

I am Migrant Voice

Shantel is a healthcare assistant dedicated to helping others have a better quality of life. During the Covid-19 pandemic, when many staff were absent, she continued working at a rehab centre in Birmingham, supporting the residents who suffer from serious health conditions like dementia.

Then there is Shantel's own quality of life. The local food bank is now a lifeline for her. She and her Jamaican family came here twenty years ago to improve their quality of life - through finding work - and in that time have paid a high price as migrants in visa fees and the additional £400 a year NHS surcharge.

"I'm in a lot of debt because of the fees I pay. Even though you are contributing to the community and contributing with your taxes, it's almost like you're being picked on because you are not originally from here."

Migrant Voice has been campaigning with people like Shantel to lower these fees and scrap the NHS surcharge for all migrants. In May, because of Migrant Voice, the nation finally heard the exuberant voice of Shantel when Channel 4 News broadcast her delighted reaction to the announcement that she and other healthcare workers wouldn't have to pay the crippling NHS surcharge ever again.

"It's the first time I have been able to speak about it. I felt like people were listening to me. I felt so relieved, I felt like I had a voice."

Stand up with Migrant Voice

Over ten years we have mobilised and trained thousands of migrants and supported them to tell their stories in the media to millions of viewers, listeners and readers, and to hundreds of policy-makers. Many have won justice as a direct result.

Please support our work

Almost all Migrant Voice's limited resources are spent on campaigns for justice and ensuring migrants' voices are heard. But the Covid-19 economic squeeze has made funding harder to obtain just when there is an unprecedented opportunity to change public perceptions - and government policies - on migrant rights.

With your donation, we can mobilise and train hundreds more migrants across the UK, amplify their voices, and create positive change that benefits the whole of UK society - reducing xenophobia and discrimination, strengthening communities and bringing justice.

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