



We won't let our public services become a tool of hostile immigration enforcement. It's time to stand up and speak out! Join us.

[Stand Up! Speak Out!](#) is an annual webinar series to give public sector workers up-to-date knowledge of the rapidly changing immigration policy context and the implications for their work.

We create spaces for public sector workers to reflect on their professional identity and empower them to resist complicity with hostile and inhumane immigration policy.

We view education as a powerful tool for social change and we invite and inspire public sector workers to be allies in the movement for migrant justice.

The series began in 2023, and since then we've:

- connected 38 different specialist organisations and academics
- delivered 49 educational webinars - on topics including asylum system 101; everyday borders; rights information to access healthcare; skills to fight for housing justice; ideas for collective care; climate justice and migrant justice.
- trained 2200 participants ranging from frontline, management and senior practitioners from professions including social care, housing, employment, welfare, education & health.

The series has predominantly been organised and facilitated by Migrants Organise, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS) and Social Workers Without Borders who all became connected through the Solidarity Knows No Borders (SKNB) network.

The [SKNB](#) is a community of solidarity that brings together over 60 migrant justice organisations groups and individuals, working to end hostility and racism against migrants and refugees.

[Stand Up Speak Out 2025: The Power of Words](#)

This year's Stand Up! Speak Out! is organised around the theme of 'The Power of Words'.

We are tired of hearing the same old racist rhetoric about immigration from politicians and mainstream media, this hate speech has fuelled the rise of far right violence and led the way for dehumanising hostile anti-migrant policies.

It is time to change the narrative, and our words have the power to tell a different story: Migration is life and freedom of movement is fundamental to our shared humanity.

We want public sector workers (and others) to build their confidence and commitment to using the power of their words in solidarity and for justice; to know when and how to listen and learn from the people they are working with; how to advocate and support the individuals they work with, and when not to share information.

This year's Stand Up Speak Out training series will be offering sessions on topics that support practitioners to:

- Reframe their work through use of language
- Use their expertise to provide powerful evidence
- Resist complicity with the hostile environment
- Take a trauma-informed approach to gathering information
- Change the narrative on immigration policy

Sessions are free to attend.

Stand Up, Speak Out is a completely unfunded project - neither the organising committee nor the organisations delivering training are paid. We have made a conscious decision not to seek funding to remain true to our grassroots approach, focusing on the needs of the communities we serve rather than adhering to the priorities of grant-makers.

Join us us to raise your voice in solidarity, speak from the heart, feel the power of words!

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