



MIGRANT CHAMPION ROLE DESCRIPTION

The dehumanising and discriminatory policies and practices of the Hostile Environment now permeate every part of life for migrants in the UK. They are at the sharp end of state violence, housed in dangerous accommodation, forced into the most precarious forms of work and paid poverty wages, with no access to the welfare safety net, living in constant fear of detention and deportation.

If local authorities are to be on the side of their residents, this must include all residents. We must work now to ensure that migrant residents are treated fairly and equally by the council, have a voice in how local services are provided, and can rely on a council that defends their rights. Migrant Champions, appointed by due process within each council, can be the focus for this.

Areas of focus for a Migrant Champion will include:

- being a point of contact for migrant residents, and organisations supporting migrants
- reviewing policies and procedures to ensure migrants are not wrongly deprived of access to services
- reporting to ruling group annually on what has been done, and reporting more frequently on relevant issues
- promoting council resolutions to promote migrants' rights
- taking up cases across the authority that involve migrants' rights
- Ensuring that the needs of vulnerable migrants, especially children, are met by council service
- Ensuring that all migrants entitled to vote are asked to register and helped if they need it, and that the information provided by relevant officers is accurate and appropriate