

# PROTECT THE RIGHT TO ASYLUM

"The time has come for a clear and respectful warning to those who hold or seek power over the most vulnerable people in this land. Britain hates bullies and finds them no more attractive in red, blue or striped clothing. Do not underestimate the ocean of common decency in the oldest democracy on Earth. We will be watching."

**Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty**

"Asylum seekers have fled war, torture and persecution. They come to this country to find safety, and we should be proud to offer it. In this election, the right to asylum must be defended. It is up to everyone to take a stand and raise their voice."

**Donna Covey, Chief Executive, Refugee Council**



# LIBERTY AND THE REFUGEE COUNCIL'S ASYLUM ELECTION PLEDGE

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ MP and/or  
Parliamentary Candidate\*, I call on you to remember Britain's  
history as a place of refuge for the persecuted and reject  
xenophobia in discussions about asylum and immigration policy,  
by signing this **Asylum Election Pledge**:

**“There is no place for racism and xenophobia in modern  
British politics. Nor is democratic debate advanced by  
the denigration of the most vulnerable in our country,  
including children and asylum seekers who do not enjoy  
the right to participate in elections.**

**I promise to remember the importance of refugee  
protection, even in free and wide-ranging debates about  
immigration policy. I will never play fast and loose with  
the proud tradition of a nation that must always offer  
succour to those in genuine fear of persecution.”**

Please sign up on the **Liberty** or **Refugee Council** websites.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

\* To discover who your MP is visit [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com).

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