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The Newsflash is a weekly round up of publications, information, events, funding and jobs relating to asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers for anyone who wants to keep up to date with the latest developments.

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Independent Asylum Commission publishes third report

The Independent Asylum Commission has published its Third and Final Report of Conclusions and Recommendations: Deserving Dignity. It calls for a full review of detention policy, and an end to the detention of children, and makes 90 recommendations on the treatment of asylum seekers.

<http://www.independentasylumcommission.org.uk/>

Multilingual Advice Leaflets

There are two new multilingual leaflets available to download from the Refugee Council website. The free leaflets: 'Schools for children - information factsheet for refugee parents' and 'Sexual health - information factsheet' are available in multiple languages.

<http://languages.refugeecouncil.org.uk/>

'Outsourcing Abuse: The use and misuse of state-sanctioned force during the detention and removal of asylum seekers'

A new research report by Birnberg Peirce & Partners, Medical Justice and NCADC, based on nearly 300 claims of assault during removal.

<http://www.ncadc.org.uk/emmaginnsfolder/emmaginnsfolder/july%2008/Outsourcing%20Abuse.pdf>

'Disabilities among Refugees and Conflict-Affected Populations'

A new research report published by the Women's Commission of the International Rescue Committee.

<http://www.womenscommission.org/special/disabilities.php>

Ban resumed on the deportation of asylum seekers to Darfur

The Home Office has resumed its ban on the deportation of asylum seekers to Darfur, which was temporarily lifted earlier this month, whilst it awaits the outcome of an Asylum and Immigration Tribunal case which is expected to provide country guidance on the safety of returns to Sudan.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldhansrd/text/80709-0002.htm>

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CLG Select Committee Report on Cohesion and Migration

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcomloc.htm>

The Path to Citizenship

Following publication in February of the Green Paper 'The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in Reforming the Immigration System', 3 further documents were published on 14 July:

- The government response to the consultation on the Green Paper covering what people thought about the proposals.
- A partial draft Immigration and Citizenship Bill setting out proposals for the replacement of 10 Immigration Acts with a single piece of new law.
- The Bill narrative setting the context for the Bill and explaining how the gaps in the current draft will be filled in the full Bill introduced to Parliament in the next session.

Press release:

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.asp?ReleaseID=373723&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromSearch=True>

Reports: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/immigrationandcitizenshipbill/>

Forthcoming IPPR publication

Moving up Together: Promoting equality and integration among the UK's diverse communities due September 2008. Moving up Together examines the experiences of four national groups of migrant to the UK: Bangladeshis, Iranians, Nigerians and Somalis. The research focuses on the economic position of these four groups and addresses the question of why some migrant and minority communities are lagging behind in terms of employment, qualifications and earnings. The report examines why some communities, and sections within them, experience barriers to better economic outcomes. It also examine which policy interventions may be most effective in increasing levels of employment, qualifications and earnings among these four communities and will feed into debates about migrant integration.

“The New Bonded Labour?”

The report published by Kalaayan and Oxfam looks at the impact of proposed changes to the UK immigration system on migrant domestic workers

<http://www.kalayaan.org.uk/documents/Kalayaan%20Oxfam%20report.pdf>

Launch of UNISON 'Organising Migrant Workers' handbook

The Migrant Workers Unit of UNISON launched a branch handbook, 'Organising migrant workers', at its annual conference in Bournemouth on 18th June. The 36-page booklet supplements the union's other organising material and addresses the specific challenges when organising migrant workers.

<http://www.unison.org.uk/acrobat/17351.pdf>

Immigration and social cohesion in the UK

This research from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation draws on original material gathered from six UK sites with different experiences of migration and post-industrial transformations, and comprising different populations of long-term residents and new immigrants. Between them, they illustrate various contexts of social cohesion in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Press release: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/releases/210708.asp>

Report: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/knowledge/findings/socialpolicy/2249.asp>

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