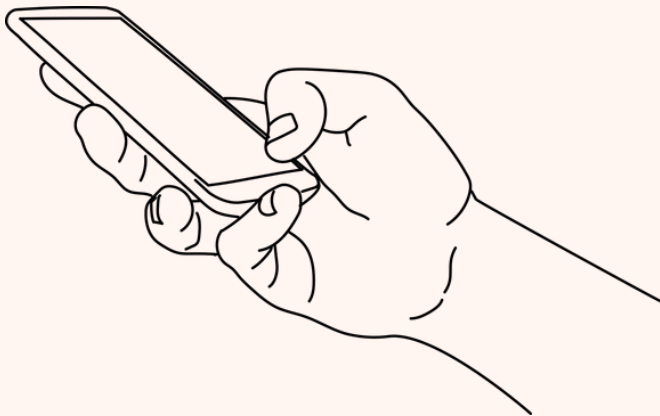


Why are our elderly neighbours being stripped of their winter fuel payments, while an asylum seeker from war torn France gets taxpayer funded mobile phones and trips to the circus?

Cuts to support like winter fuel payments are political decisions about public spending, not the result of money being diverted to migrants. Basic provisions such as a phone or small allowance are sometimes given so people can stay in contact with legal services. These are minimal, not luxuries, and come alongside restrictions such as not being allowed to work.

Most people claiming asylum in the UK know nothing about welfare benefits before they arrive and do not enter the country with any expectation of receiving financial support.



Why are people experiencing homelessness or unable to get an affordable house, yet asylum seekers get put up in 4 star hotels?

The housing crisis is real, but it is not caused by asylum seekers. It is driven by years of policy that have allowed housing to be treated as an asset to be hoarded by the wealthy, pushing up prices and locking working people out of ownership. It is estimated that there are currently over 1 million empty homes in the UK, and 1 in 10 MPs are landlords (raking in over £830,000 a year in rent).

A shortage of genuinely affordable and good-quality homes, rising rents, and speculative investment has created a system where profit comes before need. Asylum seekers are not being prioritised for permanent housing; they are extremely unlikely to be eligible for social housing, and the fact that they are not permitted to work means that they're also unlikely to be able to afford private rental accommodation. Hotel use is a temporary response to an overwhelmed system, and the profits do not go to migrants but to private operators running these contracts. These hotels are not functioning as "4 star" experiences for those housed there, with limited services and strict conditions, and those living there receive just £9.95 per week.

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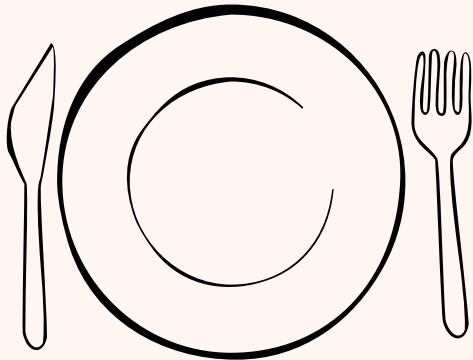


Why are single mothers resorting to food banks, while an asylum seeker eats like a king, being given banquet style meals three times a day?

The rise in food bank use is driven by low wages, rising living costs and gaps in the social security system. Asylum seekers are typically given very basic meals or a small allowance, often below the poverty line.

The idea of “banquet meals” is an example of scapegoating and is not grounded in reality.

Welfare cuts and changes to the benefit system mean that nearly 2 children in every classroom currently rely on food banks, and three in four people who used a food bank last year were disabled. This comes at a time when the government is setting out plans to slash disability benefits while simultaneously spending over £60 billion on the military every year.



How can I protect my family and the women and children in my community from all the men coming in from abroad?

We are currently experiencing an epidemic of violence against women and girls, with 3000 violent crimes of this nature reported every single day in the UK. The reports of child sexual abuse set out in the Epstein files have also revealed a level of depravity that’s so disturbing as to be barely comprehensible, so it’s natural to be concerned and angry.

However, there is absolutely no evidence that migrants are committing more of these types of crimes than those born in the UK; in fact, the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) states that the vast majority of grooming gang offences are carried out by white men. Misinformation around this topic allows people – overwhelmingly men – who harm women and children to hide behind racial stereotypes and scapegoating.

While young men do often travel to seek asylum first, as the journey may be too dangerous for vulnerable family members, women and children come to the UK to seek sanctuary too, and are themselves often fleeing violence in search of safety and protection.

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