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This project, funded by an ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, is unique in that it engages in the policy-making process relating to the rights of undocumented migrants. Undocumented migrants are currently the subject of tough Government rhetoric and policy, likely to intensify in advance of the 2015 general election. Although undocumented migrants are known to be excluded from society and to experience high levels of criminalisation and victimisation, there are significant gaps in the understanding of their experiences in the UK which could usefully inform policy in this area. This project proposes to support the emergence of a policy-relevant and community-led research agenda relating to undocumented migrants, at an important time for this issue. It is particularly innovative in its approach as Migrant Community Organisations (MCOs) and NGO sector migrant campaign groups will be prominent in the shaping of the research agenda, with a view to generating longer-term engagement of these groups in future policy-relevant research.