

These Walls Must Fall

activist toolkit



This pack is for Global Justice Now youth groups and activists to help campaign against immigration detention centres as part of the These Walls Must Fall campaign. These Walls Must Fall is a network of activists and campaigners working to end the injustice of immigration detention.

In addition to this online toolkit, order our campaign materials pack. This includes These Walls Must Fall leaflets as well as stickers, badges and booklets promoting Freedom of Movement.

[Order your campaign materials pack](#)

Ending detention action suggestions

1. **Learn about the problems with immigration detention**

Read the Corporate Watch book *The UK Border Regime*. This new book is a fantastic guide to the oppressive workings of the UK's immigration system, covering everything from detention and deportation to the role of the media. Get a free copy of *The UK Border Regime* by joining Global Justice Now as a youth network member from as a little as £1 per month. [Join today!](#)

2. **Get your council to pass a motion against immigration detention**

Manchester, Brighton and Hove, Cambridge, Islington and Liverpool councils have all already passed motions like this. Join them!

RESOURCE: [These Walls Must Fall model motion for local councils](#)

3. **Write to your local newspaper about immigration detention.**

This can be a good way to reach a wider audience about the issue.

RESOURCE: [Guide to writing to your local newspaper](#)

4. **Put on a speaker event about why we need to end immigration detention**

Organise for a campaigner from Global Justice Now or Right to Remain to come and talk about the issues. Email rosanna.wiseman@globaljustice.org.uk to book a speaker.

RESOURCE [Activist guide - 'How to put on public event'](#)

5. Organise a stunt or demonstration against immigration detention

You only need a few people to create an eye-catching stunt that brings attention to the issue you're campaigning about. Most people don't know much about immigration detention – could you do a stunt in your area that shows how brutal this system is and makes people stop and think?

RESOURCE: [How to spark creative action ideas](#)

6. Write to your MP

Use this template letter to raise the issue of immigration detention with your MP. Remember, it's best to send personalised letters to your MP – wherever possible using local, individual examples of the impact that immigration detention has – so feel free to add and amend this letter. You can find the contact details of your MP at

www.theyworkforyou.com

RESOURCE: [Template letter for your MP](#)

7. Put on an Open Borders workshop

Ending immigration detention is one step towards the world we're fighting for – where everyone has the freedom to move. Book a participatory workshop with Global Justice Now on a world beyond borders. Email ed.lewis@globaljustice.org.uk to organise an event.

RESOURCE: [Event outline - Open Borders workshop](#)

8. Hold a 'difficult conversations' training

Conversations about migration, whether about immigration detention or other issues, can be defensive and unproductive. Book a training session on how to have persuasive conversations, using the power of stories and listening skills by emailing

rosanna.wiseman@globaljustice.org.uk.

RESOURCE: ['Having difficult conversations about migration' training outline](#)

9. Show a film

Raise awareness about the realities of migration by putting on film showings. Book free screenings of the incredible documentary [Human Flow](#) by emailing

rosanna.wiseman@globaljustice.org.uk

If you're experiencing immigration problems

if you need support with immigration problems yourself then check out the Right to Remain toolkit – righttoremain.org.uk/toolkit/detention

Also see the [list of organisations Global Justice Now recommends](#) to access support from regarding immigration problems.