

About us

GMIAU is a charity based in Greater Manchester that provides free legal immigration advice, representation, and support to people across the North West.

Help & Support

There are 2 ways to access our help:

Referral Form

Referrals can be made by a third party or by the individual themselves using the [referral form](#) on our website. Please include as much detail as possible. Referrals are open Monday to Thursday. If eligible for legal aid, the person may be assigned a caseworker to support them with their immigration issue. If we can't take on the case, they'll receive an email with advice from a legal advisor to help them move forward independently.

Call Adviceline

Advice is given over the phone and not in writing. If a referral is needed, they may be asked to submit one or we may do it on their behalf, depending on their situation.



0161 740 7722

Monday 9:30am-1:00pm

Wednesday 1:30pm-4:30pm

Friday 9:30am-1:30pm



Please **do not** direct clients to visit GMIAU's office, as **we are not a drop-in service**. Many clients have limited funds, and **we won't be able to assist them in person**.

What we cover:

Our team specialises in providing expert legal advice on immigration, concentrating on nationality, asylum and human rights.

We are extremely busy and have **very limited capacity** to take on cases.

We are currently prioritising:

- Children and young people seeking asylum, and children in care with insecure immigration status
- Women at risk of domestic abuse
- People experiencing or at risk of homelessness or destitution

We can provide advice but we are not currently able to take on cases or provide representation for the following types of cases:

- New asylum claims for adults
- Refugee family reunion

If you think you may be eligible for the Windrush Compensation Scheme please get in touch with windrush@gmiau.org. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Additional Support

- You can find **legal support resources** on our website
- We post updates about our services and resources on social media: **Instagram** / **BlueSky** / **LinkedIn**
- We provide updates in our monthly newsletter: **Sign up** / **Archive**

Alternative Support

- Find a **Legal Aid Lawyer**
- Find a **Private Solicitor**
- **Kompasi** - online service directory and referral platform for asylum, refugee and migrant support services in Greater Manchester.
- **NRPF Network** - No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) Support