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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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### **Reforming Asylum Support – response to the UKBA consultation from the Local Government Association (LGA), the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)**

COSLA, the LGA and WLGA have undertaken a joint response to a UK Borders Agency consultation entitled 'Reforming Asylum Support: Effective Support for those with Protection Needs'. The response welcomes the move to greater partnership working but expresses some concerns over proposals that may lead to the transfer of the cost of asylum support to local authorities.

Joint response to the UKBA consultation:

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/aio/8044908>

### **Time well-spent: The importance of the one-to-one relationship between advice workers and their clients**

This report by the Council on Social Action, with contributions from Refugee and Migrant Justice, stresses the importance of the one-to-one relationship between advice workers and their clients.

Time well-spent report:

<http://refugee-migrant-justice.org.uk/downloads/time%20well-spent-signed%20off.pdf>

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## Migration

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### **Surveying Hard to Reach Groups report**

In this project, a team from the University of East Anglia and Norfolk and Waveney Mental Health Foundation Trust (NWMHFT) address the issue of contacting Hard to Reach groups of people on behalf of NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney (NHS GYW). Within this work, the project team sought to establish some demographic information for the NHS GYW region to determine the size and localities of each of the Hard to Reach groups and the health services that provide to these people; review the potential for collaboration with Local Government or County Councils on data survey based collection; develop a sampling strategy and a set of methods for collecting Hard to Reach patient feedback from key contacts, and conduct a data gathering exercise.

Surveying Hard to Reach Groups report:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADYANwA0AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUafAB8ADAAfAA1>

### **Focus Migration Country Profile: Ireland**

Traditionally Ireland has been a country marked by a declining population and high rates of emigration. Within the last two decades this situation has reversed dramatically. Immigration has increased significantly in the context of rapid economic growth. At first, flows were driven by returning Irish emigrants, but from the early 2000s EU and non-EU nationals began to arrive in significant numbers for the first time, mainly to work but also to seek asylum. Emma Quinn reflects the historic development of Ireland as a country of emigration and immigration and gives an overview on the different aspects of the current migration policy.

Ireland country profile:

[http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/UDRW/images/items/docl\\_11935\\_129944406.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/ewsi/UDRW/images/items/docl_11935_129944406.pdf)

**British Council and Institute of Community Cohesion launch online intercultural dialogue guide**

On 2 February 2010 the British Council and Institute of Community Cohesion (iCoCo) launched a new guide on tackling difference. The Intercultural Dialogue (ICD) online resource guide will, for the first time, give policy makers and practitioners around the world practical advice and good practice examples to support work on ICD.

Press release:

[http://www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk/live/dynamic/News2ShowArticle.asp?article\\_id=53669021-6BC8-4BDC-B673-4D309A7E8636](http://www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk/live/dynamic/News2ShowArticle.asp?article_id=53669021-6BC8-4BDC-B673-4D309A7E8636)

ICD online resource guide:

<http://www.cohesioninstitute.org.uk/Resources/Toolkits/InterculturalDialogue>

**Special IOM/Eurasyllum interview series on the future of migration**

Building on Eurasyllum's existing monthly policy interviews, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Eurasyllum have launched a special series on *"The Future of Migration: Building Capacities for Change"*. This monthly interview series will run from February to June 2010 and will aim to feed into the World Migration Report 2010, which will be dedicated fully to this policy theme. This special monthly interview series is designed to collect the views of senior public officials, social partners and reputable academics worldwide about the needs for new capacity building measures in five major policy areas: climate change (February 2010), integration and rights (March 2010), labour migration (April 2010), migration and development (May 2010) and migration governance (June 2010).

"Climate change and migration: impacts and policy responses" interview:

<http://www.eurasyllum.org/Portal/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabindex=2&tabid=19>

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## Events

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**KIC (Knowledge + Information = Choice) workshop**

Thursday **18 February 2010**; 9:30am – 1.00pm;

Ipswich Borough Council; Grafton House; 15-17 Russell Road; Ipswich; IP1 2DE

This course is aimed at practitioners and support workers from the statutory and voluntary sector who have a sound knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and who work with or are in contact with women and families from Bangladeshi and black and minority ethnic communities.

The course is organised by Suffolk County Council Community Safety Unit and aims to provide individuals and organisations with the opportunity to introduce KIC, explore and consider the barriers to communication and improve understanding to enable participants to facilitate KIC development sessions with small groups of women from diverse communities.

KIC workshops were developed recognising that women will often talk to friends about their relationships in preference to contacting professionals or agencies. This is particularly relevant for those women from diverse communities who may experience barriers or perceive there are barriers to communicating. The programme is aimed to break down the myths surrounding religion and culture and to give the opportunity to share commonalities.

To reserve a place please contact: Debra Smith, Domestic Abuse Training Administrator: 01473 264659;

[Debra.smith@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Debra.smith@suffolk.gov.uk)

**Peterborough Befriending Project Open Evening**

Tuesday **23 February** 6pm to 8pm

Pay us a visit and find out what we offer.

We would love to hear your ideas about how the project can provide what you want it to.

Free food, drink, games and activities

British Red Cross Centre

Brassey Close

Peterborough PE1 2AZ

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## European Refugee Fund and European Return Fund pre-application workshops in Manchester and London

The UK Border Agency will be hosting two pre-application workshops to assist potential applicants on 24 February 2010 in Manchester and 26 February 2010 in London.

The **Manchester** workshop will be held on **24 February 2010** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Manchester City Centre, 70 Shudehill, Manchester, M4 4AF. For further information about the venue, including access to a map and directions, please use the link below:

[www.cpmanchester.com](http://www.cpmanchester.com)

The **London** workshop will be held on **26 February 2010** at the Jolly Hotel St Ermin's, 2 Caxton Street, London SW1H 0QW. For further information about the venue, including access to a map and directions, please use the link below: [www.jollyhotels.com](http://www.jollyhotels.com)

To register for the event, please complete the registration form (link below) and return it to [EUfunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EUfunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) by **Friday 12 February 2010**. Please note that places for these workshops are restricted in number and will therefore be allocated on a first come first served basis. To ensure that a wide range of organisations are able to attend, places will be restricted to a maximum of two people per organisation.

Workshop registration form:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADYANQA5AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUAfAB8ADAAfAA1>

## Communities and Local Government Workshops in Birmingham on 3 March and Durham on 12 March 2010

What can the housing sector do to help local communities get along? How can the housing sector work together to strengthen community cohesion? What is your housing association, local authority or agency doing to promote interaction between residents from different backgrounds?

Communities and Local Government is hosting a series of workshops that will explore these and many other questions. The Department for Communities and Local Government recognises the pivotal role the housing sector plays in fostering relations between the diverse residents who make up their local communities. The workshops are aimed at housing associations, local authorities and tenant groups and will:

- investigate the benefits to be gained from delivering activities that encourage residents to interact e.g. greater intergenerational interaction, tackling anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime
- provide an opportunity to discover and share new approaches to foster interaction; and
- look to establish sustainable links and peer-group working across the housing sector.

The workshops will comprise of 5 regional one-day events. The first two were held on 27 November and 4 December 2009 in East London, supported by the Old Ford Housing Association. The next one will be held on Wednesday 3 March in Birmingham, supported by the Ashram Housing Association and another on Friday 12 March in Durham, supported by the Fabrik Housing Association. The Department would like to invite applications from across the housing sector; we would particularly welcome representatives from housing associations.

We would also encourage 'pairing' applications [those with responsibility within your organisation for shaping cohesion policy attending with a colleague responsible for its delivery e.g. Development Officers or a resident from the housing association who has experience of supporting the delivery of your policies]. Communities and Local Government believe that this will help to establish the links between future strategic and delivery strategy. A further workshop will be held in the East of England in late March.

The workshops will be free to attend and lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend either of these workshops please contact Anne Wilkins, Cohesion and Migration Directorate, email:

[Anne.wilkins@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Anne.wilkins@communities.gsi.gov.uk) or tel no: 0303 444 2047. Please also nominate a colleague who is able to attend in your place should you be unavailable. Applications will close on Monday 22 February for Birmingham and Wednesday 3 March for Durham.

## Positive Impacts Project launch

The Norwich and Norfolk Race Equality Council (NNREC) and Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) would like to invite you to the launch of the Positive Impacts Project funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government under the Migration Impacts Fund. The key aim of this project is to build the capacity of migrant workers, through the provision of advice and advocacy and generating an increase in the capacity of the BME Third Sector and the wider voluntary/community sectors across Suffolk and Norfolk. This will

be achieved through a series of activities delivered by and with the communities to ensure improved partnership working and better access to services.

Conference details:

Date: Friday **26 March 2010**

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Trinity Park, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich, IP3 8UH

For further information including bookings please contact Nancy Maduakoh at [office@iscre.org.uk](mailto:office@iscre.org.uk) or 01473 408111

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## Funding

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### Ford Britain Trust

We are committed to supporting the communities we work and live in. That's why we created the Ford Britain Trust in April 1975 to help fund the education and advancement of our neighbours. We pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to our UK locations. The Ford Britain Trust particularly encourages applications from Ford employees, but is open to all, provided that the qualifying organisations meet our selection criteria. There are two types of grants to apply for:

- small grants for amounts up to £250, available four times each year.
- large grants for amounts over £250 and usually up to a maximum of £3,000. Large grants are considered by the Trustees twice a year.

Next deadlines:

Small grants - **2 March 2010**

Large grants - **4 May 2010**

Ford Britain Trust grants website:

<http://www.ford.co.uk/AboutFord/CorporateSocialResponsibility/FordBritainTrust/HowToApply>

### Programme of Community Action in the Field of Health (2008-2013)

The European Commission is accepting applications for the second round of the Community Action in the Field of Health 2008-13. Up to €47 million is available to improve health and well being throughout the European Union, particularly improving and promoting citizens' health and providing and distributing health information.

Funding is divided into project grants, conferences and operating grants. The programme will generally cover up to 60% of project or activity costs.

Applications will be rejected if they only include one eligible country or a region in a specific country.

The deadline for applications is **19 March 2010**.

Further information:

[http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2010\\_CALL\\_TEXT\\_PROJECTS.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/documents/health/calls/2010_CALL_TEXT_PROJECTS.pdf)

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph\\_programme/pgm2008\\_2013\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_programme/pgm2008_2013_en.htm)

### European Refugee Fund call for proposals 2009

The call for proposals for the European Refugee Fund 2009 is now open. The fund is mainly aimed at organisations involved in setting up projects that assist in the integration of refugees or people who have been granted humanitarian protection or discretionary leave. The value of the fund available for external tender for 2009 is approximately £800,000. The closing date for completed applications is 16:00 on Thursday **25 March 2010**.

For further details, see the European Refugee Fund pages on the UKBA website (link below) or the Home Office Emptoris e-procurement site. To register for Emptoris, contact [EUFunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EUFunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).

Further information on European Refugee Fund:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/integration/european-refugee-fund>

## European Return Fund call for proposals 2010

The call for proposals for the European Return Fund 2010 is now open. At least £500,000 is available to co-fund projects that seek to set up or improve counselling and return information measures. The closing date for completed applications is 16:00 on Thursday **25 March 2010**.

For further details, see the European Return Fund pages on the UKBA website (link below) or the Home Office Emptoris e-procurement site. To register for Emptoris, contact [EUfunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EUfunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk).

Further information on European Return Fund:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/assistedvoluntaryreturn/european-return-fund>

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## Jobs

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There are no job updates in this edition

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