

Activity Sheet 1.3

6. Use libraries

Asylum seekers should be able to use all local-authority facilities such as libraries.

7. Walk around safely without fear of being victimised

In theory we should all be able to walk around safely, without fear, and most of the time we do. However, in some areas asylum seekers have been the victims of racist attacks. The Association of Chief Police Officers has said that there is an unacceptable level of abuse directed at asylum seekers and that their forces should try to tackle this problem.

8. Watch TV in your own language

There is no law against this. Some programmes in other languages are available on different TV services, but whether or not this is any use depends on the language the asylum seeker speaks and what TV channels they have access to.

9. Be able to travel abroad

Asylum seekers are not allowed to leave the country. If they did they would probably not be allowed back in. This rule would also apply to students whose school was going on a day trip to France, for example.

10. Religion

The UK is tolerant of all major religions. If the asylum seeker lives in a big city then there is a good chance there will be a place of worship for their religion. In other areas it may be more difficult because there may not be many people of the same religion.

