New recruitment campaign for Windrush independent adviser

News story

Search is on for independent person to advise on Windrush Compensation Scheme.



A new recruitment campaign has been launched for an independent adviser to the Windrush Compensation Scheme.

The Home Office has committed to right the wrongs experienced by members of the Windrush generation who faced difficulties establishing their lawful status in the UK.

The government has put in place a series of measures to support members of the Windrush generation and their families, including the Windrush Compensation Scheme. The Scheme, launched in April 2019, is intended to compensate individuals for the losses and impacts they suffered because they were unable to demonstrate their lawful status in the UK.

The department is now seeking to appoint a permanent independent person to provide oversight and reassurance on the Windrush Compensation Scheme, and report to the Home Secretary on its operation, policy and effectiveness.

The independent person will:

- lead and participate in a range of outreach work and engagement sessions as part of the Home Office's work with stakeholders and community groups
- ensure that the Home Office is proactive in seeking and encouraging individuals to apply to the Windrush Compensation Scheme
- play an integral role in the governance structure of the Windrush Compensation Scheme, including sitting on the Windrush Cross-Government

Working Group and Windrush Compensation Scheme Oversight Board

• provide independent reports on delivery of the Scheme, scrutinising its performance, measuring how well it is achieving its objectives and providing recommendations. These reports will go directly to the Home Secretary.

The government response to the Windrush Compensation consultation, published in 2019, included a commitment to appoint a permanent independent person to advise the Home Secretary.

The recruitment has been launched today (August 25) and will close September 21. The appointment will initially run to April 2023.

Details of the of the post and how to apply can be found on HM Government
Public Appointments.

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