

# **Speakers**

## Gracie Mae Bradley, Against Borders for Children Campaign Coordinator Gracie Mae Bradley is a human rights worker and writer, and has spent several years supporting torture survivors to navigate the asylum system and rebuild their lives in the UK. In addition to campaigning with Against Borders for Children, she manages the Route To Your Rights project at the Migrants Rights Network.



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## Kevin Courtney, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Kevin was elected as General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers on 15 July 2016. Prior to that, Kevin was elected as Deputy General Secretary on 28 January 2010. He has been active in the Union for the past 26 years.



## Sara Ogilvie, Policy Officer at Liberty

Sara Ogilvie is a policy officer at Liberty, where she has worked on a range of human rights issues including policing, privacy, antisocial behaviour powers and Liberty's Military Justice campaign.



## Malia Bouattia, President of the National Union of Students

Malia Bouattia is a student politician and the president of the National Union of Students, elected at the National Conference in April 2016, and former Black Students' Officer of NUS.





## Carolina Gottardo, Director, Latin American Women's Rights Service

Carolina is a feminist, human rights activist who has been working on human rights for more than 20 years specialising in migrants', refugees' and women's rights. She is also the vice-chair of Lambeth Law Centre and trustee of Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants, Maternity Action, and ASAP. **Sin Fronteras** is a youth project that is part of the Latin American Womens Rights Service and which supports Latin American girls aged 14 to 21.





## Jen Persson, Coordinator, defenddigitalme

Coordinator of defenddigitalme, which campaigns for children's data privacy rights, and improved transparency in policy and practice with regard to the National Pupil Database. She is a member of the external DfE National Pupil Database Steering Group, and Administrative Data Research Network Approvals Panel. defenddigitalme is an ABC Campaign founding supporter.





## Representative from Freed Voices

A group of experts-by-experience committed to speaking out about the realities of immigration detention in this country and campaigning for detention reform. Between them they have lost over 20 years of their lives to detention in the UK.



#### Pragna Patel, Director, Southall Black Sisters

Southall Black Sisters is a not-for-profit, established in 1979 to meet the needs of Black Asian and African-Caribbean women. Their aims are to highlight and challenge all forms of gender related violence against women, empower them to gain more control over their lives; live without fear of violence and assert their human rights to justice, equality and freedom.





## Sheila Hayman, Freedom from Torture/Write to Life

Sheila Hayman is a BAFTA award-winning documentary filmmaker, writer and journalist. She is coordinator of Write to Life at Freedom from Torture, a long running creative writing and performance group for survivors of torture and the only one of its kind in the world. www.freedomfromtorture.org/lostandfound





## Spokesperson, Unis Resist Border Controls

URBC is a collective of British, EU and non-EU, migrant students, lecturers, and university workers opposed to UKVI surveillance on UK campuses.



#### Sharon Akaka, Let us Learn

Sharon joined Let us Learn in February 2016 and helped establish the Outreach Team. This team hosts regular events to engage new young people, bring them together and empower them to own their immigration history through storytelling. She is currently a History undergraduate at Kings College London as a result of a scholarship offered by her university.





## Rebekah Murrell, Programmes Coordinator at English PEN

Rebekah works across PEN's outreach and translation programmes, delivering creative projects for young people in education and refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and administrating grants for translators and publishers.



#### Nadia Hasan, Jawaab

Nadia is part of the anti-Islamophobia activist group Jawaab, for whom she blogs, petitions and runs workshops. She is also currently pursuing an MSc in Migration, Mobility and Development at SOAS. She has engaged with a number of migrants rights charities and networks in the past, including Medecins du Monde.

