

ABOUT THE FILM - *HOSTILE*

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★★★★★ The Guardian - Peter Bradshaw 'A powerful film'

★★★★★ Time Out - Whelan Barzey 'A plea for humanity'

★★★★★ Morning Star - Maria Duarte and Van Connor 'Essential viewing'

★★★★★ The Upcoming - Oliver Johnstone 'A perceptive documentary'

Hostile is a BAFTA and BIFA longlisted feature-length documentary written, produced and directed by Sonita Gale focusing on the UK's complicated relationship with its migrant communities. Told through the stories of four participants from Black and Asian backgrounds, the film focuses on the impact of the evolving 'hostile environment' policies that target migrants, including No Recourse to Public Funds which is forcing people into destitution. The film explores how the lives of international students, members of the Windrush generation and 'Highly-Skilled Migrants' have been affected. The film features music from award-winning musicians Nitin Sawhney and spoken word from George the Poet. Nitin Sawhney also serves as Executive Producer.

DOCUMENTARIES TELL UNTOLD STORIES AND INSPIRE. HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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WHAT IS THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT?

The 'Hostile Environment' is a term coined by the then Home Secretary, Theresa May in 2012, to describe a web of policies that are put in place to make life as difficult as possible for migrants to live in the UK. The issues around the hostile environment are such that it gives to the government greater power to deem an individual undocumented and illegal. Even if you are here completely lawfully, you can also be subject to the Hostile Environment.

WHAT IS NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS?

- No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) is a condition in the Immigration Rules, and Section 115 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, which excludes people 'subject to immigration control' from a range of state benefits such as Universal Credit, Child Benefit, Disability Living Allowance and Housing benefits
- NRPF affects people that are here on Tier 1 - Tier 4 visas as well as people who are on Limited Leave to Remain and now affects Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Around 1.4million people are affected, including over 150,000 children
- With no access to public funds, people with NRPF can often be left destitute, which was particularly worsened during the pandemic

THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT LEADS TO ISOLATION, POVERTY, DESTITUTION AND DEPORTATION. PEOPLE LOSE THEIR IDENTITY AND A SENSE OF BELONGING. WE WANT REVIEW THE SYSTEM THAT HAS PUT THIS HOSTILITY INTO PLACE.

OUR ASKS

- **To review the NRPF condition**
- **To end the immigration health surcharge (IHS) for all tax-paying migrants**
- **To ensure that migrants are provided with clear information in a language and a format that they are able to understand, including making provisions for migrants with disabilities**

HOW WILL THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT AFFECT US ALL?

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill and the Nationality and Borders bill, are clear examples of how the 'Hostile Environment' is being expanded to cover citizens and non-citizens alike.



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