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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 Local Government Association - Strategic Migration Partnership, the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) and the Partnership Development Project (MENTER).

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Destitution amongst asylum-seeking and refugee children

This new report on the Children's Society's West Midlands Destitution Project reveals that in the first year of its operation across the West Midlands, the project helped 264 children whose families have no means of survival because the adults have been unable to get the help they need from the State, and are not allowed to work or claim benefits. Families were provided with crisis grants and resources, as well as supported to access advice to help them resolve their situation.

Press release (the report can be downloaded from the "resources" section on the right):

http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/whats_happening/media_office/latest_news/20833_pr.html

Report:

[Destitution amongst asylum-seeking and refugee children 728kb](#)

Detention of children in Dungavel ends

Children of failed asylum seekers will no longer be detained overnight at Dungavel immigration removal centre, the Home Office announced on 19 May 2010. Families detained in Scotland may undergo initial health and welfare screening at the facility but will then be moved to Yarl's Wood centre in Bedfordshire which has specialist facilities and support services.

Press release:

http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/may/04detention_of_children

ICMC: New edition of the 'Welcome to Europe!' guide on resettlement

International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC) Europe released this month an updated edition of "Welcome to Europe! A Comparative Review of Resettlement in Europe". First published in 2007, the study constitutes a comprehensive and comparative analysis of good practices in resettlement in Europe. The guide describes the role and responsibilities of main stakeholders regarding resettlement activities, and provides country-by-country descriptions of existing resettlement programmes and "best practices". The updated edition includes sections on new countries engaged in annual resettlement such as France and Portugal and an overview of new time-specific resettlement initiatives.

Press release:

<http://www.icmc.net/article/rebuilding-lives-through-refugee-resettlement-updated-guide-offers-support-european-governme>

"Welcome to Europe" guide (link at the bottom of the page, information on the UK on pp. 45-50):

<http://www.icmc.net/pubs/welcome-europe-a-guide-resettlement-a-comparative-review-resettlement-europe-2009-update>

Migration

Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimising Migration's Economic and Social Impacts

This report presents the main findings from the major global research project carried out between 2006 and 2010 by the Global Development Network (GDN) and the Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr). This ground-breaking project has examined a wide range of migration's impacts on development, by conducting primary research in seven countries, across six continents.

Executive summary (please click on 'download without registration' link):

<http://www.ippr.org/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2Fdotm+final+report+summary%2Epdf>

Business start-up guide for immigrant entrepreneurs

EU-Imminent is an Interactive business start-up guide for immigrant entrepreneurs. It is a European Union Leonardo da Vinci funded initiative, established to design and pilot a web-based information/training resource specifically for immigrant entrepreneurs looking to set up their own business. It will be developed taking into account the specific needs of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in establishing a business.

EU-Imminent website:

<http://www.eu-imminent.com/englishmain.html>

“Making the case for community development” guidance

This guidance is designed to help keep community development (CD) alive in places where it is in danger of dying out. The Community Development Foundation (CDF) is working to support CD workers in local authorities to build a case for their roles, their projects and for CD in general. This guidance is the first product of this work, and aims to get CD workers thinking about decision makers’ agendas, and how CD work contributes to these goals. With the recent change in government agendas may change, but this guide provides a structure to help CD workers focus on responding to policy priorities.

Guidance:

[Click here to download our new guidance today from the CDF website.](#)

Events

Priceless: the contribution of community groups - Eastern Region Infrastructure Network (ERIN) event on 10 June 2010

Venue: British Racing School, Newmarket

Cost: £45

This event is an opportunity for local and regional public sector decision makers to find out about examples of substantial, significant and creative work happening across the region in our communities. Meet people whose work forms the backbone of society, and find out how they are represented by third sector infrastructure. Hear from experts about how community groups make our society more inclusive, cohesive, empowered and enterprising.

Please contact mandy.crawley@cover-east.org for a registration form. You can contact COVER with any queries about the event on 01799 532 880.

Deadline for submitting registration forms is at 5pm on Tuesday **1 June 2010**.

This event is organised by COVER on behalf of the Eastern Region Infrastructure Network (ERIN), a network of regional third sector organisations. Visit <http://www.cover-east.org/ERIN.asp> for more information.

Funding

Small Grants Scheme for Grassroots Organisations - apply at any time

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Please note we are not able to support individuals.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Nor will the Scheme generally support charities that are able consistently to generate operational surpluses or which have been able to build up unrestricted reserves to a level equivalent to three months turnover.

We plan to make one year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. If you cannot demonstrate this, your application will be declined. No multi-year funding awards will be made.

There are no deadlines for submission. Applications will be received at all times but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees. Please apply well in advance of your requirements.

How to apply

1. Applicants should complete the Small Grants Scheme Application Form

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/forms/xAQ11Small%20Grants%20Scheme%20Guidelines%20and%20Application%20Form.doc>

2. A signed copy of your latest audited or independently examined annual accounts must be supplied.

Please send your application to:

The Foyle Foundation; Rugby Chambers; 2 Rugby Street; London WC1N 3QU

Check for any changes at <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

Jobs

There are no job updates in this edition

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