



## **REAP West London Refugees' Events and Issues E-Listing. FEBRUARY - MARCH 2011**

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### **News:**

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**Refugee Council calls for MPs to be lobbied about the effects of cuts to**

**refugee services**

February 16, 2011

The Refugee Council is campaigning against cuts of over 60% to services which support refugees rebuild their lives. These include free advice and support services for people who have nowhere else to turn' but we rely on government funding to do this.

The cuts will begin to come into effect from 1 April 2011. Funding for work done to help refugees integrate into society will end completely in September.

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2011/refugee-council-calls-mps-be-lobbied-about-effects-cuts-refugee-services>

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**Migration: where next? Developing a new progressive immigration policy**

February 8, 2011

The Smith Institute, in association with Refugee Action, launched a collection of essays Migration: Where Next? Developing a New Progressive Immigration Policy. Among others MRN Policy Officer **Ruth Grove-White** writes on Why migrants' rights should be integral to a new immigration policy agenda.

Immigration was a defining issue during the 2010 election. Labour tried to talk tough but public confidence in their ability to manage immigration declined (over two thirds thought Labour's management of immigration was 'bad for Britain') and at the same time played into the hands of the right.

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2011/migration-where-next-developing-new-progressive-immigration-policy>

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### **State multiculturalism has failed, says David Cameron**

February 6, 2011

On Saturday, the day in which a major protest by the English Defence League took place in Luton, prime minister David Cameron made a controversial series of remarks criticising state multiculturalist policies, and in particular the integration of Muslim communities, in the UK.

A BBC new report outlined:

*David Cameron has criticised "state multiculturalism" in his first speech as prime minister on radicalisation and the causes of terrorism. At a security conference in Munich, he argued the UK needed a stronger national identity to prevent people turning to all kinds of extremism. He also signalled a tougher stance on groups promoting Islamist extremism.*

For more visit the BBC website. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12371994>

### **Funding slashed for refugee advice services**

February 2, 2011

Funding for vital advice services for refugees and asylum seekers in the UK will be slashed by over 60% from April 1st 2011. The UKBA is cutting its funding for

refugee charities, who warned the government of the devastating impact this will have on people seeking safety in the UK, as well as the wider voluntary sector and society.

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2011/funding-slashed-refugee-advice-services>

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 Directory of London Refugee Organisations [www.reap.org.uk/directory](http://www.reap.org.uk/directory)  
 Useful web links [www.reap.org.uk/links](http://www.reap.org.uk/links)

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Date	20 February – deadline
<b>JOB</b>	<b>Internship at the European Programme for Integration and Migration</b>

The European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM) is looking for an intern to support the EPIM Programme Manager in the development and implementation of all EPIM activities, under the overall supervision of the NEF Executive Director.

more info	Please send your CV and cover letter to the following address: <a href="mailto:info@nefic.org">info@nefic.org</a>
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Date	22 February
Time	6.00 - 9.00pm
Venue	The Board Room, 309 Regent Street University of Westminster, School of Law
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Law, Feminism and Asylum (London)</b>
The Research Centre for Law Gender and Sexuality presents FEMINISM WITH FIZZ a series of conversations on 'feminism in practice.' The speakers will include Debora Singer and Christel Querton from AsylumAid.	

Date	22 February at 9:45 and 23 February at 16:30
Venue	Charities Evaluation Services, 4 Coldbath Square, London, EC1R 5HL
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Making your services more effective for Refugee Community Organisations</b>
This free two day course organised by Charities Evaluation Services course will help refugee community organisations to review their service provision, plan more strategically, improve your funding applications, demonstrate effectiveness and benefits to funders and others.	
more info	Jill on 020 7713 5722 or email <a href="mailto:training@ces-vol.org.uk">training@ces-vol.org.uk</a>

Date	23 February
Time	18:30
Venue	London
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>GlobalNet21 event: "Child Trafficking and What We Can Do About it."</b>
<b>Baronness Mary Goudie</b> who led the campaign for the ratification of the United Nations' Treaty on Human Trafficking and a subsequent Treaty of the Council of Europe on Human Trafficking will join others to discuss how to tackle this issue	

when human rights are being abused.	
more info	<a href="http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/globalnet21-event-child-trafficking-and-what-we-can-do-about-it">http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/globalnet21-event-child-trafficking-and-what-we-can-do-about-it</a>

Date	24 February
Time	13:00 - 16:30
Venue	Refugee Council, 240-250 Ferndale Rd, London SW9 8BB
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Refugee Council's Refugee Empowerment Project open day</b>
<p>Come along to the Refugee Council's Refugee Empowerment Project open day to find out how this one year campaigning project could help you effect change in your community.</p> <p>Funded by Trust for London, this project will improve the campaigning skills and capacity of 18 London based refugees and asylum seekers, and the refugee community organisations they are involved in, through the provision of training, mentoring and other forms of specialist support.</p> <p>With support from Refugee Council and an assigned mentor, recruited individuals will work together to develop their own campaign action plan to be delivered by their RCO, and make a real difference in their communities.</p>	
more info	To reserve a place, please email <b>Hannah.petros@refugeecouncil.org.uk</b> by <b>Wednesday 16 February 2011</b> , or for more information call <b>Penny Mclean</b> on <b>020 7346 1052</b>

Date	3 March
Time	10.00am -3:30pm
Venue	Mushkil Aasaan, First Floor, 222 Upper Tooting Road, London, SW17 7EW
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>BME Mental Health &amp; Well Being Seminar - Service User Involvement and Personalisation</b>
<p><b>The Asian Health Agency</b> in partnership with South West London and St Georges Mental Health Trust, Open Up Time to Change, Mind and Power Up are organising a seminar to explore the mental health issues</p> <p><b>Cost: Free but places must be booked in advance.</b></p>	
more info	Please find attached the leaflet on the above seminar:

	If you wish to organise a similar event in your area or need further information please contact me on: <a href="mailto:farah.chaudhry@taha.org.uk">farah.chaudhry@taha.org.uk</a>
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Date	4 March
Time	(9:15) 9:30 am – 2:00 pm (with lunch)
Venue	Belmore Children's Centre, ( Belmore Primary School ) Owen Road, North Hayes/Yeading UB4 9LF
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>WHAT DO OUR REFUGEE CHILDREN NEED? CONFERENCE</b>
<p>Hillingdon Refugee Children Network conference and workshops. Hillingdon has a high number of refugee children and families who cope with insecurity, dislocation, unfamiliar systems and language, health and mental health issues etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Do you work with children whose families speak Farsi/Dari, Somali, Tamil, Tigrinya, Arabic, Kurdish, Lingala, Pushto, Turkish and other languages spoken by refugees?</b></li> <li>· <b>Have they or their parents come to Britain for safety from war or persecution?</b></li> <li>· <b>Will sharing experiences, good practice and contacts across Hillingdon be useful for you?</b></li> </ul>	
more info	Contact <a href="mailto:Olesya@reap.org.uk">Olesya@reap.org.uk</a>

Date	15 March
Venue	The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square , London W1G 0AN
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>ROTA's AGM</b>
<p>Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year 2009/10 is scheduled to take place on 15 March 2011. Registration will be from 4.30pm and the formal AGM will be from 5pm till 6pm.</p>	
more info	For the formal business agenda, how to book or to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf contact Saifur Valli on 020 7902 1177 or email <a href="mailto:saifur@rota.org.uk">saifur@rota.org.uk</a> .

Date	22 March
Time	17:30

Venue	Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>The geography of refugee protection – exclusions, limitations and exceptions from the 1967 Protocol to the present</b>
<p>To mark the 60th anniversary of the Refugee Convention UNHCR is organising a series of seminars on International Refugee Law. The upcoming lecture will be held by Professor Elspeth Guild (University of Nijmegen; Partner, Kingsley Napley) on “The geography of refugee protection – exclusions, limitations and exceptions from the 1967 Protocol to the present”.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events?page=3">http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events?page=3</a>

Date	23 March
Time	11:30
Venue	London
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Refugee Council Conference 'Working Together to protect refugees'</b>
<p>Refugee Council annual conference for 2011 will focus on celebrating some of the achievements of the sector in the past year and looking forward as to how the sector can continue to support refugees and asylum seekers in a challenging climate.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/refugee-council-conference-working-together-protect-refugees">http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/refugee-council-conference-working-together-protect-refugees</a>

Date	30 March
Time	16:30
Venue	Employability Forum, 49-51 East Road, Old Street, London, N1 6AH
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Working with schools to raise awareness of refugees</b>
<p>Employability Forum, an independent organisations, is organising a free training session on effective working with local schools to raise awareness of refugees.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.employabilityforum.co.uk/index.php">http://www.employabilityforum.co.uk/index.php</a>

Date	30 March
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Venue	The Cavendish Conference Centre, London
EVENT	<b>Third Sector European Network (TSEN) Annual Conference, 'European Funding and the Big Society',</b>
<p>Fees range from £75 – £150 + VAT</p> <p>TSEN, with support from the Cabinet Office and European Social Fund, brings together the key Third Sector organisations active in the field of EU Structural Funds in England . Its member organisations represent around 20,000 providers working across all types of EU funded activities.</p> <p>This conference will bring together all the key players working with unemployed people to highlight the strategic potential of EU structural funds to enhance and add value to mainstream employment programmes. Structural funds help to engage and develop the ability of those furthest from the labour market to train and find work. The funds also encourage the development of local solutions to local problems and the harnessing of local innovative practice and voluntary activity. The development of effective partnerships between mainstream employment programme contractors and EU funded local providers would help mobilise and maximise local activity to the benefit of individual participants, project performance and a greater overall strategic impact.</p> <p>The conference will showcase examples of effective operational practice, models of strategic partnership and information on developments in policy and in this area.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.cesi.org.uk/Resources/CESI/Events%20Documents/EV484%20_Sponsorship_Exhibition%20Brochurev2.pdf">http://www.cesi.org.uk/Resources/CESI/Events%20Documents/EV484%20_Sponsorship_Exhibition%20Brochurev2.pdf</a>

Date	7 April - deadline
FUNDING	<b>Call for proposal: European Refugee Fund and European Integration Fund</b>
<p>Calls for proposals for the European Refugee Fund (ERF) 2010 and European Integration Fund (EIF) 2010 are now open.</p> <p><b>European Refugee Fund</b></p> <p>Approximately £1.8 million is available for new ERF projects in 2010 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Innovative refugee specific entry level English language provision</li> <li>▪ Innovative solutions to housing for newly granted refugees</li> </ul> <p>The minimum amount that can be applied for is £75,000 per year per project, and the maximum is £350,000 per year per project.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/39-erf-eif">http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/39-erf-eif</a>

<b>JOB</b>	<b>Sequel Social Enterprise is looking for Trustees</b>
Sequel Social Enterprise is a start up Social Enterprise in West London and we currently need to recruit Trustees for the organisation.	
more info	For further details please contact Abi on 07976 432 972 or <a href="mailto:info@sequel.org.uk">info@sequel.org.uk</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Palingswick House on ITV news</b>
<a href="http://www.itv.com/london/council-cuts20147/">http://www.itv.com/london/council-cuts20147/</a>	

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Vetting &amp; Barring Scheme and Criminal Records Regime Review - Recommendations Announced</b>
<p>The Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg, has unveiled a new scaled back employment vetting scheme and fundamental reform of criminal records checks.</p> <p>Announcing the findings of the parallel reviews of the Vetting &amp; Barring Scheme and the criminal records regime on Friday 11 February Mr Clegg revealed that millions of people will be removed from the need to carry out compulsory pre-employment checks.</p> <p>Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg said:</p> <p>"The Freedoms Bill will protect millions of people from state intrusion in their private lives and mark a return to common sense government. It delivers on our commitment to restore hard-won British liberties with sweeping reforms that will end the unnecessary scrutiny of law-abiding individuals.</p>	
more info	<p><b>The Terms of Reference along with the full VBS review report, can be downloaded using the following link:</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/vetting-barring-scheme">http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/vetting-barring-scheme</a></p>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Ukrainian Migrants Network is on Facebook</b>
Ukrainian Migrants Network now has an organisation Facebook page. It is still in a process of development.	
more info	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ukrainian-Migrants-Network-UMN/186205051411134?v=wall">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ukrainian-Migrants-Network-UMN/186205051411134?v=wall</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>"In my own words" is a new initiative from The Testimony Project</b>
"In my own words" is a new initiative from The Testimony Project providing a platform for women refugees and those who support them to speak out about issues	

close to their heart. Stories need to be told.	
more info	If you have a story which you want to tell, or you know someone whose story should be told, please get in touch with us at <a href="mailto:info@testimonyproject.org">info@testimonyproject.org</a> or call us on 07989 540 704.

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Launch of Oxfam report: Coping with Destitution: Survival and livelihood strategies of refused asylum seekers living in the UK</b>
Oxfam has launched a new report which reviews the situation faced by an estimated 280,000 destitute refused asylum seekers in the UK, exposing the often desperate circumstances in which many find themselves living. In particular, the report calls for the following policy changes in order to reduce the likelihood of refused asylum seekers falling into destitution:	
more info	<a href="http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/right_heard/downloads/rr-coping-with-destitution-survival-strategies-uk-050211-en.pdf">http://www.oxfam.org.uk/resources/policy/right_heard/downloads/rr-coping-with-destitution-survival-strategies-uk-050211-en.pdf</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Action for ESOL: Campaign launches new material to support its work</b>
'Action for ESOL', the campaign launched to defend English for speakers of other languages services, now has information and briefings supporting its work available on its website.	
more info	<a href="http://actionforesol.org/">http://actionforesol.org/</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Is your organisation experiencing funding cuts? Add your details to a new map of voluntary sector cuts across the UK</b>
Can the voluntary sector deliver on David Cameron's expectations that it will play a bigger role within a brave new 'Big Society'? For many groups, the deep funding cuts underway mean that this looks like a political pipedream - rather than scaling up their work, many groups are faced with a serious reduction in services or closure altogether	
more info	<a href="http://voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk/">http://voluntarysectorcuts.org.uk/</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Invitation to subscribe to Equality &amp; Diversity Newsletter</b>
<p>EDF Newsletter is the Equality and Diversity Forum's free fortnightly electronic newsletter about equality and human rights. The Equality and Diversity Forum (EDF) is the network of national organisations that works across all areas of equality and human rights.</p>	
more info	For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.edf.org.uk">www.edf.org.uk</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>New survey of refugees in London backs Mayor's integration priorities</b>
<p>To tackle the barriers refugees face in integrating into London the Mayor launched in December 2009 <i>London Enriched</i>, his refugee integration strategy for London. The priorities of <i>London Enriched</i> have been reinforced by an independent, groundbreaking survey of refugees living in London.</p> <p>The survey, undertaken by Ipsos MORI on behalf of the GLA, backs the Mayor's focus on English language, by concluding that good English skills are the key to integration.</p> <p>Refugees who report good English language ability were more likely to be in work, more able to find the information they need to find housing and more likely to feel they can influence local decision-making. Good English also linked to more positive attitudes towards community cohesion and feeling safe in the local area. Despite the importance of English language skills, English language courses are often falling short. Half the refugees took over a year to access an English language course. Those refugees likely to be most vulnerable such as women and those with low or no qualifications report poorer levels of English, even after having attended courses. The survey found that refugees in London hold positive attitudes towards community cohesion and citizenship, and feel safe in the city, but they also face considerable barriers to integration, particularly around employment and housing. Fewer refugees are now in work than in their home countries and a third have moved down a social grade since coming to the UK. While the proportion of refugees in employment is half that of the London population, the majority say they have not received support-finding work.</p> <p>As well as English language, employment and housing, the survey covered health inequalities, community safety and cohesion, children and young people, community development and participation. <i>London Enriched: The Mayor's Refugee Integration Strategy</i> defines his vision for refugee integration in London. The strategy will guide the implementation of this vision over the three-year period from 2009 to 2012.</p>	
more info	<a href="http://www.london.gov.uk/archive/mayor/migration/docs/london-">http://www.london.gov.uk/archive/mayor/migration/docs/london-</a>

	<a href="#">enriched.pdf</a>
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