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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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Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Monthly data on asylum applications published by the Home Office – July 2011

The total number of asylum applications made in the quarter ending July 2011 was 6449, up from 5536 for the same period in 2010. Please follow this link to read the data in full:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-jul-2011?view=Binary>

Separated Children in Europe Programme (SCEP) - a review of current laws, policies and practices relating to age assessment in sixteen European Countries

This document is a synthesis of current laws, policies and practices related to age assessment in 16 countries in Europe, including the UK, collected by the Members of the SCEP between June and November 2010. The main purpose of the report is to give an overview of the various age assessment policies and methods implemented in the sixteen European countries and it is intended to be a tool for further dialogue and research to improve current policies and practice and identify good practices.

Please follow this link to read the report in full: http://www.separated-children-europe-programme.org/separated_children/publications/reports/index.html?dm_i=I6P,JRWC,31R5LZ,1M65I,1

Deportations, removals and voluntary departures from the UK – a briefing note from the Migration Observatory, University of Oxford

This briefing examines the number of people deported or removed from the UK and those departing voluntarily after the initiation of enforced removal. It also looks at the method, cost, and where possible, grounds for removal and nationalities. The briefing found that in 2010 there were 39,030 foreign nationals removed from within the UK under immigration law—or departing under threat of removal—a 3% increase from 2009. It also identified that increases since 2005 in detected deportations come from improved data collection on “unnotified voluntary departures” of people due for enforced removal. Additionally, removals of asylum applicants and their dependents declined from 18,280 in 2006 to 9,850 in 2010; UK Border Agency paid more than £28 million for removal flights in the year 2009-2010 and an estimated £11,000 for each enforced removal of a rejected asylum applicant.

Please follow this link to read the briefing in full:

<http://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/sites/files/migobs/Briefing%20-%20Deportations%20Removals%20and%20Voluntary%20Departures.pdf>

Monthly data on children held in immigration detention for August 2011 – Home Office publishes data

During August, a total of three children were held in UKBA's immigration detention estate, one under 5 year old and two aged between 12 and 15. Please follow this link to read the data in full:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-aug2011?view=Binary>

Preventing torture: the role of physicians and their professional organisations – report from Medact

The report considers how professional medical bodies can work towards eliminating torture, through the support they give their members and in their response to medical complicity. Medact finds evidence that there is more to be done to protect medical professionals who expose cases of torture, and to prevent medical complicity in it. The report looks at five countries, including the UK, where it focuses on health provision in immigration detention. It discusses the inability of medical services in detention/removal centres to recognise, report and act on signs of torture. It also discusses their inability to deal with the range of physical and psychological illness due to a lack of capacity or expertise. Please follow this link to read the report in full:

<http://www.medact.org/content/health%20policy%20MED104336%20Medact%20Preventing%20Torture%20WEBSITE%20VERSION.pdf>

European Council on Refugees and Exile (ECRE) – weekly bulletin

This bulletin features articles on news from the JHA on Romania and Bulgaria’s application to become members of the Schengen area and negotiations on the Dublin regulation as well as news on the clashes between migrants and the authorities on the Italian island of Lampedusa. It also summarises reports from across Europe on issues relating to asylum and refugee protection. Please follow this link to read the bulletin in full:

<http://www.ecre.org/media/news/weekly-bulletin.html>

Migration

UK Border Agency (UKBA) changing regulations in response to Zambrano judgement

The Court of Justice of the European Union (ECJ) handed down judgment in the case of Ruiz Zambrano which creates a right to reside and work for the sole carer of a dependent British citizen when that carer has no other right of residence in the UK and removing the carer from the UK would mean the British citizen would have to leave the European Union. UKBA has been considering the effect of this judgement and whether any changes are required to their policy or the law as a result. Until now, they have not accepted applications received on this basis. However, they will amend the regulations in due course to enable a person to be issued with a document confirming that they have a right to live in the UK as a result of the Zambrano judgement. In the meantime, they will issue a certificate of application to those who are able to show:

- evidence that the dependent national is a British citizen;
- evidence of the relationship between the applicant and the British citizen; and
- adequate evidence of dependency between the applicant and the British citizen.

This certificate will enable a person to work in the UK while their application is outstanding. Once changes to the regulations are made, the application will be given full consideration and documentation will be issued under the regulations to those who meet the final agreed policy. Employers can accept this certificate of application, in combination with a positive verification from our Employer Checking Service, as proof of right to work in the UK for up to 12 months. Further information on the processes referred to can be obtained from the Customer Contact Centre on 0845 010 5200. Further information on the laws on preventing illegal working can be obtained from the Sponsorship and Employers’ Helpline on 0300 123 4699. To read the UKBA update in full, please follow this link:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/september/48-british-carers>

Inquiry follow up from Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) – progress in employment and recruitment practices in the meat processing sector.

In 2010 the EHRC published a report following a statutory inquiry into recruitment and employment practices in the meat and poultry processing sector. The report contained a number of recommendations aimed at promoting change necessary because of the widespread evidence found of mistreatment of migrant and agency workers. One recommendation was that the EHRC should review the extent to which relevant bodies have implemented the report’s recommendations with a view to taking enforcement action should too little progress have been made.

The EHRC would like information on what progress has been made by employers and agencies, and if workers have noticed any improvement, or are if some are still experiencing poor treatment? In particular, they are looking to see if there is evidence of discriminatory treatment on the grounds of nationality or pregnancy and maternity experienced by workers. They would also like to hear about examples of good practice in this sector. To read the original inquiry report and full list of recommendations please follow this link:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-into-the-meat-and-poultry-processing-sectors>

To make a contribution to the follow up review, please send information in confidence by **11 November** to: e: Jennifer.dewan@equalityhumanrights.com or by post to: RRXX-CCJG-KJTU, Meat Processing Review, Equality and Human Rights Commission, 3 More London Riverside, Tooley Street, London SE1 2RG.

EU legal threat to UK benefits changes – reports in the Guardian and from the BBC

The reports cover the EU Commission’s issuing of an infringement notice to the UK for its use of the right to reside element of the habitual residence test. The test is used on non-UK citizens to assess their eligibility for welfare benefits and the European Commission says that this discriminates against foreign nationals. Britain has been given two months to adopt an approach which complies with EU legislation. Please follow this link to read the article in the Guardian: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/sep/30/eu-threat-uk-benefits-changes> and this link to read the story as reported by the BBC: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15120522>

Reflecting on the provision for equipping the school workforce in England for a multilingual school population: research – Institute of Education, University of London paper to European conference

According to the study, bright children from migrant backgrounds are often placed in classes for low ability pupils because bilingualism is wrongly associated with special educational needs. Although a substantial minority of schools now has an enlightened approach to bilingualism, many fail to recognise the potential of children new to English. The study learnt from the trainee secondary teachers who took part in the study that every one of the bilingual learners they were shadowing had been placed in low ability sets even though they outperformed pupils in higher sets. Please follow this link to learn more about the study:

http://www.ioe.ac.uk/newsEvents/56528.html?dm_i=l6P,JRWC,31R5LZ,1M5E0,1

Local NHS healthcare services now on myUKinfo.com in a range of languages

Information on local NHS healthcare services, including the ability to search for local service providers in the region is now available on myUKinfo.com. Services include: GPs, dentists, hospitals, opticians, pharmacies and many other services, in seven languages. The Department of Health in the East of England has supported the start-up of this initiative to help improve the quality of and access to health service information for the migrant worker population. Providing this key information to migrant workers in their own language will help them understand how the NHS works and use services appropriately. Local NHS organisations can also use the webpages to quickly translate and post details of health campaigns and alerts, saving on translation and printing costs. Visit the myUKinfo Local Information section to view the NHS healthcare services in the East of England at <http://www.myukinfo.com/en/local-infomation>. Click on your county to find your NHS healthcare services:

[NHS Bedfordshire](#)

[NHS Luton](#)

[NHS Peterborough](#)

[NHS West Essex](#)

[NHS Mid Essex](#)

[NHS North East Essex](#)

[NHS Hertfordshire](#)

Women's Employment, Enterprise and Training Unit (WEETU), Norwich – change of address

WEETU will now be providing information, advice and guidance about careers and business start up for women from their new premises: The Royal Business Centre, 25 Bank Plain, Norwich NR2 4SF

T: 01603 283490 or e: Email:nextstep@weetu.org

Events

Afghani Young Men's supper club – Peterborough 4 October

If you know of young Afghan men in the Peterborough area, please let them know about this event, run with support from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust at the Millfield Medical Centre, from 8-10pm. For more information, please contact Suchitra Rampal, Tracey Cook or Sarah Kennedy on e: suchitra.rampal@cpft.nhs.uk, skennedy3@nhs.net or tracey.cook@nhs.net or t: 01733 318104 / 01733 568987

Free health check from Anglo Chinese Cultural Exchange (ACCE) and NHS – Ipswich, 5 October

From 10am-4pm, those aged between 40 and 74 who are not seeing their doctor for problems such as high cholesterol, blood pressure or diabetes are invited to attend this ACCE/NHS health check up at the Manor Ballroom, Ipswich. The sessions are by appointment only, so to book a place or to find out more, please contact either Lydia on m: 07867 614 349 or Natalie on m: 07903 165 039.

Migrants, the Media and the message – conference, London 6 October

The EPIM Migrants & Media Project partners invite delegates to attend their final conference and launch of their online media toolkit. The conference will be of interest to those working with migrants and wishing to engage with the media and to give migrants a voice. It will showcase the media work carried out by project partners and will celebrate the launch of the online media toolkit. There will also be workshops on creative ways of changing perceptions of migrants. A more detailed programme will be provided shortly.

The conference is free and refreshments and lunch will be provided to all registered participants but places are limited and will be on a strictly first come, first served basis. For more information and to register, please follow

this link <http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/migrants-media-and-message-ii-conference> and complete the registration form and return to empowerment@migrants.org.uk no later than **3 October**.

All-party Parliamentary group (APPG) on migration round table: The role of migrant workers in a stronger, fairer and more sustainable care sector – London, 12 October

The upcoming roundtable of the APPG is looking at 'The role of migrant workers in a stronger, fairer and more sustainable care sector' will be held in Committee Room 16, House of Commons on Wednesday, 12 October from 10 – 11.30am. This meeting will provide the opportunity to look at how the government can cost-effectively prepare for the growing demand in the social care sector. They will discuss the growing evidence that migrant workers will continue to play an important role in the sector's sustainable future.

Anyone wishing to attend should respond to Awale Olad on e: info@appmigration.org.uk or t: 020 7920 6426. Following the APPG meeting, attendees are invited to stay for the launch of a new report on migrant senior care-workers by Kanlungan Filipino Consortium – details below.

Kanlungan meeting on migrant senior care workers - London, 12 October

Kanlungan invites delegates to the launch of five briefings based on its research into the effect of immigration changes on Senior Care Workers in the UK. This is to be held in Committee Room 16 in the House of Commons immediately after the meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Migration (11.30am).

The briefings cover:

- The need for migrant senior care workers
- The problems faced by Senior Care Workers due to changes in work visa requirements.
- The effects on individuals and families
- Why settled status for care workers is vital to our care industry

Through a panel discussion, the launch will address the role migrant senior care workers play in the UK, and the impact immigration changes have had on their lives and will have on the UK care industry.

The meeting is open to the press and public. If you would like to attend, please confirm by responding to Jamima Fagta on e: kanlungan96_uk@yahoo.co.uk.

Free Mental Health First Aid Training at Norwich MIND, Norwich 18 and 19 October

Norwich Mind, Community Development Programme team have organised a free 2 day Mental health first aid training for the Black and minority ethnic communities in Norwich on 18 and 19 October at 50 Sale Road Norwich NR7 9TP. This training is certified by the MHFA England. Anyone who would like more information or to book a place please get in touch with Amrita on e: cdwmanager@norwichmind.org.uk or t: 01603 4324571.

Health and welfare entitlements for migrants – EELGA, Flempton, Suffolk IP28 6EG, 3 November

The Strategic Migration Partnership at EELGA in partnership with Shelter and Norfolk Community Law Service are offering this specialist training workshop on health and welfare entitlements for migrants. This training session is aimed at professionals giving front line advice, either in specialist agencies or public sector services, who want to give better advice to foreign nationals.

The session will cover:

- How immigration status impacts on eligibility for housing and housing benefit.
- How immigration status can determine which benefits entitlement.
- How someone's length of stay in the UK can impact on their eligibility for some health care.

The session will be participative and delegates will be encouraged to share cases they have had difficulty in resolving. The cost to attend this event will be £30 for Charities and £45 for all other organisations. Please follow this link to make a booking to attend: <http://www.eelga.gov.uk/events/view-event.aspx?ID=2736>

Ipswich Town of Sanctuary – launch event, Ipswich Waterfront IP4 1QJ 26 November

The Waterfront building of University Campus Suffolk is paying host to this launch event, featuring a performance of the 'Asylum Monologues' by Ice & Fire Theatre, music from the Kurdish singer Nawroz Oramari and speeches from Inderjit Bhogal, founder of the City of Sanctuary movement, and local speakers Jane Chambers, former mayor of Ipswich and Elaine Coltham from Ipswich Fairtrade. This free event which starts at 7.30pm also includes a free fair-trade buffet. Please contact Melissa Day for more information on m: 0786 1758739 or e: ipswichtownofsanctuary@googlemail.com .

Funding

European Integration Fund (EIF) partner search - Dirección General de Coordinación de Políticas Migratorias of the regional government of Andalucía

Under the funding objectives of enhancing diversity management in neighbourhoods and enhancing immigrants' participation in all aspects of collective life, the Dirección General de Coordinación de Políticas Migratorias of the regional government of Andalucía is looking for partners in the UK and Germany for their project. The project proposal centres on the general objectives of reinforcing an inclusive European intercultural citizenship through fortification of the networks for integration existing within the Organized Civil Society (OSC) in Country A, Country B, Country C and Country D, and the promotion of strategies and governance that favour the integration and the participation of third country nationals in all aspects of local and regional collective life.

To be able to progress an EIF project, actions should be implemented through the coordination of a partnership. As these actions are trans-national, the partnership must include at least three organisations (the applicant and two partners) from 3 different EU member states. To learn more about becoming a partner in this project, please contact Pablo Sarazá Jimena, Delegación de la Junta de Andalucía

Rue Van Orley, 5-11, B- 1000 Brussels. t: 00 32 2 209 03 29 f: 00 32 2 209 03 31 e: psaraza@junta-andalucia.org

For more details about the EIF Call for Proposals, follow this link:

http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/funding_integration_2011_01_en.htm

For those interested in being a lead partner in an application, please contact our east of England European Office which can appeal for partners for the project on your behalf: Jackie Eveleigh t: +32(0)2 289 1200, f: +32(0)2 289 1209 or e: jackie.eveleigh@east-of-england.eu . The deadline for applications to this fund is **11 October**.

European Integration Fund (EIF) partner search - Emilia Romagna region of Italy

The project will tackle priority 1 of the call for proposal which is to enhance public perception of migration and diversity, in particular the following objectives:

- 1.2 Enhance the capacity of public and private bodies, to reflect and manage increasing diversity, and
- 1.4 Improve the availability and quality of data to present a balanced picture of the situation of migrants in the receiving societies.

The idea is to start with the "Zaragoza" study on the development of common indicators of integration at EU level, and to make a comparison between EU regions, with a final aim to improve public policies for social inclusion on the territory. To be able to progress an EIF project, actions should be implemented through the coordination of a partnership. Since these actions are trans-national, the partnership must include at least three organisations (the applicant and two partners) from 3 different EU member states. For more information about the project and to register an interest as a partner please contact Graziana Galati on e: GGalati@Regione.Emilia-Romagna.it.

For more details about the EIF Call for Proposals, follow this link:

http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/funding_integration_2011_01_en.htm

For those interested in being a lead partner in an application, please contact our east of England European Office which can appeal for partners for the project on your behalf: Jackie Eveleigh t: +32(0)2 289 1200, f: +32(0)2 289 1209 or e: jackie.eveleigh@east-of-england.eu . The deadline for applications to this fund is **11 October**.

EU Connect – a resource for the region to make applications for European funding easier

EU Connects is a new and dedicated resource for local authorities, the voluntary sector and Local Enterprise Partnerships, to improve access to and take up of EU funds in the East of England. EU Connects provides hands on assistance for project development and applying for EU funding, whilst at the same time building capacity within the public and voluntary sectors to bid for further EU funding in the future. EU Connects is delivered by 4 Project Associates with dedicated geographical coverage:

- Michelle Armstrong e: michelle.armstrong@eelga.gov.uk or m: 07709 483445
 - Nick Burfield e: nick.burfield@eelga.gov.uk or m: 07799 415720 for Essex and Suffolk
 - Alan Corbett e: alan.corbett@eelga.gov.uk or m: 07872 184028 for Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
 - Matt Jones e: matthew.jones@eelga.gov.uk or m: 07738 697528 for Cambridgeshire and Norfolk
- Please follow this link for more information about this new resource, which will include advisory seminars: <http://www.eelga.gov.uk/news-and-campaigns/269/EU-Connects-is-now-open-for-business>

Vodafone's World of Difference – Bursaries for people to work for charities for up to 4 months

The World of Difference scheme is open to charities who would like to offer bursaries to people wanting to give their skills. The programme offers bursaries to 500 people donating themselves to a charity of their choice and the donors get paid for their placements either full time for two months, or part time for four months (a minimum of 15 hours a week). Vodafone will pay charities £2500 for a placement and this should be paid to the person working for the charity, having deducted tax, national insurance and expenses.

Charities or individuals interested in getting involved need to be listed on the Word of Difference Charity Matchmaker tool, which will connect people with participating charities. Charities and individuals can register now and the closing date is 4pm **22 November**. Placements must start between 28 February and 5 March 2012. Please follow this link to find out more: <http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/aboutWOD.html>

Jobs

Ipswich & Suffolk Race Equality Council (ISCRE) Project Officer, part time (18.5 hours per week) £17,000 per annum (pro rata), Ipswich

The successful person will have a critical role in supporting the delivery of ISCRE projects. The main activity will be to support the Voluntary and Community Sector county wide consortium project aimed at improving support for victims of Hate Crime.

Candidates should have:

- Effective organisational skills and the ability to meet strict deadlines
- Strong verbal communication skills with the ability to relate to people in a range of settings
- Understanding of the principles of managing projects
- Experience of report writing
- Sound numerical skills and an understanding of the principles of budget management
- An understanding of the impact and effect of discrimination & harassment & experience of relating to people with diverse needs.

For further details and an application pack please contact:

ISCRE, 46A St Matthew's Street, Ipswich, IP1 3EP

t: 01473 408111; F: 0871 900 4218. w: office@iscre.org.uk; Website: www.iscre.org.uk or call Sue Raychaudri, Office Manager, for an informal discussion. The closing date for applications is **10 October 2011** by 5 pm.

Kings Lynn Area Resettlement Support (KLARS) – Project worker, part-time, temporary post (8-16 hours a week, 4 month contract), Kings Lynn

A project worker is required for this Kings Lynn advice agency for 8 - 16 hours per week, 4 months temporary cover. Candidates for the post should have fluent English and Portuguese. Application pack is available from: KLARS, The Granaries, 21 Nelson Street, King's Lynn PE30 5DY

Or e: klars@tiscali.co.uk. No phone enquiries or personal visits please.

Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality (ISCRE) Administration Assistant, part-time, temporary post (18.5 hours a week job share, 1 year contract)

ISCRE needs a competent person with excellent administrative skills to work in their busy reception office. Applicants should have:

- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Effective IT skills with experience of Microsoft Office
- Experience of working to demanding time scales in a pressurised environment
- Evidence a personal and professional high standard of commitment to Equality and Human Rights issues
- Ability to work on own initiative as well as part of a team.

For further details and an application pack please contact:

ISCRE, 46A St Matthew's Street, Ipswich, IP1 3EP or

t: 01473 408111; f: 0871 900 4218. e: office@iscre.org.uk; Website: www.iscre.org.uk or please call Sue Raychaudri Office Manager for an informal discussion. The closing date for this position is 5pm, **10 October 2011**

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