

# **PE2028/H: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland**

## **Petitioner written submission, 12 March 2025**

We would like to thank the Petitions Committee for considering our petition and providing us with the update.

We have the following comments to make regarding recent developments:

- We welcome the £2 million that the Scottish Government allocated for a free bus travel for people seeking asylum in Scotland. While we appreciate this support from the Scottish Government, this remains a temporary/short term national scheme with further details to follow regarding the process and time limitation. This has also been the second announcement of the scheme restarting.
- We kindly request the petition be kept open to collect more signatures as we continue with our initial ask, which is for concessionary bus travel for people seeking asylum in Scotland.
- We encourage the Committee to seek a further update from Transport Scotland and Scottish Government until we have a clearer idea about next steps and the timeframe on when the Scottish Government is planning to start the scheme.