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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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### **Introduction of the Section 4 payment card**

Section 4 payment card is to be introduced in the East of England, West and East Midlands on **15 February 2010** (and not on 1 February, as indicated before). The card will be accepted at the following supermarkets and store chains: Tesco, ASDA, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Co-op, Peacocks and Boots. The Refugee Council briefing below provides further information on the card.

Refugee Council briefing on Section 4 payment card:

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/Resources/Refugee%20Council/downloads/Section%204%20Payment%20Card%20Update%20-%20Dec%2009.pdf>

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## Migration

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### **A study of migrant workers in Peterborough**

This study commissioned by Peterborough City Council was conducted by a team of researchers from the Salford Housing & Urban Studies Unit at the University of Salford.

Report:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADYAMwA4AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUAfAB8ADAAfAA1>

### **Claims over Polish immigrants' return 'not true'**

Krystyna Iglicka, an expert in migration policy at the Centre for International Relations in Warsaw, says claims that half of all Polish immigrants to Britain have returned home are not true. The most recent estimates by Poland's Central Statistical Office, based on census data, put the number of Poles who have migrated for work at 2.21 million in 2008, of whom 650,000 are in Britain.

Press releases:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jan/23/poland-uk-recession>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8473869.stm>

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### **Making a contribution – new migrants and belonging in multi-ethnic Britain**

Last in the Runnymede Trust's "Community Study" series, this report pulls together the evidence from the eleven studies (summarised at the back of this document) and looks at the relationship between immigration policies and race equality.

Report:

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/MakingAContribution-2010.pdf>

### **Charging for immigration and nationality services 2010-11**

The Minister of State for Borders and Immigration, Phil Woolas has laid regulations in Parliament for the fees for immigration and nationality services that are set at levels above the normal administrative costs of the service.

Press release:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/January/chargin-for-immigration-services>

Letter from UKBA:

<http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADYAMwA1AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUafAB8ADAAfAA1>

Written ministerial statement – proposed charges for immigration and nationality services 2010-11:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/news/wms-charging-imm-nat-services>

## **ERLAI Newsletter - Regional and local actions re asylum, immigration and social inclusion**

The ERLAI network (European Regions and Local Authorities for Asylum and Immigration) has published the latest edition of its newsletter. This edition focuses on recent activities carried out by some ERLAI network members over the last months, including Peterborough presentation at the "Education of children of migrant background" conference.

ERLAI newsletter:

[http://www.emiliaromagnasociale.it/wcm/emiliaromagnasociale/home/immigrazione/Erlai/Presentation/Newsletter/Last/ERLAI\\_Newsletter\\_Issue\\_23.pdf](http://www.emiliaromagnasociale.it/wcm/emiliaromagnasociale/home/immigrazione/Erlai/Presentation/Newsletter/Last/ERLAI_Newsletter_Issue_23.pdf)

Peterborough presentation:

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc/conf09/peterborough\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc/conf09/peterborough_en.pdf)

Presentations from the conference:

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc1877\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/school-education/doc1877_en.htm)

## **Migration and diversity: a rights-based approach to migration**

The European Network against Racism (ENAR) has published its sixth General Policy Paper entitled 'Migration and diversity: a rights-based approach to migration'

Migration and diversity policy paper:

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdf/GPP%206%20Migration%20final%20EN.pdf>

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## **Events**

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**The New Approach to ESOL - briefing and update sessions for ESOL providers** Due to extensive demand, the Skills for Life Support Programme (SfLSP) will be running more briefing sessions for providers on 'The New Approach to ESOL'. These sessions will focus on the implications for ESOL providers of the 'New Approach'. These events are open to all ESOL managers and organisers who have not yet attended a SfLSP ESOL briefing event.

The events most relevant for the East of England are:

- 2 February; 2-5 pm; Norwich
- 4 March; 2-5pm; London

For a booking form contact: Clarre Thomas; LLU+, London South Bank University: 103 Borough Road, London SE1 0AA; tel: 0207 815 6286, fax: 0207 815 628, email: [c.thomas@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:c.thomas@lsbu.ac.uk)

There is a limit of 30 places per event, so it is important to apply early.

Further information is available on the Skills for Life Support Programme website on the Excellence Gateway:

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=265222>

## **Refugee Council – new training course – ‘End of Process – support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum’ – 28 April 2010**

'End of Process' is the term used to describe the situation for those asylum seekers who have been refused asylum and have exhausted all appeal rights. UK policy states that when someone is in this position they are no longer entitled to many services and support, including main stream asylum support. For those unable or unwilling to return to their home country, this means that many asylum seekers at the end of the process become destitute.

For those working in the voluntary and statutory sector, knowing how and when they are able to support asylum seekers at the end of process is a challenge. Service providers often hear conflicting messages and myths, and struggle to ensure they are up to date with the continual changes to policy and procedures due to legal cases. There is a need to empower service providers with up-to-date information and increase confidence in how and when to provide tangible support to asylum seekers at the end of process.

By the end of this one day training programme, participants will be able to:

- Clarify some misconceptions and misunderstandings regarding 'categories' of refugee and asylum seekers;
- Identify the routes to obtaining legal advice and the processes of making a fresh asylum claim;
- Define the eligibility criteria and entitlements under Section 4 support;
- Recognise who is eligible for community care support; and
- Discern when different client groups are entitled to healthcare, education and employment.

Upcoming 2010 training dates:

- 9 February – An introduction to working with unaccompanied children
- 24 February – Key Issues in asylum
- 25 February – An introduction to asylum support
- 27 April – Working with refugee and asylum seeking children in schools
- 28 April – End of Process – support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum
- 29 April – Working with Interpreters
- 30 April – Emotional wellbeing of refugee children and young people
- 17 May - Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants: Entitlement to Housing and other services
- 18 May - An introduction to working with unaccompanied children
- 19 May - Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people
- 20 May – The Refugee Council Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs

All courses are held at the Refugee Council, 240-250 Ferndale Road, London.

Please email [training@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:training@refugeecouncil.org.uk) for a booking form.

Fees:

**Courses before 31 March 2010**

£99 reduced rate (NGO or voluntary organisation), £160 standard rate (statutory/educational body/business)

**Courses after 1 April 2010**

£109 reduced rate (NGO or voluntary organisation), £175 standard rate (statutory/educational body/business)

More information on courses:

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/fulldetails.htm#keyissues>

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## Funding

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### **2009 Call for Proposals - European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals (Community Actions)**

The call for proposals is open to national, regional and local authorities, NGOs, public or private bodies (including university departments, research centres) registered in any of the 26 Member States participating in the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals (i.e. all EU Member States except Denmark), as well as international organisations.

Actions should be implemented through the coordination of a partnership. Since these actions are trans-national, they must include partners from at least FIVE different Member States. Actions may include partners and participants from Denmark and third (ie. non-EU) countries, but the costs for their participation may not be covered by the Union contribution and must be financed entirely by non-Union resources.

The total budget available under this Call for proposals is €4.580 million. The amount of grant per project cannot exceed 80% of the total eligible costs. Union funding per project will not exceed €750,000 nor be less than €200,000.

Maximum project duration should be 18 months. All projects shall have begun by 31 December 2010.

**Deadline – 3 March 2010**

There are three priorities in the Call:

- Gather public and migrant perceptions and develop a more comprehensive understanding of the integration processes,
- Promote integration measures targeting young population and addressing specific gender issues,

- Promote the role of civil society organisations and the local authorities in shaping integration strategies.

The target population is third-country (*i.e. non EU*) nationals legally residing in the EU Member States. Asylum seekers, refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection are not covered by the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals as they fall under the European Refugee Fund. (*note - Migrants who are from within the EU are not covered by this fund*)

This call is managed via Priamos, a system for the submission of the applications, which requires applicants to fill in an on-line Grant Application form and to attach to it all required annexes. In order to access the system applicants first need to register (this involves applicants providing some basic data about themselves and their organisations). It should be done as soon as a decision is taken to participate in this call.

Further details: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/integration/funding\\_integration\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/integration/funding_integration_en.htm)

## **Additional Calls for Proposals expected from UK Border Agency – Return Fund and European Refugee Fund**

Owing to additional resources available through exchange rate changes, UKBA is aiming to publish additional calls for the Return Fund

(<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/assistedvoluntaryreturn/european-return-fund/>) and European Refugee Fund

(<http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/integration/european-refugee-fund/>) on 25 January, with a deadline of 25 March.

It is expected that the scope of the Calls will be:

### European Refugee Fund

Additional £2m will be allocated to external projects

Objectives: -

- 1) Integration with host communities
- 2) Development of employment skills
- 3) Capacity building of Refugee Community Organisations

### European Return Fund

Additional £0.5m will be allocated to external projects

Call targeting Priority 3: Support for specific innovative (inter)national tools for return management.

Specific priorities (up to 75% financing):

- Projects which propose particularly innovative ways and means of informing and counselling potential returnees about the situation in the countries of return and/or other innovative incentives for increasing the number of voluntary returnees based on respect for the dignity of the individuals concerned
- Projects which test new working methods to speed up the process of documenting returnees in cooperation with the consular authorities and immigration services of third countries

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## **Jobs**

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### **ECPAT UK Training Manager**

£31,000 – 34,000 (+ 6% non-contributory pension); Full-time 35 hours per week; contract for 3 years, initially; location: London

This is a senior position overseeing and delivering the ECPAT UK (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes) training programme on safeguarding children. The successful applicant will manage the training programme, update training content and design new training materials that are dynamic, relevant and in demand.

ECPAT UK welcomes applications from all sectors of the community and we aim to promote diversity.

Click [here](#) to download the Training Manager job description.

Click [here](#) to download an application form.

Application deadline: 5.00pm on Wednesday **3 February 2010**.

Interviews: week beginning 8 February 2010.

## **Community Involvement Officer at the Peterborough Community Radio**

£18,598 + 5% pension; reporting to Community Radio Project Manager; supervising volunteers and community group members; terms: 37.5 hours per week - based in Peterborough

Peterborough Community Radio (PCR) is a vibrant community radio station in the UK. It exists to promote the benefit of the people of Peterborough, act as a local notice board, and give opportunities to local people and organisations. The charity Peterborough African Community Organisation (PACO) currently hosts the Project.

Following a successful award from the Big Lottery Fund Reaching Communities programme, we are looking for a motivated and enthusiastic person for this integral post. As part of the PCR staff you will be one of a small and dynamic team. You will work with a wide range of diverse community groups and individuals, recruiting, involving and training them in radio production skills and building their confidence. You will be central to supporting community involvement at the station and to facilitating outside broadcasts. You will be required to think on your feet, be positive in attitude and work creatively under pressure. Applicants must live in (or be prepared to move to) Peterborough. The position is for a fix term contract for two years.

Deadline for application: **19 February 2010** – Interview 25 February 2010

For more information or to request an application pack, please send an email to: [jobs@pacouk.org](mailto:jobs@pacouk.org) or [info@pacouk.org](mailto:info@pacouk.org) or visit the following link:

[http://www.pacouk.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=51&Itemid=79](http://www.pacouk.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=51&Itemid=79)

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