



THE CHILD RIGHTS BUREAU

THE NEVER ENDING FLIGHT -
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What is the Child Rights Bureau (CRB)?)

The CRB is an independent NGO (2015) and the first rights based child advocacy service in Sweden.

- Offer children and young people (0-21 yrs) independent advocacy
Social and legal support on self-referral basis. Holistic and wide approach: all rights under the CRC.
- Structural advocacy work
We use our children's experiences to pressure government, authorities and civil society to change.



The case of Sweden - a new paradigm

- Changed laws and practices - a new immigration landscape
- Main rule: temporary permits. More restrictive practices.
- Over 18s with denied applications - no right to basic services.

Children with rejected applications

- Difficult process - for all involved parties.
- Rapidly growing group (from 100s to 1000s)
- Few actually return - some in legal vacuum
- Almost all disappear, many around 18th birthday
- Inadequate help with return process



What happens to fleeing children when there is no longer a safe destination?



”Going back is worse than a life on the streets here. I will never go back.”

Abdul 17 years old