

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

Referral Form

The **only** way to get legal advice from GMIAU is to complete a referral form requesting advice. Referrals can be made by a third party or by the individual themselves using one of the [referral forms](#) on our website. All information shared through the form is completely confidential. It won't be shared with any other services or agencies.

There are four forms:

- General Advice Form - *use this form if in doubt.*
- Specific forms for:
 - People experiencing domestic abuse
 - Children in care including unaccompanied children seeking asylum
 - Referrals to our KIND service (citizenship applications for children).

Please include as much detail as possible. Referrals are open Monday to Thursday. The referral form takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, so please help people where possible to complete the form if needed. We will respond to every request for advice as soon as possible, prioritising the most urgent requests. If we get forms with unclear information we will get in touch to ask more questions.

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.



If you are struggling to fill out the form, you can call us on **0161 740 7722** on **Fridays from 12-3pm** for help filling it out. Please note **we will not give legal advice on this phone line**, only help people to fill in the form.



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
- People 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