



NCADC Annual Report 2011



**Romain
Ngouabeu**
NCADC Chair

Chair and Secretary's report

Over the past year, NCADC has undergone many new challenges in the fight for migrant rights in the UK. As migrant support funding decreases, the demand on NCADC increases. In the face of these challenges NCADC has stepped up its work. The organisation continues to campaign against unjust removals, and with just two workers and a team of hardworking volunteers NCADC has publicised and advised over 100 campaigns across the UK over the past year.

It has become evident that individuals and groups need now, more than ever, a strong set of tools to understand the growing complexity of asylum and migration law and policies. In answer to this, NCADC is putting renewed energy into building the capacity of campaigners, with the development of a new campaigning toolkit.

Organisationally, NCADC continues to adapt. We are sad to lose our Campaigns Coordinator for the south, Ariel Safdie, as she leaves the UK. However, we are confident that NCADC will find someone highly capable to take over and continue her work.

We are delighted that in addition to the already strong Management Committee, 6 new Directors were recruited this year, bringing in many new and essential skills to support the organisation's work.

We would not have been able to sustain support throughout the UK without the dedicated team of volunteers who have given their time to NCADC. We would like to extend our warm thanks to our volunteers and also our fellow voluntary Management Committee members. Without their energy and enthusiasm, NCADC would not be able to help so many people.

Although the year has seen many positive developments, NCADC also experienced a great loss with the passing in February of a dear friend

and former Management Committee member, Miriam Hollis. Miriam was a well known and respected activist not just in anti-deportation activities but in many movements throughout the UK. She gave so much not just to NCADC, through many challenging years, but to countless individuals and the migrant rights movement as a whole.

As a member of the Management Committee who has seen the organisation change and develop from one year to the next, I am all the more convinced of the unique and important role that NCADC fills. Campaigning not only stops unjust removals but gives a voice to those whose voices are often ignored and allows migrants and supporters to hold the government and its agencies accountable for upholding the rights of migrants. Giving an outlet for these voices to be heard, remains the heart of NCADC's work.

Romain Ngouabeu, Chair
Isabelle Caillol-Birch, Secretary



**Isabelle
Caillol-Birch**
Secretary

Sofia Samper

Campaigns Volunteer



The year began with my attendance at the protest rally in solidarity with the family of Jimmy Mubenga, who died while being deported due to heavy restraint by G4S guards.

During my time volunteering for NCADC, it became very clear that deportations and anti-deportation campaigning were just the tip of the iceberg of much larger issues and injustices in migration policy, and evidence of a much stronger and broader resistance movement than I would have imagined.

I've learned that activities that go beyond individual campaigning are also crucial to make sense of broader issues and trends to actually create social change.



Milena Tmava

Campaigns Volunteer

Being a volunteer with NCADC for the past nine months has been a great and incredibly rewarding experience to me. Our organisation works with people who witnessed terrible things for which they fled their home countries and in most of the cases all their loved ones behind. This often made me question the UK migration and refugee policies and practices, and I wondered why the UK would send people back to countries that are insecure and unstable.



I enjoyed being a part of an organization which actually tries to make a change: I was always happy to offer practical help and advice to supporters and detainees who contacted us. Often these people were highly motivated – despite their situation and the frustration that most of them have been through while dealing with the immigration system.

Campaign support



Lydia and Bernard

With the Coalition government's 'tough' stance on immigration and the Border Agency's widely acknowledged 'culture of cynicism and disbelief' many people seeking the right to stay find themselves facing forced removal or deportation regardless of their need for sanctuary, the length of time they have lived in the country or the family ties they have in the UK.

NCADC continues to support those facing removal and their supporters in challenging these injustices by delivering an advice and information package on their rights and options, and where appropriate helping to launch public campaigns.

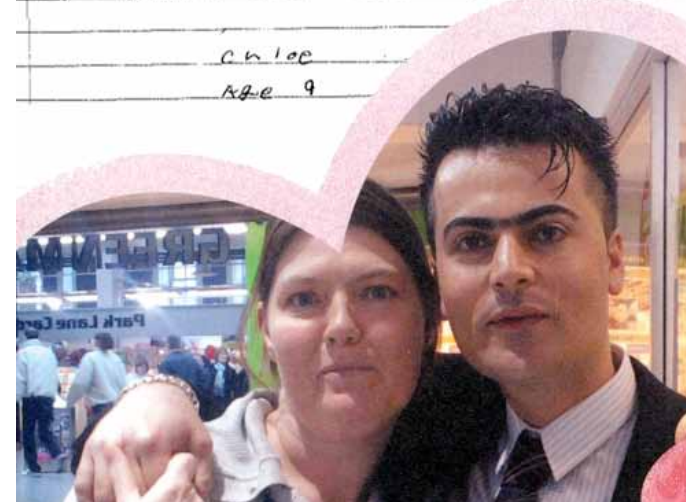
Over the past 12 months, NCADC helped launch or publicise over 100 individual campaigns. This has included ex-prisoners now detained indefinitely after the end of their sentence, people seeking sanctuary from persecution because of their sexuality, families with children born in the UK, and

people being taken away from their British partners. Mass expulsions by charter flight are becoming more common, as is a worrying trend of the Border Agency sharing information on refused refugees with the authorities they have fled from.

“ Thank you for all your support. We are in no doubt that the campaign not only helped the case but also helped the family who were going through a rough time.”

Those who contacted NCADC for support received advice on the risks and benefits of campaigning, were provided the space to speak confidentially about their case, and received resources on ways to campaign. Where NCADC is unable to directly help, we will do our best to point callers in the direction they need.

my name is chloe
adam is lovely and i love him
he is my ~~uncle~~ uncle
~~he is~~ I have two sisters
he spends loads of time with
us we come around
to see him all the time.
he is very polite and kind.
I miss him so much and i hope
he comes back beacuse my life
is lovely with him here
chloe
Age 9



Adam and Joanne, and Chloe's letter

Mohamoud Abdi Jama *Indefinite detention*



Mohamoud Jama came to the UK from Somalia when he was 13 years old to be reunited with his only remaining family. Mohamoud received a prison sentence in 2009 after getting into a fight, his first offence. Upon completing his sentence, Mohamoud was due for release, but was instead transferred to an Immigration Detention Centre.

“ I am living in a nightmare. I have no release date. You have just been locked up and they throw away the key. ”

Mohamoud has been held over a year after the sentence he completed. His bail applications are constantly refused, even though there is no chance, and no just reason, of deporting him to Somalia.

Mohamoud, who spent his formative childhood years growing up in the UK, has served the sentence for his crime. But because he was not born in Britain, he is kept locked up all this time, with not even the thought of a future release date to keep him going. NCADC continues to support his fight for liberty and justice.

Annie Matuli is a 55 year old mother of seven whose husband was a political activist in DR Congo. Her husband was imprisoned for his activities and she now has no idea where he is. In January 2000 Annie was arrested at home, and brutally tortured in front of her children. She was then detained in horrific conditions and subjected to torture and interrogation.

Due to efforts of her sister she was finally released and travelled to UK to seek refuge. Despite Annie's experiences of torture, her case was refused. She was detained for months - despite rules that torture survivors should not be detained - and was almost deported twice, before finally winning leave to remain this year.

NCADC is thrilled that Annie shared her victory with us. It is rare and precious to be able to see out a case or campaign to an end, and uplifting when the end is what campaigners have been fighting for. While Annie's detention and attempted deportation is a disconcerting reminder of the UKBA's shaky track record, Annie's story is a reminder that there remains something to hope for.

“Hi, it's Annie. I have good news. I have indefinite leave to remain! I am very, very happy to tell you.”



Annie Matuli
Never give up hope

Capacity building

Training & skills-sharing



NCADC aims to build capacity throughout the UK for more effective support networks for people campaigning for the right to stay. One way we do this is with our programme of free training sessions.

“I found the training very useful - especially learning legal aspects and strategy for building a campaign. Confident I could start to build a campaign if needed”

We work with local groups to tailor a training session that best meets their needs. The group acts as a host and partner in the training, which is open to all in the area. This year, we have delivered six of these sessions. Participants have included church groups, school teachers, students, detainee visitors groups, social workers, immigration advisors, trade unions, voluntary sector workers and refugee community organisations.

Raising Awareness

News & information service

With quickly changing immigration policies, procedures and legislation, keeping up with the latest information can be difficult. And with the never-ending tide of media misinformation it can be a real challenge to find and present the facts. NCADC's information service is dedicated to monitoring and disseminating legal, policy and media updates, as well as campaign news.



This year has seen some exciting developments with NCADC communications. We revamped our email service with a new broadcasting system, and currently deliver a daily email to over 5,000 subscribers, and a weekly digest every Friday. Through the use of Facebook, Twitter, the news blog and country information site, we have opened up new ways to get out information for action.

The main website is still our main hub online, but our other services are rapidly growing in popularity.

The News Blog collates all the email newsletters, as well as regular comment and policy analysis, and currently receives around 4,000 views each month. The world blog has 430 country of origin information articles on 59 countries, and gets about 2,000 hits a month. All blogposts are also automatically sent out via Twitter and Facebook, and show up on the front page of the main website.



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Campaigners blockade Heathrow detention centres to stop Iraq deportation flight <http://wp.me/pFUOO-xV>
21 Jun



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Legal challenge has stopped the flight to Iraq! more details as they come in.
21 Jun



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Mass expulsion to Iraq tonight - last chance to act
<http://ncadc.cmph.org/o/RknKNr3TMt2irEkERJ9CFg>
21 Jun

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Young People Seeking Safety

a new national network

NCADC is proud to be involved in the newly formed network, Young People Seeking Safety. YPSS is a network of individuals and organisations who have joined together to promote the rights of unaccompanied young people seeking sanctuary.

In 2011, NCADC formed a steering group to organise the first Young People Seeking Safety week, to promote communication, cooperation, and action - nationally and locally - among unaccompanied young people, migrants rights charities, campaign groups, service providers, the general public and decision-makers.

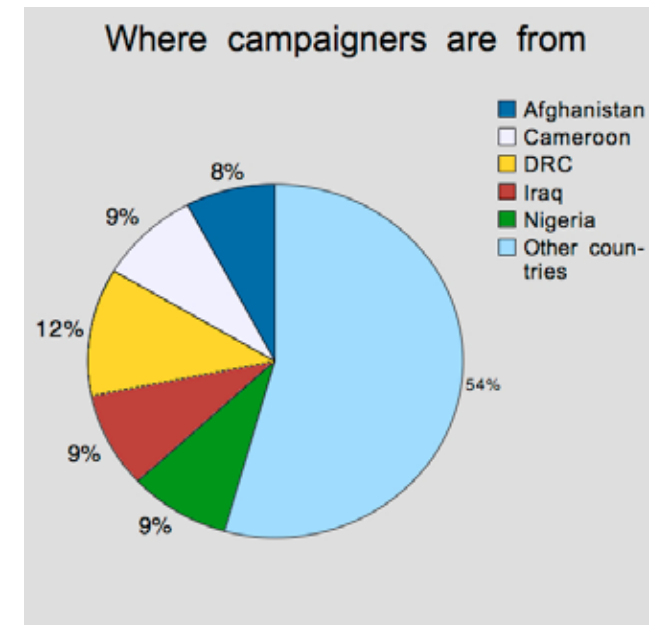
Nine groups throughout the UK held activities in Brighton, Manchester, London, Somerset, Glasgow, Leicester, Cambridge, Plymouth and Bristol. A national conference and a second YPSS week is planned for 2012.



Statistics

Countries of origin

Over the past 12 months, NCADC has helped to plan, launch and publicize 104 campaigns against deportation.



Campaigners were from 32 countries of origin, but this year almost half were from five countries: Democratic Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Iraq, Afghanistan.

Afghanistan	8	Angola	2
Bangladesh	1	Burundi	1
Malaysia	1	Cameroon	9
Pakistan	5	DR Congo	12
Sri Lanka	2	Eritrea	4
Bolivia	1	Ethiopia	2
Colombia	1	Gambia	2
Jamaica	3	Ghana	4
Algeria	1	Kenya	4
Egypt	2	Mauritius	1
Iran	5	Cote d'Ivoire	1
Iraq	9	Nigeria	9
Libya	1	Somalia	1
Morocco	1	Sudan	2
Palestine	1	Uganda	2
		Zambia	1
		Zimbabwe	5

Statement of
financial activities
for the year ended
31 March 2011

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Income & Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2010	Total 2009
Incoming Resources				
Grant funding	49,713		49,713	97,000
Standing orders and donations	15,881		15,881	19,307
Total income	65,594	0	65,594	116,307
Direct charitable expenditure				
Salary costs	58,972		58,972	72,670
Training & recruitment	873		873	2,260
National events and travel	8,890		8,890	8,250
Office rent and overheads	6,772		6,772	5,789
Barrow Cadbury		103	103	141
Miscellaneous	1,176		1,176	713
Depreciation	692		692	1,079
Insurance	1,408		1,408	115
Accountancy	2,100		2,100	2,100
Total Expenditure	80,883	103	80,986	93,116
Net incoming resources				
Funds balance brought forward	-15,289	-103	115,392	23,191
Funds balance brought forward	81,637	4,056	85,693	62,502
Transfer between funds	3,953	-3,593	0	
Funds balance carried forward	70,301	0	70,301	85,693

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Juste Djossou

And very special thanks to our longest-serving committee member, Juste Djossou, who stepped down after 6 years of hard work. Thanks for everything, Juste.

Miriam Hollis

We were saddened by the passing of our colleague, friend and former Director, Miriam Hollis on 26 February 2011. Loving, caring, very passionate and compassionate, Miriam was always there and putting others first in her life. Her fight for justice never stopped. Words can not express how Miriam touched the hearts of many people. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.



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