

# ALI KIGONGO

Global Asylum Seeker Human Rights Defenders Committee

2024 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

**Defend rights to freedom, protection, and justice for asylum seekers by confronting racial inequity, authoritarianism, and injustice and organizing abuse reporting, legal aid, advocacy, campaigns, and labor organizing.**

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Global Asylum Seeker Human Rights Defenders Committee (GASHDC) challenges manipulation of the global asylum system, anti-Black racism, and neo-colonial servitude so asylum seekers can exercise their rights to freedom, protection, and justice.

GASHDC provides a private communication technology platform for human rights abuse reporting, legal aid efficacy, trauma treatment, public awareness campaigns, asylum law advocacy, and abuse documentation. GASHDC's webpage, Asylum Voices, is a public venue to share firsthand stories of racial inequity and injustices experienced by asylum seekers. GASHDC steers the global union of asylum seeker workers and promotes union organizing at workplaces to build a strong global trade union movement.

## PERSONAL BIO

Ali Kigongo is the founder of the Global Asylum Seeker Human Rights Defenders Committee, which strives to confront racial inequity and authoritarianism against asylum seekers, expand access to justice in asylum procedures, and support exiled human rights defenders. He has experienced firsthand the harsh conditions faced by many asylum seekers — systemic racism both in daily life and at government agencies and noisy, chaotic shelters infested with narcotic drugs.

While engaging with many asylum seekers, Ali found that they shared his experiences. He constantly struggled with one question: how can the founding purpose and values of the global asylum system be reinstated? Ali's spirit, passion, and wealth of knowledge on best practices comes out of his extensive work with communities confronting systemic oppression. Ali is a 2023 Fellow of the Künstlerdorf Schöppingen Foundation, which is awarded to innovative artists across the world. He has produced crime and horror fiction and written to protect the rights of persons at the margins of society. He is currently writing his novel, "Long Walk to Asylum," and an advocacy publication, "Asylum, the Naked Truth."

### Organization/Fellow Location

Landsberg am lech, Germany

### Impact Location

Germany

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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