



## Welfare Rights Conference 2025

# Migrants' rights now

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## **Resources, services and further information**

### **CPAG**

[Welfare Benefits Handbook 2025/26](#) chapters 56-59

[Benefits For Migrants Handbook 15th Edition](#)

Factsheets:

- [No recourse to public funds, person subject to immigration control and benefit entitlement](#)
- [Rights to benefits for European nationals](#)
- [EU citizen guide to claiming benefits in the UK](#) (produced with Migrant Essential Workers project)
- [Benefits for new refugees](#)
- [Benefits for resettled Afghans](#)
- [Benefits for resettled Ukrainians](#)

[Benefit for migrants topic page](#) (links to above and other CPAG online resources)

[Legal test case pages](#)

[Welfare Rights Bulletin articles](#)

[CPAG in Scotland advice line](#)

### **Chartered Institute of Housing Scotland**

[Housing Rights website](#) (pages for advisers and their clients on migrants' housing rights)

### **Immigration Advice Authority (formerly OISC)**

[Adviser finder](#) (search for registered immigration advisers)

### **Law centres**

Areas of law covered by individual law centres vary, but many provide at least some level of immigration law advice and support, and may do outside the immediate geographical area in which they are located. See particularly:

[JustRight Scotland's Scottish Refugee & Migrant Centre](#)

[Ethnic Minorities Law Centre](#)

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## **Other immigration solicitors**

[Scottish Legal Aid Board 'Find a solicitor'](#)

[Law Society of Scotland 'Find a Solicitor'](#)

## **Maternity Action**

Maternity Action provides advice and information for pregnant women and those in the early stages of maternity. It provides a range of information about the rights of migrant women specifically, covering employment, benefits, housing and access to the NHS:

[Women from abroad, financial support and housing](#)

## **Low Incomes Tax Reform Group (LITRG)**

LITRG specialises in providing advice and information about tax and related issues, including some benefits and employment information. It has information particularly around tax for migrants:

[International](#)

## **Scottish Refugee Council (SRC)**

SRC provides advice and support to those seeking asylum and who have been granted status following an asylum claim in the UK. They have a range of projects and information available on their website, including a searchable database of other groups and support agencies for migrants across Scotland:

[New Scots Connect Map](#)

## **Positive Action in Housing (PAIH)**

PAIH provides support to migrants in Scotland with services based in Glasgow but also covering other areas of Scotland. PAIH's services support not only those with a current immigration status in the UK, but also those without a regularised status or who may be without status while challenging a refusal of an immigration application.

[PAIH website](#)

## **British Red Cross (BRC)**

BRC provide services and support for refugees in Scotland, particularly in family reunion cases.

[Family reunion for refugees](#)

## **Shakti Women's Aid**

Shakti are Edinburgh based providing services to black and minority ethnic women, children and young people escaping domestic abuse. In partnership with Southall Black Sisters they provide a service specifically for migrant women with NRPF escaping domestic abuse.

[Support to Migrant Victims \(SMV\) with NRPF](#)

## **Regional equality councils**

Across Scotland there are four regional equality councils. With a focus on equality and human rights, all offer services to migrants and those from minority ethnic groups.

[Central Scotland Regional Equality Council](#)

[Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council](#)

[Grampian Regional Equality Council](#)

[West Of Scotland Regional Equality Council](#)

## **Other services**

There are many other projects and services offering resources and support to migrants across Scotland. Some of those can be found by contacting those above and particularly by using SRC's New Scots Connect Map. In addition, Rightsnet's Advicelocal database can be searched to find local service:

[Advicelocal](#)

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