

SIMPLE ACTS

4 Sing a song

There can be few acts that bring you closer to a stranger than singing a song they have written.

Music in Detention helps people in immigration detention express themselves through music, and for Refugee Week 2018 they are inviting you to learn a song written in detention, so the voices of detainees can be heard far and wide.

There are three original songs to choose from, all of them written by detainees about refugee experiences, during workshops by Music in Detention.

Whether it's with your community choir, your school or at your workplace, and whether your performance is big or small, your Simple Act of solidarity will be heard.

You might like to perform the song in a concert, and if you do you might decide to dedicate it to those in detention who don't have the freedom to be singing with you.

Maybe you'd like to make a recording or music video, or have another creative idea we haven't thought of yet...

Visit Music in Detention's [website](#) to listen to the three songs and view the scores and lyrics (coming soon).

If you're looking for inspiration, it doesn't get much better than the Lips Choir, who did [this performance](#) of Rihanna's 'Stay' after

hearing a recording of it sung by women in Yarl's Wood detention centre.

See also Horsell Community Choir's [brilliant version](#) of Jamaican folk song 'Long Time Girl', also inspired by a Music in Detention recording done in Yarl's Wood.

Once your song is ready to share, let us know!

- Add your performance to the Refugee Week [online calendar](#)
- If you're happy to, upload a video to Twitter or Instagram using #SimpleActs (and tagging @MIDdetention on Twitter)