

For a fair and humane immigration policy

Congress notes the government's commitment, outlined in the King's Speech on 17th July 24, to introduce a Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill; a Migration Advisory Committee report on 16th July 24 which highlighted exploitation of Seasonal Workers; the Guardian report 24 June 24, detailing the adverse impact of the Health Surcharge.

The Tories gave the UK an inhumane, regressive border regime, seeking to scapegoat migrants for the misery caused by austerity and deregulation. Restricting migrant rights makes people more precarious, undermining all workers' power to push back against exploitation, all of which the GMB oppose.

We note that Labour's [2023 NPF report](#) committed Labour to conduct "a full review of the "hostile environment". We note this promise did not appear in the manifesto. Congress confirms its opposition to the hostile environment.

Congress call on the Government to begin by reversing the legacy of Tory cruelty. This means going further than the King's Speech.

We call for the

- The repeal of Illegal Migration Act 2023, Nationality and Borders Act 2022, and Immigration Acts 2014 and 2016
- A guarantee of safe and legal routes for asylum seekers
- give asylum seekers day-one rights to work, education, and social security.
- give asylum seekers and all citizens the right to family reunion
- abolish "no recourse to public funds" and NHS charges

Congress calls on the Labour Government to,

- level up domestic workers' rights
- grant all UK residents equal voting rights
- treat migrants and their families with dignity by ending immigration raids, detention and deportations
- introduce a simple process for all residents to gain permanent residency
- end "double sentencing"
- pursue agreements with other countries giving reciprocal rights to travel, live, work and study without a visa

Congress calls on the CEC to campaign for these aims within the TUC and the Labour Party and the Labour Government.