

“Only people who have been through such a horrific experience as we have, or are going through it, truly fathom the pain, fear, feelings of hopelessness and despair. The GlobalARRK team have been there. They really **understand**. They provided me with **non-judgmental practical support and advice**. They **saved my sanity**. I cannot thank them enough for the help they provided me and so many others like me”

- Helen, stuck in New Zealand

Our mission is to prevent international child residence disputes and reduce their devastating impact on children and their parents by raising awareness about relocating and returning with kids, bringing together and supporting stuck parents* around the world and using research to promote a better understanding of the underlying issues behind so-called Parental Child Abduction.

*A **stuck parent** is a parent who, after moving abroad followed by a relationship breakdown, is unable to return to their home country with their children or is forced to be separated from them because they are unable to remain in that country together.

“I am forever grateful to GlobalARRK for **supporting me** through the most difficult time in my life. They **helped** find a great solicitor. They also helped me with **advice** in regards to accommodation and other **practical things**. What's more important, they have been there for me, giving me **emotional support**, day or night.”

- Sarah, stuck in the UK

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GlobalARRK relies entirely on donations. We are all volunteers and use every penny donated to help those already stuck and to prevent this happening to other families. Thank you for your support!



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Global Action on Relocation and Return with Kids

Supporting parents who have moved abroad and cannot return home with their children.

What all parents
need to know
BEFORE they move
abroad!

Relocation abroad has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. International migrants worldwide rose to over 91 million, or by 60%.

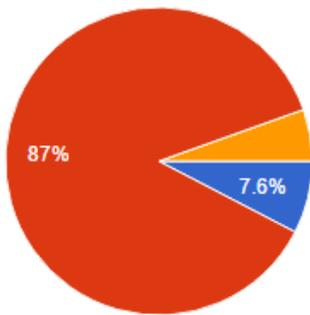
(UN International Migration Report 2015)

#KnowBeforeYouGo!

Many families move abroad and think that if it doesn't work out they can simply move back home. However, if one parent wants the child to stay the other must get permission from the local court to allow the child to leave. This process can be costly and take many years. Visa restrictions, unemployment, poverty, language barriers and loneliness can make life impossible for the now 'stuck' parent and child. **The parent often has no choice but to return to their home country without their child.**

Prior to moving abroad were you aware you could be unable to return home with your children unless the other parent gave permission?

● Yes
● No
● Other



(GlobalARRK Survey 2016)

Asha's Story

My British husband and I decided to move with our two young daughters from the UK to Canada. We dreamed of owning a farm and said we'd try it for two years. Unfortunately within months our marriage broke down and my husband became abusive. I had no one to turn to as we lived in a remote rural area. I took my girls back to the UK but then I was charged with child abduction. I spent £30,000 on court fees but was sent back to Canada with nothing. I feel I am being held hostage, with no money or home. Soon my visa will run out. Then what?

Removing a child without permission from a country that has signed up means that one parent can accuse the other of child abduction under this international treaty:

The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Parental Child Abduction 1980

97% of the stuck parents we support say they have experienced some form of abuse since relocating abroad

(GlobalARRK survey 2016)

About GlobalARRK

Founded in 2012 and registered as a UK charity in 2016, GlobalARRK is the only charity specialising in helping stuck parents. Made up entirely of parent volunteers, we have coordinators in 10 different countries and support hundreds of stuck parents in over 35 different countries.

What we do:

Support parents:

- Provide chat-line support online through Facebook and email
- Connect parents locally around the world
- Signpost to other helpful organisations

Raise awareness of the issues:

- Publish information
- Help the media to inform the public
- Highlight issues for decision makers
- Give informative talks and presentations

Promote research & collect statistics

We are connected with specialist lawyers around the world who all pledge to give a little extra to our Stuck Parents.