

## **Short case study – February 22**

This month we were so pleased for our client Daniel, who came to the UK as a refugee, and who received his citizenship recently. Daniel had leave to remain, but desperately wanted the security and dignity of citizenship in the country he had made his home, and he paid the very large Home Office fees by saving his wages. Unfortunately, while his application was being processed, Covid happened, so when the Home Office asked for extra evidence, many agencies who could have helped were closed.

Daniel struggled to provide what the Home Office needed by himself but replied to the Home Office as best he could. However, his application was refused. Because Daniel had been destitute for some of the time that he lived in the UK without status, the Home Office believed he had been working illegally during this time and did not accept his explanation that he had got support from charities, and his housing provider. The advice team advised him what documents he needed to get and helped Daniel to make an appeal. We consulted with a solicitor and sent all of the evidence and our arguments back to the Home Office. Thankfully, the Home Office accepted that their initial decision was wrong, and he is now a British Citizen.