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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.

The newsflash is produced in partnership with the East of England Regional Assembly (EERA) Strategic Migration Partnership, the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) and the Partnership Development Project (MENTER).

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Settlement Protection Applications from August 2010 until Earned Citizenship commencement (scheduled for July 2011)

This letter from UKBA details the application requirements for those refugees who were granted five years Limited Leave to Enter or Remain in the UK and who will be coming to the end of that period of leave from August 2010 until Earned Citizenship comes into force (scheduled for July 2011).

UKBA letter:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADcAMAA3AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUafAB8ADAAfAA1>

Transfer of Third Country cases from support under section 4(2)

UK Border Agency will shortly be undertaking an exercise involving Third Country Cases in receipt of support under section 4(2) of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999.

Update on Third Country Cases:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADcAMAA2AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUafAB8ADAAfAA1>

Yarl's Wood detention centre – Children's Commissioner issues progress report

Sir Al Aynsley-Green, Children's Commissioner for England launched a progress report into conditions in which children are held at Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre. The report, which contains recommendations for further improvement, follows up one published by the Commissioner in 2009. Since that report, the Commissioner's office has used documentary evidence, visits and face to face interviews with detainees to work with the UK Border Agency (UKBA) to improve conditions at Yarl's Wood.

Executive summary:

[The Children's Commissioner for England's follow up report to: The arrest and detention of children subject to immigration control \(Executive summary\)](#)

Full report:

[The Children's Commissioner for England's follow up report to: The arrest and detention of children subject to immigration control](#)

UKBA's response to the report:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/yarls-wood-media-coverage>

Migrant Children's Project Update February 2010

The Migrant Children's Project aims to help non-immigration specialist professionals working with asylum seeking and refugee children find out about this group of children's rights and entitlements.

February 2010 update:

<http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/newsletter/Migrant+Childrens+Project+Update+February+2010>

Immigration Tribunal joins new tribunal structure

From 15 February Immigration appeals benefit from a simpler, more streamlined administration as the former Asylum and Immigration Tribunal (AIT) moves into the new two-tier Tribunals Service structure.

Press release:

<http://www.tribunals.gov.uk/Tribunals/Documents/Releases/PN0310.pdf>

Migration

'The Day the Immigrants Left' - TV documentary to be broadcast on BBC 1 on 24 February

Evan Davis presents a programme exploring the effects of immigration in the UK by focusing on Wisbech, a town in Cambridgeshire. To test if the town needs so many foreign workers, immigrant employees are temporarily removed from their jobs, and the work given to the local unemployed. As the British unemployed workers get to grips with their new jobs, this documentary examines the facts and dispels the myths around the subject of immigration.

Broadcast details: BBC1, Wednesday, **24 February** at 9pm.

Further information:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00r3qyw>

Updated regional migrant health scoping report and the establishment of the regional health networking group

The migrant health scoping report examines the health service provision available in the East of England to support the health needs of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants. This document has recently been updated to include new developments within the East of England and will be promoted in partnership with the creation of the Strategic Migration Partnership East of England Health Networking Group. For more information about the scoping report or the networking group please contact Rachel.Heathcock@eera.gov.uk

Updated migrant health report:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADcAMgAwAHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUafAB8ADAAfAA1>

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence opens consultation to improve care for pregnant women with complex social factors

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) is developing guidance to help the NHS provide better and more effective antenatal services for pregnant women faced with difficult social circumstances. As part of this process, the draft version of the guideline, which contains recommendations for healthcare professionals, has been published on the NICE website and is now available for public consultation.

This new guideline will focus on improving antenatal services for young women aged under 20, non-English speaking women, recent migrants, women with a substance misuse problem and those experiencing domestic abuse.

Comments on the draft recommendations contained in the guideline must be received by **12 April 2010**. Only registered stakeholders such as professional and government organisations, patient and carer groups and companies can comment formally on consultations, but organisations can register as a stakeholder at any time during the development of a guideline.

Press release:

https://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/pressreleases/press_releases.jsp?domedia=1&mid=C2EB70E7-19B9-E0B5-D4F9C87E36BF8D10

NICE guideline - draft for consultation, February 2010:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/PWCSFConsNICEGuideline.pdf>

Pregnancy and complex social factors: guideline consultation - full guideline:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/PWCSFConsFullGuideline.pdf>

Comments pro-forma:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/nicemedia/pdf/PWCSFConsCommentsProforma.doc>

Home Secretary's speech 'Immigration, population, globalisation'

This is a transcript of the speech by Home Secretary Alan Johnson on 10 February 2010. He talks about the new rules tightening restrictions on student visas as well as the general issues surrounding immigration policy.

Alan Johnson's speech:

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/Speeches/hs-immigration-population-globalisation.html>

Demand for migrant labour not depressed by the recession

According to a recent quarterly report by the Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development and KPMG, demand for migrant labour has not been depressed by the recession. Figures from the quarterly Labour Market Outlook survey found that one in five (19%) of employers have recruited migrant workers in the last three months.

Press release:

<http://www.peoplemanagement.co.uk/pm/articles/2010/02/firms-continue-to-hire-migrant-workers.htm>

Labour Market Outlook (includes migration and skills outlook on pp. 9-10):

http://www.cipd.co.uk/NR/ronlyres/68118049-1EA3-488D-8B0E-1C12CD67DF9A/0/Labour_Market_Outlook_Winter_09_10.pdf

Mapping rapidly changing minority ethnic populations: a case study of York

Official statistics can be of limited help to those providing services to increasingly diverse populations. Using an innovative approach, this project drew on both formal and informal sources to estimate the size and diversity of York's minority ethnic population and the implications for key agencies.

Summary:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/ethnicity-population-change-york-summary.pdf>

Full report:

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/ethnicity-population-change-york-full.pdf>

2008-09 Citizenship Survey: Community Cohesion Topic Report

Using 2008-09 citizenship survey data, this report provides an in-depth examination of community cohesion, attitudes towards the neighbourhood, the local area and immigration, belonging to the neighbourhood, fear of crime, social networks, and peoples' interactions with people from different backgrounds.

Report:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/pdf/1473353.pdf>

Change to the list of approved English language test providers

The UK Border Agency has withdrawn the following organisation and test from its list of approved English language test providers for Tier 1 and Tier 2 of the points-based system:

Organisation: Britain's Education Services; Test: Test in English for International Students

For Tier 1 or Tier 2 applications made on or after 11 February 2010, this test will not be accepted as evidence that the applicant has met the English language requirement. Applications relying on this test will be refused.

Press release:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/16-english-test-providers>

Events

Suffolk Hate Crime Service community showcase

Suffolk Hate Crime Service invites you to a community showcase to introduce their new service. All are welcome: 5.30 - 7.00pm, Wednesday **3 March 2010** at Ipswich Caribbean Centre; Woodbridge Road; Ipswich IP4 2EA
A range of stands will enable visitors to meet community groups and public sector agencies who are all focused on supporting victims of Hate Crime within Suffolk. To find out more information please contact 01473 668966. Further showcase events are to be held in Newmarket and Lowestoft during spring 2010.

www.suffolkhatecrime.org.uk

Migration Advisory Committee – regional stakeholder forum events

The Migration Advisory Committee is hosting a series of regional stakeholder forum events with the aim of spreading a better understanding of the committee's work and to hear what stakeholders have to say at a regional and local level. Dates of future events are: 5 March in Leeds; **19 March in Cambridge**; 30 April in London; 13 May in Nottingham, and 11 June in Liverpool. If you wish to attend any of these events, please call 020 8604 6076, or email mac@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Still Human, Still Here – public meeting

Still Human Still Here invites you to a public meeting to discuss how the UK's system for providing protection to refugees could be improved to make it more humane and more efficient.

The speakers will be:

Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York

Jan Shaw, Amnesty International and Chair of Still Human Still Here

Sir Nicholas Young, Chief Executive of the British Red Cross

Donna Covey, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council

After the speakers there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion and from 7.00-8.00pm there will be a reception. Copies of Still Human Still Here's new report, 'At the end of the line - restoring the integrity of the UK's asylum system', will be available free of charge on the evening.

The meeting is free, but places are limited, if you wish to attend please book on the website.

When: 6.00-8.00pm on Tuesday **23 March 2010**

Where: Amnesty International, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London, EC2A 3EA

Online booking form:

http://www.amnesty.org.uk/events_booking.asp?ID=1513&#booking

No recourse? EEA national? Overcoming the barriers – Rights of Women one day training

Meeting the needs of women who have no recourse to public funds, or who are EEA nationals, is incredibly challenging. You have to be able to keep-to-date with one of the most frequently changing areas of law, understand the duties of local authorities and the rights that the woman herself has to pursue justice in the criminal, family or immigration systems. This one day course will give you the skills and knowledge you need to support women who have experienced domestic violence and who have an insecure immigration status with confidence.

Each participant will receive a copy of "[Pathways to Justice: BMER women, violence and the law](#)". Please note that the course is open to women only.

Cardiff - 11 March 2010 – City Hall

London – 21 April 2010 – NCVO

Manchester - 12 May 2010 – GMCVO

Doncaster – 27 October 2010 - CVS

Further information:

<http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php#7>

Booking form:

http://www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/pdfs/Booking_Information_Application_Form.pdf

Health and Safety and Vulnerable Workers in a Changing World of Work conference

The Law Department, Middlesex University, London and ADAPT – Centro Studi Marco Biagi, University of Modena, Italy are holding an International Conference at the Hendon campus of Middlesex University, London on Tuesday **8 June 2010**.

The theme is the significant health and safety issues related to precarious working and vulnerable workers.

Presentations will be given by leading researchers in the field with papers presented by academics from Europe, Australia, China, New Zealand and the USA.

You are invited to register and reserve a place at the conference by email to Denise Arden at D.Ard@mdx.ac.uk Please provide your name, institutional affiliation and full contact details (there is no registration fee).

For further information please contact either Professor Malcolm Sargeant at M.Sargeant@mdx.ac.uk or Professor Brenda Barrett at B.Barrett@mdx.ac.uk

Funding

UnLtd RISE Programme - notice of first 2010 round

The Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs (RISE) aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs in England. It is funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III with the support of the UK Border Agency and is administered by UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs. RISE offers grants of

between £500 and £5,000 as well as dedicated project management support to set up projects in England that will encourage community cohesion and make communities happier, healthier and safer places.

Applicants must be:

- a refugee with proof of status;
- living in England;
- over the age of 16, and
- applying as an individual or as part of an informal group.

The deadline for applications is **21 March 2010**.

Further information:

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55>

Jobs

Senior Policy Officer (Strategic Migration Partnership – East of England Regional Assembly)

SCP 41/46 £34,549 - £38,961

Contract duration: 2 years (1 April 2010 – March 31 2012)

You will be managing EERA's Strategic Migration Partnership responsibilities for Asylum, Refugee Integration and Migration in collaboration with key regional partners, including the development, implementation and monitoring of the business plan and associated strategies and initiatives.

The closing date for applications is **16 March 2010**. Interviews will take place at EERA's offices at Flempton House, Bury St Edmunds on 23 March 2010.

An application pack and copies of the job description and job profile can be downloaded from our website via the following link: <http://www.eera.gov.uk/Who-we-are/working-for-us/senior-policy-officer-smp/>

If you do not have internet access, please contact Val Seaman on 01284-729435 or email

Valerie.seaman@eera.gov.uk

Immigration Advisor and Outreach Worker

The Children's Legal Centre is currently looking for a part-time (3 days) accredited Immigration Advisor and Outreach Worker to work in our London office as part of the Centre's Migrant Children's Project, which assists asylum seeking, refugee and migrant children.

If you are interested in applying for a position, please send a completed application form to kadorl@essex.ac.uk, or by post to: Kamena Dorling, The Children's Legal Centre, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ

[Click here](#) to read the job description (Word)

[Click here](#) to read the job description (PDF)

[Click here](#) for an application form (please note that CVs will not be accepted)

Closing date: **8 March 2010**

Project Coordinator, Refugee Children's Project at the Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

Location: Central London

Deadline for Applications: Monday **8 March 2010** by 4pm

Salary: Up to £32,000 depending on skills and experience

Contact: kit.eaves@ilpa.org.uk

The Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA) is seeking a Project Coordinator to run an exciting new project to support legal practitioners working with refugee children and young people. The Project Coordinator will coordinate and run a training programme for legal representatives working with refugee children, publications to support this work, and an annual conference to bring together experts in the field, working to ensure that all this work is informed by, and informs, the experiences of practitioners and ILPA's influencing work. The post is line-managed by the General Secretary and involves working closely with all staff in the ILPA office, with ILPA's children's subcommittee and with an advisory group appointed for the project.

This post is funded by The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. Download [further details](#), [application form](#) and [equal opportunities monitoring form](#). Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16 March and Wednesday 17 March 2010.

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