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# Ubuntu Women Shelter

- We are a specialist service set up to meet the accommodation needs of all women with **no recourse to public funds** (trans, intersex and cis, nonbinary, agender, gender variant inclusive)
- **We welcome sex-workers**
- **We are run only by people with lived experience of immigration, asylum and destitution**

# In our work

- **We do not 'save vulnerable' women**
- We provide **practical support** (arrange safe sleeping, offer psycho-emotional support in non-clinical settings, facilitate access to financial, medical and other specialist services)
- We **hold safe spaces** where every woman we support can make autonomous decisions about their lives.

# We see our work

- As **reparations work** – an intervention to heal the historical violence of slavery and colonisation that we carry in our bodies
- As an intervention to reveal **our collective complicity** in the **erasure of structural violence** performed as **immigration law enforcement**



Let us take a minute  
to  
pause  
and  
remember

We stand on the  
sweat  
labour  
tears and bodies

of the enslaved  
the colonised  
and the oppressed  
who  
built Edinburgh



# THIS IS HALLOWED<sup>T</sup> GROUND

...that hollows out the liberal promise of equality

The promise of equal  
treatment in law is a liberal  
myth

Designed to ensure we remain

rich, rich, rich

so

'The other' rightfully remain

poor, poor, poor



130 OF THESE BEING STOWED UNDER THE SHELVES AS SHEWN IN FIGURE B & FIGURE 3.

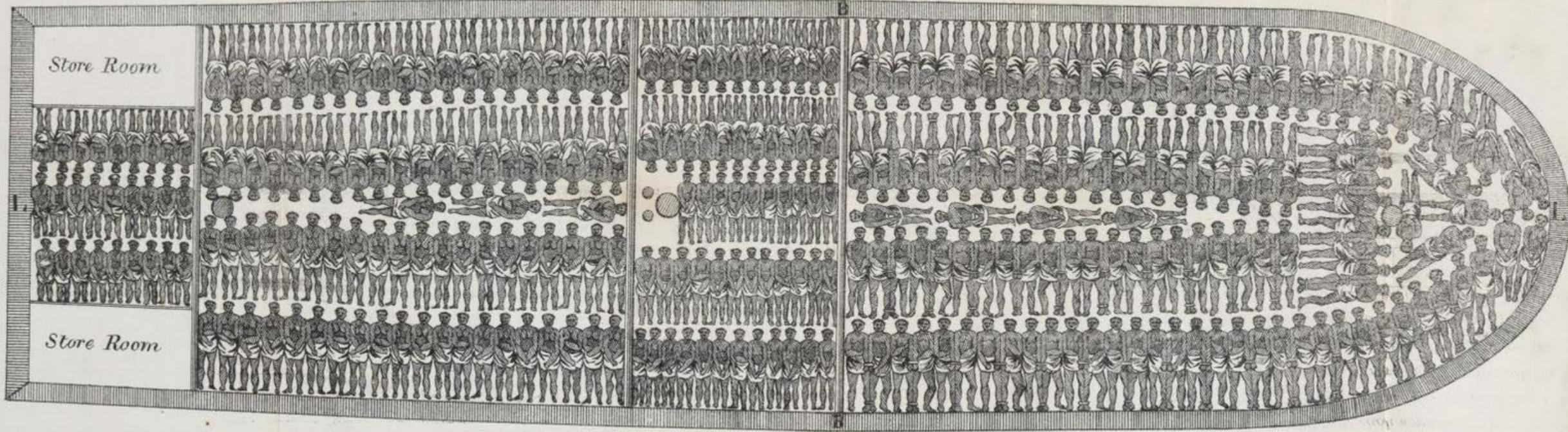
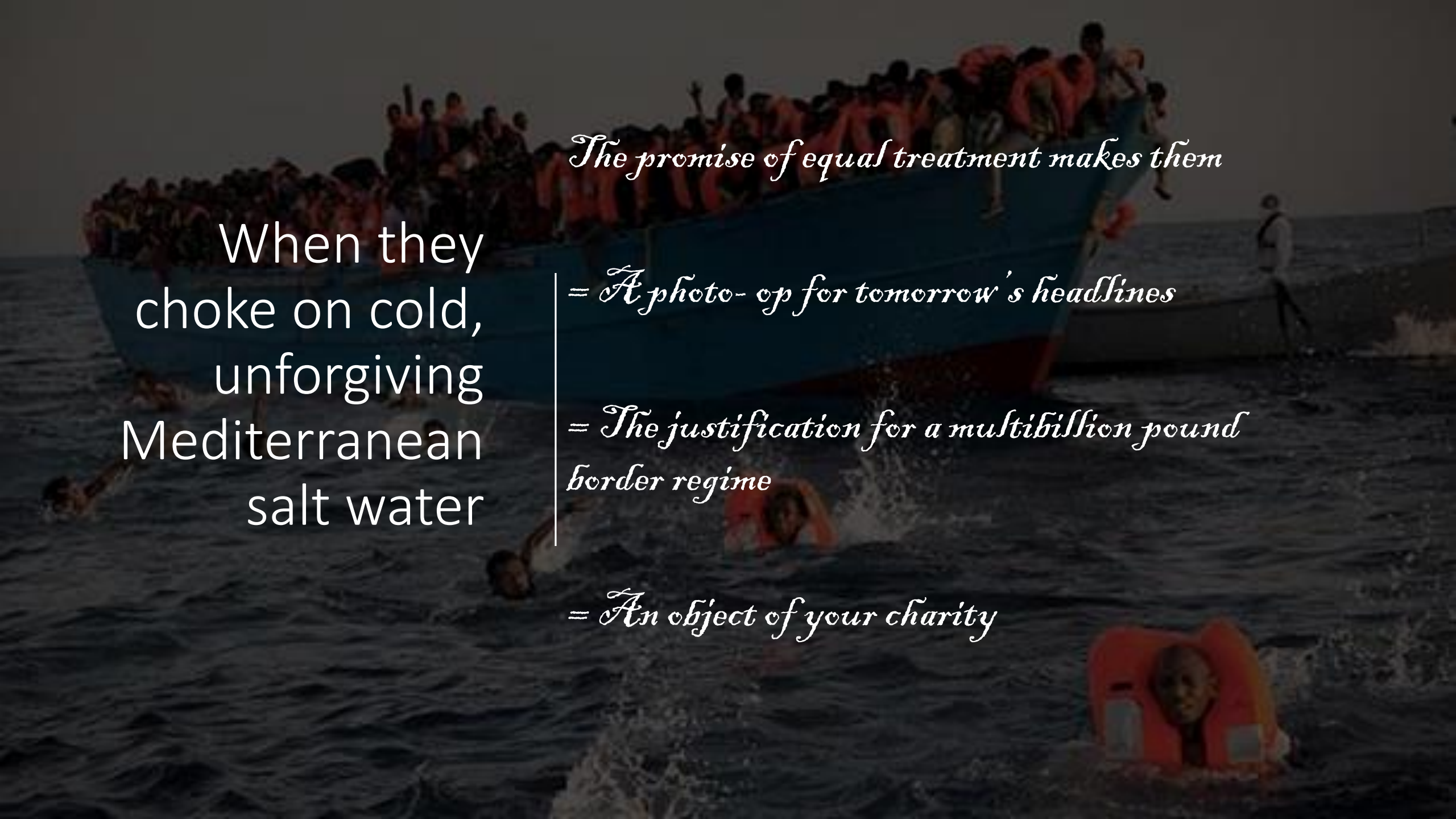


Fig 2.

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This is what *Equal Treatment in Immigration Law Enforcement* looks like to us





When they  
choke on cold,  
unforgiving  
Mediterranean  
salt water

*The promise of equal treatment makes them*

*= A photo-op for tomorrow's headlines*

*= The justification for a multibillion pound  
border regime*

*= An object of your charity*

We know

**Destitution** as state policy is a form of **structural violence** directed towards **people of colour and the poor**

*Equal treatment in Immigration Law* **legitimizes the erasure of state violence on some bodies**

In our work we see...

*Some bodies are always more equal than others*

# *Translating* Immigration Law Enforcement for you

Home Office question: Do you have recourse to public funds?

Yes

*white, white, white, RICH, RICH, RICH*

No

*black, black, black, POOR, POOR, POOR*

# *Translating* Immigration Law Enforcement for you

Home Office Decision: Asylum support denied

*No Free choice, No Free speech, No Free movement*

*Wrong Colour, Wrong Colour, Wrong Colour*

*Wrong Class, Wrong Class, Wrong Class*

*Undeserving, Undeserving, Undeserving*

# *Translating* Immigration Law Enforcement for you

Home Office Decision: Not eligible for accommodation.

Home Office decision: Claim refused. Removal directions issued

Refused asylum seeker!! Illegal, Illegal, Illegal!!

*White Economy*

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*I choose*

- *Destitution*
- *To perform sex for a place to sleep*
- *To work without pay*
- *To pay for my medical treatment*
- *To die young on six slabs of cold concrete*

*Black Economy*

# Equality in Immigration law makes

- Us legal

and 'the other'

illegal

## MP blames go home illegal immigrant advertising vans for racist attack on mosque

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# Welcome to our intersectional world..

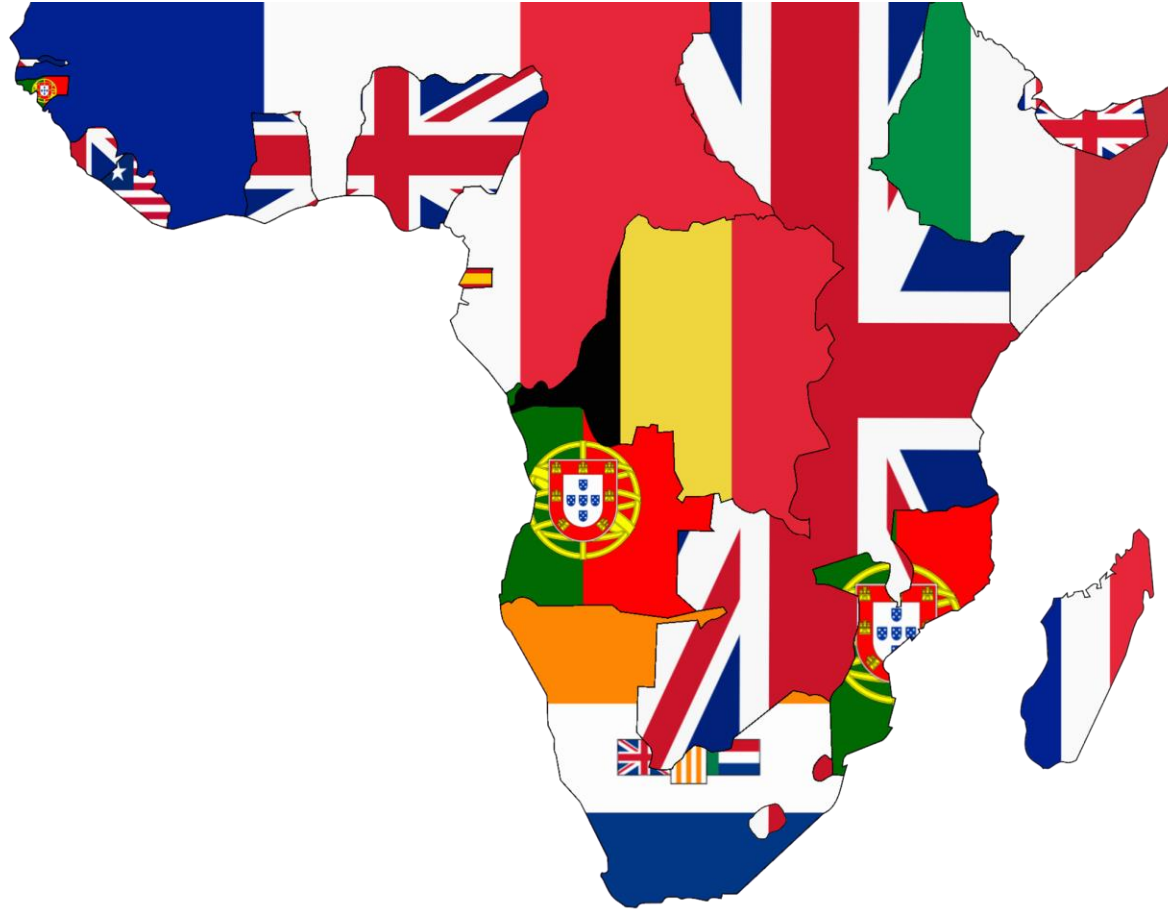
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Indefinite **Internment** and deportation imminent  
**Section 4** asylum support denied,  
**Section 98** asylum support denied,  
**Section 95** asylum support denied  
Wrong colour, Wrong class, wrong national**ity**

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To us intersectionality means we are 'the other' and 'the other' is us



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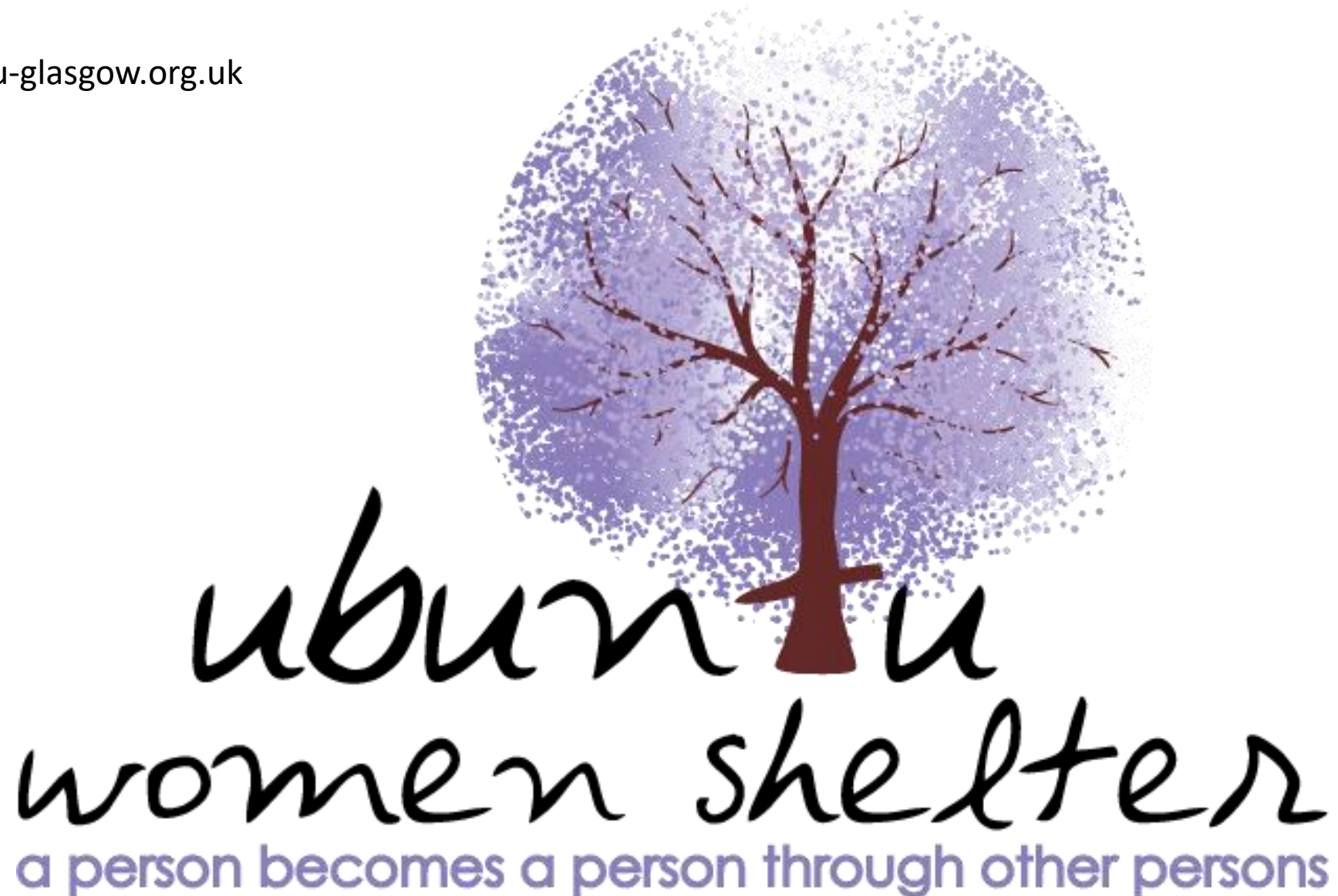
For us an intersectional world

is a  
world  
without  
borders

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