

# Review of: "Forget the cake: let them work. Conflicting narratives towards work, health and the plight of asylum seekers in the UK"

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The article discusses an important and very relevant topic for professionals from various fields. It is also an important and relevant issue because asylum seekers is a global issue and not just an issue faced in the UK. As a reader who does not live in the UK, I would suggest starting the article with data related to asylum seekers in the UK, such as how many people there are, what their demographic characteristics are, such as marital status, ages, which countries they come from, and more. These data would help the reader to understand the issue more deeply. The title of the article implies that the reader is going to read different narratives about the issue. It turns out later that there are no narratives, and what is more critical to me, is that the voices of the asylum seekers themselves or of the professionals working with them, are not heard. I would suggest adding those voices - both as a way to allow the voices of people who are marginalized anyway (or at least from the professionals who meet them frequently because of their work with them) and also because it would give a different depth to the article. If the narratives and the voices are not added, I would recommend changing the title of the article - mainly to remove the two words: "conflicting narratives". I get the impression that this is mainly an article that details and criticizes UK's policy regarding to employment and the reception of asylum seekers. I would suggest adding information about the policies on the same issues in other places in Europe or the world. This information would have allowed the reader to compare the different policies and thus understand where the UK stands in relation to other countries. In the part that refers to the conclusion, I would suggest adding recommendations for practice. In sum, I believe that this is an important article that raise awareness of the situation of a marginalized and excluded population. And more than that, to the consequences of the offensive policy not only on the asylum seekers themselves but on the general population and the different services, such as health services.