

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

Immigration and asylum statistics

New immigration statistics were released on 26 August 2010. See the links below for further information.

Monthly Asylum Statistics: June 2010

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/asylum-jun2010.xls>

Control of Immigration: Quarterly statistical summary - United Kingdom - Second quarter 2010

[Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom - Second Quarter 2010](#)

Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2009

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An article from the BBC reports on the statistics: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11094468>

Migration

Labour market outlook report – CIPD

The CIPD quarterly survey offers both a current and forward-looking perspective on the UK labour market. It gathers information from 598 HR professionals, and covers all regions and sectors of the UK market.

The aim of the survey is to produce an industry-valued benchmark of key HR statistics which can be used by CIPD members, as well as those in government, policy and wider business circles.

This report has a section on migration and 'offshoring' & indicates that the employment recovery signalled in the spring quarter's report, which has been reflected in the official unemployment statistics in recent months, has eased over the past three months. Recruitment intentions are similar to their levels in the spring report, but redundancy intentions have picked up.

To see the report in full, follow this link:

http://www.cipd.co.uk/subjects/hrpract/hrtrends/_qtrends.htm?WBCMODE=PresentationUnpublishedfaculty.htmaboutabout

The following article reports on the report in the Guardian:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/aug/22/editorial-immigration-cap-coalition>

Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) reports on London weighting

In March 2010, the previous UK government asked the MAC to report on whether London weighting should be excluded from the points-based system to ensure that regional wage differences across the UK were appropriately reflected in the points allocated to earnings.

London weighting is paid by some employers as a supplement to basic salary, to reflect a job's London location. Tiers 1 and 2 of the points-based system award points for previous or prospective salary. Additions to pay labelled as London weighting are currently included within that points calculation.

The MAC report advises that it is appropriate to continue regarding London weighting as part of the earnings for the purposes of the points-based system. Please follow the link to find the full report.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/london-weighting>

National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals entering the UK

The latest national statistics on National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals entering the UK produced by the Department for Work and Pensions were released on 26 August 2010 according to the arrangements approved by the UK Statistics Authority.

Tabulation Tool – latest quarterly data to March 2010 [Tabulation Tool](#)
Analytic Report – reflects latest annual figures to March 2010 [Analytical report](#)
Summary Tables - latest quarterly data to March 2010 [Summary tables](#)

Events

Practical help for solving migrant housing needs - 17 September, Flempton, Bury St Edmunds

A free half day event provided by the Strategic Migration Partnership for the East of England. A range of specialist speakers from the Shelter, the Police and Environmental Health will deliver material in workshop formats, looking at:

- The impact of multi-lingual PCSOs,
- How early interventions work when looking at issues of environmental health in houses in multiple occupation
- What housing rights do migrants and their dependents have?

If you work somewhere which has seen an increase in enquiries from foreign nationals and are looking for ways to provide sustainable solutions to their needs, then you should come to this conference to learn more.

Please follow this link to book a place:
<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/view-event.aspx?ID=2452>

The Sojourner Project Training, for women with no recourse to public funds experiencing domestic violence – Ipswich, 29 September

Eaves, in conjunction with Southall Black Sisters and Zimbabwe Women's Resource centre are offering training covering No Recourse to Public Funds, the Domestic Violence Rule and Legal Issues and The Sojourner Project process. The training will be at University Campus Suffolk, and will run from 1:00 – 5:00 & refreshments will be provided.

Anyone interested in attending should email the Zimbabwe Women's Resource centre for booking information zimproject@yahoo.co.uk.
Any other queries, call Jo Clarke from Sojourner Project on: 0207 840 7123

Cambridgeshire consult on the future of their library service – public events throughout September

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to maintain library services, but is charged to meet National Government's target of cutting £2 million (almost 30%) from the Library Service budget over the next 3 years. They want to protect front-line services by transforming how things are done and to listen to communities to see what they think and what facilities they want. However, making the required savings will lead to some reductions.

There will be public consultation events throughout September and library users in Cambridgeshire are invited to attend to explain which services they feel are essential and which are not.

Details of the public meetings are shown below:

- 7 September, 6.30-8.30pm, Ely Library
- 9 September, 7.00-9.00pm, Cambridge City Library
- 10 September, 6.30-8.30pm, March Library
- 14 September, 6.30-8.30pm, Over Conference & Community Centre
- 16 September, 6.30-8.30pm, Huntingdon Library

Residents will be able to see a taster of what libraries offer, complete the questionnaire and find out how they can get involved on the Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library as well as in the libraries across the county. The consultation ends on 30 September.

Bedfordshire Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support (BRASS) AGM – 29 September, Bedford

St Andrews Church Centre, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, beginning at 12 with refreshments. The AGM starts at 1pm and is followed by 'Sanctuary', with Cassandra Howes, who helped set up the Bristol City of Sanctuary, will speak about this movement – which aims to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Could Bedford become recognised as a place of safety and welcome?

Anyone interested in supporting the work of BRASS by becoming a committee member, should contact the office for an information pack and nomination form by **15 September**.

For further information, ring BRASS on 01234 211381 or email info@brass27b.org

Labour's record on immigration: Lessons from a turbulent decade - with former Immigration Minister, Barbara Roche, 16 September, London

A morning seminar from the Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR), 13-14 Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6DF

10 years ago, in September 2000, the then Immigration Minister Barbara Roche gave a seminal speech at ippr which set the direction for Labour immigration policy. In the speech, she argued that increased immigration into the UK could bring strong benefits to the economy, but it needed to be managed.

In the wake of the 2010 General Election defeat, there has been much agonising in Labour circles as to whether the party got it wrong on immigration. At this event, organised by ippr in partnership with the Labour pressure group Progress, Barbara Roche will be reflecting on Labour's record along with other key figures from inside and outside government – including:

- Matt Cavanagh – Former Special Advisor on Home Affairs at Downing Street
- Will Somerville – Author of 'Immigration under New Labour'
- Tim Finch, Head of Migration at ippr (Chair)

Spaces at this event are limited, so to reserve a place please rsvp to a.sachrajda@ippr.org

Black History Month – African Market, Norwich, 2 & 3 October

Traders are invited to book a stand for this event, taking place outside the Forum in Norwich, over the weekend of 2 & 3 October. Anyone interested in a stall should email Amal Douglas for a booking form.

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Funding

2Seas Partner Search, eHealth for pregnant women – partnership funding

Interreg Two Seas Priority 3: "Improving quality of life" funding is looking for partners from 2Seas eligible areas (Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire, Southend, Thurrock) to improve the health of pregnant women and their babies through the development of shared internet and mobile telephone services.

Municipal Health Service of the City of Rotterdam (Rotterdam-Rijnmond GGD) aims to provide good healthcare that is accessible to everyone. The Rotterdam Municipal Council has compiled the Framework Policy Document on Public Healthcare (known by the abbreviation GIDS for 'Gezond in de Stad').

Project proposal under Interreg Two Seas Priority 3: "Improving quality of life"

Operational objectives under priority 3:

1. Promote and allow for social inclusion and well-being of different groups in society;
2. Improve the quality of services to the population, including mobility and health care facilities.

The project focuses at the enhancement of a healthy lifestyle during pregnancies through the development of internet and mobile services for pregnant women

Identified risk factors for poor birth outcomes are lifestyle, social deprivation, poverty and poor education. Mostly an accumulation of risks is seen. A healthy lifestyle improves the health of babies during pregnancy and it is an important factor for birth outcomes. E-health prevention programs for pregnant women, combined with mobile phone text services are new and not yet developed. The Municipal Health Service of Rotterdam would like to develop such a service in association with international partners.

Anyone interested in exploring this partnership opportunity should contact:

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Prevention of and fight against crime 2007-2013 - call for proposals ISEC 2010 Action Grants - € 5,925,000

A number of priorities have been set for 2010, with some which may be of interest to newsflash readers:

- **Trafficking in human beings:** prevention, protection of victims, prosecution and investigation of offenders, coordination and cooperation mechanisms, as well as the collection of reliable data;
- Projects examining **radicalisation** leading to terrorism addressing the motivations of terrorists, the increase vulnerability of some places, as well as strengthening civil society engagement to address the phenomenon more effectively at the grass-roots level.

To be eligible, applicants must have projects/actions to be carried out within a single Member State without the active involvement of Co-beneficiaries and Associate Partners from a different Member State or candidate country) and must:

- prepare transnational projects and/or Union actions ("starter measures"), or
 - complement transnational projects and/or Union actions ("complementary measures"),
- or
- contribute to the development of innovative methods and/or technologies with a
 - potential for transferability to actions at Union level.

Applicants must clearly explain how their project proposal complies with at least one of the above mentioned conditions. Deadline for applications: **29 October**

Interested applicants should follow this link for more information: http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/isec/call_20100802/call_20100802_en.htm

Public Health capacity building – partnership funding opportunity – Italy

Lodi Hospital, Italy, is looking for partners who might be interested in joining the Mami project which aims to analyse European policies for receiving migrant women and to investigate the organisation and access to maternity health services available to them.

The funds for this project come from EU Public Health Programme 2008-13.

Interested partners should contact Ms Giusi Dossena at virginia.997@gmail.com to pursue this opportunity or obtain further information.

Jobs

There are no job updates in this edition

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