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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 Regional Assembly (EERA) Strategic Migration Partnership, the East of England Development Agency (EEDA) and the Partnership Development Project (MENTER).

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Azure Payment Card can now be used at most Morrisons stores across the country

The Azure Payment Card for Section 4 Service Users can now be used at most Morrisons stores across the country. Please note that the card can only be used in the stores themselves, and will not be accepted in petrol stations, restaurants or other associated outlets.

For technical reasons there are 8 stores that are not yet able to accept the card, and we will inform you when these go live. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience. The stores where you cannot use your card are: Bishopbriggs, Melton Mowbray, Walsall, Eastwood (Southend), Caterham, Portsmouth, Congleton and Guisborough.

'Safe at Last' report

Refugee and Migrant Justice has published a new report, 'Safe at Last', looking at entrant interviews of unaccompanied children and representing their experiences in their own words.

Report:

[http://refugee-migrant-justice.org.uk/RMJ%20Safe%20at%20Last%20WEB%20FINAL\(2\).pdf](http://refugee-migrant-justice.org.uk/RMJ%20Safe%20at%20Last%20WEB%20FINAL(2).pdf)

Living in Limbo: Forced Migrant Destitution in Europe

This report by the Jesuit Refugee Service Europe describes the social and legal situation of forced migrants who came from countries outside the European Union and are living in destitution in the following EU Member States: Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom. Annexes contain summaries of the situation in France, Slovenia and Ukraine.

Full report (information on the UK can be found on pp. 124-139):

<http://www.jrseurope.org/publications/JRS%20Europe%20Living%20in%20Limbo%20-18-18h.pdf>

Migration

East of England Local Government Association

The East of England LGA is a new voluntary association set up by the 52 local authorities in the region following the abolition of the East of England Regional Assembly on 31 March 2010. The East of England LGA will work closely with a wide range of partners in the public, voluntary and private sectors and it will also manage the East of England Strategic Migration Partnership.

New link to the Strategic Migration Partnership website:

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/policy-and-priorities/strategic-migration-partnership.aspx>

East of England LGA information pack:

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/news-and-campaigns/information-packs.aspx>

The Limits to Limits: Is a cap on immigration a viable policy for the UK? – ippr briefing

This ippr briefing is an attempt to work through the implications of introducing a cap on immigration to the UK.

Briefing (please click on the 'download without registration link):

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2FThe+Limits+to+Limits%2Epdf>

Speech on controlling immigration for a fairer Britain

This is a transcript of the speech by Prime Minister Gordon Brown in East London on 31 March 2010. He talks about how the government is transforming the way it deals with immigration through its controlled and fair points-based system.

Press release:

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page23012>

Speech:

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page23011>

Live online discussion on immigration with Phil Woolas:

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page22996>

Key dates for Highly Trusted Sponsor Scheme

If you are a Tier 4 (General) sponsor and you want to sponsor students as a Highly Trusted sponsor, there are certain key dates that you need to remember.

Further information:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/23-hts-key-dates>

What works with integrating new migrants?

Drawing on global examples of best practice, this report explores what meaningful integration might look like; reviews international labour market, political, social and cultural integration strategies; and discusses ways of benchmarking successful integration.

Highlighting previous research, Dr Zubaida Haque shows that it is not necessarily the ethnic diversity within neighbourhoods that is causing tensions in the UK but the lack of adequate policies to help manage integration.

The report finds that for countries to achieve a well-managed immigration scheme, specific provisions are needed to integrate new migrants.

Press release:

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/160/30/Problem-is-integration-not-number-of-new-migrants.html>

Full report (please register for free before downloading):

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/publications/135/32.html>

Events

Disabled refugees and asylum seekers: key issues in support

The Centre for Disability and Social Inclusion invites you to our April seminar "Disabled refugees and asylum seekers: key issues in support"

Wednesday **14 April 2010**, 1pm to 2.15pm

Venue: Northampton Suite, Room C, Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0HB

Map of the venue: <http://www.city.ac.uk/maps/northampton-square/index.html>

To book a place please email Doria Pilling: d.s.pilling@city.ac.uk

Priceless: The contribution of community groups

Inclusive · Cohesive · Growing · Empowered · Enterprising Communities

An Eastern Region Infrastructure Network (ERIN) event

10 June 2010

British Racing School, Newmarket

Further details and a booking form to follow. Please contact COVER with any queries on mandy.crawley@cover-east.org

Funding

European Integration Fund call for proposals 2009

The UK Border Agency is pleased to announce that the call for proposals for the European Integration Fund 2009 is now open.

Approximately £6.4 million is available to co-fund projects aimed at:

- introducing newly arrived third-country nationals to the UK and enabling them to acquire basic knowledge about the UK's language, history, institutions, socio-economic features, cultural life and fundamental norms and values; and/or
- preparing third-country nationals for their integration into the UK through pre-travel measures which enable them to acquire knowledge and skills necessary for their integration.

The minimum grant amount that can be applied for per year is £40,000 and projects can last for up to three years. The closing date for completed applications is 16:00 on **4 June 2010**.

The application form, related documents and guidance are available on the Home Office Emptoris e-procurement site. To register for Emptoris please contact EUFunding@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

European Integration Fund call for proposals:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/225930/eif-2009.pdf>

Further information on the Fund:

http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/integrating_other_migrants

Awards for All small grants scheme

Awards for All England is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

To do this we want to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life - with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Stronger communities - with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- Improved rural and urban environments - which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

The application form is short and simple. Email us the completed form. You will find out if you are successful within six weeks.

Further information:

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/summary.html>

Jobs

Policy Officer (Strategic Migration Partnership) - SCP 29/34 £24,646 - £28,636

Contract duration: until 31 March 2012

You will be assisting with the management of EELGA Strategic Migration Partnership's responsibilities for Asylum, Refugee Integration and Migration in collaboration with key regional partners, including the development, implementation and monitoring of the business plan and associated strategies and initiatives.

For an informal discussion please contact Ian Beattie, Team Leader – Regional Policy at EELGA on 01284 729413.

The closing date for applications is **23 April 2010**. Interviews will take place at EELGA's offices at Flempton House, Bury St Edmunds on 30 April 2010.

For full details of the post and an application form please contact Val Seaman on 01284729435 or email Valerie.seaman@eelga.gov.uk or download the application pack from the website: <http://www.eera.gov.uk/Who-we-are/working-for-us/policy-officer-smp->

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