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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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Migrant Children's Project Update June 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 update June 2010:

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

The Justice and Home Affairs Council conclusions on Stockholm action plan, unaccompanied minors and European Pact on Immigration and Asylum

The Justice and Home Affairs Council discussed and adopted conclusions on the Stockholm Programme on 3 June 2010. The Council also adopted conclusions on unaccompanied minors, stressing the importance of a global approach, which respects the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Finally, following the first Annual Report on the implementation of the European Pact on Immigration and Asylum submitted by the Commission in May, the Council adopted conclusions on its follow-up.

Press release:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/10/228&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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Worker Registration Scheme local authority data

Access the January 2010 - March 2010 local authority level WRS data from the UK Border Agency. This up-to-date information will not only enable you to discover more about your changing local population, but is invaluable in planning your services. You will be able to investigate new migrant employment patterns including seasonal working, which is essential in building up local economic and employment knowledge.

Access to the local authority data is restricted to local authorities and other government users who register on this site with a **.gov.uk** email address.

If you do not have a .gov.uk email address you can access national data via Home Office's Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, alternatively you may wish to email them directly at

FreedomofInformation.Employment@UKBA.gsi.gov.uk with your request.

WRS local authority data:

<http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/core/page.do?pageId=1095225>

May 2010 Migration Statistics: Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr) briefing

ippr reviews and analyses the latest migration figures published by the Office for National Statistics, which show that net immigration is falling. ippr shows that this is largely explained by decreased immigration rather than increased emigration and draw out lessons for future immigration policy.

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

<http://www.ippr.org/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2FMay+2010+migration+stats%5Fippr+briefing%2Epdf>

Update to the Tier 2 policy guidance for skilled workers

The UK Border Agency has published an addition to the policy guidance for Tier 2 of the points-based system (version 04/10).

This clarifies the length of the permission to stay in the UK that may be given to all Tier 2 applicants, except those applying under the Graduate trainees and Skills transfer sub-categories of Tier 2 (Intra company transfer).

Press release and updated policy guidance:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/268071/3-t2-policy-guide-update>

Events

An introduction to child protection issues in working with children from abroad- London - Refugee Council training course - 6 July 2010

This course will provide an overview of child protection legislation, issues affecting children and families from abroad, and the identification and referral processes.

Delegates will explore the range of issues affecting children who are in need of protection, looking at the interface with the asylum and immigration system.

Participants will receive an overview of the relevant legislation, guidance and procedures involved in working with protection issues with refugee children, which will be related back to their day-to-day experiences, giving them a practical understanding of:

- the current UK legislation and court processes in child protection
- the roles of different agencies in the child protection system
- identification and referral systems
- the impact of the asylum system on refugee families and separated children
- specific information

Please note for all courses scheduled from 1st April 2010 onwards the course costs will be as follows: £109 (NGO/voluntary org.) £175 (statutory/educational body/business)

Booking information:

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

Funding

The Equitable Charitable Trust

The Equitable Charitable Trust is an education charity which makes grants of around £1 million each year towards projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who are from disadvantaged backgrounds or disabled. Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories:

- education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;
- education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities;
- education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post. The size of grants ranges from £2,500 to £30,000. Most are for sums between £5,000 and £25,000. Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees. The Trust does not have an application form, but recommends that organisations follow the guidelines outlined on the website.

Equitable Charitable Trust's website:

<http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Live UnLtd – small grants for young people

The Live UnLtd programme, from UnLtd, has up to £2,000 of funding available per individual for young people aged 11 - 25 to turn an idea to make the world a better place into a reality. Until July 2010, Live UnLtd is only accepting applications from young people aged 16 - 18. There is a mailing list for those aged 11 - 25 who are

interested in the fund. The funding can be used by young people to set up their own businesses, sports teams, recreational groups and host events.

Live UnLtd website:

<http://www.liveunltd.com>

Jobs

There are no job updates in this edition

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