## Facts not Fiction

## To put the record straight!

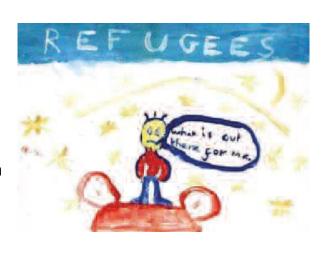
A person seeking asylum is someone who has a well founded fear of persecution and is unable to stay safe in their home country. Under the Geneva Convention 1951, which the UK helped establish —It is not illegal to claim asylum in another country for your safety.

People can be so desperate to escape war or persecution, the risk of crossing the Mediterranean Sea or the Channel in a dinghy might be their only hope of safety.

When someone's claim has been successful they may be granted refugee status.

An *economic migrant* is someone who just wants to work elsewhere eg in UK, Europe or USA etc. This usually requires a work visa.

When the media, politicians or extremists use scare mongering terms such as "illegal" migrant - its confusing and makes it seem as if no one has the right to seek safety through the asylum process, which is simply not true.





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