

Anti-Rwanda activist groups

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Charities lobbying Peers to topple Rwanda plan have received £209m in government funding

The British taxpayer is being forced to fund charities that are lobbying against the Government's plans to tackle illegal immigration.

On 27 January 2024 a group of over 265 charities, civil society groups, and law offices wrote to Peers demanding that they vote down the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill at its Second Reading.¹

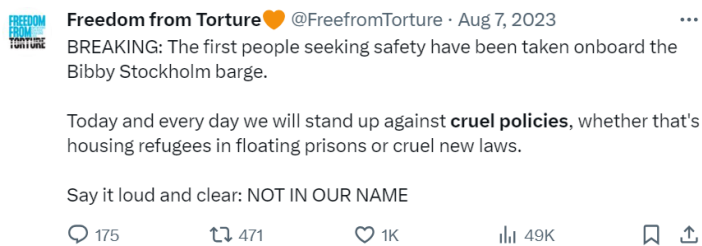
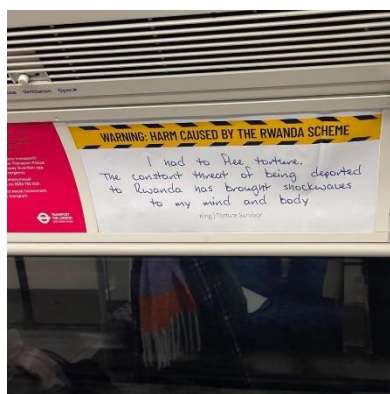
The groups described the Government's flagship legislation, which aims to get flights off the ground by classifying Rwanda as a 'safe' country for illegal migrants to be processed, as "a constitutionally extraordinary and deeply harmful piece of legislation."

They allege that "it threatens the universality of human rights and is likely in breach of international law, striking a serious blow to the UK's commitment to the rule of law", that it "is an attack on the constitutional role of the judiciary and the rule of law", and that "it would set a dangerous precedent for future governments."

It can now be revealed by the Centre for Migration Control that almost half of the groups who have signed this letter are in receipt of public funds, either through grants or government contracts.

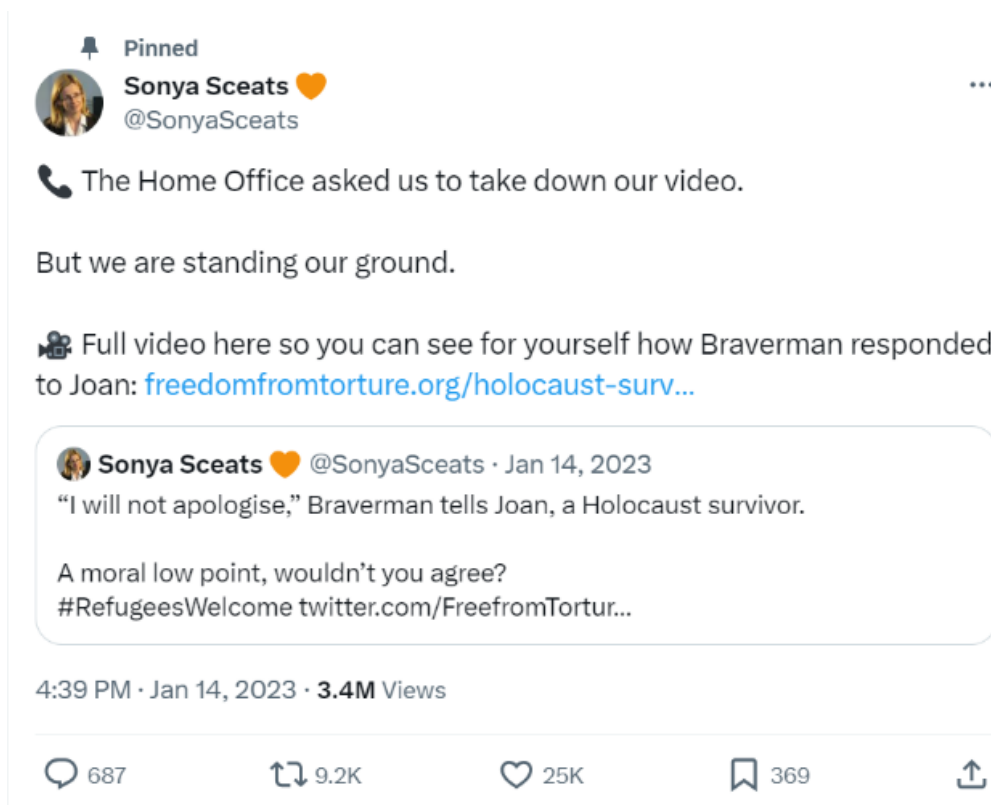
Analysis reveals that in just three years these anti-Rwanda organisations have received over £200m in public funds. (Annex A).

Amongst those groups in receipt of public funds are Freedom from Torture. In recent days the group has plastered anti-Rwanda posters over the London Underground and railed against the "cruel policies" of the government.



Despite receiving over £600,000 from the government, the group's CEO, Sonya Sceats, has previously boasted about flaunting requests from the Home Office to remove videos criticising the former Home Secretary, Suella Braverman.

¹ [Over 260 charities and expert organisations call on House of Lords to reject shameful Rwanda Bill - Liberty \(libertyhumanrights.org.uk\)](https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/press-releases/over-260-charities-and-expert-organisations-call-on-house-of-lords-to-reject-shameful-rwanda-bill)



A group in receipt of over £800,000 in public funds is Action Foundation. However, a large chunk of this money comes through public sector contracts, where it performs functions on behalf of the state.

However, despite working with the government in the deliverance of certain policies, it has described the Rwanda plan as “cruel and ill-thought-through”.

In a self-defeating passage, the group also says that “somehow, our Government deems it OK to suggest that **young men** coming from other parts of the world can be shipped off to Africa to have their detention claims decided and, if successful, they will *not* be offered refugee status in the UK but *will* be ‘allowed’ to stay in Rwanda, **no matter that they wanted to make their future here.**”

The emphasis has been added by CMC, to display that Action Foundation knows full-well that a) the overwhelming majority of the illegal migrants arriving in the UK are young men, not women and children, and b) that the decision to arrive in the UK was one of luxury rather than necessity. The simple desire to live in the UK is not the basis of an asylum application.

More potently, Action Foundation was the group which housed and supported the man behind the Clapham acid attack, Abdul Ezedi, during his application process for asylum in 2020/2021.

Annex A:

Plan International UK	£38,193,860
The Children's Society	£29,460,000
Refugee Council	£25,743,000

Metro Charity	£10,718,780
Refugee Action	£10,268,000
Juno	£7,970,960
Scottish Women's Aid	£6,191,516
Alzheimer Scotland	£5,396,139
Children in Scotland	£5,308,707
Law Centres Network	£4,093,850
Scottish Refugee Council	£4,028,442
CORAM	£3,628,470
Rape Crisis Scotland	£3,436,816
Welsh Refugee Council	£3,366,080
Central England Law Centre	£3,193,710
Kids in Need of Defense UK	£3,193,710
Circles Network	£2,740,000
THE COVENTRY REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CENTRE	£2,670,960
Macc	£2,482,800
Praxis	£2,454,130
GARAS	£2,105,170
Anti-Slavery International	£1,789,610
Lichfield Quaker Meeting, Staffordshire	£1,746,300
The Methodist Church	£1,691,000
Welsh Centre for International Affairs	£1,654,920
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum	£1,642,990
Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit	£1,591,340
Islington Law Centre	£1,417,180
Equality Network	£1,288,076
Amina MWRC	£1,167,149
Latin American Women's Rights Service	£1,135,260
LGBT Health and Wellbeing	£1,076,591
Basis Yorkshire	£1,018,370
Close the Gap	£835,017
Action Foundation	£818,390
Support After Rape & Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL)	£787,100
ATLEU	£785,350
Refugee Education UK	£749,380
Voices in Exile	£721,110
Upbeat communities	£685,160
Muslim Council of Britain	£676,890
Children's Parliament	£618,120
Freedom from Torture	£609,900
Tai Pawb	£561,570
Hope for Justice	£555,940
Doctors of World UK	£543,930
Women's Health Matters	£519,800
Open Door NE	£391,760
Sayit	£372,820
Global Link	£306,440
Migrants Organise	£306,240
Helen Bamber Foundation	£295,940
Citizens Advice Newcastle	£279,200
ONE ROOF LEICESTER	£264,880

Public Law Project	£257,956
WEST END REFUGEE SERVICE (WERS)	£250,740
Young Roots	£201,970
Positive Action For Refugees and Asylum Seekers (PAFRAS)	£192,410
WISH	£187,830
The Comfrey Project	£183,500
Rainbow Have	£183,060
LEEDS ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT NETWORK	£167,610
ENTRAIDE	£164,030
Rights of Women	£151,820
Just for Kids Law	£151,290
South London Refugee Association	£150,190
FLEX	£133,530
City of Sanctuary Sheffield	£129,170
Become	£118,600
Somali Adult Social Care Agency	£111,180
Joining Communities Together	£108,390
The Kite Trust	£106,750
Elmbridge	£100,710
MANCHESTER REFUGEE SUPPORT NETWORK	£89,940
National AIDS Trust	£82,205
Boaz Trust	£65,550
Snowdrop Project	£60,220
VAUXHALL COMMUNITY LAW AND INFORMATION CENTRE	£60,000
Safe Passage	£58,630
CARAS (Community Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers)	£52,270
Joanna Leeds	£48,190
FODI	£47,130
Asylum Link Merseyside	£45,000
Rethink Rebuild Society	£41,730
Carlisle One World Centre	£38,500
The Hummingbird Refugee Project	£31,400
London Friend	£29,500
Bradford City of Sanctuary	£22,500
Furness multicultural community forum	£21,720
Agenda Alliance	£18,894
Immigration Law Practitioners' Association	£18,180
Humanists UK	£14,320
Iraqi Association	£13,000
Student Action for Refugees (STAR)	£11,890
ReportOUT	£10,000
Birthrights	£9,990
Mermaids	£9,450
Birmingham Churches Together	£8,790
.New Europeans UK	£8,600
Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group	£7,500
Bloody Good Period	£7,300
ECPAT	£7,290

West London Welcome	£5,000
Article 39	£4,750
Medical Justice	£4,160
Women for Refugee Women	£3,980