Emily's hope:
"I knew that the UK was our home.
The Human Rights Act helps us prove it"

Emily was a survivor of domestic violence with an uncertain immigration status because of her spousal visa. She was granted Indefinite Leave to Remain, her application was supported by Article 8 of the Human Rights Act. It was her safety net.

Emily* separated from her husband because he was violent.
He would be physically, emotionally and economically abusive towards her and he would often threaten to have her deported if she did not do as he wanted. After some time trying to cope with the situation and her husband's behaviour, Emily felt that the only solution was for them to separate.

As a single mom with a leave to remain in UK based on her spousal visa, she was working tirelessly to support her two kids. She was facing a great deal of pressure because the time had come for her to renew her Leave to Remain in UK: a costly application which requires a lot from Emily not just in terms of money, but also in terms of evidence and time. She was afraid her application might be refused, and she and her children may have to leave the UK and move to Southeast Asia.

Emily approached JustRight Scotland for advice and support.
We helped her in assessing her immigration application status. With the safety net and protection of the Human Rights Act, Emily knew that her application would have been supported by Article 8 which seeks to ensure that everyone has the right to respect for their private and family life among other things.
Her children have lived in the UK and have been part of their community for all their formative years. They went to school, family days and social events in their local parks, established long-term friendships in their neighbourhood. She also spent a significant amount of time in the UK, during which she has worked and raised her family.

Our legal team helped Emily to apply for Leave to Remain in the UK. Her application was granted thanks to the Human Rights Act.
Emily is now thriving with her two children. She has Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK and she no longer feels the financial pressure of having to save up money relentlessly to fund immigration applications nor the fear that her husband could take steps to have her visa revoked as he threatened to do in the past.
She feels empowered to move on with her life and look forward to the future with her children living in a country that they feel is home.

The Human Rights Act protects our Right to respect for private and family life and ensures that we access justice for #AllOurRights when people are not treated fairly. Read more about your Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence here.

Share your story or read other stories in the “Our Stories, Our Rights” campaign here.

*To protect the confidentiality of the people involved, identifying information has been changed.