



Welfare and Advocacy in Prisons



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.

Welfare and Advocacy in Prisons Programme

Welfare and Advocacy in Prisons continues to be one of Hibiscus Initiatives' major projects.

The programme helps women and men navigate the criminal justice system by providing practical information and emotional support.

By increasing our clients' awareness of their rights, Hibiscus Initiatives aims to improve the quality of life for those in prison and who may be marginalised and isolated by language and cultural barriers.

In addition to casework, the project workers aim to make sure that the client's transition from prison back into the community is as smooth as possible.

Ultimately, our role is to assist our clients in re-building their lives and reducing any cycles of re-offending. For those wanting to return to their countries of origin, we provide practical support and advice to facilitate their resettlement and reintegration.

What Services does Hibiscus Initiatives offer as part of the Welfare and Advocacy in Prisons Programme?

The services that we offer include:

- **Facilitating links to family and children**
We offer support and advice on welfare and family matters. We

liaise with social services and support women and men whose children are with foster families or being looked after by the state, and those needing assistance with family lawyers, access rights and court orders.

- **Advocacy and practical support**

We provide our clients with information and advice on matters that are specific to their individual situation and where necessary we make referrals to other organisations. Our project workers liaise with internal and external agencies (e.g. solicitors, the Home Office, Social Services, the Police, courts services).

- **Information on immigration laws and available options of return**

We assist our clients with immigration issues, provide them with the necessary information and refer them to legal representatives.

- **International Resettlement**

For those who wish to return to their home countries we offer resettlement and reintegration support and advice.

- **Information on laws and legislations pertaining to EU nationals**

We provide specialized information for EU nationals which focuses on the diverse needs arising from complex EU legislation and regulations around resettlement and integration, removals and deportation.

- **Emotional support and informal mentoring**

Through our Volunteering and Befriending Programme, we offer emotional support to clients who feel isolated because of language barriers or because they have no family or friends in the UK.

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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