

6. Our objectives have not changed over the years, but our continual requests to governments have, for the most part, been consistently denied. These reasonable objectives are:
  - An independent, judge-led inquiry into the British policy of ‘migrating’ or, more correctly, deporting its most vulnerable citizens.
  - Long term, secure funding for the independent, specialist services of the Child Migrants Trust.
  - A family restoration fund with no arbitrary end date for former child migrants, to help us meet with our families following decades of enforced separation.
  - National Apologies from those countries involved in the barbaric practice of child migration.
  - Reparation including adequate redress – two key areas which require swift action as child migrants are an ageing population.
7. Following our country’s National Apology in February 2010 [IAFCMF1], which meant so much to all of us, there was a failure by the UK government to develop a post apology plan. After the apology must come truth and justice.
8. Harold Haig responded to former Prime Minister Gordon Brown’s Apology, on behalf of all former child migrants and their families [IAFCMF2]. This moving, sincere response can be viewed on the CMT website. I would ask this Inquiry to familiarise themselves with our response to that day we had waited for all our lives. That was truly a precious moment of acknowledgment by our Country.
9. The Child Migrants Trust has always ensured those governments responsible for child migration have been kept regularly informed of the devastating consequences of these cruel child migration schemes. It has taken 30 years to reach this day. Many of our childhood friends have died without receiving any justice whatsoever.
10. Until 2002, the Association had several hundred active members representing the UK and all four countries involved in British child migration, when we changed our policy on membership in order to pursue the broader objectives and work as a focussed committee alongside the Child Migrants Trust. Considerable time and effort was, in our view, being wasted on administrative matters such as membership fees and local concerns that detracted from pursuing the bigger picture issues.
11. Since that time, the Association committee has operated as a campaigning group, consulting closely with CMT and communicating with former child migrants on an individual and group basis. In addition to website and newsletter updates of our activities, on occasions we send open letters to all former child migrants on the CMT