



In the lead up to the International Women's Day, stand with migrant and refugee women to call on the Government and all political parties to protect the rights of ALL victims of crime regardless of their immigration status

“ I am not free while any woman is unfree ”

Audre Lorde

#EndZeroRiskVictims Campaign

As part of the Gender & Justice Empowerment Project, we are pleased to launch the #EndZeroRiskVictims hashtag campaign to protect migrant and refugee women victims of crime in the UK. The digital campaign starts on the 1st March and goes until the International Women's Day and it will be sharing Migrant and Refugee women's demands to #EndZeroRiskVictims. This is a Refugee Women led initiative and supports the Step Up Migrant Women campaign demanding safe-reporting mechanisms.

Migrant and refugee women face multiple and intersecting forms of oppression, discrimination and violence because of their gender, immigration status, skin color, class, ability, sexuality and so on. **The increasing barriers to safe-reporting and to access ever decreasing Black and Minority Ethnic support and refuge services** stop them from reporting crimes to the authorities for fear of being arrested, detained, deported and/or being made destitute. **57% of women in prison are survivors of domestic violence and 4 in 5 Black and Minority Ethnic women are turned away from refuges.** As a result, migrant, Black and Minority Ethnic women often stay longer in violent relationships than white British women. The vulnerability of women with insecure immigration status makes it easier for perpetrators to exercise violence and exploitation as their victims often have nowhere to go and **perpetrators face ZERO RISK** of being prosecuted. Migrant and refugees are often targeted by perpetrators as **Zero Risk Victims** and are also more likely to be re-victimized.

OUR GOAL:

We are calling for an **END of ZERO RISK VICTIMS**. Our ultimate goal is to prevent and protect migrant and refugee women from violence by demanding the removal of barriers that prevent them from being able to report a crime and receiving adequate support.

We urge the Government and decision makers to develop and implement policies to protect migrant and refugee women from all forms of violence regardless of their immigration status.

CALL FOR ACTION:

- Write your demand to #EndZeroRiskVictims, take a picture and share it with us on Twitter and/or Facebook.
- Share the End Zero Risk Victims Campaign on social media and among your contacts - Spread the word!
- Write to your local MP and ask them to commit to End Zero Risk Victims and to ensure the Victims Code explicitly state that Victims' Rights should be protected regardless of residence status.
- Support the **Step Up Migrant Women** campaign's call for a 'firewall': the separation between immigration control and victim's rights.



#TimesUp to #EndZeroRiskVictims



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