

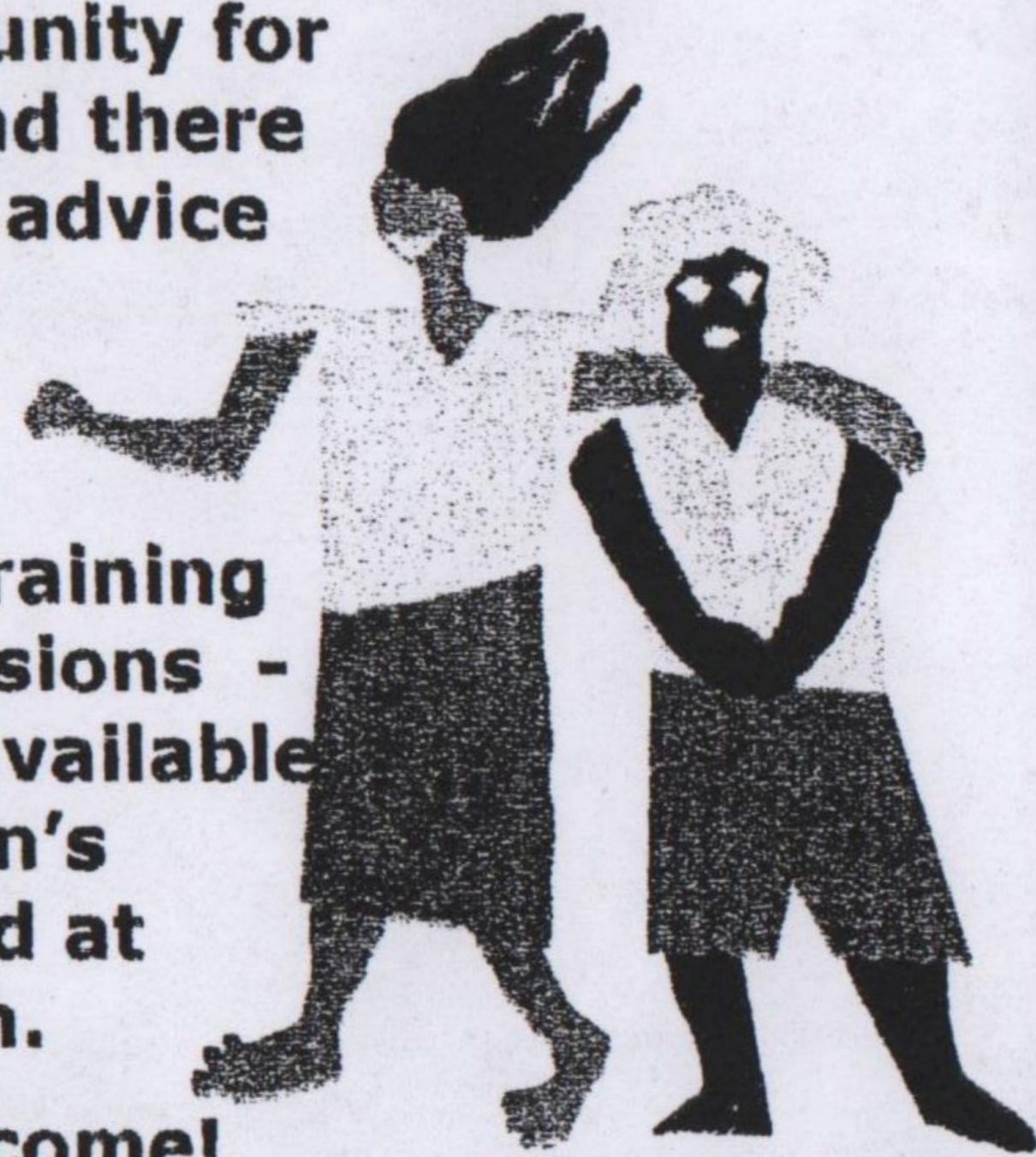
Women's Group

Activities for Women Only take place at Refugee Forum every Friday between 10am and 2pm.

It's also an opportunity for women to meet and there will be a woman advice worker available at each session.

The group is setting up FREE activities, training and information sessions - more details will be available on the women's information board at Refugee Forum.

All women are welcome!



HOW DO WE STOP THE DEPORTATIONS?

Open Meeting

To discuss ways of campaigning against deportation

Saturday 14th April
1.30pm

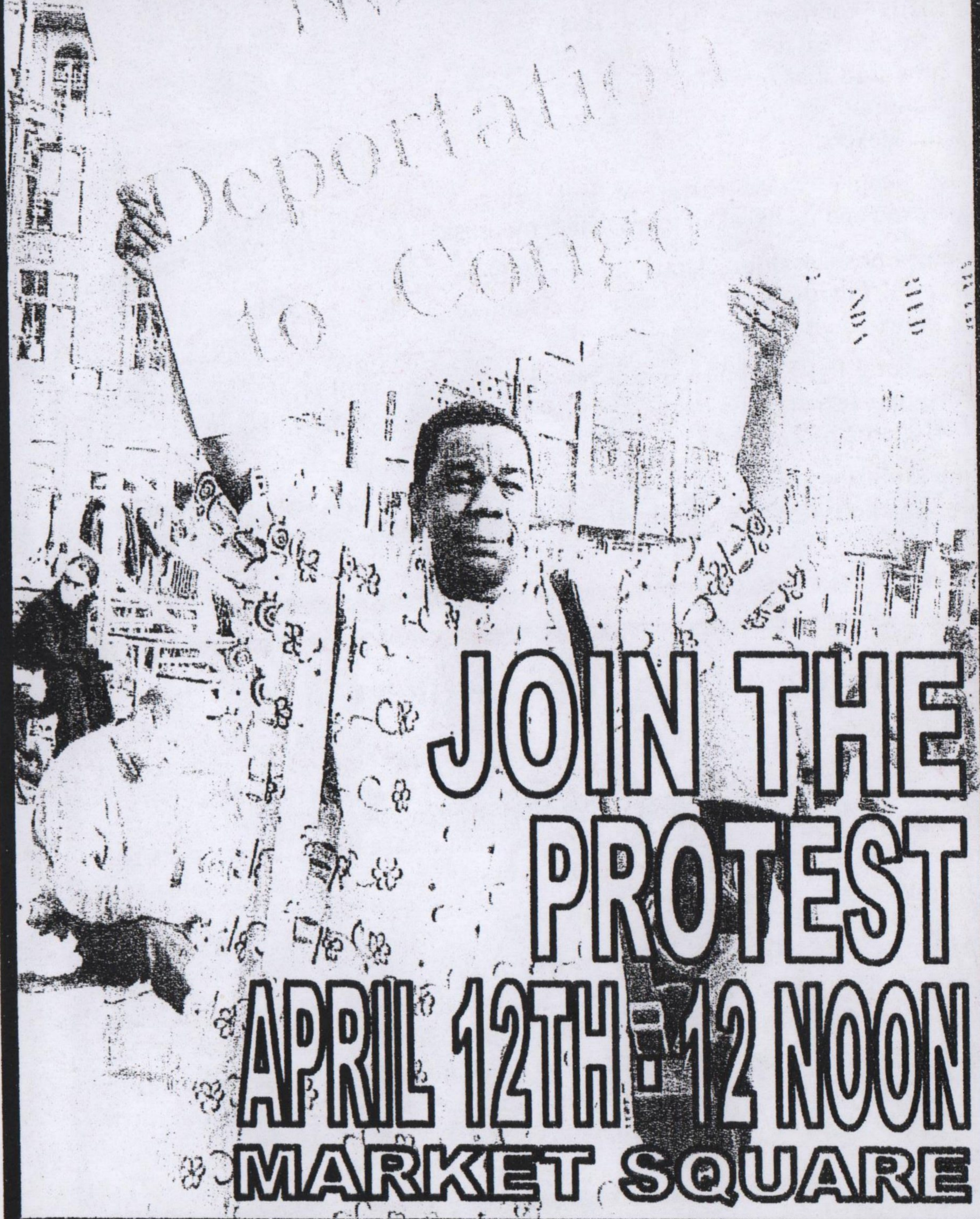
Refugee Forum

All welcome



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Photograph by Awara Khder

FREE ESOL FOR ALL?

Recently the government announced that from September asylum seekers would no longer be allowed to have free English classes (ESOL). Refugee Forum along with many other organisations locally and nationally campaigned against this. We are pleased that the government has now said that free ESOL classes will continue for the following 2 groups of asylum seekers:

Those people whose cases are still being considered and it has taken more than 6 months

People whose asylum claims have not been successful but who are not able to return to their home country.

This is good to hear, but it is still not clear how this will work. It does mean that asylum seekers who have been here less than 6 months will be expected to pay for their ESOL classes.

Congratulations to all of you involved in this campaign. It is a start and we hope the campaign will continue to allow free ESOL classes for all asylum seekers.



Free English Conversation Sessions for ESOL Learners

Thursday 3.30pm—5.30pm
Central Library Angel Row 4th
Floor Training Room

Come and practice your English conversation skills in a supportive and relaxed group environment. Suitable for anyone learning English language.

No booking is needed, just turn up on the day.

For more information, contact Farah on 0115 9151189

**Remember, that there are also
FREE English classes at
Refugee Forum on Mondays from
3.00 until 4.30.**

Section 4

A reminder that if you are from the following countries you may be able to apply for Section 4 support without having to sign for voluntary return. These countries are:

- Zimbabwe (temporarily until the court case is heard)
- Palestine (as they are unable to return you as it is not possible to obtain travel documents to Palestine)
- Iraq (If someone is from central and southern Iraq and this is stated either in their SEF (Statement of Evidence Form) or their initial Refusal papers then they may be able to apply temporarily)
- Afghanistan (Women who are the head of a household)

Zimbabwe appeal allowed at the High Court.

The High Court allowed the Refugee Legal Centre appeal. This now means that this test case will be reheard by the Asylum and Immigration Tribunal.

What is the case about? RLC are putting forward a case that Zimbabweans that are being returned face further persecution upon return. This is one thing that the UK government are not allowed to do.

What does this mean for Zimbabweans?

This means that at the moment people from Zimbabwe cannot be returned home forcibly. This does not stop them voluntarily returning if they wish. This obviously leaves Zimbabweans in a state of "limbo" until this case has been decided. We believe that Zimbabweans, who have no outstanding claim, may still be able to apply for Section 4 support.

FREE HOT FOOD

**SERVED EVERY SATURDAY
12 noon to 1 pm
AT REFUGEE FORUM**



NO BORDERS NOTTINGHAM

No Borders is a national activist network that supports FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT and the RIGHT TO REMAIN for all. It involves and supports Asylum Seekers in many ways, and in Nottingham we work with people already involved in NNRF, Food Group and Destitution Fund to take action on specific asylum

What does No Borders believe?

This is from the national statement: 'People are on the move around the world. In response to the globalisation of capitalist relations that bring poverty, starvation and war; in response to the world getting smaller; in response to the adverse affects of climate change, in response to our needs. The attempts by states to control the movement of people leads only to criminalisation, apartheid and death. People are divided into those with and without documents, workers divided into those with and without rights, and countries divided into a strict hierarchy of wealth. Thousands die as they try to cross borders, as the conditions of detention become unbearable or as the threat of return to unbearable conditions get closer. Selective inclusion and 'illegality' are methods to divide and control us all. No One Is Illegal!'

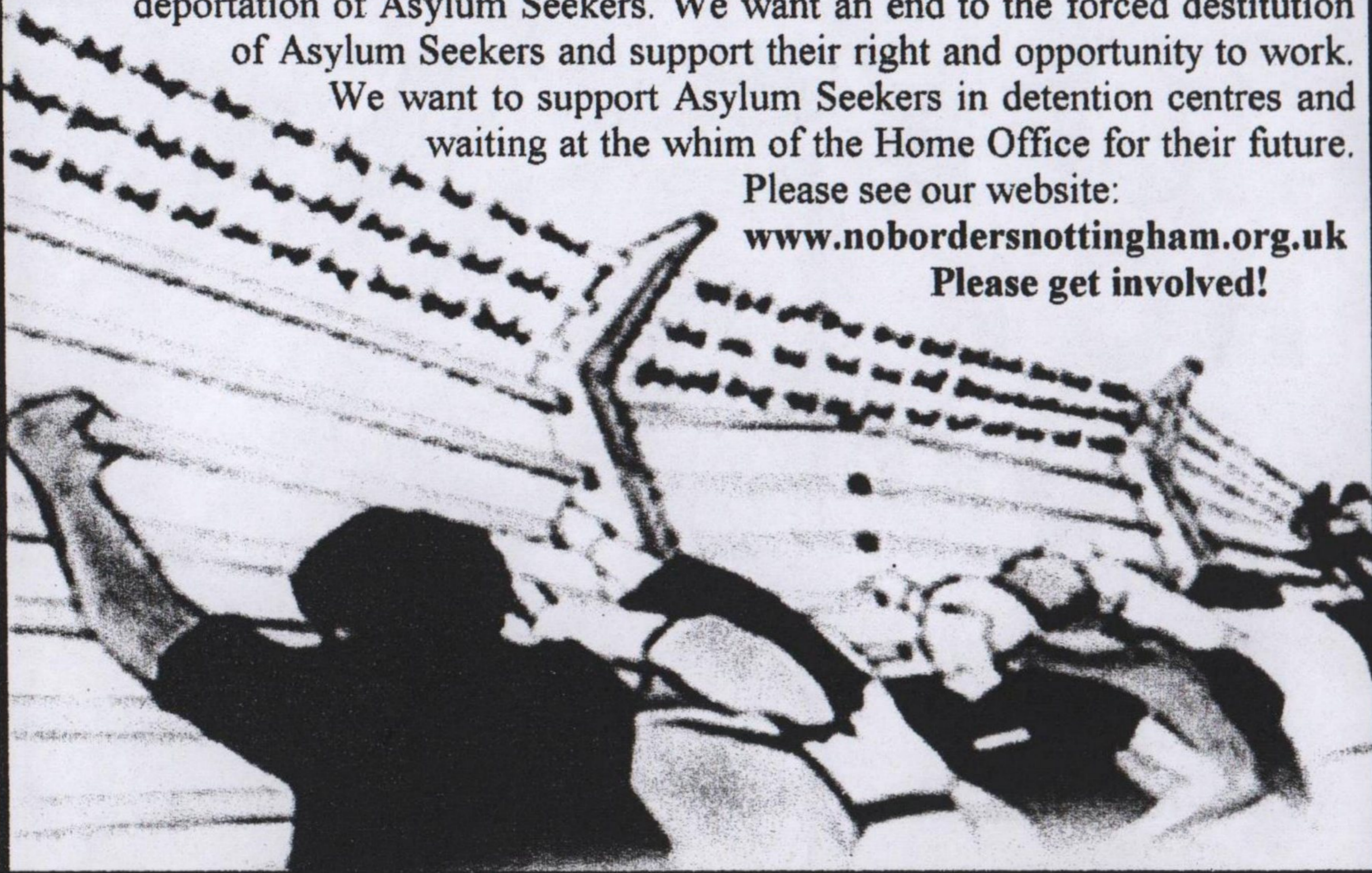
In Nottingham, we want to challenge the government's lies about immigration and security and the role of private companies who benefit from the incarceration of people coming here for help. We want an end to borders and to the deportation of Asylum Seekers. We want an end to the forced destitution of Asylum Seekers and support their right and opportunity to work.

We want to support Asylum Seekers in detention centres and waiting at the whim of the Home Office for their future.

Please see our website:

www.nobordersnottingham.org.uk

Please get involved!



Giving Evidence to the Independent Commission

- What do you think of the UK asylum system?
- What is your experience?
- What would you like to share ?
- This is an important opportunity to say what we think!

Come with ideas, experiences, complaints, suggestions for improvements.

**Saturday 14.4.07 at the Square Centre
11.30 a.m to 12.30pm.**



UK's Asylum System is "degrading and inhumane"

says **Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights** and concludes that "No human being should have to suffer such appalling treatment".

Members of Parliament have concerns about:

- the greater use of detention against children, pregnant women
- and those with serious health problems
- a dying asylum seeker being deported
- pregnant women denied access to proper care
- lack of advice about available support
- total withdrawal of support to desperate and destitute people

The director of Positive Action in Housing in Glasgow said: "The treatment these people receive amounts to them being tortured in a country which they have come to because they are fleeing persecution from their own."

The Independent 30.3.07

www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk

STOP DEPORTATIONS



On Wednesday March 28th in the Old/NewMarket Square, people gathered to protest at the continued deportations to the DR Congo. After a while the protesters walked across town to the Bridewell Police Station [next to the Magistrates Court] and made their feeling know about government policies.

The Home Office plans to deport more Congolese people from the UK in spite of evidence that it is not only still unsafe for them to return but that the situation is worsening.

In March a United Nations report described the situation there as 'deteriorating'. The Bishop of Winchester objected recently in the Lords to government claims that the country was now safe, noting that every independent organisation with first-hand experience finds ministerial assurances of safety "simply incredible". He said that the Country Guidance Case on April 12th, at which the situation could be re-evaluated by the government, "will hear fresh evidence of ill-treatment, torture and rape of returned refugees, both at the airport and at associated holding centres".

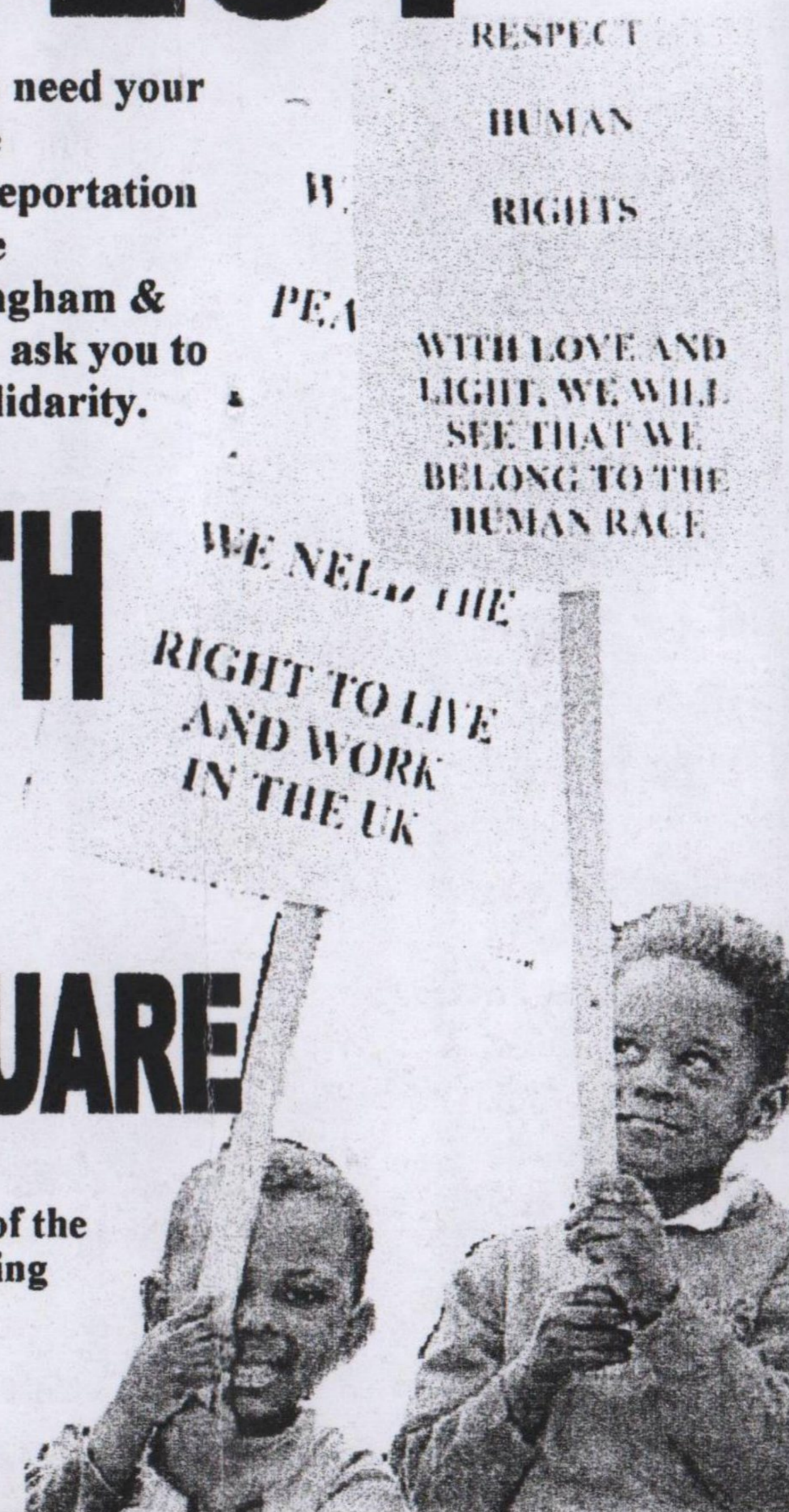
JOIN THE PROTEST

Asylum seekers in Nottingham need your help in putting pressure on the government to admit that its deportation policy is wrong. The Congolese community, No Borders Nottingham & Nottingham Refugee Network ask you to attend a rally to show your solidarity.

**APRIL 12TH
@ 12 NOON
MARKET SQUARE**

Demonstrate against the brutality of the Home Office's forced removals. Bring banners, drums, whistles.

For further information
www.nobordersnottingham.org.uk
www.nottsrefugeeforum.org.uk



Sudanese Asylum Seekers
"In the last few months the British Government has tried to send many failed Asylum Seekers back to the Sudan. For those who return life will be extremely difficult.

Many face the prospect of torture and imprisonment by a Sudanese government intent on establishing control over Darfuri (an area in West Sudan). The British Government should recognise the genuine dangers that these Asylum Seekers face and allow them to remain in the United Kingdom until it is safe for them to return."

El Sadeg Ahmed

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SUDAN?

**WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL
starts 7pm**

**At The SUMAC CENTRE,
GLADSTONE STREET,
FOREST FIELDS**



SATURDAY FOOTBALL

The football on Saturdays is going really well more that we have expected as most of the people were really up for it. We have seen the number of participants increasing and we ask thank you for your support in this but we would want more to increase from the 5 a side to 11 a side.

Football is a time to socialize with people from other communities and also build your physical skills but the great thing about it is that no expertise is required just as long you can run and you could control your legs.

Someone quotes his Saturday have been really boring and without anything to do but since we started the football he looks forward for it and is really grateful because he has made more friends and has built his confidence since he left his country. There is no need for staying at home on Saturdays for me.

Here at the Refugee Forum we are organizing a football event during the Refugee week at the Trent University where we will be playing indoor football we would really like you to come and join us. We will also put in an application for a grant for the football kits.

Here at the forum we are keen to build relations with you and we want you to participate in this activity or any other activity in order to give you confidence and also make you get your mind off things for a change.

Ravi

If you are interested you can still join. Just pop in on a Saturday morning from 11 to 1.30 and ask for either Awara or Ravi.



HAVE YOUR SAY

We are constantly trying to improve the service and the quality of food we give you. If you have any suggestions / comments regarding how you think we can improve things please use the space below to let us know. We also welcome any articles or adverts (in any language) for future issues of our newsletter.

Please return any comments / articles to reception desk
or email foodgroupnews@yahoo.co.uk
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