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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

Refugee Week events in the East of England

Norwich & Norfolk Refugee Week booklet:

http://www.bridgeplus.org.uk/html/refugee_week_2010.html

Peterborough Refugee Week blog:

<http://pbrwproject.wordpress.com/>

Levelling the playing field: A UNICEF UK report into provision of services to unaccompanied or separated migrant children in three local authority areas in England

This report is based on research commissioned by UNICEF UK and undertaken in three local authority areas in England involving professionals dealing with unaccompanied or separated migrant children, as well as interviews with the children themselves. The three local authorities were: Kent County Council, the London Borough of Harrow and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

Full report and summary can be downloaded from:

http://www.unicef.org.uk/publications/pub_detail.asp?pub_id=230

Refugee and Migrant Justice campaign

Refugee and Migrant Justice is facing possible closure because of bureaucratic rules that result in the Government not paying promptly for asylum and immigration legal work.

If RMJ is forced to close, more than 10,000 asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be left without legal assistance. That includes almost 900 children as well as victims of trafficking, torture and armed conflict.

If you would like any information about the campaign, or would like to know how you can help, please get in touch with Kathleen Commons at kcommons@rmj.org.uk, 020 7780 3271, or 0787 216 1271.

Further information:

http://refugee-migrant-justice.org.uk/?page_id=4

Equal access to higher education

People seeking asylum do not have the same right to university education as their British born peers. The Refugee Council is supporting STAR (Student Action for Refugees) and their national network of student groups in their campaign to ensure that asylum seekers have equal access to higher education and can join them at university as equals.

STAR website: <http://www.star-network.org.uk>

Migration

East of England Migration Impacts Fund Report 2009 – 2010

The aim of this report is to catalogue the projects that were awarded funding via the Migration Impacts Fund (MIF) in the East of England and to highlight and share good practice. The report covers the first year of MIF funding from 9 June 2009 to 31 March 2010. The report has been commissioned by the East of England Government Office and produced by the East of England Local Government Association Strategic Migration Partnership.

East of England MIF report: [MIF report 2010.pdf](#)

Migration statistics - quarterly releases on 27 May 2010:

1. Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary United Kingdom, 2010, Q1 (Home Office):
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/immig110.pdf>
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/immig110supp.xls>
2. National Insurance Number (NINo) Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals to December 2009 (DWP):
http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/nial/nino_allocation.asp
3. Provisional International Passenger Survey (IPS) estimates of long-term international migration, year ending Q3 2009 (ONS):
http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_population/ips-estimates-of-longterm-international-migration-year-sep09.xls
4. Local area migration indicators (ONS):
www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/product.asp?vlnk=15239
5. Population by country of birth and nationality from the Annual Population Survey: October 2008 to September 2009 (ONS):
www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15147
7. Employment characteristics of foreign workers: 2007 to 2009 (ONS) (article):
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=2423>
8. British Citizenship Statistics United Kingdom, 2009 (Home Office):
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/hosb0910.pdf>
<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/hosb0910tabs.xls>

Local authorities and other organisations can now add local content to myUKinfo.com

myUKinfo.com is the national information portal for migrant workers, and is promoted nationally and internationally. Adding local information is a great way to reach migrant workers already in your area or considering a move to your area.

The local information content available on myUKinfo.com is divided up at regional and county level. Local authorities and other organisations can create a "Local Profile" or "Template" for their services, which will be published within the appropriate county area on the myUKinfo.com online portal.

A local profile consists of an organisation's contact details, a description of services and any current "notifications". There is also the facility to publish service updates, information on a local event or a special offer. A template provides an organisation with the ability to provide specific information about a particular service in a structured format and multiple languages.

Please contact myUKinfo for more information about cost-effectively raising the profile of your organisation with migrant workers. Email info@myukinfo.com or call 0870 600 2311.

Further information:

[myUKinfo local pages.pdf](#)

Events

The impact of migrant workers on the functioning of labour markets and industrial relations - 17 June 2010

Thomas Paine Study Centre Conference Suite, (TPSC 1.1- 1.2), University of East Anglia, Norwich

This is the third in a series of six seminars that will examine the impact of migration on the operation of labour markets and industrial relations in the UK.

The seminar is free to attend. Please e-mail events@ippm.keele.ac.uk for further details.

Programme and further information (please click on the 'third workshop' link under 'call for papers'):

<http://www.keele.ac.uk/research/ppm/research/Migrantworkers.htm>

Child Health and Well-Being: Improving Services for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children – 22 June 2010

10:00am — 4:30pm, The Guoman Charing Cross Hotel, London

This symposium, hosted by the Centre for Parliamentary Studies, provides an invaluable opportunity for UKBA staff, children's services, education sector and third sector practitioners to discuss current progress in improving

the health and well-being of asylum seeking children. The symposium will consider how to develop greater multi-agency working to ensure every child receives the level of specialist care they need and are able to access the services necessary to help them overcome poor physical and psychological health and adapt to cultural, religious and language differences, to enable them to succeed in education and integrate into their local community. Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, network and share best practice in improving outcomes for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

Further information:

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/AF22-PPE.php>

Employing Non-UK Nationals Workshop: Practical Guidance on Working with the Points Based Immigration System - 23 June 2010

09:45am — 5:00pm, the City Inn Westminster, John Islip Street, London

This special one-day workshop provides an invaluable opportunity for HR/recruitment advisers, organisational development professionals and legal advisers to gain a detailed insight into the mechanisms involved in working with the Points Based System. Throughout the day, participants will take part in a series of practical, hands-on exercises enabling them to piece together the vital components needed to develop a successful framework for vetting and employing non-UK nationals.

Further information:

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/AF23-PPE.php>

Our Collective Duty: Tackling Domestic Violence & Violence Against Women - 30 June 2010

09:15 - 15:40; Rowley Mile Conference Centre, Newmarket Racecourse, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 0TF

The conference focuses on the importance of effective partnership arrangements in supporting victims of violence, working with perpetrators and preventing domestic violence and violence against women. It covers a range of issues from the impact on children, the criminal justice services, the role of the NHS, helping men to take responsibility for their actions and the role of employers in supporting staff who face violent situations. The conference will feature keynote speakers, best practice case studies and workshops led by representatives of local authorities, trade unions as well as voluntary sector partners.

The cost for Local Authorities / Public Sector to attend will be £75 plus VAT.

The cost for Trade Union members and voluntary organisations who receive funding will be £45 plus VAT.

There is no fee for voluntary organisations who receive no funding - Please note there are limited places which will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

For further information about this event please contact Jayne Cole, Events Organiser, East of England LGA t: 01284 729405 e-mail: jayne.cole@eera.gov.uk

Draft agenda and online booking form:

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/view-event.aspx?ID=2211>

Funding

The Charity Times Awards 2010: the deadline for entries is 11 June 2010

The Charity Times Awards acknowledge and encourage best practice in the management of charities and not-for-profit organisations.

The awards are free to enter and open to any UK-based registered charity, or international charity with registered UK offices. This year it is again possible to vote to determine the winner in the "Best Charity to work for" category. In addition, this year sees the introduction of a new group of categories recognising those professional companies providing outstanding services to the charity sector.

Further information and categories:

http://www.charitytimes.com/pages/charity_times_awards/pages/categories.htm

Kerrygold Community Awards – up to 2000 for community projects - deadline: 31 July 2010

Kerrygold, the butter brand owned by a cooperative of Irish dairy farmers, has launched the Kerrygold Community Awards. First run last year, the awards are designed to encourage, support and reward people all over the UK that come together to achieve a common goal that brings benefits to a whole community. People or organisations with a good idea for a community project and who require funding may enter the Community Awards. However, national registered charities are excluded from entering and projects must be staffed by members of that community.

Further information:

www.kerrygoldcommunityawards.co.uk

Jobs

There are no job updates in this edition

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