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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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### **Case Resolution Directorate (CRD) email pilot**

From 17 June for five weeks, CRD will be undertaking a pilot whereby UK Border Agency will be temporarily closing the duty telephone lines for two Case Resolution Teams – CRTL 2 (Manchester and Liverpool) and CRTS 18 (Greenwich, Bexley and Lambeth). Applicants that contact these teams will receive an automated message encouraging them to contact the team via a dedicated email address or the UK Border Agency's website for further contact information. The effect of this pilot will be reviewed in late July and if successful may be rolled out across the Directorate.

The e-mail address for the contact point is [CRDCaseContact@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:CRDCaseContact@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) and it will be monitored by a dedicated team. You are welcome to share this email address with colleagues working in the pilot areas.

### **British Red Cross report calls for an end to destitute refugees and asylum seekers**

The report highlights the charity's work supporting refused asylum seekers in the United Kingdom, and the challenges they face on a daily basis. It also explores the human experiences of asylum seekers made destitute by the current asylum process and proposes changes.

Press release:

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/news.asp?id=104361>

Report:

[text](#)

### **Good practice in social care for refugees and asylum seekers – new web-based guide**

The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has launched "Good practice in social care for refugees and asylum seekers" - a new guide for commissioners and providers of social care services.

Guide: <http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/guides/guide37/index.asp>

### **Women's Asylum News**

Women's Asylum News is the Refugee Women's Resource Project's monthly bulletin. It contains news and information on issues affecting women asylum-seekers and refugees.

May/June issue: [Issue 92](#)

### **Trees only move in the wind: a study of unaccompanied Afghan children in Europe - report from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

Afghans constitute one of the largest groups of unaccompanied children who are currently making their way to Europe and who are in some but not all instances submitting applications for refugee status there. A major problem for UNHCR in its efforts to formulate a coherent and consistent approach to this movement has been a lack of information with regard to their profile. The current study was requested by UNHCR's Regional Bureau for Europe and commissioned by the organisation's Policy Development and Evaluation Service in an attempt to address this gap.

Press release:

<http://www.unhcr.org/4c15ff249.html>

Full report:

[Full Report](#)

## **Education for refugee and asylum seeking children in OECD countries: Case studies from Australia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom**

This study examines the educational situation of refugee and asylum-seeking children in four countries: Australia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. In all four countries migration has been a subject of political discussion and even controversy in recent decades. The study aims to provide insight into the inclusion of refugee and asylum-seeking children in education programmes, and to shed light on the practical actions and policy initiatives that have been, and are being, undertaken by governments to provide quality education to these children.

Full report:

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## **Migration**

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### **Revised application form and guidance for the Highly Trusted sponsor**

Revised versions of the application form and guidance for the Highly Trusted sponsors licence (under the points-based system) were published on 16 June 2010. The changes clarify some of the questions that the sector has raised around required information and reflects changes to the current operation procedures.

All new applications for a Tier 4 Highly Trusted sponsor licence must be submitted on this form version if made on or after 16 June 2010.

Application form:

[Application form for a Tier 4 Highly Trusted Sponsor licence](#)

### **Migration: Development on the Move**

In the past decade, the relationship between migration and development has become an increasing area of focus, however few studies have attempted to determine whether on balance, migration is helpful or harmful to development in poor countries. ippr's Development on the Move project addresses these gaps, and a number of interesting - and often counterintuitive - findings have emerged.

Article:

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/articles/?id=4027>

### **Equality, Entitlements and Localism**

This paper explores the relationship between localism and notions of equality of access and outcomes for a range of groups and communities. The specific focus throughout is on the needs and experiences of those disabled people, ethnic minorities, older and younger people who are economically and socially excluded and/or currently experience differential outcomes from key public services.

Paper (click on the "download without registration" link):

<http://www.ippr.org/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2FEquality+Entitlements+and+Localism%2Epdf>

### **Wrong Kind of Victim? One Year On: An Analysis of UK Measures to Protect Trafficked Persons**

In December 2008 the UK ratified the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. The Convention is the first international treaty obliging states to adopt minimum standards to assist trafficked persons and protect their rights.

The Convention came into force in the UK in April 2009 but without an accompanying formal monitoring mechanism. In its absence, in May 2009 a group of nine UK-based organisations set up the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group to monitor the implementation and to share the information they were able to gather about the UK's compliance with the Convention.

The report presents the result of the group's research to examine how the UK and its devolved administrations are meeting their obligations under the Convention. It finds that the UK Government's anti-trafficking practice is not compliant with the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings and, where it relates to children, is not compliant with other aspects of UK law or best practice.

Press release:

[http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news\\_details.asp?NewsID=18820](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/news_details.asp?NewsID=18820)

Report summary:

[Download the \*A Wrong kind of victim?\* report summary](#)

Full report:

[here](#)

## **COMPAS Photo Competition 2010: Life in Motion**

The Centre on Migration, Policy and Society (COMPAS) is looking for images that depict the journeys that migrants take, not only between countries, but also the everyday experiences and constant adaptations that they make in new environments, jobs and homes. Prizes will be given to the three winning entries: £500 (1<sup>st</sup>), £200 (2<sup>nd</sup>) and £100 (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Closing date - **30 September 2010**

This year's theme concentrates on the whole migration journey and includes those that have chosen to settle after migration. COMPAS work focuses on migrants on the move, in work, in communities and at home and we are therefore looking for images that reflect this, or at least a part of it. As in previous years we are open to symbolic images, but winning entries will be high quality, good composition and strong image.

NB. The competition is open to residents of the UK and Ireland aged 16 and over, including employees of COMPAS and the University of Oxford. Organising and judging staff, and their relations, cannot enter.

Further information:

<http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/events/photo-competition/2010>

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## **Events**

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### **International conference: Cities of Migration**

The Cities of Migration project, a hub of best practice information and good ideas on migrant integration, is holding its first international conference in the Hague on **2 and 3 October 2010**.

If you have been involved in any of their online seminars, you will appreciate the wealth of shared information and inspirational presentations that can be expected from the conference.

Further information and online registration:

[http://conference.citiesofmigration.ca/?utm\\_source=The+Runnymede+Trust&utm\\_campaign=256037b865-RUNNYMEDE\\_June2010&utm\\_medium=email](http://conference.citiesofmigration.ca/?utm_source=The+Runnymede+Trust&utm_campaign=256037b865-RUNNYMEDE_June2010&utm_medium=email)

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## **Funding**

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### **Comic Relief UK grants programme cycle 4 now open**

Current programmes:

[Mental Health](#)

[Domestic and Sexual Abuse](#)

[Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women](#)

[Sport for Change](#)

[Local Communities](#)

[Older People](#)

The deadline for submitting applications is either **3 or 17 September 2010**. Please check under particular programmes.

Further information:

[http://www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk)

### **Guardian Charity Awards - £6000 for groups with income between £5,000 and £1.5 million**

Five smaller charities have the chance to win £6,000 and consultancy support in the Guardian Charity Awards 2010. The awards are open to UK social welfare charities which have an income of between £5,000 and £1.5 million.

The deadline is **16 July 2010**.

Further information:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards>

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## Jobs

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### **Part-time co-ordinators– Norwich International Youth Project**

(Initially for one year's maternity cover. Co-ordinator approx. 15 hours per week, salary between £5,500 and £7,800 pa depending on experience. Assistant Co-ordinator a flexible 7 hours per week at £7 per hour.)

We are looking for someone suitably qualified and experienced in working with young people to act as Co-ordinator for the NIYP.

Accountable to the Committee, you will run the weekly Norwich drop-in, organise activities, co-ordinate and recruit volunteers, prepare funding applications and support the administration of the charity. The Assistant Co-ordinator will be expected to provide cover for the Co-ordinator as well as general, day to day assistance in the running of the Project.

The successful candidates must be able to work autonomously; experience of working with a range of cultures either in the UK or internationally preferred.

Please send your current C.V. with a covering letter explaining which post you are applying for; why you are applying for the post at this time; and how you meet the person specification to:-

Yuval Kedar, Specialist Social Work Service, Vantage House, Fishers Lane, Norwich, NR2 1ET marked 'Addressee only'.

For further details please contact: Fairlie Winship (07825630941); Sue Skipper (07778993789); or Sue Gee (07801 354848).

Closing date 12 noon on Wednesday **30 June 2010**; interviews will take place on Thursday 8 July, 2010.

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