

CASTAWAYS CAMPAIGN – Manchester

Photo below : Children Asylum Seekers Together at the MCDAS Solidarity Social



Currently, our **Castaway** children benefit from the UK education and health care system, join in community activities and learn the common values of our community. They are learning our language and to see themselves as uniquely valuable, free and independent. They participate in sports, drama and in school assemblies where human rights are promoted. If allowed, they will achieve economic well-being.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

We believe that **every** child has the same right to : *** Be Healthy * Stay Safe * Enjoy and achieve * Make a positive contribution * Achieve economic well-being**

We believe that it is unacceptable that they should not, in common with their class mates, have the protection of these rights and of our Children Act and be able to live in safety here, in the secure knowledge that they will not be forced to live in a country which is hostile to them and where they may suffer violence, trauma, illness, imprisonment, destitution or death. This is their parents' fear, and this persistent state of anxiety has a terrible effect on our children's lives.

So we are calling for a new Family Amnesty to secure a future for our children.
Please join us in signing our statement.

Castaways Campaign - Statement

"We call on the UK Government to grant a family amnesty to children and their parents who are presently living safely within our community. We call upon the government not to perpetuate the chronic fear of return to a country where destitution, persecution or death awaits them. We call on the government not to make destitute, detain or deport children who are at risk of such a future and to end the status of second class citizen for our children. Every child matters !"

You can sign this statement here and post back to us at the below address. We intend to collect signatures from people who know our children and then to promote the Castaways campaign to other groups and towns across the UK. Please help us to make a safe future for our children.

Name.....

Position/Organisation.....