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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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Rights of Women – Women’s Migration and Asylum Network

This network has been established by Rights of Women to improve communication and understanding of network members on legal and policy issues affecting migrant and asylum-seeking women, influence law and policy that affects migrant and asylum-seeking women and promote gender equality, working towards the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of gender. It will focus on the following thematic areas:

- asylum;
- economic migration;
- family migration (including family formation and reunion);
- settlement and routes to citizenship;
- violence against women issues (including trafficking).

The Women’s Migration and Asylum Network will exist primarily as virtual 'e-group' with occasional seminars and events being organised as and where necessary. The network is open to individuals and representatives from statutory and voluntary organisations across England and Wales. Anyone interested in joining this network should contact Rights on Women on e: info@row.org.uk.

Migration

On-line immigration crime reporting facility launched by UK Border Agency (UKBA)

Suspicions of immigration crime can now be reported over the internet. UKBA has a new online reporting webpage. Information from the public is one of UKBA’s tools in fighting crime. People can submit their suspicions anonymously or choose to give their contact details. However, anyone using the online reporting system can be assured that all information submitted will be handled in confidence at all times.

The sorts of immigration crimes UKBA wants to be alerted to are:

- People who have no legal right live or work in the UK
- Employers of illegal workers
- Human trafficking

Please follow this link to access the on-line facility: <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/contact/report-crime>

Embedding Ambassadors in Community Health – EACH project partners in the east of England announced

The European Integration EACH project from EELGA aims to link health professionals with community groups in their area to help explore ‘Intercultural Competence’ and ‘Working with Interpreters’ via a series of workshops centred on the cultural expectations and barriers to health care experienced by newly arrived migrants. Twelve organisations, mainly community groups, working alone or in partnership with others, have been selected with four Translating and Interpreting Agencies to deliver the workshops. The first pilot will run on 8 December, led by the Dacorum Pakistani Women’s Group, Muskaan, in Watford. Once this has been evaluated, the first phase of workshops will roll out between January and March, and the second during April and May.

Please follow this link to find out more about who is delivering the workshop in your part of the region:

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/campaigns-and-projects/strategic-migration-partnership/each-project.aspx>. Those health professionals interested in attending a workshop, please provide your contact details to one of the project team so you can be given first refusal on a place when the dates are released. The EACH project team is Gosia Strona e: Malgorzata.strona@eelga.gov.uk or t: 01284 729433, Louise Gooch e: louise.gooch@eelga.gov.uk or t: 01284 729438 and Sue Hay e: sue.hay@eelga.gov.uk.

Centre on Migration, Policy and Society – COMPAS, Oxford University – quarterly update released

This latest update reviews the Centre's recent research activities, events and publications as well as their plans for the future. There is an item on the on-going research on the pathways in and out of irregular migration, and one on a new research project about the impact of faith-based community organisations on diaspora inclusion and exclusion in a world city – looking at diasporic communities in East London. It also showcases the winners of the COMPAS photo competition 2011 – Traces of Belonging (how to visually convey what it means to settle in a new place). Please follow this link to read the update in full: <http://createsend.com/t/r-5929091F74BD5CBF>

Highly skilled migrants seek new destinations as global growth shifts to emerging economies – Migration Policy Institute article on one of the top ten migration issues of 2011

Developing nations that were once primarily migrant-sending states are now experiencing a boom that is beginning to increase their attractiveness for highly educated and highly skilled migrants and beckoning their diaspora members home. The emerging economies of Asia and Latin America continued to gain steam in 2011, fuelled in large part by regional powerhouses China, India, and Brazil. Evidence indicates that highly skilled immigrant and native-born workers are leaving in search of opportunities elsewhere: preliminary data indicate that about 76,400 people left Ireland this year, more than half of whom were native born. Greek professionals appear to be migrating to Australia at higher rates than seen before. Educated Germans of Turkish descent are returning to their ancestral homelands for better professional opportunities, despite Germany's high projected demand for skilled workers and its persistent inability to attract them. Please follow this link to read this article in full:

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=865>

And follow this link to read about their top ten migration issues of 2011: <http://www.migrationinformation.org>

Events

Report Launch event: Silenced Voices Speak – London, 7 December

The report outlines strategies for protecting migrant women from violence and abuse, with the evidence drawn from six months of calls that were made to Rights of Women new immigration and asylum law legal advice line. It will take place from 6 to 7.30pm followed by refreshments at The Human Rights Action Centre, Amnesty International UK, 17-25, New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. Please follow this link to find out more:

<http://www.testimonyproject.org.uk/article/event/report-launch-event-silenced-voices-speak-london>

Exploring cultural identity through art – Inclusion Art, Mind, Norwich – weekly from 19 January 2012

This free 6 week course explores themes of cultural identity through art, with participants getting the chance to create their own artworks and experiment with different techniques, such as batik and collage. Places are open to all from a black and minority ethnic background and those interested in attending should book a place by contacting t: 01603 432457 (option 6) or e: inclusion@norwichmind.org.uk.

Mental health awareness training for black and minority ethnic (BME) communities – Norwich, 27 January

This session is open to those from BME communities or anyone wanting to know more about mental health issues and is based in Norwich. Delegates will learn about:

- Myths and misconceptions about mental health
- Signs and symptoms of depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder and self harm
- Responding to mental health issues
- What help is available
- What helps and hinders recovery

If a learner needs an interpreter to attend the workshop, please let Norwich Mind know and to arrange interpretation. The event will take place in Norwich Mind's offices, 50 Sale Road, NR7 9TP from 9.30 to 12.30. To book a place, please contact Amrita Kulkarni on e: cdwmanager@norwichmind.org.uk or t: 01603 432457 Ext 7.

Funding

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Social Justice Programme – open grants scheme

The Social Justice programme aims to help marginalised individuals and communities become integrated. The foundation sees integration as a two-way process in which society at large and specific communities adapt, understand and benefit. They want to support younger people up to the age of 30 who are at a time of transition because of their circumstances (e.g. leaving care or settling into a new community) or changes to the cultural environment in which they live (e.g. established communities in asylum dispersal areas). The Open Grants Scheme focuses on arts and learning activities. The outcome of these activities must:

- Enable marginalised young people to have their voices heard
- Ensure their fuller participation in society.

The outcome of these activities should if possible also:

- Build strong relationships within their communities and with other communities.
- Foster respect for, and understanding of, the differences between communities.

There is a two stage application process; in the first stage, applicants demonstrate that the work which they are seeking funding for fits with the themes and priorities of the programme; applications which make it through to the second stage will be asked for more detailed information. There are no closing dates for applications, but applicants will be advised of the dates at which decisions may be taken when their application is being processed. Please follow this link for more information: <http://www.phf.org.uk/landing.asp?id=51>

Jobs

Casual, part-time ESOL Tutor, Lowestoft College - £18.38 per hour

Required on an as and when required basis, an experienced and qualified ESOL tutor to work within the School of Personal and Community Development. Candidates should have:

- sufficient experience of teaching ESOL
- an ESOL or CELTA teaching qualification
- a Certificate in Education or willingness to work towards
- knowledge of funding eligibility for ESOL learners and knowledge of safeguarding

Further details and an application pack may be obtained from www.lowestoft.ac.uk or t: 01502 525077 or e: recruitment@lowestoft.ac.uk. The closing date for applications is **9 December**.

Project Assistant, Climate Outreach and Information Network (COIN)

Part time, 3 days a week, 12 month post, £22,000 pro rata London

COIN is the UK's coalition on climate change and migration issues. It is dedicated to raising awareness about the human rights impacts of climate change. COIN runs a programme of work on migration and climate change. In March 2011, COIN launched the UK Climate Migration Coalition. UKCCMC is a young alliance of NGOs united by concern about the lack of long term strategies to support, assist and protect people at risk of displacement linked to climate change.

This post holder will support COIN's Defending Rights Project Manager and involve varied work from research and campaign planning to event management and web support. The post is part time – 3 days per week, for a period of 12 months. This position will suit a committed graduate with first rate research and writing skills and a proven interest in the issues. The successful candidate will be based in London but will also attend meetings in Oxford and across the UK/Europe as required.

To apply please follow this link to find out more and to download an application form <http://coinet.org.uk/about-us/employment> to complete and send to e: hannah@coinet.org.uk. The deadline for applications is midnight **11 December 2011**.

**Part-time trainee support worker, Suffolk Refugee Support Forum, Ipswich
6 month post, 16 hours per week, £8.57 per hour**

The successful candidate will be trained to give advice and support to refugees. Candidates must speak English and a refugee language and have experience of refugee issues. For an application pack, please contact Rebecca Crerar on t: 01473 400785 or e: rcrerar@srsf.org.uk giving your name, address/email address and telephone number. The closing date for applications is 5pm **14 December**.

MSc in Migration Studies: Oxford University's School of Anthropology and Department of International Development

The interdisciplinary course draws on the intellectual resources of its two parent departments and the three migration research centres at Oxford (COMPAS, IMI and RSC). Lectures and tutorials are given by scholars from across these units and the University. The programme allows students to explore human mobility in a historical and global perspective, and to address the complex relations between global political economy, migratory experiences, and government and social responses.

Please follow this for [Further information about the MSc Migration Studies and how to apply](#). The next deadline for applications is **20 January 2012**. Successful applicants to the course will also be eligible to apply for a number of [scholarships](#). Home and EU students can apply for [ESRC Studentships](#) in the Migration Studies Pathway, via Oxford University's Doctoral Training Centre.

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