

Guidance - instructing Waging Peace for your client

Who we are

Waging Peace is an NGO that supports Sudanese asylum-seekers and refugees to build meaningful lives in the UK. We work solely with the Sudanese community and have expert knowledge of this country, built over more than a decade of dedicated support and collaboration.

What we can do

We aim to help support clients holistically, and view legal support as crucial to our wider aims. Our involvement with you and your client can involve a range of activities, such as:

- Providing links to various other country experts.
- Connecting you to Sudanese community groups, for instance tribal groups, that are able to confirm a client's non-Arab Darfuri, Arab Darfuri, Nuban, or other ethnicity; or political and professional groups that can substantiate an aspect of your clients' claim.
- For clients with whom we have established relationships, we are able to interview individuals to see if their experiences are consistent with our own research and reports, as well as other objective country evidence, and produce a support letter to this effect, and/or attend court at lawyers' request. We request that our costs are recovered from the Legal Aid Agency (LAA) in these instances, as discussed below.
- Producing reports that can be used as evidence in asylum cases (see below for relevant links).
- Sourcing suitable interpreters for minority languages and dialects.
- Liaising between clients and lawyers to convey information and aide clear communication.
- Providing emotional support and further advice to our clients.
- Referring clients to other relevant support services for example; employment support, healthcare services, financial support agencies, or accommodation support agencies etc.

Please note – We need a minimum of **6 weeks' notice** to be able to produce supporting letters, due to the substantial time taken to gather evidence, interview individuals, read documentation, and draft a letter. Furthermore, while we aim to provide a free service, we request LAA reimbursement in such cases to compensate our time.

Links to relevant reports

- For a full list of our reports, please see [here](#)
- For a recent briefing on the situation in Sudan following *June 2019 massacre*, please see [here](#)
- Reports detailing *post-return abuse* and *sur place* activity, please see [here](#) and [here](#) and [here](#)
- For a report on risks of return for *non-Arab Darfuris*, please see [here](#)
- For a report on risks of return for *Nuba ethnicities*, please see [here](#)
- For a report on *FGM/C prevalence*, please see [here](#)
- For a report on *mental healthcare*, please see [here](#)
- For a report on *LGBT communities and HIV sufferers*, please see [here](#).