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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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ICAR 'Focus on' April 2010: Asylum in the elections

Jacob Lagnado from the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees takes a look at where and why asylum has featured in the General Election – and where it hasn't, despite campaigners' efforts.

ICAR 'Focus on' article:

<http://www.icar.org.uk/?lid=12339>

Refugee Council campaign for free healthcare for all refused asylum seekers

The Refugee Council is calling for all refused asylum seekers to be given full, free access to all NHS services.

Press release:

http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/news/archive/news/2010/april/healthcare_consultation

Migrant Children's Project update May 2010

The Migrant Children's Project (previously Refugee and Asylum Seeking 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.

Migrant Children's Project May update:

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

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Where They Stand: Guide to party election policies – immigration

Follow the link below to see the side-by-side comparison of the three parties' immigration policies.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/election_2010/8515961.stm?subject=immigration#subject=immigration&col1=conservative&col2=labour&col3=libdem

NRPF Network Bulletin April 2010

This bulletin focuses on developments in the area of no recourse to public funds (NRPF). This issue announces the publishing of two new pieces of guidance written by the NRPF Network, on assessing and supporting A8 and A2 migrants and victims of domestic violence. It also provides an update on a new IOM programme supporting irregular migrants to return to their countries of origin; and the extension of the Sojourner Project for victims of domestic violence with applications pending under the Domestic Violence Rule. It also provides information on the Fresh Start project for destitute asylum seekers in Leicester, and updates to the NRPF Network training programme.

NRPF Bulletin April 2010:

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/documents/Policy%20and%20Priorities/Strategic%20Migration%20Partnership/Available%20resources/NRPF%20Network%20-%20April%202010%20Bulletin.pdf>

Show Me the Money (and Opportunity): Why Skilled People Leave Home — and Why They Sometimes Return

This article describes the ippr researchers' recent work to better understand both brain drain - the departure of skilled migrants from their place of origin to another country - and brain circulation, defined here as skilled people returning to their home countries.

Show Me the Money (and Opportunity) article:

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=779>

Is the progressive case for migration truly progressive?

More migrants entering the UK does not equal a more progressive attitude to migration. Those who make the case for a fairer migration policy would do well to question their own position.

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/articles/?id=3970>

Immigration document checks and workplace raids: a negotiators' guide

This is a new publication which the Migrants' Rights Network has put together alongside the TUC and discrimination law expert Barbara Cohen over the past few months.

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/downloads/policy_reports/MRN-trade-union-guide.pdf

Events

Refugee Council upcoming 2010 training dates:

13 May (Leeds) – Cultural Aspects of working with refugees and asylum seekers

17 May (London) - Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants: Entitlement to Housing and other services

18 May (London) – An introduction to working with unaccompanied children

19 May (London) - Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people

20 May (London) – The Refugee Council Therapeutic Casework Model: Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs

21 June (London) – Key Issues in asylum

London, 22 June (London) – An introduction to asylum support

5 July (London) – End of Process – support for asylum seekers who have been refused asylum

9 July (London) - Asylum seekers, refugees and migrants: Entitlement to Housing and other services

Further information:

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

Booking:

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking>

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Prevention of and Fight against Crime Programme targeted Call. Action Grants 2010: Trafficking in Human Beings

This Call aims at intensifying the EU anti-trafficking policy and should lead to the improvement of the non-legislative actions to fight trafficking in human beings.

The following priorities have been fixed for 2010 within this Call: prevention, protection of victims, prosecution and investigation of offenders, coordination and cooperation mechanisms, as well as the collection of reliable data.

Both national and transnational proposals can be submitted. Transnational projects must involve Partners in at least two Member States. National projects 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.

Budget: € 4 million. Approximately 12 proposals are expected to be selected. Minimum requested funding of € 80,000. Maximum contribution of 80% of eligible costs.

Deadline: **25 June 2010**

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/doc/tc6_call_2010_en.pdf

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm#

Third Sector Excellence Awards

The Third Sector Excellence Awards are open for entries. The awards celebrate and reward the work of third sector organisations.

Third sector organisations large and small, registered charities or social enterprises are eligible to apply.

There are 24 awards, covering a range of activities, including finance, fundraising and communications to management, governance and projects.

The deadline for entries is **3 June 2010**.

Third Sector Excellence Awards website:

<http://www.thirdsectorexcellenceawards.com>

Jobs

There are no job updates in this edition

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