

Model Motion

(Wales)

The branch/GC notes: that unlike victims of modern slavery in Northern Ireland and Scotland, the law in England and Wales currently does not give victims the same right of support

This branch/GC: that unlike a person who is granted asylum, there is no automatic entitlement to on-going support or residency when a person is confirmed to be a victim of modern slavery. To access further support and remain in the UK, victims must apply for special discretionary leave to remain, which is only available in a narrow range of circumstances and difficult for victims to secure. In 2015 just 12% of victims were given this special discretionary leave to remain. Even victims who are EU or British nationals, and may be eligible for benefits, can struggle to access help as there is no specific access or specialised longer-term support provided on account of their ordeal as a victim of modern slavery.

The branch/GC: to call on the Welsh Government and Labour Party frontbench in Westminster to strongly support calls upon the UK Conservative Government for a direct right and pathway to support and employment for victims of modern slavery to smooth their recovery.

Background reading:

Global Slavery Index 2018:

<https://www.globallslaveryindex.org/2018/findings/country-studies/united-kingdom/>

Anti-Slavery International: <https://www.antislavery.org/>