

A quarterly update on statelessness in Europe



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Interview with Sirazul Islam

ENS caught up with our Community Engagement Coordinator, Sirazul Islam, to hear about his work with stateless communities across Europe, his experience speaking out on statelessness, and our new Storytelling Guidelines.



"There's a very fine line between creating awareness and using stories for extractive purposes."

- Sirazul Islam, ENS Community Engagement Coordinator

Addressing statelessness requires a collective, collaborative approach, which is vital to ENS's work. What drives your work in community engagement and what makes this area

You've had lots of opportunities to speak out about statelessness at various events and conferences, but often, as you know, statelessness is missing in these spaces – even in the

of work so important?

Before I joined ENS as Community Engagement Coordinator, I was a community member, and that gives me a lot more insight than had I not been a community member. Something that drives my work in community engagement is being able to see first hand the positive impact it's had on me and on the other community members.

If I look back at my journey from 2019, when I was just dabbling with ENS and sending them an e-mail to join their conferences. At that time, I was with the [British Rohingya Community](#), which I am the youth director of, but we just didn't have the connections to do advocacy within Europe or on statelessness.

Fast forward five years and I am very heavily involved in community engagement. It just gave me a complete new drive and perspective of what you can achieve if you're part of a network rather than trying to do things on your own. There were many things that ENS or one of our members have already done. So, for example, doing EU advocacy, or the Stateless Journeys campaign, or trying to amplify voices – I didn't have to start from the beginning. Community engagement allows you to connect with so many more networks and become part of a wider community, a wider family, and you don't have to do everything yourself from step one.

migration sector. How do we ensure statelessness is on the agenda?

One thing that people don't realise, and I've had the privilege of realising because I've attended many, many events and conferences, is that the issues of statelessness is very intersectional. Statelessness is literally embedded in most of the issues that the migration sector works in. If you look at the root causes of statelessness, you can see issues like gender discriminatory laws, nationality laws, genocide, refugee crises. I'm someone who is a refugee/was a refugee, but I have also been stateless. But people still get confused because they'll be like how can you be a refugee but also stateless at the same time?

To ensure statelessness is on the agenda, I think wherever we're going, if the event or conference is about the refugee crisis, or gender discrimination, we need to think – how do these issues affect people who are also stateless? Because it's people who are stateless that end up missing in spaces where they actually need their voices heard. You would be surprised to know how intersectional statelessness is with many of the issues we work on every day.

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Spotlight

ENS at upcoming UNHCR events in Geneva



In October 2024, ENS will be heading to Geneva to attend the launch of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness during a High-Level Segment as part of UNHCR's Excom meeting.

The [Global Alliance to End Statelessness](#) is a collaborative multistakeholder platform led by UNHCR. Its vision is to create “a world free from statelessness where everyone enjoys the right to a nationality without discrimination.”

ENS is a member of the Global Alliance, has sat on the taskforce to support its development, and has been selected to serve on its inaugural Advisory Committee.

Alongside launching the Global Alliance to End Statelessness, the High-Level Segment will also mark the end of the UNHCR #IBelong campaign. It is an opportunity for partners to come together, reflect on the past ten years, and renew commitments moving forward. As part of this, our Director Chris Nash will be speaking on a plenary panel marking 10 years of progress through the #IBelong campaign, as part of the UNHCR High-Level Segment on statelessness.

Following the High-Level Segment, ENS is jointly organising with UNHCR and co-facilitating a Regional Network Lab on 15th and 16th October. A key component of the Global Alliance, [Regional Network Labs](#) are intended to support dynamic and interlinked networks of regional actors that can support the design and implementation of context-sensitive solutions to statelessness through the Global Alliance.

Over two days, ENS and sister regional networks will present on different aspects of their development, work, and experiences as conversation-starters, followed by facilitated group discussions, and open spaces for trans-regional reflection, learning, and exchange between civil society, UNHCR, and community actors.

During three participatory workshops, the Regional Network Lab will explore:

1. Network development and regional civil society engagement on statelessness: achievements, challenges, and opportunities for the future
2. Developing knowledge tools to support changemaking efforts and hold governments and regional institutions to account: the ENS Statelessness Index & Statelessness Caselaw Database, and SEAP

3. Good practice models towards stateless people leading changemaking: ENS Community Group, Statefree, and United Stateless

[Find out more about the Global Alliance to End Statelessness.](#)

Litigating on statelessness: what we've been up to, and our upcoming webinar on the right to respect for family and private life



[Litigation is a powerful tool](#) to address injustice and tackle laws, policies, or practices that fail to protect stateless people. In 2021, we launched the first ever [Statelessness Case Law Database](#) containing summaries of judgments on statelessness from national, European, and international courts. Since the database was launched, we have drawn on it to produce valuable practical tools for litigators such as our recently updated [Litigation Toolkit on Statelessness](#) and we delivered several training sessions for our members and partners specifically designed to litigate on statelessness.

To address critical gaps in knowledge preventing statelessness from being addressed through the courts, we have published comparative legal analysis on key international legal principles to help inform and strengthen litigation at national level. A recent example is our [legal briefing](#) on the principle of non-discrimination and its impact on the prevention and reduction of statelessness among Romani communities in Europe.

In our webinar on 1st October, and our forthcoming briefing, we will discuss how statelessness interferes with the right to respect for private and family life, and how the courts can uphold that right: to protect stateless people, implement effective and accessible routes to regularisation, promote birth registration, and prevent the arbitrary denial of nationality. The webinar is an opportunity for lawyers, judges, NGOs, and other legal practitioners to further their understanding of the jurisprudence on statelessness and the role of the courts in addressing critical gaps. [Register here.](#)

Thanks to persistence and collective strength, some progress has been made (for example on [Palestinian refugee's access to protection](#) or [Russia's enactment of positive reforms to its immigration detention laws](#)). Nonetheless, there are still a lot of opportunities to harness

strategic litigation to push for change. To this aim, over the past few months, we intervened in several cases before the European Court of Human Rights, including on [family reunification](#) and [birth registration](#).

Achieving systemic change through litigation requires long-term efforts. As we see evidence of more awareness on statelessness across Europe, there is an urgent need to continue using litigation as a tool for advocacy to effect broader change, strengthening the power of stateless communities to use the law, promoting more awareness about statelessness amongst the judiciary, and building the capacity and expertise of other legal practitioners working in related areas.

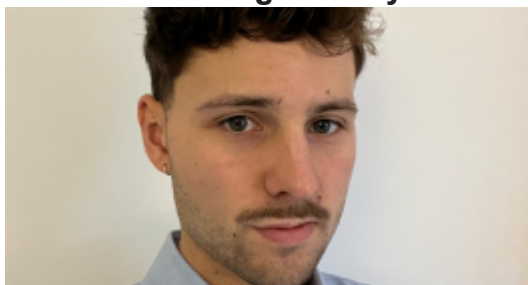
Latest updates

ENS selected for Global Alliance Advisory Committee



ENS has been selected to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness. We are delighted to join a committee of 15 diverse members operating nationally, regionally or globally – including UNHCR, organisations led by stateless communities including the Global Movement Against Statelessness, Family Frontiers and Haki Centre, alongside UNICEF, League of Arab States, and the US and Philippines governments. We look forward to working collaboratively with such diverse stakeholders towards a future where everybody enjoys the right to a nationality without discrimination.

Meet our new Legal Policy Officer



Cameron Nye joined the ENS Secretariat

Meet our new Communications Coordinator



In September 2024, we welcomed Chris Afuakwah, our new Communications Coordinator, to the ENS Secretariat. Chris joins us from Scottish Refugee Council where he worked in their Policy and Communications team for six years, supporting people with lived refugee experience to speak out in the media and other storytelling opportunities. Prior to this, he volunteered with Refugee Info Bus in Calais, supporting people at the border with access to internet and information, and speaking out about the situation on the ground.

Launch of New Scots Strategy and Delivery Plan



in September 2024 to support our work on legal and policy development, human rights advocacy, and strategic litigation. Prior to this, he contributed to ENS as a Legal Volunteer while pursuing his master's degree, actively assisting with various projects relating to litigation and human rights engagement. Cameron holds an LLM in International Law and Security, as well as a BA in Politics and International Studies. His background also includes experience as a Research Assistant on academic and policy initiatives.

UNHCR Regional NGO Dialogues



ENS attended the UNHCR Regional NGO dialogue on statelessness in July 2024, reflecting on good practice and next steps following 10 years of the #IBelong project in Europe. It was co-organised by UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies. A total of 80 participants from civil society and UNHCR offices in Europe attended the dialogue. Patricia Cabral, our Legal Policy Coordinator, spoke about the importance of mainstreaming statelessness considerations in the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum, and the role of NGOs in ensuring the Pact is implemented with the rights and experiences of stateless people at the forefront of decisions.

EUAA Asylum Report 2024

We attended the [launch](#) of the latest New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy and Delivery Plan in August, at the University of Glasgow. Led in partnership by ENS member, [Scottish Refugee Council](#), alongside the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Scottish Government, the New Scots Strategy sets out a vision for a fair and equal Scotland, where everyone's rights are protected. The Strategy is designed to support all "New Scots" - an all-encompassing term referring to people, living in Scotland, who have been forcibly displaced or have a well-founded fear of persecution. For the first time, the 2024 Strategy includes people who are stateless or may become so and are in need of international protection within the scope of the Strategy, and an action has been included in the Delivery Plan to co-deliver a workshop on Statelessness in Scotland with ENS.

[Find out more about the New Scots Strategy.](#)

Empowering Voices: Media Training for Stateless Community Members



In July, ENS collaborated with [IMIX](#) to [offer an engaging media training session](#) for stateless community members during our monthly meeting. This interactive workshop aimed to equip participants with essential skills to confidently share their stories and engage with the media, ensuring their voices are heard. From mastering interview techniques to shaping compelling narratives, the training provided a valuable platform to refine their media presence. This session is one of



EUAA launched their [2024 Annual Report on the situation of asylum in the European Union](#), with a chapter dedicated to statelessness in the asylum context. The report references the work of ENS and our members, including webinars, joint briefings, and our #StatelessJourneys campaign. The report also featured our five key recommendations for the international community to address statelessness, which includes: Increasing UNHCR programmes, resources and prioritisation on statelessness; Adequately supporting and profiling the launch of the Global Alliance to End Statelessness; and including civil society organisations when discussing solutions, especially people with lived experience of statelessness.

Joint advocacy on Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)



In July, we joined efforts with ENS member Vaša prava BiH to make a [joint submission to the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\) on Bosnia and Herzegovina](#). This submission highlights why statelessness remains an issue in Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing in particular on barriers to birth registration and acquiring nationality for children born abroad to Bosnian citizens and children of undocumented migrants, the requirement to register residence as a means of realising rights, statelessness determination procedure for migratory

many trainings organised by ENS's community group, empowering members to actively lead in public advocacy efforts and strengthening their ability to drive change within the statelessness movement.

[Find out more about ENS's community group and how to join.](#)

ENS trains members on strategic litigation



In July, ENS held a two-day training for ENS members and close partners on strategic litigation on statelessness in partnership with the AIRE Centre. These followed on from two training sessions organised in 2022. The trainings were intended for members and other partners litigating on statelessness. They focused on assisting in identifying suitable cases for litigation, ensuring that cases have strategic merit, navigating the European and international mechanisms and courts, measuring impact, and allowing better harnessing and employment of international law arguments in litigation work. There was also a discussion on challenges and good practices in conducting litigation on statelessness, and identifying gaps and opportunities.

NOVA School of Law's Refugee and Migration Clinic Podcast: Coffee with the expert



stateless populations and the right to free legal aid. We urged reviewing States to make recommendations to Bosnia and Herzegovina to improve its laws and practice on nationality, birth registration, and civil registration, establish a statelessness determination procedure and protection status, and ensure the right to free legal aid.

ENS advocacy meetings in Brussels



On 12/13 September ENS Director Chris Nash was in Brussels for a series of meetings and events related to implementation of the EU Migration & Asylum Pact. Over the two days we met with several Member States, as well as representatives from the European Parliament and sister networks working on migration and asylum – all with a focus on working to ensure the robust implementation of provisions in Pact instruments relating to the improved identification of statelessness as outlined in [this briefing](#).

France: Record number of nationality deprivations since the start of the century on national security grounds



In France, a [record number](#) of eighteen people have been deprived of their nationality since 2024, the highest number of nationality deprivations since the start

Patricia Cabral, our Legal Policy Coordinator, recorded an episode on statelessness for the podcast series 'Coffee with the Expert', [available on Spotify](#). The series is hosted by Dimitra Fragkou from the NOVA School of Law's Refugee and Migration Clinic in Lisbon, where Patricia studied her LLM in International Law. The podcast reflects on statelessness, emerging challenges and opportunities in Europe, and how the Statelessness Index can inform policy-making to improve the protection of stateless people and prevention of statelessness, both in Portugal and across the region.

Ireland: Irish government passes amendment that reduces procedural safeguards around the revocation of naturalised citizenship

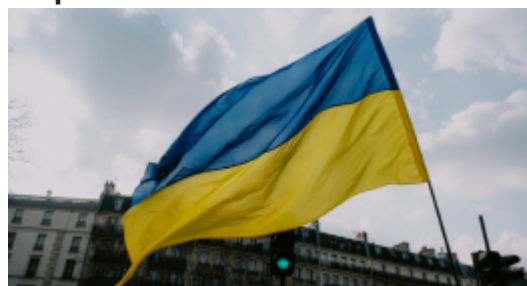


In early July, the Irish government passed the [Courts, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2024](#). The law empowers the Minister for Justice to revoke Irish citizenship granted by naturalisation on various grounds, including where they have demonstrated “[insufficient fidelity to the state](#)”, creating what parliamentarian Bríd Smith describes as “[two-tier citizenship](#)”. Various organisations including the [Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission](#) have expressed concerns that the law puts [naturalised Irish citizens at risk of statelessness](#) and “does not provide the procedural safeguards required to meet the high standards of natural justice”, due to the lack of clarity on the appropriate threshold for the Minister to initiate a revocation

of the century where [only eight deprivations](#) took place between 2002 to 2024, with reports stating that this is because prisoners convicted of terrorism have been deprived of their nationality upon their release. Nationality deprivation in France is only applicable to French nationals who have been naturalised for less than fifteen years and who have been convicted of a crime “constituting an attack on the fundamental interests of the Nation or [...] an act of terrorism” under the [French Civil Code](#). The deprivation of nationality as a national security measure is [likely to be arbitrary](#) and [contrary](#) to the letter and spirit of international law.

process, the short and unreasonable timeframes for a naturalised citizen facing revocation of citizenship to engage in the process, the control that the Minister has in establishing and filling positions on a Committee of Inquiry, and the extent to which procedural safeguards can be circumscribed when issues of national security are raised.

Ukraine: Ukrainian President Zelenskyy submits draft law to the Ukrainian parliament that would enforce changes to citizenship acquisition



On 8 August 2024, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy submitted a [draft law](#) to the Ukrainian parliament which would [allow multiple citizenship](#) in cases of dual nationality at birth, adoption, or marriage, among other cases. The law would also expand opportunities and simplify the process for citizenship for foreigners from specific countries to help citizens who fled during the war to return. This simplified citizenship, however, [would not apply](#) to Russians or individuals from countries who do not recognize Ukraine’s sovereignty. The draft law [additionally](#) clarifies the conditions for acquiring Ukrainian citizenship by birth and territorial origin, revises the grounds for the deprivation of Ukrainian citizenship, regulates the possibility of submitting an expired passport by foreigners and stateless people who served in the military to obtain a temporary residence permit, and regulates the legal status of foreigners and stateless persons who have provided assistance to the army during martial law.

Russia: Russian Federation Council passes law that tightens restrictions on foreign citizens and stateless people and enforces strict expulsion measures



On 2 August 2024, the Russian Federation Council passed a law that [reduces the period of temporary visa-free stay](#) limit to 90 days within any 180-day period, tightening the regime of expulsion of foreign citizens and stateless persons in Russia. The law introduces restrictions for those under the expulsion regime, including limitations on driving, opening bank accounts, getting married, and purchasing real estate. It also grants police officers expanded authority to access information and premises related to foreign citizens and stateless people under the expulsion regime, including the use of biometric data and geolocation. Furthermore, the law enforces expulsion measures that would see the deportation of individuals within 48 hours for expired documents or the commission of crimes.

Open letter for #EUCivicSpaceNow



ENS are one of 416 civil society organisations calling on EU leaders to take decisive actions to foster a vibrant civic space, uphold democracy and safeguard fundamental rights. The [open letter](#), initiated by Civil Society Europe,

outlines concrete actions to promote democracy, enable, support and protect civil society, strengthen civil dialogue and protect human rights amid growing concerns over the erosion of democracy in the EU.

Case law updates

This section includes relevant European case law on statelessness and nationality from regional and domestic courts. For more updates and to browse 300 other cases visit our [Statelessness Case Law Database](#). You can also read and subscribe to our special [Litigation Bulletin](#) which is dedicated to providing updates relevant to legal practitioners working on nationality and statelessness.

Austria: Court finds UNRWA's assistance or protection ceased in areas of operations in Syria

[Austria - Federal Administrative Court, BF v Federal Office for Immigration and Asylum, L512 2276189-1](#) (2 August 2024)

The Austrian Federal Administrative Court ruled that a stateless person of Palestinian origin from Syria was entitled to refugee status ipso facto as UNRWA was unable to provide assistance or protection in areas of operations in Syria. Read a [summary on the EUAA Case Law Database](#).

France: UNRWA's protection ceases when a stateless Palestinian cannot access required medical care

[France - Council of State, French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons \(Office Français de Protection des Réfugiés et Apatrides, OFPRA\) v. Applicant, 449551](#) (11 July 2024)

Following a ruling of the Court of Justice of the European Union (French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons v SW, 5 October 2023; read the [full judgment](#) and [a summary on the Statelessness Case Law Database](#)), the French Council of State upheld the lower asylum court's ruling (CNDA) which found that UNRWA's protection or assistance must be considered to have ceased, as UNRWA was unable to provide access to health care and medication which the applicant's life depended on and living conditions in line with its mission of assistance, exposing the applicant to a state of serious insecurity such as to force him to leave Lebanon. Read the [full judgment](#) and a [summary on the EUAA Case Law Database](#).

United Kingdom: UK Supreme Court denies Shamima Begum permission to appeal against deprivation of citizenship order

[UK – Permission to Appeal decision in the matter of Shamima Begum \(Appellant\) v Secretary of State for the Home Department \(Respondent\), UKSC 2024/0096](#) (7 August 2024)

The UK Supreme Court has denied Shamima Begum, who travelled to Syria as a child to join 'ISIL', permission to appeal against the UK Secretary of State's decision to deprive her of her British citizenship, on the basis that she was a dual British and Bangladeshi national. The Supreme Court found that the grounds of appeal did not raise an arguable point of law. One of the grounds of appeal concerns the fact that the Secretary of State failed to

have regard that the order to deprive her of her citizenship would render her stateless, in accordance with UK law, as it is not reasonably possible for her to be admitted into Bangladesh. The Supreme Court held that the lower courts found that the Secretary of State had taken into account the fact that the deprivation decision would render the applicant 'de facto' stateless and there was nothing indicating that there was an error of law in that conclusion. Read ENS blogs on this case, including the problematic distinction between "de jure" and "de facto" statelessness: [Shamima Begum: now stateless, but still deprived of her British citizenship](#), [Shamima Begum Supreme Court judgment: What are the implications for statelessness cases?](#), [Burden of proof in statelessness cases and the meaning of "by operation of its law"](#). Read summaries of previous judgments in the same case on the Statelessness Case Law Database: [Shamima Begum v Secretary of State for the Home Department](#) (23 February 2024) and [Begum v SIAC \(16 July 2020\) & Begum v SSHD](#) (7 February 2020).

United Kingdom: Considerations on risk of return and standard of proof in a case on an undocumented person from Kashmiri India

[UK - Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber, Case No: UI-2024-000873](#) (12 July 2024)

In a case concerning an appeal from an undocumented person from Kashmiri India against the Secretary of State for the Home Department's decision to refuse his protection claim, the Upper Tribunal upheld the First-tier Tribunal's decision which had allowed the appeal on the basis that the appellant was stateless and would be subjected to prohibited treatment on return to India as a result of his statelessness. The Upper Tribunal upheld the judge's assessment on the applicant's risk on return to India and finding that the applicant had taken reasonable steps to re-obtain his Indian nationality. The Secretary of State for the Home Department's appeal was therefore dismissed. The judgment includes interesting considerations on the standard of proof.

Netherlands: It has been 10 months since the new laws on statelessness, including the statelessness determination procedure and the provision for children born on the territory who would otherwise be stateless, came into force. Several cases have been brought and rulings have been published that provide insight into how the court assesses applications:

Netherlands: Child born to Cuban parents not registered with consulate considered stateless pending judge's authorisation

[Netherlands - Rechtbank Den Haag ECLI:NL:RBDHA:2024:12597 C/09/665531 / HA RK 24-226](#) (8 August 2024)

The court ruled that a child born to Cuban parents but not registered with the Cuban consulate should be considered stateless. The role of the district judge is essential in this case, as they must give permission to the parents to conduct these legal proceedings on behalf of their child. The court indicated that it is waiting for this authorisation before issuing a final ruling, which means that the case is currently pending.

Netherlands: Statelessness of an applicant born in the former Soviet Union

[Netherlands, Rechtbank Den Haag ECLI:NL:RBDHA:2024:6968 C/09/654944 / HA RK 23-398](#) (8 May 2024)

The competent authority argued that an applicant born in the former Soviet Union who was recognised as stateless might still be an Uzbek national, relying on the assumption that she could theoretically still claim this nationality. However, under Uzbek law, a person who lives abroad for over five years without consular registration loses their nationality, which

was the case of the applicant. The court therefore ruled that there was no evidence that she was considered as such or as a national of any other country.

Netherlands: Statelessness of an applicant born in UAE to Palestinian and Syrian parents

[Netherlands, Rechtbank Den Haag ECLI:NL:RBDHA:2024:13673 C/09/665541 / HA RK 24-228](#) (27 August 2024)

The court declared stateless an applicant born in the United Arab Emirates to a Palestinian father and a Syrian mother, which the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) agreed with. Despite holding a Palestinian passport and a Syrian refugee travel document, he did not qualify for citizenship under Palestinian, UAE, or Syrian law. The court ruled that since no State recognises him as a citizen, his statelessness is confirmed.

Recent publications, reports & briefings

- [\(ENS\) Joint submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child on General Comment 27](#) - As a member of the Working Group on Identity Rights, currently co-chaired by Child Identity Protection and the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI), the European Network on Statelessness and multiple other organisations made a submission for input to the CRC Committee's General Comment 27 on Access to Justice and Effective Remedies (AJER).
- [\(ENS\) Joint submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child on Spain](#) - Fundación Cepaim, the European Network on Statelessness (ENS), and Red Acoge made a joint submission to the Committee on the Rights of the Child for the 99th Pre-Sessional Working Group, focusing on Spain's compliance with the right of every child to acquire a nationality. The submission is in Spanish.
- [\(ENS\) Joint submission on Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Human Rights Council at the 48th Session of the Universal Periodic Review \(UPR\)](#) - Vaša prava BiH and ENS made this joint submission to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on the right to a nationality, human rights challenges relating to statelessness, and discrimination against minoritised groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- [\(ENS\) Toolkit to identify and address statelessness in Bulgaria](#) - With expertise provided by the Foundation for Access to Rights (FAR), we have developed a national toolkit to identify and address statelessness in Bulgaria.
- [\(HNLAC\) Joint submission to the Human Rights Committee on Poland](#) - The Halina Nieć Legal Aid Center (HNLAC), with the support of ENS, made this joint submission to the Human Rights Committee on non-refoulement, detention of migrants, and statelessness.
- [\(ISI\) The 2024 World Conference on Statelessness Report](#) - Setting a shared agenda for the statelessness field - This report draws on the key takeaways of the World Statelessness Conference held in Malaysia in February 2024 and presents a shared agenda for the statelessness field.
- [\(Katie Robertson\) The Dorothy and Brian Wilson Churchill Fellowship to investigate - Best practice models for providing legal education and aid to stateless children](#) - Katie Robertson established the Stateless Children Legal Clinic in Australia. In this report, she examines similar legal services in comparable countries to identify best

practice legal education and aid models suitable for assisting stateless children living in Australia.

- [\(SCR\) The Statelessness & Citizenship Review Vol 6 Issue 1](#) - The Statelessness and Citizenship Review is a joint initiative of the [Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness](#) at Melbourne Law School and the [Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion \(ISI\)](#).

Blogs & news articles

- [\(ENS\) Palestinian citizens of Israel fear risk of statelessness amidst rising calls for citizenship revocation](#) - A guest blog from one of our individual members explores how nearly 10,000 Palestinians in East Jerusalem have lost residency status since 2000, with fears of further increases due to current political tensions. Revocation measures threaten to worsen the already critical issue of statelessness among Palestinians both within and outside the occupied territories.
- [\(ENS\) Building Solidarity: SDCC-AP's Launch and Path Forward](#) - A guest blog from Tahera Hasan, lawyer, founder of [Imkaan Welfare Organisation](#) and steering committee member of the [Statelessness and Dignified Citizenship Coalition – Asia-Pacific \(SDCC-AP\)](#), discussing the successful launch of the new coalition, the challenges they have faced and their work towards a more inclusive, united future.
- [\(ENS\) Using the law to end statelessness](#) - Patrícia Cabral's editorial reflects on the power of litigation to address injustice and tackle laws, policies, or practices that fail to protect stateless people, highlights the need to bring the courts closer to stateless people, and provides an overview of ENS' litigation work.
- [\(Comic Relief\) "Telling my story again, and again, and again, and again" - co-creating a community speaker policy](#) - Comic Relief have shared our community speaker policy co-designed with people affected by statelessness. It describes good practice guidance on how to engage and work with community speakers, and is a framework for effective communication and collaboration, allowing those with lived experience of statelessness and forced migration to lead the conversation on the public stage.
- [\(UNHCR\) Five things to know about statelessness](#) - Statelessness affects millions of people globally, restricting their lives and opportunities. Here's what you need to know about how it happens and what is being done to address it.
- [\(Voxeurop\) People of no nation: how being stateless means living without rights](#) - Nina Murray, our Head of Policy, contributed to this article exploring the challenges stateless people in Europe face when accessing their fundamental rights.
- [\(Apatride Network\) Confronting Kafkaesque Bureaucracy: Stateless-Led Initiatives to Address Ignorance and Foster Inclusion](#) - In this blog post, [Jessica Schmieder](#), Project Manager of Apatride Network, sheds light on the 'Kafkaesque' challenges that bureaucratic practices pose for those affected by statelessness.
- [\(European Correspondent\) Latvia – The permanent limbo of the temporary non-citizen](#). An article exploring the issue of non-citizenship in Latvia.

Events & opportunities

- [ENS Webinar: Litigating on Statelessness: the right to respect for private and family life](#): Join us on Tuesday 1 October 2024 at 11 am (CET) for a webinar with experts on statelessness and litigators on how the courts can play a role in developing and effectively implementing the right to a nationality and the human rights of stateless people. We will also be launching a new legal briefing on statelessness and the right to respect for private and family life, analysing how this right can secure protection routes for stateless people and uphold the right to a nationality and to birth registration. [Register here](#).
- [Statelessness Intensive Course \(unimelb.edu.au\)](#) - Applications for the Statelessness Intensive Course at the Peter McMullin Centre for Statelessness, Melbourne, are now [open](#). This online course provides participants with the skills and practical tools to understand and address the problem of statelessness, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.
- [Being stateless: an oral history podcast](#) - The Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at the Melbourne Law School invites you to the launch of 'Being Stateless': An Oral History Podcast. Comprised of interviews with people living in Australia who were stateless, this podcast offers spaces for the sharing of stories, insights, knowledge and experiences of statelessness from people who migrated to Australia in the second half of the twentieth century.
- [Hungarian Helsinki Committee \(HHC\)](#), [European Council on Refugees and Exiles \(ECRE\)](#), and the [Polish Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights \(HFHR\)](#) - A webinar on Access to Classified Data in National Security Related Immigration Cases: this webinar, funded by the European Philanthropic Initiative for Migration (EPIM), will be held on 17 October from 9 AM to 3 PM (CET). [Register here](#) by 6 October.



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