

Since 1999 BID have supported over 46,000 people to get out of immigration detention and have borne witness to and evidenced many gross abuses of state power.

In the UK the Home Office have the power to lock people up indefinitely, without trial for the purpose of immigration control. However as evidenced by the Windrush Scandal, they have a history of terrible decision making with horrific consequences. Last year they paid out £9.3 million of compensation to people they wrongfully detained.

Additionally their decisions fail to take into consideration racial biases in the criminal justice system, "institutional ignorance and thoughtlessness" towards race within the Home Office and the UK's colonial past therefore reproducing racial trauma and injustice.

In March 2019 parliament's Home Affairs Select Committee condemned the "careless and cavalier" approach of the Home Office and raised serious concerns about a catalogue of failings leading to rising self-harm and suicide in detention centres:

*"The Home Office has utterly failed in its responsibility to oversee the safe and humane detention of individuals in the UK, that too often it does not follow its own policy and guidance, and that a series of safeguarding and case-working failures have led to people being wrongfully detained, held in immigration when they are vulnerable and unnecessarily detained for too long."*

BID has been helping people exercise their right to liberty alongside campaigning for the end of Immigration detention for over 20 years.

We are hoping to raise £\_\_\_\_\_ to help BID continue to provide free legal advice and representation to people in detention in the UK.

Please give generously to this vitally important cause! You can find out more information about immigration detention and BID's work on their website [www.biduk.org](http://www.biduk.org).

## Fundraising page template

You can copy and paste the text on the left onto your fundraising page. Remember to give it some personal flair by adding in what event you are doing, why you are passionate about this cause and what your fundraising target is.

*"Me and my wife are very happy to be united again. It was a very tough time for both of us and thanks for understanding our problems. I am currently with my wife at hospital for her blood test. I know it's just a blood test but it is a big support for her that I am with her at this late stage of her pregnancy. We are truly thankful to BID for helping us."*

- BID Client, 2018

