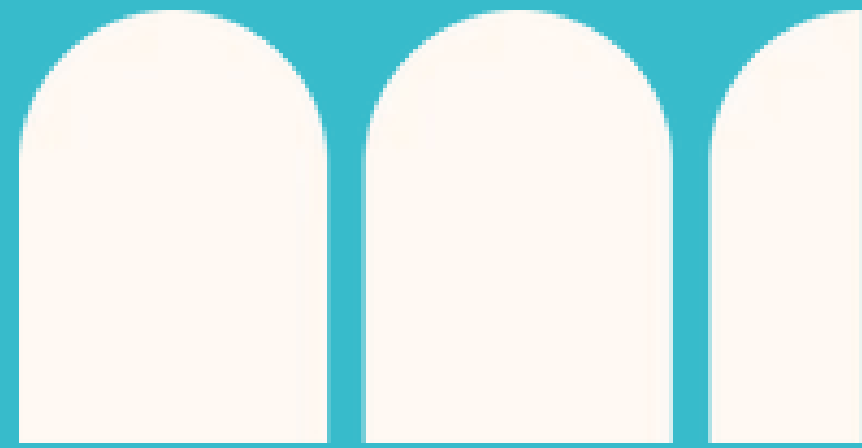


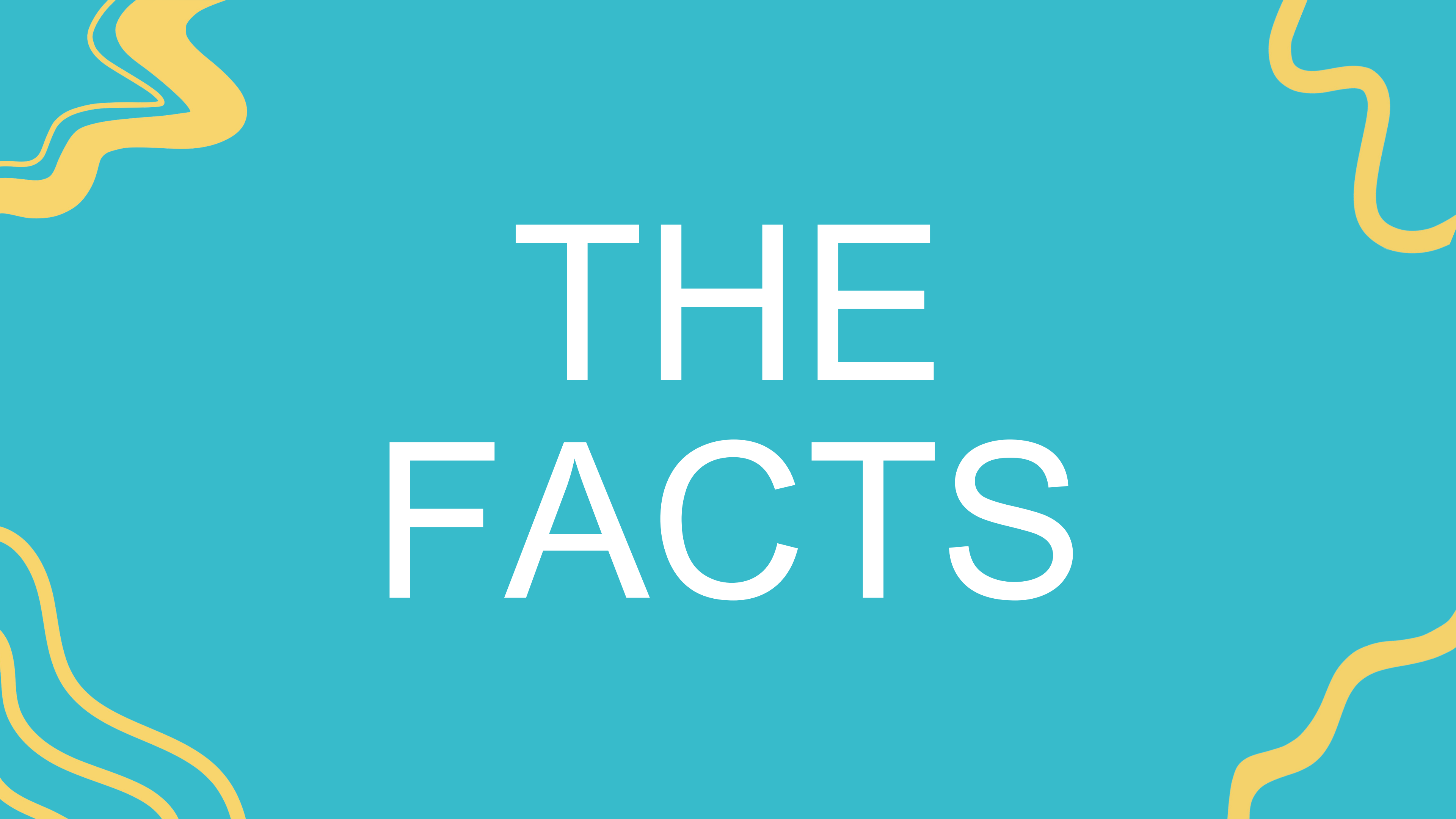


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Going from strength to strength

From the strong, bright and well loved foundations
to a beacon of hope and support for all displaced leaving their home
because of conflict.



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THE FACTS

149 countries have agreed to protect refugees under the 1951 Refugee Convention. This agreement was introduced following the events of World War Two, when many people fled persecution and conflict in Europe.

As of May 2024, more than 120 million people were forcibly displaced worldwide (~43.4 million refugees and ~68.3 million displaced internally), which is a record high.



Developing countries look after most of the world's refugees

72%
of refugees live in countries neighbouring their country
of origin

Turkey is the biggest refugee hosting
country in the world



Do people have to claim asylum in the first safe country they reach?

No.

The 1951 Refugee Convention does not require a person to claim asylum in the first safe country they reach. People trying to cross the Channel can legitimately claim asylum in the UK if they reach it.



1951 REFUGEE CONVENTION

Freedom from torture believe when a country of sanctuary grants refugee status, it is simply recognising a status that flows from the experience of the individual. People seeking protection must be treated as refugees from the moment they are encountered

Refugees can claim asylum in any country, including the UK, even after passing through other 'safe' countries. The Refugee Convention gives refugees a degree of choice as to where to seek sanctuary.

While this does not give refugees a right of entry to the UK, it does mean that their rights must be respected once they are in.



People seeking asylum make up a tiny proportion of the number of arrivals to the UK

There were 75,658 asylum applications in the UK in the year ending June 2024, an 8% decrease from the previous 12 months.

Refugees make up less than half a percent of the overall population



In terms of the number of asylum applications per head of population, the UK ranks 20th highest in Europe.

We hope to make a difference no matter how small

Over the last 10 years Maun Refuge have worked with/ supported over 120 asylum seekers and refugees.

Helping to integrate communities around Mansfield, supporting refugees to achieve their citizenships and asylum seekers to navigate British systems; in doing this giving asylum seekers a chance to achieve their potential and live a successful and happy life of their choosing.

Psychiatrist William Glasser, posits that human behavior is driven by the choices we make to satisfy five basic, genetically-rooted needs: survival, love and belonging, power, freedom, and fun. A fundamental human need.

We support all our service users to know and understand their options.



Look how far we've come

We have
tripled those
we are
supporting

Project
underway for more
suitable
food banks and
warm
meals support.

Working on
funding
applications
for Projects and
Core costs

Successful
work experience
placement.
One more
planned for
this year

Up skilling
& multipurpose
training
planned

New office
volunteers
trained to support
case work

Cyber
security
implemented

New approach
to drop in
sessions, a hybrid
of drop ins and
appointments

National
Data Bank
partner

More
English
teaching in
better
venues

New policies and
missing policies
identified

CRM system
put in place for
casework
and stat
reporting

"How to"
sheets for
those working
in the office

New
partnerships
forged with
agencies

Ran two new
events plus
activities planned
for Refugee Week

Recognised
branding

New
timetable
allowing more
effective working
time for the
coordinator

Employability
course and
The Allotment
Project

New look
website

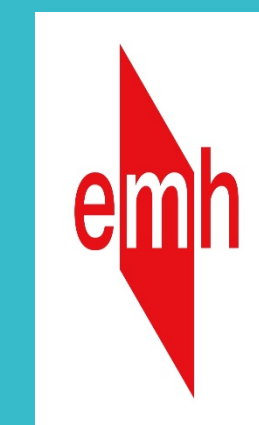
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referrer to
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Who we work with

Nottinghamshire Social prescribers



LIBERTY TRAIL
CARE GROUP



HM Prison &
Probation
Service



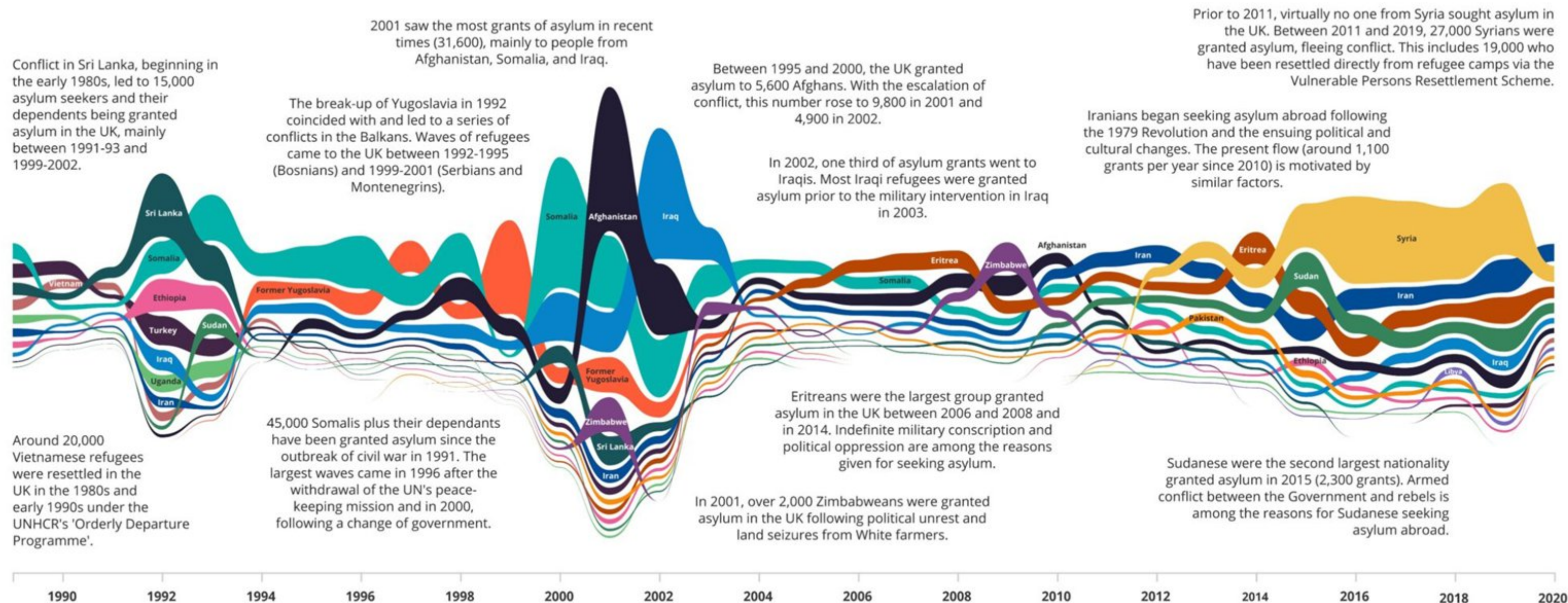
A Great British Welcome

- For centuries Britain has welcomed those seeking refuge and safety from around the world.
- For many nationalities Britain has been a place of safety for those both near and far - from the Irish to Russians
- We have not only welcome survivors from around the world, but we have taken them into our homes and lives, valuing their cultures, beliefs and traditions; learning from them to become our great multicultural country that we are fighting to keep, where all are valued, and all are equal



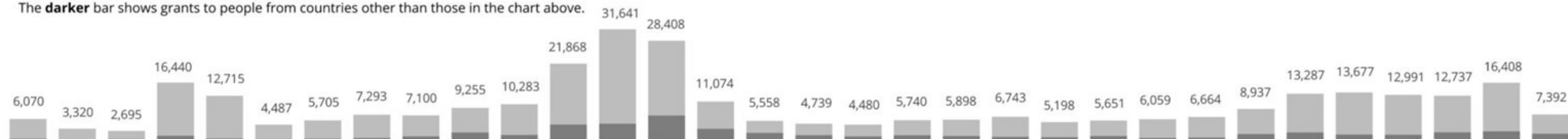
WHICH COUNTRIES DO REFUGEES COME TO THE UK FROM?

This chart shows the number of grants of asylum or other forms of humanitarian protection, by refugees' country of origin, in each year since 1989. The height of each 'stream' represents the number of grants of asylum to that nationality in a given year. In each year, the streams are ranked from top to bottom, by number of grants. Not all nationalities are shown.



These bars show the total number of grants per year.

The **darker** bar shows grants to people from countries other than those in the chart above.



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Technical notes: Grants here includes 1) grants of refugee status (under the 1951 UN Convention and 1967 Protocol) on initial decision, 2) grants of other humanitarian leave to enter and/or remain in the UK, and 3) people resettled to the UK under specific schemes. Humanitarian protection includes exceptional leave (ELR) (pre-2004), and humanitarian protection (HP) and discretionary leave to remain (DLR) (2004 onwards). Resettled people includes those resettled under the Orderly Departure Programme, the Mandate Scheme, the Gateway Protection Programme, the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, and the Vulnerable Children Resettlement Scheme. 'Refugees' here encompasses those granted other forms of humanitarian leave. 'Country of origin' is used synonymously with nationality. **Source:** Home Office, *Asylum statistics 1997, 2007* (archived): tables 3.1 and 3.2. Home Office, *Immigration statistics quarterly*: table Asy_D02 (formerly tables as_05 and as_19_q).

Top 10 nationalities claiming asylum in the UK

1. Afghanistan

2. Iran

3. Pakistan

4. Eritrea

5. India

6. Turkey

7. Sudan

8. Bangladesh

9. Syria

10. Vietnam

Source: Home Office Immigration system statistics, year ending March 2024

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