

Hibiscus Initiatives

International Resettlement



What is Hibiscus Initiatives?



Hibiscus Initiatives provides support to foreign national women and men in the UK. Our work ranges from those who are in prison, immigration detention, requiring support in the community after leaving prison or detention and to those who have been victims of trafficking.

The charity's work falls within four broad categories:

- Welfare and Advocacy
- International Resettlement
- Combating Trafficking
- Volunteering and Community Resettlement

We provide representation, advice and information on these issues to thousands of people every year.

International Resettlement Programme

The International Resettlement programme provides a case management service to clients to facilitate their reconnection within their communities in their country of origin. Through providing resettlement related support and practical assistance we aim to ensure the smoothest possible transition for our clients returning to their home countries. Often this could mean providing help with finding accommodation, assistance in getting identification and passports back, helping with internal travel, liaison with families and providing resettlement grants to aid small business start-up.

Our work is particularly important for clients who have exhausted their right to be in the UK, or those who are being deported at the end of serving a sentence for a criminal offence

The project aims to ensure the welfare and dignity of detainees being returned.

Hibiscus Initiatives' International resettlement teams are currently based at Yarl's Wood, Harmondsworth and Colnbrook Immigration Removal Centres.

Our clients come from a variety of backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures and the reasons why they are detained are equally varied. They may have overstayed their visa, entered the UK illegally, had their asylum case rejected or be at the start of an asylum application or they may face deportation as a result of a criminal conviction.

Our work



The Hibiscus Initiatives International Resettlement Programme centres on the following key aspects:

- Providing independent advice to those detained at the centres in which we work.
- Working with detainees throughout their stay in the IRC and providing insight and necessary practical assistance to make resettlement in their home country easier.
- Providing practical help to our clients. This can include anything from helping clients with the transfer of belongings to awarding resettlement funds. We can also help clients to re-establish ties with family and friends in their country or to just find out more about their return options.

Essentially our aim is to allow our clients to make informed decisions on returning to their country in a dignified manner or to proceed with their immigration case.

Contact us

If you would like to know more about Hibiscus Initiatives, receive support or know a friend or family member who could do with our assistance, please contact:

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