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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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Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Parenting and integration: the experiences of asylum-seeking and refugee mothers in England – academic research report from MA researcher, University of East Anglia (UEA)

Alice Haynes from UEA conducted research by interviewing women from Norwich's Gateway programme and Suffolk Refugee Support Forum/Refugee Council's International Women's Group, Ipswich. Whilst the report is not available for public dissemination, Alice is happy to send a summary of her findings to anyone interested and take questions on it. She is hoping to extend it to PhD level next year, so would be grateful for further contacts with additional refugee and asylum seeking mothers.

Please email Alice for more details: alice.haynes@uea.ac.uk

UK Border Agency (UKBA) names 'Reliance' as new escort services provider

On 29 October the decision was made to award a new contract for escorting people detained by the UK Border Agency. Reliance Secure Task Management will be responsible for escorting detainees, both in the UK and also on removal flights to home countries. The company already manages several contracts for Her Majesty's Prison Service. Reliance will begin its 4 year contract in May next year. In the meantime, current contractors G4S will continue to manage escorts for UKBA.

Migration

Forced migration – UKBA updates guidance on human trafficking

Two pieces of updated guidance have been launched to help UK Border Agency frontline staff and trafficking experts deal effectively with human trafficking victims. The guidance, which has been developed by the central policy unit, includes information about how staff can refer into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), which is the UK's process for formally identifying victims, sharing information and facilitating victims' access to advice, accommodation and support.

Please follow this link for more information:

<http://ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/asylumprocessguidance/specialcases/>

More migrants need biometric residence permits to extend their stay in the UK – from December 2010

The permits will replace the stickers (known as 'vignettes') which these migrants currently hold in their passports. Subject to parliamentary approval of the regulations, migrants who apply to extend their stay in the UK under Tier 1 or Tier 5 (temporary worker) of the points-based system will need to enrol their biometric information (fingerprints and photograph) as part of their application from 14 December 2010.

Migration statistics briefing from IPPR – net migration continues to rise

IPPR has assessed the statistics from the Office of National Statistics issued last week relating to immigration and compared it to emigration figures, finding that net migration is rising, largely because of the slowdown in emigration (down 14%) rather than increase in immigration (up 2%).

Please follow this link to read the report in full:

http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=792&dm_i=IMP,98SA,3039NF,WDYS,1

Census 2011 publicity materials available in other languages

Advertising leaflets and posters in English and other appropriate languages for the following communities are now available to download from the Census 2011 website.

African/Caribbean

Arabic

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Indian (in Gujarati)

Indian (in Punjabi Gurmukhi)

Migrants (in Polish)

Pakistani (in Punjabi Shahmukhi)

Pakistani (in Urdu)

Somali

Please follow this link to download resources: <http://2011.census.gov.uk/Publicity-materials>

Home Office consultation on transparency

The Home Office is doing a public consultation seeking views on the transparency section of its Business Plan (pages 27 to 34). The transparency section contains its information strategy for making data and information publicly available. It includes a proposed list of input and impact indicators which can be used to assess their performance in key priority areas. The Home Office will use the feedback from this consultation to ensure that it contains the most relevant and timely information and technically robust indicators. The Home Office business plan is online at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/corporate-publications/business-plan-2011-15/?view=Standard&pubID=840851>

To respond to the consultation go to: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/non-personal-data/corporate-data/transparency-sec-of-bus-plan/>

Events

Transition Fund from BIG fund for Eastern region – briefing events Newmarket & Norwich, 14 & 15 December

See the ‘funding’ section of the newsflash for details of the fund. Eligible organisations - charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises are invited to attend briefing events in Newmarket and Norwich in December if they are interested in applying to the Transition Fund.

To register for the event, please follow this link to download a booking form

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/transitionfund complete and return it to transitioneastern@bigfund.org.uk by **8 December 2010**. Please select which two hour session you are able to attend. They expect demand to be high for these events and there are a limited number of places in each session. Due to space constraints, registration is limited to one person per organisation. Confirmation of places will be sent by 10 December 2010.

14 December at 10am – Newmarket

15 December at 10am – Norwich

Training from Refugee Council – an introduction to working with unaccompanied asylum seeking children, London, 20 January

This course will provide an overview of the asylum and support systems for children and examine the interaction between them. Focusing on procedures that the young people are required to participate in, delegates explore how best to respond to the difficulties they may be facing. Participants will have an overview of the relevant policy and processes involved in working with unaccompanied children, which will be related back to their day-to-day experiences, giving a practical understanding of:

- Who unaccompanied children are
- Asylum determination, lodging an application and the asylum process
- The roles of different adults in the system
- The legal and policy framework for support and care, including the Children Act
- The impact of the asylum process on care planning
- Common issues faced by unaccompanied children and those working with them

Please follow this link for more information and details of how to book:

http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/fulldetails.htm?dm_i=I6P,BBNI,31R5LZ,VREY,1#unaccompanied

Funding

Transition Fund from BIG fund for Eastern region

The Cabinet Office has launched a new £100million Transition Fund to help the charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises that are affected by public spending cuts to make adjustments so that they can continue to play an important part in public service reform and the Big Society Agenda.

The Office for Civil Society has appointed BIG Fund (non-Lottery funding operation of the Big Lottery Fund) to administer the fund. Eligible organisations are as follows: **charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises** which meet the following criteria:

- Civil society organisations with an income of between £50,000 and £10 million
- At least 60% of the organisation's income is from taxpayer funded sources
- At least 50% of the organisation's taxpayer funded income must be spent on service provision in at least one of the following areas – health and social care; homelessness; education and training; offender rehabilitation; welfare to work/employment services; children and families; debt counselling and legal advice
- The organisation's free reserves must not be more than six months
- The organisation faces significant cuts; it will lose at least 30% of its taxpayer funded income in 2011/12, as compared to the most recent set of signed annual accounts
- The minimum grant size is £12.5k and grants will meet no more than half the taxpayer funded income. This means that you will have lost at least £25k
- The majority of the grant expenditure will be on change activities
- The majority of the services provided by the organisation are in England.

See the 'events' section of the newsflash for details of the briefing sessions being held in the region for those interested in applying to the fund. Organisations unable to attend a briefing session can find all the information on eligibility and applying via www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/transitionfund. After the regional briefing sessions all of the information from the events including the presentation will be uploaded to the website.

BIG Launches £3.6 Million Jubilee People's Millions Fund

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG), in partnership with ITV, will award 60 Lottery grants to community projects across the UK to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Four projects in each of the 15 ITV regional news areas will receive grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 for new community-based activities that will inspire and improve local communities. In June 2011, shortlisted projects will be featured on ITV regional news, after which the public will be invited to vote on which projects should receive funding. Successful organisations will be expected to have projects up and running by February 2012 in order to maximise opportunities for promotion during the Diamond Jubilee Year.

Applications are accepted from the following organisations:

- Voluntary and community groups
- Local authorities
- Schools
- Statutory health bodies
- Social enterprises

The deadline for applications is **4 February 2011**. For more information or to apply please follow this link: <http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/>

Jobs

Teaching Assistant, Ipswich – part-time (25 hours per week) and temporary; £13,189 - £16,440 pro rata

Required from January 2011, term time only to work in Hillside Community Primary School, Ipswich, a large, multi-ethnic, urban primary school. The post holder will support individuals and small groups of children within the classroom and on a withdrawal basis and should have recent, relevant experience of working within a primary school and be prepared to undertake relevant training as required. Salary and the exact nature of the duties will be dependent upon the successful applicant's experience and expertise. The role is about supporting the learning of children from ages 5-11 for whom English is an additional language. A range of languages are spoken within the school, including Polish, Portuguese and Lithuanian. The successful candidate will work under the guidance of class teachers and the teacher with overall responsibility for EAL.

Application packs are available from the school, Belstead Avenue, Ipswich IP2 8NU Tel: (01473) 601402 or email: ad.hillside.p@talk21.com. For more information, please follow this link:

<https://www.suffolkjobsdirect.org/jobdetails.asp?jobid=20759>

The closing date for applications is **10 December** and the interview date is **14 December 2010**.

Relief bi-lingual teaching assistants – Cambridgeshire; flexible and variable hours, fixed term contract to March 2011 £8.89 - £9.91 per hour

In various locations across Cambridgeshire including Cambridge, Huntingdon, Wisbech, March, Soham and Ely, Cambridgeshire County Council is looking to recruit a pool of relief bi-lingual teaching assistants. The post will be on a supply basis with Cambridgeshire Race Equality and Diversity Service (CREDS). The successful candidates will be required to work in primary and/or secondary schools when a need is identified (i.e. not regular daily work). The post is open to those who have GCSE or equivalent level qualification and can speak English and one of the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Romanian, Slovak and Tagalog. All applicants will require an enhanced CRB check and all selected applicants will have to attend minimum of 1 day free training.

For informal enquires please contact Mahbubur Rahman or Tomasz Wlodarski 01223 568841.

The closing date for applications is **15 December** and interviews are to be held on **17 January 2011**. Please follow this link for further information:

http://www.jobsincambs.com/JobDetails.aspx/5008/Relief_Bilingual_Teaching_Assistant/?page=5&SSimple=&SSalary=&STerm=-1&Sdepartment_id=&SLocations=-1&SSchools=&SSubjects=&SMinimumSalary=0&SMaximumSalary=140000&SRecentWeeks=startDate&SAuthoritys=1&o=startDate

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