

Responding to Racist Violence: Resource Pack

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Introduction

This resource pack aims to support organisations and individuals working with refugee and migrant communities across the UK in the midst of the violent racist attacks and activity taking place. It includes guidance and practical support around communicating with service users, safety and wellbeing as well as advocacy and comms.

This is a live document which will be updated as and when further resources are shared by sector organisations. To access the live version you will need to **sign up for full access to our website**: <https://www.ragp.org.uk/#resources>

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Information for Service Users

[Far Right Activity – Advice for Asylum Seekers and Refugees](#)

Hope Not Hate, Asylum Matters, Praxis & Refugee Action

This is a simple accessible info sheet for asylum seekers and refugees around what far right activity is and what to do if there are actual or threatened attacks on sites accommodating these communities.

[Safety Information for Hotel Residents](#)

Refugee Action

Refugee Action have produced this information sheet about the threat posed by the far right and staying safe in an incident involving the far right. **Translated versions** of this guide will be available soon and accessible via the Hope Not Hate site. We will share an update once the translated guides are ready.

[Safety and Support Comms Template - Draft](#)

British Red Cross

BRC have prepared this draft guidance document as a template for communications to your service users. The link will be updated as and when any further edits are made.

[Safety and Security](#)

[Safety and Security Guide for Organisations](#)

Hope Not Hate

Hope Not Hate have prepared a resource around safety and security for organisations in the current situation. For security reasons you will need to sign up via the Hope Not Hate website to receive a copy of the guide - <https://secure.hopenothate.org.uk/page/128692/petition/1>

[Keeping Safe Online](#)

Hope Not Hate

A practical guide to support organisations with practical ways to stay safe online and how to respond to breaches in online security.

[Staying Safe Amid Far Right Violence](#)

Praxis

This guide was developed collectively by NACCOM, Asylum Matters, Right to Remain, and Praxis - drawing on a number of resources including from Hope not Hate, IMIX, NEON and Safer Foundations. Hope not Hate is hosting the resource.

[Racist Abuse in Asylum Accommodation: Supporting Residents to be Moved to Safety](#)

Public Interest Law Centre

This resource provides practical guidance around how to support people in asylum accommodation who are fearing for their safety and wish to be moved in light of threatened or actual racist attacks.

[Report Anti-Muslim Attacks](#)

TELL MAMA

TELL MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and is a public service which also measures and monitors anti-Muslim incidents. The organisation provides counselling support to victims of anti-Muslim hate or Islamophobia in addition to the casework, emotional support, legal signposting, advocacy, and court attendance support that Tell MAMA provides to those who experience anti-Muslim hatred or Islamophobia.

Wellbeing and Mental Health Support

Resources for resilience and wellbeing

Healing Justice

A range of resources to support individuals to cope with the impact of state violence and other forms of oppression. This includes a one hour workshop on [Anchoring Resilience](#) which offers tools and practices that can support us to down regulate during times of crisis and turbulence.

Online support sessions

Healing Justice

Healing Justice are offering free online sessions on a weekly basis, including:

- [Breath Circle for Collective Capacity](#) (Wednesdays at 9.30pm)
- [Embodied Rage for Sustained Resistance](#) (Tuesdays at 6.30pm)

Wellbeing and Healing Events

Black Wellbeing Collective

A series of online and in person support sessions are being held throughout August offered through the Black Wellbeing Collective. These sessions are open to all people of the racialised communities, Muslims, migrants and asylum seekers:

- [Wellbeing Session](#) (13th Aug, 7-8.30pm) - Online
- [Sound Healing](#) (20th Aug, 7-8pm) - In person, London
- [Restorative Yoga](#) (22nd Aug, 7-8.15pm) - Online

Safeguarding and Collective Care Forum

Thursday 15th August (11.00-12.30)

Migrants Rights Network

“In light of attacks on Muslims, migrants, including refugees, and racialised people, and reports of further attacks on organisations offering immigration support, it feels incredibly important to facilitate a space to discuss a safeguarding and collective care response. This will be a safe space for people in the sector who are being impacted by the terror (specifically Muslims, People of Colour, migrants) to talk about frustrations, fears and needs. In addition, we invite attendees to share best practices on protecting staff and service users both in the immediate future and going forward. This will include discussions on the police and concerns for communities of Colour”.

Thursday 15 August (11.00- 12.30pm) - register [here](#).

Links to specialist wellbeing services and wellbeing toolkit

BeWell

A website with links to different specialist [support services](#) to support with building better wellbeing in organisations. Contains a [toolkit](#) for organisations to use to collectively think about building better wellbeing.

[Emergency Mental Health Support Hub](#)

Be Free Campaign

The Be Free Campaign are setting up an emergency mental health support hub for those affected by the riots. <https://www.befreecampaign.org/>

[Racism and mental health](#)

Mental Health Foundation

A range of resources gathered together to shed light on the link between racism and mental health.

[Reach Out Suicide Prevention Initiative](#)

NHS

Unfortunately during difficult times, communities that were already vulnerable to begin with, can face additional challenges to their mental health and wellbeing. It's important to know the signs that someone may be reaching crisis. In Liverpool the Reach Out campaign and website is dedicated to helping people who may be having thoughts of suicide or concerned about someone else. The website includes information and access to urgent support and a 20 minute training course by the Zero Suicide Alliance.

[Advocacy and Communications](#)

[Call to suspend Home Office Reporting](#)

Right to Remain are calling for the Home Office to immediately suspend all in-person immigration reporting and all other appointments, on account of the overwhelming fear of violent racist attacks in our communities. Please join and amplify the call to the Home Office to immediately suspend all Home Office reporting appointments.

[Letter to the Home Office for Immediate Suspension of Immigration Bail Reporting Conditions](#)

Migrants Organise have sent a letter signed by many sector organisations to the Home Office to request immediate suspension of reporting conditions, for response by 14th August.

[Far Right Violence: A Messaging Guide](#)

NEON

This guide aims to support individuals and organisations in how they can frame their messaging about the violence.

[Crisis Advice and Support Resources](#)

National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

NCVO has released a statement about the violent riots and linked to several resources including communicating during a crisis, managing risk and supporting your team during crises.