



# **How the council reviews social research and uses it to combat myths and misconceptions of refugees in Britain through the media.**

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## Research Unit

- Established Jan 2005
- Purpose - To champion research within the RC and the sector
- Methodological approach – participatory
  - Qualitative
  - Community researchers etc..
- Refugee voices. Experiences and needs are identified and analysed by communities themselves

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## Current projects

- Impact of Anti-terrorism Measures
- Inclusive Secondary Schools
- Refugees' Experiences of Integration
- Older Refugees Programme

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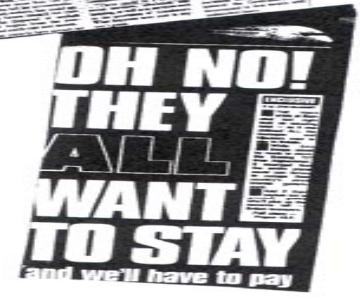
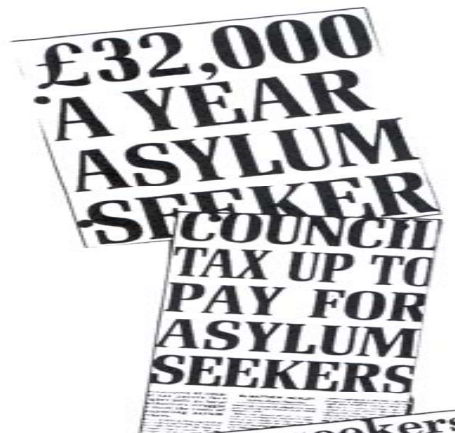
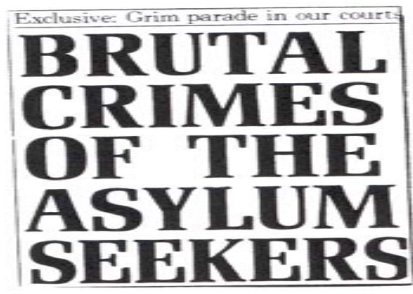
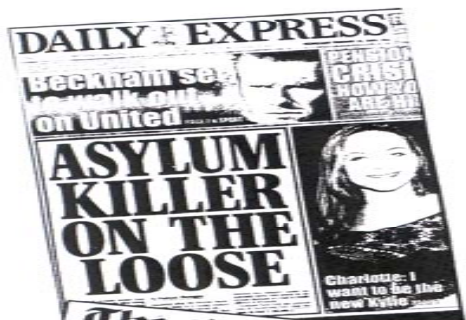


## The myths

- Opinion polls find that asylum continues to be one of the most important issues for the British public.
- It is rarely out of the newspapers and is the subject of intense political and public debate
- Reporting and commentary about asylum seekers and refugees is often hostile, unbalanced and factually incorrect

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**BRITAIN IS THE ASYLUM CAPITAL OF THE  
WORLD**

*The Express, 23 March 2005*



**ASYLUM SEEKERS EAT OUR DONKEYS**

*D Star, 21 Aug 03*

**ASYLUM SEEKERS SENT TO MORE AFFLUENT  
AREAS"**

*Daily Mail, 23 December 2005*

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**"HALT THIS CROOKED TIDE"**  
*The News of the World, 30 January 2005*

**"ASYLUM SEEKERS GIVEN VOTES TO GET LOANS"**  
*Mail on Sunday, 1 May 2005*

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# The impact of anti-terrorism measures: Perceptions and experiences among refugee communities



'The media is reckless. Whatever they are reporting translates into the message that the source of all the problems is the refugee community. The source of all the damage for this country is the refugee community' (respondent)

- Condemnation of the national media's reporting of refugee and asylum issues in the context of the terrorist attacks
- Refugees' feelings of segregation, isolation and victimisation highlighted the negative effect of media reporting on individuals.

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# BOMBERS ARE ALL SPONGEING ASYLUM SEEKERS



Britain gave them refuge and now all they want to do is repay us with death

THESE volatile bombers, who tried to murder scores of British war veterans, were taken into custody after they were shot down in what is believed to be a suicide bombing.

They are accused of having killed a British soldier and a British war veteran in a suicide bombing in Iraq last year. The men were shot down in a British war zone in Iraq last year. They were shot down in a British war zone in Iraq last year.

By David Phillips and Cyril Black

The British government has agreed to pay the cost of the trial of the bombers. The trial will take place in London. The trial will take place in London. The trial will take place in London.

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## Impacts

- Harrassment
- Racial abuse
- Hostility
- Fear

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## Future of the unit

- Strategic research linked to policy outcomes
- Refugee voices used to inform research findings and outputs
- Articulating complex realities into policy relevant research
- To become sector leader in the subject

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