build practical knowledge of the asylum and immigration system. This will better equip them to understand the demands and the issues raised by local groups and constituents, and increase their ability to handle constituents' inquiries. The Toolkit is a beneficial foundation from which smaller and grassroots organisations can begin to build meaningful relationships with their MPs. Crucially, using the Toolkit in this way will enable you to raise other related issues later - your big asks.

### **How do I describe the Toolkit to my MP?**

This is how we would describe it.



*'The Toolkit is a tried and tested resource, used regularly by over 400 groups across the UK, from small grassroots organisations to national charities. Our public legal education initiatives and Toolkit are widely considered to be the infrastructure that underpins the entire migration sector and supports many others. Most importantly, the Toolkit is designed for non-specialists in mind; perfect for MPs and their staff.'*

You can also add a link to this simple [blog](#) which shares our 5 simple tips on how best to use the Toolkit, including: phone use, search bars, translation, and more.

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