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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).

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UKBA issue revised guidance for processing asylum applications from children

Their instruction sets out the policy and procedures to follow when dealing with an asylum application from a child, who for the purposes of the document is someone who is under 18. An asylum application can be made by, or on behalf of, a child whether accompanied or unaccompanied and must only be processed by a specially trained case owner who has received the requisite children's training.

Please follow this link to find the document in full:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/asylumprocessguidance/specialcases/guidance/processingasylumapplication1.pdf?view=Binary>

The Migrant Children's project from the Children's Legal Centre – September update

The latest edition is available via their website, and includes case notes on recent legal cases, links to national and international reports about asylum seeking children and the latest news on immigration issues relating to children. Please follow the link below to access the documents in full.

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

SMILE project from the Refugee Council – September 2010 newsletter

The SMILE project supports refugee children to improve their life chances. Their most recent newsletter provides information about a summer of activities. Please follow the link for the complete document:

<http://www.smileproject.org.uk/Resources/Refugee%20Council/Smile/SMILE%20newsletter%20September%2010.pdf>

Women's Asylum News – Latest monthly bulletin

Women's Asylum News is the Refugee Women's Resource Project's monthly bulletin. It contains news and information on issues affecting women asylum-seekers and refugees. The bulletin contains a headline article on new research by Rights of Women, which expresses serious concerns about how the UK Border Agency responds to violence against women. Additional features look at

- Sector Update
- Legal Issues
- International News
- New Publications
- UK Training and Events
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Charter Update

To read the document in full, please follow this link:

http://www.asylumaid.org.uk/data/files/publications/139/WAN_August.pdf

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Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr) – briefing in response to last quarter's migration statistics

ippr reviews and analyses the latest migration figures published by the Office for National Statistics. This briefing concludes that net migration is rising, but this is largely explained by decreased net emigration by British citizens, rather than increased net immigration by non-British citizens.

Follow the link for the briefing in full: <http://www.ippr.org.uk/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=771>

Case studies for migrant health guidelines for using translators and interpreters

The east of England strategic migration partnership is working with the health service to produce best practice commissioning guidelines for working with translators and interpreters in the health service. Anyone who knows of a case of a client who has used any part of the health service with a translator/interpreter, or someone who hasn't and would have been better served had an interpreter been present, then please email the details of the case to the contact details below: louise.gooch@eelga.gov.uk

Events

Sunday 12 September, 2pm-5pm, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Ipswich

'Communities Together' event in aid of the Pakistan emergency floods appeal, organised by the Suffolk & Ipswich Muslim Council. This is a free event, with family activities such as henna painting, clothes and accessories stalls and face painting as well as a question and answer session. The event is open to all. For further information, contact: Roomi: 07913621273 or Moshud: 07885269296
Email: ipswichsmc@yahoo.co.uk

The Big Society, 22 September 2010, 9:30 – 15:00, Pitt Building in Cambridge

The Government's plan to promote a 'Big Society' is an important initiative; inspirational local leadership and community action are essential to enable us to live sustainably within environmental limits. This is a chance for the state, business and people to work together to make public services more efficient, and equip communities better to sustain prosperity for generations to come.

This free event will help address issues and identify opportunities to take forward the 'Big Society' in the East of England. The results of the discussion will help inform a shared 'manifesto' to help decision makers implement the concept in a way that contributes to sustainable development.

The event is aimed at local authority leaders and officers, public servants, social enterprises, community leaders, businesses and business representatives.

Speakers confirmed are as follows:

- Richard Powell OBE, Chair, Sustainability East
- 'Is the "Big Society" sustainable? Anna Coote, New Economics Foundation
- 'Can the 'Big Society' strengthen our response to climate change and help us live within environmental limits?, Tony Juniper
- 'What can we learn from previous communities taking control in delivering a sustainable 'Big Society'', Katharine Knox, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- 'Can the 'Big Society' improve public health?' Neil Blackshaw, e-planning and Former Director NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit
- 'Getting down to business with the 'Big Society'', David Thompson, LSI Architects
- Richard Powell, Regional Director, RSPB

To register please contact Chrissie Pepper – 01223 231294 chrissiepepper@sustainabilityeast.org.uk

Managing Migration in the UK: Tackling the Challenges for Border Security, the Economy and Our Society

16 November 2010 - 8:30 - 16:30; Golden Cross House, 8 Duncannon Street, London WC2N 4JF

'Managing Migration in the UK: Tackling the Challenges for Border Security, the Economy and Our Society' will discuss the impact of migration on the UK economy and society and what developments are expected under the new government. It will give stakeholders the opportunity to discuss the future challenges facing the immigration system and border security teams. Sessions will focus on the impact of the coalition government's immigration policy and consider the human rights and legal issues surrounding migration. Stakeholders will discuss the benefits of migration for the economy and education sector and will examine the challenge for community cohesion.

Speakers include Ian Macdonald QC (Immigration Law Practitioners Association), Professor Ted Cantle (Institute of Community Cohesion), Tim Finch (Institute of Public Policy Research), Donna Covey (Refugee Council) and Sir Andrew Green (MigrationwatchUK).

For details of the complete agenda and how to book a place, please follow the link below:

<http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/other/immigration/index.php#agenda>

Funding

There is no funding update in this edition

Jobs

Health Support Officer - Strategic Migration Partnership. Salary range (SCP 29 – 34) £24,646 - £28,636 pro rata. 11 hours per week, home based with some regional travel. One year contract (maternity cover).

The post is for someone who can provide expert support for the Strategic Migration Partnership and key regional partners on health issues relating to asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers.

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Gosia Strona, Senior Policy Officer, Strategic Migration Partnership on 01284 729433 or 07920 257 947 (from 13 September).

The closing date for applications is **15 September 2010**. Interviews will take place at EELGA offices at Flempton House, Flempton, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 6EG on 20 September 2010.

Full details of this post and an application pack are available on the EELGA website

<http://www.eelga.gov.uk/corporate/jobs.aspx> or from Valerie Seaman, HR Assistant, on 01284729435 or Valerie.seaman@eelga.gov.uk

Amnesty International - Researcher/Adviser on migrants' rights £38,975 + benefits.

Fixed term contract of one year in duration. London or another agreed suitable location

Amnesty International is advertising the post of Researcher/Adviser on Refugee and Migrants' Rights. As an adviser in the Refugee and Migrants' rights team, the post holder will help shape Amnesty International's work on migrants' rights and will conduct research and develop Amnesty International's (AI) policy positions on migrants' rights issues including criminalization, detention and exploitative labour practices. The successful candidate will provide authoritative legal and policy thematic advice to country and thematic specialists in the International Secretariat, sections and structures and will also carry out related advocacy work and will be expected to do some work on refugee issues, as required by the team.

Interested applicants should have extensive specialist knowledge and a significant period of practical experience working on migrants' rights issues in an advocacy setting and will have professional experience of desk and field based research relevant to migrants' rights in addition to policy development experience. An ability to conduct in-depth research to very high standards is essential, along with good project management, organisational and interpersonal skills. Applicants should be able to show their experience of planning, organizing and being able to work under pressure and meet deadlines and are expected to be familiar with refugee issues.

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of volunteers and professionals standing up for human rights. Independent of any government, ideology, economic interest or religion, it has more than two million supporters in over 150 countries. Their purpose is to research, campaign and take action to effect change and protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied.

For further information on this and other vacancies, and to apply online, please visit www.amnesty.org/jobs

Closing date: Midnight BST on Sunday **26 September**

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