

Hi, I'm Adam, a supervising solicitor for Asylum Aid. We work closely with London Legal Support Trust to enhance our client's representation and access to specialist legal support.

For the past thirty years, Asylum Aid have been providing expert legal representation and secured protection for countless individuals facing incredibly challenging and dangerous circumstances, people like Han:

As a young teenager, Han was trafficked to the UK from Vietnam after her parents were detained for attending a political demonstration. After a perilous journey across continents, she arrived in the UK but was forced by her traffickers to work in cannabis farm. She was locked in a house with boarded up windows for over a year.

Eventually Han was able to escape, and she attend a police station where she was instructed to contact the home office to claim asylum. Through time and patience, a relationship of trust was built up with Han allowing her to share her traumatic experiences with us. This support led to her being recognised as a victim of trafficking and then eventually being granted Asylum in the UK. Now recognised as a refugee, Han is safe, supported, and thriving. She has now started her own family and has been given the chance to rebuild her life with hope and dignity.

Beyond individual cases, we also help to create a just and accepting society though various projects and partnerships. One of these is our statelessness project. Working with UNHCR, we helped to create a statelessness determination procedure, which allows stateless people to be recognised and give them a route for settlement and citizenship. Before this change in policy, being stateless often meant a lifetime of exclusion and destitution. Now there is a path forward.

If you would like to know more about our work, including the statelessness project, please have a look at the Asylum Aid website.

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