Experiences of work

We would like to hear from people who are in the asylum system (asylum seekers), had their asylum case refused (refused asylum seekers) or were granted status (refugees) and who have experience of bad treatment at work, such as:

- verbal abuse, threats of violence or not being able to leave the place of work
- not being paid, or working for little or no money to pay off a debt
- money taken from pay for accommodation, food, travel, and so on
- working many hours or not having any holidays or breaks
- having passports or identity documents removed and not returned
- employer threatening to report you to the police or immigration authorities

The worker may work for a boss or someone they know. Bad treatment can happen in any type of job, including:

- cleaning
- building
- washing cars
- factory or take away
- cooking, cleaning or looking after children or older relatives

If you or someone you know has this experience we’d like to talk to you. The interview will be confidential. Information you provide will be anonymised (we will not use names of individuals, nationality or company names).

We are independent and will not pass on information to anyone else.

Can you help us?
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