

Global Statelessness Movement – Manifesto

We are a global community of stateless people, activists, organisations and allied individuals dedicated to the eradication of statelessness, the achievement of equal nationality rights, and the realisation of human rights of all stateless people.

We come together because millions of people are denied their right to nationality and endure statelessness, while the nationality rights of countless others are under threat.

We recognise and assert our shared humanity and the equal dignity and rights of all human beings.

We centre those directly impacted by statelessness as leaders of our movement, recognising their expertise and lived experience as vital to our mission.

We are committed to equitable governance, transparency, collective self-reflection and accountability to each other.

We stand together in solidarity, choosing boldly inclusive and egalitarian collaboration, leading with kindness, patience, and mutual respect.

We seek to communicate in ways that are accessible to all.

We believe in the potential for social transformation to realise a world free from discrimination, which is the primary cause of statelessness. We recognise that this requires holding those in power to account and pursuing structural change.

We are determined to elevate and amplify the voices of stateless people at the international, regional and national levels, to influence policy makers, educate the community at large, and inspire global change.

We aim to create a new dynamic that empowers stateless people, inspires deeper understanding of our shared humanity, and galvanises action to uphold nationality rights for all.

We create and foster connections among people and communities impacted by statelessness and civil society allies, forging a safe and brave space for dialogue, storytelling, information and knowledge-sharing, and joint advocacy initiatives.

We recognise the deeply intersectional causes and impacts of statelessness and acknowledge that the success of our movement is intrinsically connected with other social justice movements. We are committed to work to connect, ally, and engage diverse social justice actors from the grassroots to the international levels.

We envision a world in which universal human rights - including the right to a nationality - are respected and upheld for all human beings.

We are confident that addressing the root causes of statelessness and realising our vision for the world will benefit all of humanity.

**We have used the term 'nationality' in this manifesto, as this is the term used under international law. The Global Statelessness Movement will use the terms nationality and citizenship interchangeably.*