



REAP West London Refugees' Events and Issues E-Listing

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A monthly electronic listing of issues, events and opportunities useful for refugees and refugee organisations.

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Date	11 th January
TRAINING	Supporting clients with mental wellbeing needs
<p>This course introduces therapeutic casework, a model developed by the Refugee Council Specialist Team for clients with mental wellbeing and psychosocial needs. The model combines counselling and advocacy to address internal emotional distress as well as the external, practical problems which cause it.</p> <p>The session includes discussion of case material and participants' own experiences, and a chance to practice skills, leaving participants with a practical understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main causes of distress and disturbance in asylum seeking / refugee clients, including trauma, loss and anxiety • Therapeutic casework and the distinction from other models of casework / therapeutic intervention • Holistic assessment of psychosocial needs • The principles of risk assessment in terms of this client group <p>This model is being evaluated by the European Centre for the study of Migration and Social Care (MASC) at the University of Kent.</p> <p>One-day course £99 (NGO/ voluntary organisation), £160 (statutory/ educational body/ business)</p>	
more info	For more information and to book a place visit: refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking.htm

Date	13 January - deadline
JOB	London Refugee Voice Trustee
<p>London Refugee Voice is a pan-London umbrella organisation of refugee community groups providing a platform in which refugee representatives can come together and share support. London Refugee Voice is looking to recruit 4 new trustees to the Board to meet 6 times a year and to expand the range of skills governing the organisation and its activities. We are especially interested in receiving applications from the following groups:</p>	

- Refugees;
- Individuals working within the refugee sector and;
- People from a non-refugee background who have an interest in this area and can provide organisational expertise.

By becoming a trustee you will be joining the charity at a very exciting time of growth and development. We are looking for people with the skills, energy and passion to take London Refugee Voice to the next level and provide Refugees and Asylum Seekers the support they deserve.

Voluntary position with travel expenses reimbursed.

more info	Please apply by sending your CV to runa@lrv.org.uk or call Runa on 0208743 8733.
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Date	13 th January
Time	6pm - 9pm
Venue	Ground Floor Annex, Civic Centre, Hounslow
Event	An Evening with Samar Minallah
Samar Minallah is a Pakistani human rights activist, documentary film maker and writer. For more than a decade, she has been working for civil rights and highlighting various issues related to disadvantaged groups in Pakistan.	
more info	If you would like to attend please email: community.cohesion@hounslow.gov.uk

Date	14 th January
Time	6pm to 7.30pm
Venue	Harrow CVS, The Lodge, 64 Pinner Rd, Harrow, HA1 4HZ
EVENT	Launch of Harrow LGBT Forum
Inaugural Meeting of Harrow LGBT Forum: Bringing people together to establish the first LGBT Forum in Harrow. Refreshments from 5.30pm.	
more info	See here for a flyer: www.ealingcvs.org.uk/index.php?nuc=all&id=127

Date	15 th January - deadline
JOB	ESOL teacher vacancy - Action for Refugees in Lewisham
£15 per hour, part-time. The Day Centre and the family ESOL programme at AFRIL provides high quality English classes to local refugees, asylum-seekers and other ethnic minorities. We are looking for an experienced and motivated teacher to teach English at mixed level classes for adults and also families on Saturdays.	
more info	For further information visit www.afril.org.uk , or call 020 8265 5269

Date	15 th January
Time	11am - 1pm
EVENT	Asylum Rights Campaign meeting
What is your organisation doing before the general election and why? Come and join this discussion and hear from Jonathan Cox, Citizens for Sanctuary; Don Flynn, Migrants ' Rights Network; Jonathan Ellis, Refugee Council.	
more info	For more information and to RSVP email asylumrights@googlemail.com

Date	15 th January - deadline
Funding	Children in Need new grants programme
Funding of up to £10,000 a year for three years available to organisations working with young people. Children in Need is offering small grants of up to £10,000 a year for three years for third sector organisations working with children and young people. The scheme is designed to reach organisations that have not previously considered applying for Children in Need funding. Any not-for-profit organisation working with children and young people under the age of 18 can apply, with some exclusions such as projects carrying out medical research or promoting religion. Decisions are expected to be made within 14 weeks of the closing date of each round.	
more info	For an application go to http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml

Date	19 th January
TRAINING	Age assessment awareness and working with age-disputed young people
Ensuring the wellbeing of refugee children and young people is at the heart of this course, which aims to give delegates the confidence and information they need to challenge assessments, and the tools to ensure that the correct processes are in place in their organisation. The course encourages delegates to discuss issues, using real-life case-examples. On completing the course, participants will have a practical understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experiences of age-disputed refugee children and young people • The impact of cultural background on the age assessment process • The legislative and policy framework of Children's Services and the UK Border Agency One-day course £99 (NGO/ voluntary organisation), £160 (statutory/ educational body/ business)	
more info	For more information and to book a place visit: refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking.htm

Date	20 th January
Time	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Venue	St Aloysius Social Club, 20 Phoenix Road, NW1 1TA
EVENT	Staying: Dream, Bin, Soft Stud and Other Stories
<p>In the project, Staying: Dream, Bin, Soft Stud and Other Stories, everyone in the group developed alter ego characters to talk about their experience of being lesbian in their home countries and in the UK as asylum seeker. This project is publishing an educational resource pack for people to start talking about LGBT asylum seekers' issues.</p> <p>In the evening of 20 January, they are launching the publication in an event including panel discussion using the pack with panellists who are experts in LGBT asylum process. Hosted by two performance artists, there will also be singing by some of participants, specially commissioned food sculpture to taste twelve characters in the project and a free copy of the publication to take away.</p> <p>The project is a collaboration between artist Oreet Ashery and a group of lesbian asylum seekers and refugees.</p>	
more info	For more information about the project, please visit: www.artangel.org.uk/projects/2010/staying

Date	20 th January - deadline
JOB	Development Worker (West London)
<p>NJC Scale: SO1 £28,142 (pro-rata). 24.5 hours/ week. Based in Hounslow; travel within Greater London.</p> <p>Experts in Volunteering is an exciting programme funded to June 2012 by the Big Lottery Fund. They work with the Volunteer Centre network to enhance volunteer management practice across Greater London and improve volunteering experiences for Londoners.</p> <p>As part of a team of 5 subregional workers, your varied role will include collaborative working with 6 West London Volunteer Centres and outreach work with organisations that involve volunteers.</p>	
more info	Email info@glv.org.uk or visit www.glv.org.uk for an application pack or more information.

Date	20 th January
Time	12pm - 3pm
EVENT	London Refugee Voice AGM - Using the Human Rights Approach to fight Destitution
<p>This event will include a key note from the British Institute of Human Rights; information on campaigns; networking opportunities.</p>	
more info	For more information email aminath@lrv.org.uk , or call 020 8743

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Date	20 th January
EVENT	Briefing on “EU fund for integration of 3rd party nationals”
more info	Contact GLE Joanna Allan on 020 7940 1552

Date	20 th January
EVENT	Ealing Advice Forum
more info	Contact CAIA at info@caia.org.uk

Date	21 st January
Time	10.30am - 4.30pm
EVENT	Refugee Community Oral History
This one day event is for members of refugee community organisations who want to find out more about running projects relating to heritage and oral history. This event will introduce you to oral history and offer an insight on what the benefits of oral history projects are to you, your organisation and your community.	
more info	For more information contact Frohar Poya on 020 7700 8213.

Date	21 st January
Time	2:30 - 5:00 pm
Venue	Irish Cultural Centre, 3 Blacks Road, London, W6 9DT
EVENT	West London Discussion Group
Southall Community Alliance, London Funders and MiNet would like to invite you to join a small group for some informed and frank discussion to look at the immediate issues around the recession, and delve into some of the underlying issues: the recession is exacerbating problems but some of the problems articulated in the report are long-standing. We would like to use this meeting to identify the issues, examine them and get down to areas of agreement and areas for further work. Which solutions are in the hands of funders, and which come back to BAME groups themselves or the role of specialist and generalist infrastructure agencies? Are there particular London factors we need to understand? How can we see genuine change in the sustainability of BAME organisations? By the end of the meeting we aim to have ideas about how to pursue the issues constructively and with a wider range of organisations.	
more info	Please RSVP by Monday, 18 January to Anthony@rota.org.uk

Date	22 nd January
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Time	9.30am - 5.30pm
Venue	One Great George Street, London, SW1P 3AA
EVENT	Migration Policies: UK Perspectives in a Global Context
<p>This workshop is aimed at policymakers and advisors in the UK government and voluntary sector. The objective is to stimulate thinking on concrete approaches to 'migration management' in the context of needing to 'work with other countries to better understand and manage global migration', according to the Managing Global Migration Strategy. This year's training workshop will particularly look at the realities of illegal migration, how successful assisted return policies are and the effects of the economic downturn on migration patterns and migrant behaviour. The day will be led by Richard Black, director of the Migration DRC, and each session will be introduced by academics.</p>	
more info	<p>Registration for the workshop costs £130 and will be for a maximum of 40 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees may be waived for statutory or voluntary organisations - please enquire. To register for the workshop, visit www.migrationdrc.ac.uk.</p>

Date	25 th January - deadline
JOB	Volunteering Placement Advisor at HAVS
<p>Scp Scale 18 £18,918 pa including LW. Full-time, permanent.</p> <p>HAVS is seeking to employ a Volunteering Placement Advisor to facilitate the role of the Voluntary Sector in the London Borough of Hillingdon. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone seeking to engage in the Volunteer Centre to provide information and advice to organisations wishing to involve volunteers and to create volunteering opportunities for people. You will support volunteers and help them to gain access to volunteering opportunities and prepare for their placement. You will be a motivated advisor with excellent communication skills.</p> <p>The successful applicant must be a self starter and possess high-quality interviewing techniques with the ability to conduct thorough face to face and over the phone interviews. You will provide volunteers with assistance and respond to their queries and problems. You will act as a resource for voluntary and community organisations, seeking to develop their voluntary opportunities.</p> <p>We are looking for someone who is passionate about helping volunteers achieve their potential through volunteering. This role will be based at HAVS offices in Yiewsley.</p>	
more info	<p>For an application pack please contact Gurdip Rai on 01895 442722/ grai@havs.org.uk or write to us at Key House, 106 High Street, Yiewsley Middlesex UB7 7BQ.</p>

Date	26 th January
Time	9:30 am - 1:30 pm
EVENT	BIG Outlook: Your chance to learn more about equalities

<p>The session will provide an introduction to the Big Lottery Fund's approach to equality and how equality considerations can be taken on board at every stage of the project planning process. It will also provide you with an update on the work of the Big Lottery Fund's Research & Learning team and how their findings could be useful to your own work with clients. In addition Robert Blow, BIG's Publications Editor, will be joining you for an optional 'Accessible publications' informal lunch time session.</p>	
more info	To book your place email events.lon@biglotteryfund.org.uk by 18 January

Date	28 th January
Venue	Stratford London E15
TRAINING	Speak Up, Speak Out: Public Speaking for Practitioners
<p>This training is aimed at giving practitioners, working with young people, the ability to overcome fear, and speak confidently to an audience.</p> <p>Target Audience Any Practitioner or Managers working with young people, who may need to make public presentations, speeches etc. such as Youth Workers, Connexions, Learning Mentors, Social Workers, volunteers, members of management Committees and others.</p> <p>Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Overcoming nerves · Put on the spot (impromptu speaking) · Planning and preparing a talk · Enhancing your performance · How to write a speech in five minutes · Speaking in public <p>Cost: £135 per person</p>	
more info	<p>To book a place please complete a course application form, available from http://www.lecp.org.uk/training/. Return your completed form to: LECP Training & Workforce Development, 4th Floor Solar House, 1-9 Romford Road, , Stratford, London E15 4LJ</p> <p>For more information contact: training@londoneastconnexions.co.uk, Tel: 020-8536-3630</p>

Date	28 th January - introductory meeting
Time	10am - 1pm
Venue	Migrants Resource Centre, 24 Churton Street, London SW1V

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TRAINING	Understanding Community Interpreting
<p>4th February to 25th March, on Thursdays, from 10am to 1pm (7 meetings) All participants MUST attend the Introductory Meeting on Thursday 28th January, from 10am to 1pm. This will form part of the selection process for the course. A 21-hour course for you to put to work your ability to speak two languages and take the first steps towards a recognised certificate in Community Interpreting. If you... are fluent in English and another language spoken in London; have an interest in preparing for Community Interpreting training; can attend a minimum of 80% of the course And you... would like to build up some voluntary interpreting experience; are interested in joining the Essential Skills & Knowledge in Community Interpreting course in the future ...this course is for you! The course will focus on: the role of the community interpreter in assisting communities to access services; awareness of the provision of public services in the local area; basic terminology from public services; opportunities for a career in community interpreting.</p>	
more info	For further information please contact: Laura Marziale, 02078342505 Ext 111 or Phyllis Acosta: 02086741651, pacosta@wea.org.uk .

Date	28 th January - workshop 1 (4 th February - workshop 2; 10 th February - workshop 3)
Time	9:30 am - 3 pm
Venue	Uxbridge
TRAINING	REAP Core Training for New Community Interpreters
<p>This Core Training consists of 3 workshops: 1 "A Taste of Community Interpreting" - introduction to being a community interpreter 2 "Basic Skills for Community Interpreting" - essential skills & knowledge for community interpreters 3 "Refresher & Skills Upgrade" - meeting professionals and experienced community interpreters. PLEASE NOTE: priority will be given to West London residents.</p>	
more info	To book your place contact Renu on 01895 441530 or e-mail renu@reap.org.uk

Date	29 th January - deadline
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INFO	London Council funding priorities 2011 – 15. Ensure the needs of BAME communities are heard.
<p>London Councils currently awards £28.4 million funding to the voluntary and community sector each year. A significant proportion of this is targeted at BAME communities through frontline BAME organisations and the specialist BAME support organisations that work with them. London Councils are now consulting on their priorities for the period 2011 – 15.</p> <p>Given the increasing challenges BAME organisations face in terms of fundraising and sustainability, with more strained public finances and the likelihood of significant cuts to this important fund, it is very important that BAME organisations respond to this consultation to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ funding priorities reflect the persistent inequalities faced by BAME communities ▪ continued support for BAME organisations through this fund ▪ continued support for the voice of BAME communities in London’s policy making <p>Even if you have taken part in a consultation event, we urge you to complete London Councils’ questionnaire at http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/aboutourfunding/consultingthecapital.htm.</p> <p>Evidence the value of BAME organisations</p> <p>It is very important that London Councils receive evidence about the good work being done by BAME organisations, so please support your response with any relevant evidence (for example, information and statistics from evaluation reports about your services, monitoring reports, funding bids, service-user statistics, or from relevant external reports).</p> <p>If you do not have time to respond to London Councils’ consultation</p> <p>We have produced a short 10 minute survey, which is available here, for those that do not have time to respond to London Councils’ survey.</p> <p>Please return your completed survey to Barbara@rota.org.uk by 26 January 2009. We will submit your response to this short survey to London Councils on your behalf and also use it to inform our response. We will also keep you updated about relevant future developments.</p>	

Date	29 th January
Time	1.30 – 4.30 pm
Venue	Key House, 106 High Street, Yiewsley UB7 7BQ
Event	REAP Follow up workshop for Hillingdon professionals who work with refugee children and unaccompanied children seeking asylum
<p>A discussion between professionals who work with refugee children to share knowledge and ideas and to expand and develop on the themes identified on 8 October 2009. This workshop is one part of a series of intensive workshops, tailored materials and backup for voluntary and statutory sector professionals</p>	

whose jobs involve working with asylum-seekers, refugees and newly arrived communities in the southern wards of Hillingdon Borough.	
more info	For more information and to book please contact Olesya on 01895 441530 or olesya@reap.org.uk

Date	30 th January
Time	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Venue	Thistle City Barbican Central Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1V 8DS
Event	LGBT-Consortium - Annual Conference
At this event you will be able to network with people from all over the LGBT third sector. There will also be training workshops and the chance to hear from Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat MPs on their work in the LGBT communities.	
more info	For more information and to book your place visit: www.lgbtconsortium.org.uk/c1/events/

Date	31 st January - deadline
JOB	English / Maths teacher - Action for Refugees in Lewisham
£20 per hour, part-time. The Rainbow Family Learning Centre provides a high quality supplementary school for refugee children. We are looking for an experienced and motivated teacher to teach English/Maths to children aged 9-13 years old.	
more info	For more information visit www.afril.org.uk or contact Action for Refugees in Lewisham 020 8265 5269

Date	4 th February - 12pm - deadline
JOB	Head of Policy vacancy at ROTA
£35,035 - £43,154 (NJC salary scale PO3 - PO5, point 38 - 47) 5% non contributory pension, 37.5hrs p/w, 26 days annual leave, permanent contract. Race on the Agenda (ROTA) is one of Britain's leading social policy think-tanks focusing on issues that affect Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities. ROTA aims to increase the capacity of BAME organisations and strengthen the voice of BAME communities through civic engagement and participation in society. Job Purpose: To lead in ensuring ROTA is responding to current and future social policy affecting Britain's Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) Third Sector and the communities they represent. To oversee and manage ROTA's policy team. To undertake all duties and responsibilities within the context of ROTA's Equal opportunities policy. Applications can be made only through the ROTA Application form which should be returned along with the equal opportunities monitoring form by: email to:	

saifur@rota.org.uk or by post to Saifur Valli, Race On The Agenda, Waterloo Business Centre, 117 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UL.	
more info	To download the application pack visit www.rota.org.uk

Date	5 th February
EVENT	Refugee Council Conference. From theory to practice: How asylum policy impacts on the refugee experience.
<p>From theory to practice: How asylum policy impacts on the refugee experience. The first Director of the Institute for Government, Sir Michael Bichard, will be chairing this conference. Along with hearing keynote speakers, delegates will participate in two workshops looking at policy, for example in the areas of: Health, Unaccompanied children, Asylum support. £28.75 for RCOs</p>	
more info	For more information visit: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/conferences/conference2010/

Date	7 th February - deadline
FUNDING	Trust for London funding for small groups
more info	To download the guidelines visit: www.trustforlondon.org.uk/grants/funding_guidelines.html

Date	7 th February - deadline
FUNDING	City Parochial Foundation funding
more info	To download the guidelines visit: www.trustforlondon.org.uk/grants/funding_guidelines.html

Date	8 th February
Time	10am-12noon
Venue	Key House, 106 High Street, Yiewsley, Middlesex, UB7 7BQ.
TRAINING	Domestic violence survival - Workshop
<p>Provided by Hillingdon Women's Centre for Women only aged 18+. A workshop for women who have experienced, are experiencing or know of some one who is experiencing domestic violence.</p>	
more info	For further information please call Hillingdon Women's Centre on 01895 259578, email hillingdonwomen@aol.com , web site hillingdonwomenscentre.org.uk .

Date	8 th February
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TRAINING	Working With Faith to safeguard African Children
Course Description	
<p>This training course is designed to enable those working closely with African children to develop a stronger working knowledge of clients from African background and the key role that religion can play in child upbringing in many African communities. It will assist participants to assess and examine some religious practices and their impact on parenting styles and child safeguarding. Participants will work to identify strategies to promote better safeguarding of African children and to intervene positively in families where there are child protection concerns of abuse related to the influence of religion. This course will also assist in identifying key strategies to better engage faith leaders in order to safeguard vulnerable children.</p> <p>Course Fee: £60.00</p>	
more info	To book your place at the training, please contact training@Afruca.org or telephone: 0844 660 8607 or 02077042266. You can also download the training information and the booking form from the website at www.afruca.org .

Date	8 th February - deadline
JOB	Partnership Manager at SLCVS Partnership
SLCVS Partnership is recruiting for Partnership Manager (ref SLCVS PM) - £39k pa full-time post with benefits.	
more info	To obtain full details please visit www.richmondcvcs.org.uk or email to jobs@richmondcvcs.org.uk or call 020 8255 8500.

Date	9 th February
Time	10am - 3pm
Venue	Ealing
EVENT	Can we increase our funding? Partnership Work and Commissioning for BME&R Organisations. Ealing
<p>There has been a lot of talk about commissioning and the need for BME&R organisations to work in partnership to access funding. But HOW DO WE MAKE IT WORK FOR US?</p> <p>Can organisations in different boroughs learn from each other and work together to make it work for us?</p> <p>The West London BME&R Network is a platform for sharing information and knowledge and raising issues affecting BME&R organisations in the boroughs of Hillingdon, Ealing, Hounslow, Harrow, Hammersmith & Fulham and Brent.</p>	

more info	Please call or email to book a place and for travel instructions Poornima REAP 01895 441530 poornima@REAP.org.uk OR Janpal Southall Community Alliance 0208 5748855.
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Date	9 th February
TRAINING	An introduction to working with unaccompanied children
<p>This course will contextualise young asylum-seekers within wider services for children, offering insights into their unique experiences and needs before exploring how best to respond to the difficulties they may be facing. Participants will receive an overview of the relevant policy and processes involved in working with unaccompanied children, which will be related back to their day-to-day experiences, giving them a practical understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who unaccompanied children are • Asylum determination, lodging an application and the New Asylum Model • The roles of different adults in the system • The legal and policy framework for support and care, including the Children's Act • The impact of the asylum process on care planning • Common issues faced by unaccompanied children and those working with them <p>One-day course £99 (NGO/ voluntary organisation), £160 (statutory/ educational body/ business)</p>	
more info	For more information and to book a place visit: refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking.htm

Date	9 th February
Time	9.30am - 4.30pm
Venue	Emirates Stadium
EVENT	Influencing Change: Public, Private and Voluntary Sector Relations - The BAME Perspective!
<p>This timely event provides an opportunity for BAME forums and infrastructure bodies working across areas of health, community safety, housing, education, social and wellbeing, and the environment to discuss and produce models of effective engagement. These will be shared more widely across London.</p> <p>There will be a number of interactive workshops for groups to discuss how they can be involved in delivering policy driven initiatives at a local level, and put forward questions to key statutory bodies. After the event MiNet will extract best practice and share this more widely across London and with key decisions makers. The Event</p>	

will be chaired by Sona Mahtani - CEO of Selby Trust	
more info	To book call ROTA on 020 7902 1939

Date	12 th February - deadline
JOB	Partnership Administrator at SLCVS Partnership
SLCVS Partnership is recruiting for Partnership Administrator (ref SLCVS PA) - £25k pa full time post with benefits.	
more info	To obtain full details please visit www.richmondcvcs.org.uk or email to jobs@richmondcvcs.org.uk or call 020 8255 8500.

Date	17 th and 24 th February
Venue	Southwark
TRAINING	Leadership and Management Training
<p>The programme encompasses four modules worth £500, and is run over two days. As well as covering crucial areas of leadership and management, the days provide vital opportunities to learn from and build relationships with fellow senior managers from across the third sector.</p> <p>Funding is available from the Learning and Skills Council to fully subsidise the cost of this programme. In order to be eligible, delegates must hold a senior management role in an organisation of 5 - 249 employees (this can include volunteers for voluntary sector organisations with at least one full time equivalent paid employee). If the number of employees is less than 10, only the most senior manager may apply. One attendee per organisation is allowed funding and the application process must be completed in full.</p> <p>Limited grants are available so apply early to avoid disappointment!</p>	
more info	For more information visit: www.sel.org.uk/events_30_3915.aspx

Date	18 th February
EVENT	Ealing Safer Neighbourhood Team LGBT History Month Event
<p>Ealing Safer Neighbourhood Team invites you to Ealing's first ever LGBT History Month event - an open meeting for LGBT people in the borough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team - Find out what we are doing in your area - Let us know your community concerns 	
more info	See here for a flyer: http://tinyurl.com/yeh9uro

Date	24 th February
TRAINING	Key Issues in asylum
<p>Frequent changes to asylum legislation and policy can make it difficult to get on top of the issues and to ensure you are offering your clients the best advice or most effective practice. This course allows delegates to meet this challenge, by providing an introduction to the key structures in the asylum system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distinctions between refugees, asylum seekers and other migrant groups • The current international context of asylum and the causes of flight of refugees • The current legislative structure including the New Asylum Model (NAM) • Where asylum applications are logged (at port and in-country) • The role and structure of the UK Border Agency (UKBA) Asylum Teams • The Case resolution programme • The asylum determination process including the appeal process <p>One-day course £99 (NGO/ voluntary organisation), £160 (statutory/ educational body/ business)</p>	
more info	For more information and to book a place visit: refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking.htm

Date	25 th February
TRAINING	An introduction to asylum support
<p>This interactive course explores the routes of access to entitlements for asylum seekers in relation to key non-governmental and governmental structures, including an examination of changes in the UKBA support system. Learning is related to participants' day-to-day experiences. Demonstrating routes through this complex process for those new to the asylum field</p> <p>Delegates who complete the course will gain a practical understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dispersal process • The different asylum support options • Change of circumstances • Routes of access to basic entitlements • The UKBA Asylum Support System and changes to support provisions • The role of UKBA Asylum Teams • Possible restrictions in the support process (Section 55 and Section 57) • Support under recent legislation • Possible implications of future changes in policy and procedure <p>One-day course £99 (NGO/ voluntary organisation), £160 (statutory/ educational body/ business)</p>	
more info	For more information and to book a place visit: refugeecouncil.org.uk/eventsandtraining/training/service/booking.htm

Date	25 th February
TRAINING	Helping traumatised women refugees
This Centre for the Study of Emotion and Law training session is for people working with refugee and asylum seeking women. The seminar will explain psychological research into trauma; discuss how the psychological effects of trauma make it difficult for women to present asylum applications; help you to communicate with traumatised asylum seekers.	
more info	For more information and to book a place contact Clare Cochrane on c.cochrane@tsel.org.uk .

Date	27 th February
Time	3pm - 5pm
Venue	Hanworth Methodist Church
Training	Positive Parenting
The Program:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 weekly sessions of 2 hours. - Designed for parents of children aged 0-11 years - Couples and single parents welcome - Small group setting - Refreshments/ childcare provided if requested
Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved communication between parents - Improved communication between parent & child - Learn new techniques for coping with family conflict - Greater confidence in your parenting
more info	For more information or bookings, call/email: 07886 537 792, second.chances2009@googlemail.com .

INFO	Free Counselling For Gay Men
A space to talk about safer sex and learn how to reduce risks, regardless of your HIV status or ability to pay.	
more info	Email: counselling@gmipartnership.org.uk , Tel: 020 8305 5002, www.gmipartnership.org.uk .

INFO	A Guide to the Rights and Entitlements of Separated Refugee and Asylum Seeking Children
The guide provides information on the asylum process; age disputes; children's services support; leaving care support; education; healthcare; and other topics, as well as links to other relevant organisations and resources.	
more info	The guide is available to download for free or can be ordered, for more information visit: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

INFO	Mayor of London publishes Strategy for Refugee integration
<p>On the 10th December the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson published 'London Enriched', his Strategy for Refugee Integration. It sets out to define and implement his vision for refugee integration in London. This vision sees refugees living in security and dignity, sharing with all Londoners the same chances for a decent quality of life and the opportunity to contribute to London and its development. The strategy will guide the implementation of this vision over the three-year period from 2009 to 2012.</p>	
more info	The strategy and accompanying documents are available to download: www.london.gov.uk/mayor/migration/strategy.jsp

INFO	Charity Technology Exchange
<p>This programme is brought to you by Charity Technology Trust (CTT) in partnership with the not-for-profit technology capacity building organisation TechSoup. Through this programme, eligible UK-based charities are able to request donated technology products from Partners such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco. The products include operating system software and server software, security software and hardware products such as switches, routers, wireless equipment and firewalls. Charities are required to pay a small Administrative Fee to cover the costs of the programme. Whilst the administrative fees vary, charities will still make savings of between 92-96% on typical retail prices. Charities have access to a wide array of educational resources through the CTX Programme which helps them best choose, implement, and use the available technology.</p>	
more info	More information is available from their website at www.ctxchange.org

INFO	Kalayaan - free and confidential advice to migrant domestic workers
<p>Kalayaan is a registered charity that offers free and confidential advice to migrant domestic workers. Migrant domestic workers are women and men who accompany a named employer to the UK on the domestic worker visa to work as part of their employers private house. Domestic workers are able to change employers once in the UK as long as they remain working in a private household; crucially they have protection under UK employment law and recognition as workers.</p>	
more info	If you think that this service may be of use to some of your clients or service users, then contact Veronica Marconi at info@kalayann.org.uk to arrange for her to come and talk to you about Kalayaan and their services.

FUNDING	Do you work with Muslims between the ages of 12-19?
<p>Whether you're a school, a youth club or project connected to a mosque or community centre that develops the skills of young people – Muslim Aid can help you! Muslim Aid is offering a unique chance to not only develop your project or organisation but also to recognise the talents of young Muslims within the community. If you want to open new doors for funding, get more organised or get people talking about your project- the ' Pathways to Citizenship' scheme is for you! We offer support and advice to maximise the potential of your organisation!</p>	
more info	<p>For more information visit: www.muslimaid.org/index.php/get-involved/pathways-2-citizenship?dm_i=6I7,2Z33,O93X8,9CQN,1</p>

FUNDING	Comic Relief - funding to assist young victims of domestic and sexual abuse
<p>This programme aims to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic and sexual abuse.</p> <p>The Funders criteria includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • young people who have grown up in homes where they witness violence and harm • young people directly affected by abuse caused by a family member, by an outsider such as a stranger or family friend <p>There are two strands to the open programme – 1) Crisis Support & 2) Young Voices.</p> <p>Comic Relief is especially keen to encourage applications for work with young people from black and minority ethnic communities as well as hard to reach groups of survivors such as young people excluded from school and young people at risk of homelessness.</p>	
more info	<p>For more info, go to: www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/abuse</p>

FUNDING	Comic Relief - funding to assist sexually exploited and trafficked young people
<p>This programme aims to reduce harm to young people who have been sexually exploited or trafficked.</p> <p>Comic Relief are especially keen to help young people find routes out of prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation. Comic Relief will fund work which meets both immediate and longer term needs.</p> <p>The organisations Comic Relief fund will need to show how their work will help</p>	

deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- Fewer young people will be sexually exploited or trafficked
- More sexually exploited and/or trafficked young people and those at risk will know their rights, understand their situation and/or have access to the help and support they need
- More sexually exploited and/or trafficked young people will have increased choice to make positive decisions about their futures

Comic Relief welcome applications from a range of organisations supporting young people aged 11-25 – some set up specifically to support sexually exploited young people and those at risk, others with a wider young people’s brief who want to target this group.

more info	For more info, go to: www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sexually_exploited
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Training	Equality and diversity training
The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF) are running a programme of training for organisations interested in improving the way they work with lesbian, gay and bisexual people. The training can be brought to you, or it can be done at the LGF offices.	
more info	For more information, please call Dennis Baldwin on 0161 235 8035, email: training@lgf.org.uk or check the website at: www.lgf.org.uk

TRAINING	Helping Hands for Refugees and Disabled - befriender training
Helping Hands for Refugees and Disabled are seeking volunteers to befriend local community members in Newham. Six training sessions will be delivered with the opportunity to gain skills and accredited qualifications in: mentoring; health & safety; safe guarding children; vulnerable people (NCFE Level 2).	
more info	For more information email sri@hhrd.org.uk

TRAINING	School for Social Entrepreneurs training and opportunities to enable people to use their creative and entrepreneurial abilities more fully
Practical learning programmes aimed at helping develop the individual entrepreneur and their organization simultaneously these are not traditional educational courses, you learn by doing and by learning from your peers and experienced social entrepreneurs.	
more info	www.sse.org.uk

