
THE FAMILIES TOGETHER DIGITAL ORGANISING FELLOWSHIP

In the UK unfair rules are keeping families apart. Children need their families, but Home Office rules mean many child refugees have to live in the UK alone, away from their parents and siblings. Join us to learn how to digitally organise and campaign to reunite refugee families in the UK.

Families Belong Together.

A group of people, including a woman holding a baby, with the word 'WELCOME' overlaid in large blue letters. The background is a collage of images showing people in various settings, including a woman holding a baby, a woman in a pink shirt, and a woman in a green shirt. The word 'WELCOME' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline, centered over the image.

WELCOME

Are you looking to build your skills as a campaigner and advocate? Hoping to learn more about how to create communities and bring about change in our online, post-COVID world?

The Families Together Digital Organising Fellowship is an opportunity to help everyone – from first-time campaigners to seasoned activists – get to grips with the tools they need to campaign for refugee family reunion and beyond.

Across 4 different sessions we will look at building campaigns, using social media, learn how to work with the press, and how to use the methods of community organising to build a vibrant movement. You will then receive 1 to 1 support to help you bring your ideas to life.

THE FAMILIES TOGETHER CAMPAIGN



Imagine fleeing war, but having to leave your mum, dad, brother or sister behind during a traumatic escape. Eventually you reach safety in the UK and are allowed to stay here. But your family are still in danger.

The law means they can't join you. You worry about them constantly – the uncertainty and stress mean you're unable to rebuild your life. Right now, this is the reality for many refugees, denied the right to be with the people they love by needlessly strict UK laws.

Such rules are leaving vulnerable people isolated, traumatised and alone. This must change. You can help refugees reunite with their families and put their lives back together. Currently adult refugees can sponsor only their very closest relatives to join them – their partners and children under 18 years old. Refugee children do not have the right to sponsor any family members to join them. This means that mothers and fathers in the UK are unable to bring their children over the age of 18 to join them; refugee children in the UK are forced to live apart from their parents; and refugees are unable to bring elderly relatives to live with them in safety.

UK law is keeping refugee families apart. You have the power to change this.

FELLOWSHIP OUTLINE

The Families Together Fellowship comprises 4 training sessions, each designed to give you a broad understanding of how you can effectively campaign for family reunion in the UK. We will need you to be available for at least 2 out of the 4 sessions in order to take part, as each session will build on different campaigns skills. Find out more about what's coming up and sign up to each session below!

SESSION 1: PLANNING YOUR CAMPAIGN TO BUILD & CREATE CHANGE 9/2

Join us to explore how change happens and how to plan for the change we want to see. We'll examine the three basic tools of power analysis, SWOT and log frames and decide how useful they are for the success of campaigns. Learn how to build your campaign on a theory of change. We'll be facilitated by John McLaverty, Youth Campaigner at Oxfam.

Find out more & sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/planning-your-campaign-to-build-create-change-tickets-137788863199>

SESSION 3: CHALLENGING & CHANGING THE NARRATIVE THROUGH MEDIA & PRESS 16/3

Press and media is a key tool for campaigners, but how to approach it can be daunting. Join us to learn and practice crucial tips and tricks - including how to write a press release, pitch to a journalist, and approach facilitating a media platform for people with lived experience. We'll be facilitated by Andrew Hyams, a communications consultant with 9 years of campaigning experience.

Find out more & sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/challenging-changing-the-narrative-through-media-press-tickets-137798142955>

SESSION 2: USING SOCIAL MEDIA AS A TOOL TO CHANGE THE WORLD 23/2

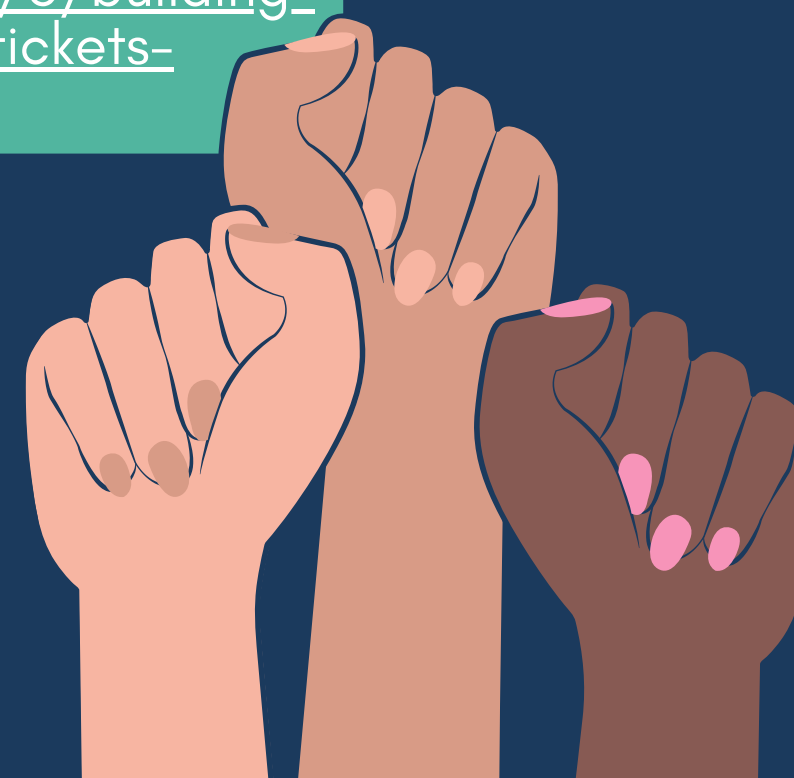
Join us to investigate how to maximise your social media impact by knowing what works best on different social media platforms. We'll then create concepts for viral videos that can win campaigns, change minds and protect refugees. Social media is an essential tool in our new digital space - come and find out what it's all about! We'll be facilitated by India Thorogood, a digital and campaign consultant.

Find out more & sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/using-social-media-as-a-tool-to-change-the-world-tickets-137798032625>

SESSION 4: BUILDING & USING POWER IN COMMUNITIES 6/5

Join us to learn how we can use and build power in our communities and campaign in a sustainable and impactful way. We'll cover the basics of community organising, how to evaluate tactics and how to create strategies that replenish our energy and create power! We'll be facilitated by Georgie Laming, a campaigns and movement building consultant who has worked at the Young Women's Trust, Labour for a People's Vote and NUS.

Find out more & sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-using-power-in-communities-tickets-137797938343>



NEXT STEPS!



Thankyou so much for your interest in getting involved in our Families Together Fellowship – it's great to have you on board! Check out below for next steps & key information you need to know:



As we have a limited number of spaces, please do make sure you've filled in our simple form [here](#) to say you want to take part, and you will need to email it back to Sophie at smorbey1@oxfam.org.uk. You can then sign up using the links above, and we will be in touch with all the details on how to join each session.



If you have signed up but are no longer able to take part, please don't worry! Do get in touch with us as we may be able to offer your space to someone else.



If at any point you have any questions at all, please get in touch with Sophie, Youth Campaigner at Oxfam at smorbey1@oxfam.org.uk



You can find out all about the Families Together Campaign and why we're taking action [here](#).



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