

# A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

**Through the lens of lived experience:**

No Recourse to Public Funds, the violation of human rights and resilience to it.

## What is our goal?

The narratives around migrants in the UK are often dehumanising. To balance these narratives, migrants tell their own stories and reveal the way in which immigration policies violate human rights. Our aim is to explore the lived experience of immigration policy, No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) through photography and writing to produce an exhibition, and accompanying book. By doing so, we hope to communicate and connect with audiences and policy makers to raise awareness and tackle the negative impacts associated with NRPF.



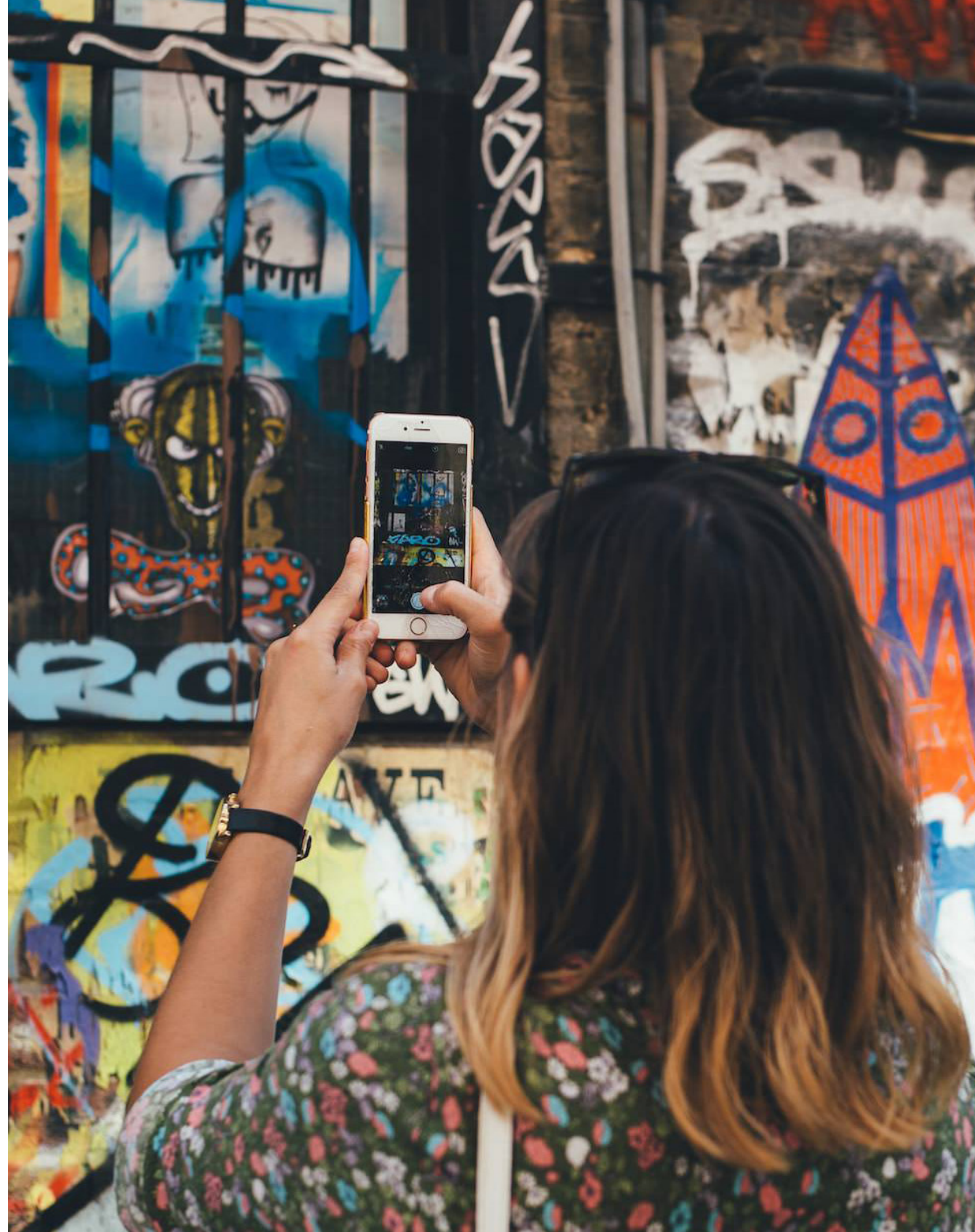
## What is No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)?

No Recourse to Public Funds is an unfair immigration condition because it excludes many migrants from public resources that UK nationals are entitled to, that includes but not exclusively, social security such as universal credit and social housing. Because of the exclusion of these entitlements, it is widely recognised that NRPF is linked to extreme poverty, which can lead to a range of negative outcomes including detrimental impacts for child development.



## What is photovoice?

Photovoice is a research method, where participants tell stories from their own point of view, by taking and selecting photographs to represent the story that they want to be told. Viewers can reflect upon the reasons, emotions and experiences that are behind the photographs collectively. Here, we created a space for reflection and dialogue to produce visual stories on the lived experience of NRPF.



## Who is behind the project?

United Impact, a community group facilitated by Project 17 and CAWR at Coventry University have worked together closely to establish a collaborative project to explore the lived experience of NRPF. United Impact is a community group where around sixty members who have been or are subjected to NRPF can meet weekly to support each other and strengthen their resilience, and create change around the NRPF policy.



## What next?

We aim to connect people and their knowledge of NRPF with key policy makers, with the hope to transform the current immigration policies that are linked to human right violations. We believe that NRPF and other aspects of regressive immigration policies ought to be abolished.

We also express the need to advance a set of new social, cultural and economic rights, particularly the right to food and housing to tackle regressive immigration policies that migrants face and alongside the rising cost of living that affects all low income households.



## Some of the stories...

*“Depression on the rise thanks to NRPF”*

**Seke**

*I am a mum of three, in this cost of living crisis with NRPF. It’s really hard.”*

**Mother**

*“When talking about NRPF, it has really affected me and children in so many ways mentally and physically so I say NO TO NRPF.”*

**Mary**

*“NRPF - FREEDOM YET IN CHAINS!”*

**Nana B**

*“NRPF is a condition I would not wish on even my worst enemy.”*

**Linda**

*“No child needs to suffer, every soul is important.”*

**Abimbola**



Let's make this change together,  
united we stand.

