

# The National UK Immigration Summit 2026

## Agenda

- 9:30am** **Chair's Welcome Address**  
Ben Whitham, Policy and Engagement Manager, Refugee Action
- 9:40am** **The UK Immigration System Today: Regulation, Trust and Public Confidence**  
Heather Laing, Chief Executive, Immigration Advice Authority
- 10:05am** **Putting Families First: Cellmark's Immigration DNA Testing**  
Romana Ahmed, Business Development & Account Manager, Cellmark
- 10:30am** **Comfort Break**
- 10:50am** **From Arrival to Belonging: Making Integration Work in Practice**  
Helen Altshul, Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Link Merseyside
- 11:15am** **Panel Discussion: Migration, Skills and the UK Economy**
- Helen Dempster, Programme Co-Director, Migration and Displacement and Policy Fellow, CGD Europe
  - Heather Rolfe, Senior Research Fellow, British Future
  - Marley Morris, Associate Director - Migration, Trade and Communities, Institute for Public Policy Research
  - Aaron Reynolds, Assistant Director of Immigration, Compliance, and Institutional Research, NYU London
- 11:55am** **Lunch Break**
- 12:50pm** **Panel Discussion: The Future of UK Migration Policy Priorities, Partnerships and Practical Solutions**
- Nabil Ali, Senior Policy Advisor - Refugee & Migrant Children, Barnardo's
  - Heather Laing, Chief Executive, Immigration Advice Authority
  - Tigs Louis-Puttick, Policy & Research Coordinator, Bail for Immigration Detainees
  - Helen Altshul, Chief Executive Officer, Asylum Link Merseyside
- 1:30pm** **Chair's Summary and Close**