

Statement by Kent Law School

Kent Law School declares its commitment to supporting the plight of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants to Europe, and especially to the UK. The long and enriching history of migrations in the UK and the Kent region; the pride with which Kent Law School holds its place within as “*The UK’s European University*”; and Kent Law School’s long-held critical, interdisciplinary and socially minded mission in legal education, scholarship and community engagement remind us that, in a sense, we are all migrants.

For a long time there has been a global refugee crisis. This crisis has intensified in recent years and since 2015, in particular, we experience the largest movement of people that has been encountered since 1945. More than 3.000 related deaths have taken place, and while the tragic incidents continue on a daily basis in the Mediterranean, and South Eastern Europe in particular, the EU is struggling to respond and is in the midst of political controversy, while islamophobia, xenophobia and racism are on the increase which often target asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. We stand in solidarity with these brave, proud and destitute people.

In this light, Kent Law School with the support of the University of Kent have agreed to award a fee waiver for one eligible individual, for the duration of their undergraduate or postgraduate Programme of study, commencing from September 2016, either through Article 26 at Undergraduate level or CARA at Postgraduate level.

Information as to the award’s criteria at undergraduate level:

https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/undergraduate/Article_26.html

Information as to the award’s criteria at postgraduate level via CARA:

<http://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/search/FNADCARAPG02>

Furthermore, Staff and Students are encouraged to engage with some of the **local support groups** which include:

Kent Refugee Action Network

<http://kran.org.uk/>

The Welcome Unaccompanied Young Asylum Seekers to Ladesfield (Facebook Group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/876961145720569/>

Samphire Project: Dover detention centre visitors group

<http://www.samphireproject.org.uk/>

Migrant Help UK

<http://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

Folkestone Migrant Support Group

<http://www.fmsg.org.uk/>

Canterbury City Council

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/support-for-refugees/>

Kent Refugee Help

<http://kentrefugeehelp.org.uk/>

Student Action for Refugees

http://www.star-network.org.uk/index.php/campaigns/equal_access