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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

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### **The experiences of unaccompanied asylum seeking children in and leaving the out-of-home care system in the UK and Australia: a critical review of the literature**

Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people are a particularly vulnerable group. This paper examines the existing literature on this group of children and young people in and leaving out-of-home care in the UK and Australia, and compares and contrasts their experiences. Attention is drawn to legislation, policies and programmes which alternatively assist or hinder their successful transition to adulthood.

Please follow this link to read the document in full:

<http://isw.sagepub.com/content/early/2011/02/07/0020872810389318.abstract>

### **Office for National Statistics (ONS) publishes quarterly migration data**

The following migration data is now available:

[Migration Statistics Quarterly Report Statistical Bulletin - February 2011](#)

[Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom - Fourth Quarter 2010](#)

[Monthly Asylum Statistics - December 2010](#)

National Insurance Numbers allocations to adult overseas nationals entering the UK:

[http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/index.php?page=nino\\_allocation](http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/niall/index.php?page=nino_allocation)

If you are interested in migration trends in your local area, please check the local area migration indicators suite, which presents long term data comparison (since 2004) for each local authority, and includes, among others, NINo, WRS and Flag 4 GP registrations, as well as estimates for international and internal migration, numbers of non-UK and non-British nationals (see tabs at the bottom of the Excel spreadsheet for other criteria). You can also compare regions, counties or local authorities within one county.

See the document for further information: [Local area migration indicators suite](#)

### **No recourse to public funds (NRPF) national network – latest bulletin available**

The February bulletin has just been released and includes information on the end of the WRS, the Sojourner Project, Rights of Women domestic violence guidance, a guide to Jobcentre Plus services for refugees and UKBA alternative to family detention proposals

Please follow this link to read the bulletin in full:

[NRPF Network - February 2011 Bulletin.pdf](#)

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## Migration

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### **Government outlines visa reforms for workers to take effect from 6 April 2011**

The government's work visa route changes have been unveiled, laying out the criteria for the annual limit. This is part of the government's new annual limit on non-EU workers, effective from 6 April. In 2010, the Home Office announced that 20,700 visas are to be made available to skilled workers applying through Tier 2 of the points-based system, plus 1,000 visas under a new exceptional talent route. Under the new system, employers apply for a certificate of sponsorship from UK Border Agency for a specific post to bring someone to the UK whereas now, businesses have an annual allocation. Employers filling a vacancy attracting a salary of £150,000 or more are not subject to the limit on the number of certificates of sponsorship allocated. The 20,700 annual certificate of sponsorship limit will be divided into 12 monthly allocations. Due to expected demand in the first month, 4,200 certificates will be available in April; from May, the limit will be 1,500 places per month. Unused monthly places will roll over to the following month. If a monthly allocation is over subscribed, applications for certificate of

sponsorship will be ranked using a points system which favours jobs on the shortage occupation list, scientific researchers and those with a higher salary. Once an employer has been granted a certificate of sponsorship, it must be assigned to the sponsored employee within 3 months. Workers from outside the EU wanting to come to the UK must have a graduate level job, speak intermediate level English and meet given salary and employment requirements.

The intra-company transfer route, which is not part of the annual limit, will also be changed:

- the job will have to be in an occupation on the graduate occupation list;
- only those paid £40,000 or more will be able to stay for more than a year. They will be granted for 3 years with the possibility of extending for a further 2; and
- those paid between £24,000 and £40,000 will be allowed to come to the UK for no longer than 12 months, at which point they must leave and will not be able to re-apply for 12 months.

The statement of intent is not definitive - the rules will be subject Parliamentary scrutiny – but is intended to provide migrants and employers with enough information to make plans. Please follow this link to read the story in full: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/42-government-outlines-visa>

### Europe's response to arrival of migrants in Italy

The European Commission has said that it is ready to give help to both Tunisia and Italy, following the arrival of around 5000 migrants from Tunisia to the Italian island of Lampedusa. Some of the migrants who arrived in Southern Italy said they were fleeing poverty and were looking for jobs and a better life in Europe; others said they were fleeing chaos, violence and a state of lawlessness. According to Italian authorities, 2,634 people were transferred from Lampedusa to other centres in mainland Italy. On the 17 February there were 1,800 refugees in the Lampedusa centre, double of its maximum capacity.

The situation in Lampedusa has provided MEPs with another argument to impel the Member States to rethink the Dublin Regulation, which puts the responsibility of examining asylum applications on the country through which migrants enter the EU. The proposal to redistribute Tunisian refugees to other EU countries has already been ruled out by the Austrian government, but the Italian Council for Refugees has requested the Dublin Regulation be suspended temporarily as a sign of concrete intra-European solidarity. Please follow this link for more information: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/11/106&>

### Migrant Help Advice sessions Suffolk – expanded service in response to demand

Migrant Help have been running the migrant drop-in service in Suffolk funded by the Migration Impacts Fund since October 2010. They have recruited locally and have partnered with local libraries and in Ipswich with CSV Media, to deliver this service. Since the service started, they have given help to over 300 migrants. Migrant Help have been flexible in their delivery to ensure that the service is provided where it is most needed. This has led to some changes, to venues and opening hours. The drop-in service timetable is now:

Every Saturday	10.30 – 12.30	CSV Media Ipswich
Every Saturday	14.30 – 16.30	Felixstowe Library
Alternate Saturdays	10.30 – 12.30	Newmarket Library
Every Saturday	14.30 – 16.30	Brandon Library
Alternate Sundays	11.00 – 12.30	Brandon Library
Alternate Sundays	13.30 – 15.30	Bury St Edmunds Library
Every Sunday	10.30 – 12.30	Lowestoft Library
Every Sunday	13.30 – 15.30	Lowestoft Library
Alternate Sundays	10.30 – 12.30	Stowmarket Library

There are new leaflets and posters to promote the new service in Bury St Edmunds and the extended hours in Brandon and Lowestoft. For copies of them or for more information, please contact Allison Coleman: t:01473 265160 e:[allison.coleman@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:allison.coleman@suffolk.gov.uk)

### Immigration fraud pilot from Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and UK Border Agency (UKBA) extended from Hounslow and Stansted to East Midlands

A pilot immigration fraud scheme offering cautions as an alternative to prosecution has been extended to the East Midlands. The option of a simple caution applies as an alternative to prosecution in certain circumstances. It was available initially at Heathrow and Stansted airports for foreign nationals agreeing to be removed from the UK after being detained for matters such as carrying false travel documents.

Now it is being extended to include:

- Derbyshire Constabulary

- Nottinghamshire Police
- Lincolnshire Police
- Leicestershire Constabulary
- Northamptonshire Police.

For more information, please follow this link: [http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/cls\\_news\\_12477.asp?page=1](http://www.legalservices.gov.uk/civil/cls_news_12477.asp?page=1)

## **Migrant Policy Index (MIPEX) III being released by British Council and Migration Policy Group**

The British Council and the Migration Policy Group are releasing the results of the third edition of the Migrant Integration Policy Index at a press launch on 28 February 2011. At the launch, the MIPEX findings will be shared for the first time, providing the opportunity to see:

- How well each country is doing to grant equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities to all residents
- Whether Europe is converging or diverging from this vision of integration
- What trends are reshaping countries of immigration
- How European standards have improved national policies

The findings cover whether immigrants can:

- Get jobs that match their skills
- Reunite with their family
- Educate their children
- Participate in politics
- Settle down for the long-term
- Become full citizens and
- Fight discrimination

The third edition covers 31 countries including all 27 EU Member States, Canada, the United States, Norway and Switzerland to give a global and comprehensive view of integration policy. The MIPEX data will be available in summary as a paper publication and in full as an interactive online resource to assess, compare and improve migrant integration policy from 28 February. To access the online resource, please follow this link [www.mipex.eu](http://www.mipex.eu)

## **Picture Europe without discrimination! A photographic competition from Amnesty International**

- Do you have powerful images that promote the value of a society without prejudice?
- Can you illustrate the importance of tolerance and respect for diversity?
- How do you challenge misconceptions, reverse stereotypes and engage people to counter discrimination?

Send suitable pictures to Amnesty International. They will make a contribution to Amnesty International's call for action against discrimination in Europe. Amnesty International is running this European-wide photo competition as part of its Fight Discrimination in Europe Campaign. The competition is open to everyone except professional photographers, living in Europe, over the age of 14. Submit your photo by **31 March 2011** and to have the chance to win prizes and be invited to the awards ceremony in Brussels in May 2011. Please follow this link for more information: <http://www.fightdiscrimination.eu/take-action/photo-contest>

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## **Events**

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### **Immigrant integration in a time of austerity: Panel discussion and book launch, 9 March, London**

The Barrow Cadbury Trust in partnership with the Transatlantic Council on Migration, is hosting a panel discussion and book launch on integration programmes across countries in Europe. The panel discussion will take stock of the impact of the crisis on immigration and integration. The event will explore the impact on the governance of integration policies and programmes, and ask how integration support can be strengthened in a time of austerity. The event will see the presentation of a new Transatlantic Council paper on how European governments have changed and developed their integration policies during and after the economic crisis. It will also mark the publication of the latest Transatlantic Council book on immigrant integration in North America and Europe. Speakers include:

- Demetri G. Papademetriou, President, Migration Policy Institute and Convenor, Transatlantic Council on Migration, Washington DC
- Trevor Philips, Chair, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, UK
- Sara Llewellyn, Chief Executive, Barrow Cadbury Trust (Chair), UK
- Elizabeth Collett, Senior Adviser, Transatlantic Council on Migration, Brussels
- Nicolas Marugan Zalba, Director of the Spanish Observatory on Racism and Xenophobia, Ministry of Labour and Immigration, Spain

For more information and to register please contact [Sarah.Norman@Champollion.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Norman@Champollion.co.uk) or click [here](#)

## **Tackling hate ...achieving equality conference, 30 March, Marriott Sprowston Manor, Norwich NR7 8RP**

The conference examines how organisations from all sectors across the region can work together effectively to tackle hate crime incidents and achieve equality and human rights for all.

The conference will:

- Empower communities and agencies to work together to tackle hate crime by effective multi-agency approach
- Respond to the challenge to identify and eliminate unlawful discrimination as required by the Equality Act 2010
- Build upon partnership work across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Confirmed conference speakers have expertise at local, regional, and national level to facilitate debates about hate crime and are:

- Nazir Afzal OBE – National Director of Community Liaison Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)
- Sabrina Bartram – Opening Doors
- Phil Gormley – Chief Constable, Norfolk Constabulary
- Ruth Hunt – Director of Public Affairs, Stonewall

Closing date for registration is **16 March** 2011. The conference is free for Norfolk and Suffolk delegates. For more information please contact:

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## **Child Trafficking: Advanced Course on Safeguarding Children, delivered by ECPAT, 24 May, EELGA, Flempton, Suffolk**

This advanced course from End Child Prostitution and Child Trafficking (ECPAT) aims to build on practitioners' knowledge of child trafficking and assumes a basic understanding of the key issues. The focus will be on supporting and safeguarding suspected victims of child trafficking and some of the complexities this area of practice can create. The course will include new changes in practice since the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against the Trafficking in Human Beings including the National Referral Mechanism and new Trafficking Toolkit. The need for a multi-agency approach will underpin the course content, so is open to both statutory and third sector, and will be of help to those working in child protection or receiving referrals about suspected trafficked children. The course is £75 plus VAT for those who register before **28 March** and rises to £90 plus VAT for bookings made between March 29 and May 23. For more information, please follow this link: <http://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/view-event.aspx?ID=2690>

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## **Funding**

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### **Grants for refugee academics**

Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA) grants support refugee academics to move towards gaining employment in the UK that is relevant to their skills and experience. You can apply for a CARA grant if you meet these 2 criteria:

- you were working in your home country as a lecturer or researcher at a higher education institution
- you have UK refugee status

CARA fund costs associated with qualifications or structured work placements that will support refugee academics to move towards employment in the UK. Types of funding considered include tuition fees, travel costs, examination fees, childcare costs, IT equipment and stationary costs.

CARA has a limited amount of funding and can only consider funding costs of up to £10,000. The average amount of grant that was awarded for the past four years is £3,914.91.

To apply contact CARA by either phoning 020 7021 0880 or emailing [info.cara@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:info.cara@lsbu.ac.uk) The CARA grant team will discuss whether you are eligible and guide you through the application process.

Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday **18 March 2011**. The Allocation Committee will meet in May 2010 to review applications and award grants.

To find out more about CARA visit [www.academic-refugees.org](http://www.academic-refugees.org)

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## Jobs

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### **Freelance translators and interpreters – TIP/Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE)**

TIP from ISCRE provides a range of translating and interpreting services in Ipswich, across Suffolk, and sometimes beyond. They are always on the look out for DPSI qualified translators and interpreters but would be interested in hearing from anyone with fluency in English and one or more languages. They are keen to hear from **Lithuanian** and **Latvian** speakers in Suffolk or adjacent counties as the demand for interpreters for these languages is high in Ipswich at present.

Anyone interested in working as a translator or interpreter in Suffolk should contact Annie Chow at TIP:  
t: 01473 400 082 m: 07776 304 661 f: 0871 900 4218 or e: [annie@iscre.org.uk](mailto:annie@iscre.org.uk)

### **Refugee Action, Fundraising manager, £32,796 - £35,433, full time, permanent, London**

Refugee Action works in the area of reception, resettlement, development and integration of asylum seekers and refugees. It is seeking to recruit a Fundraising Manager to lead the fundraising team. The successful candidate will play a key role in maximising its income whilst developing and delivering a clearly-defined strategy which reflects the organisation's overall vision, aims and values.

A successful track record in a similar role is required as well as a strong background of managing and motivating others. For further information and to apply click here: [http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/jobs/FundraisingManagerFeb2011.aspx?dm\\_i=IMP,DG5S,3039NF,12BPM,1](http://www.refugee-action.org.uk/jobs/FundraisingManagerFeb2011.aspx?dm_i=IMP,DG5S,3039NF,12BPM,1)

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