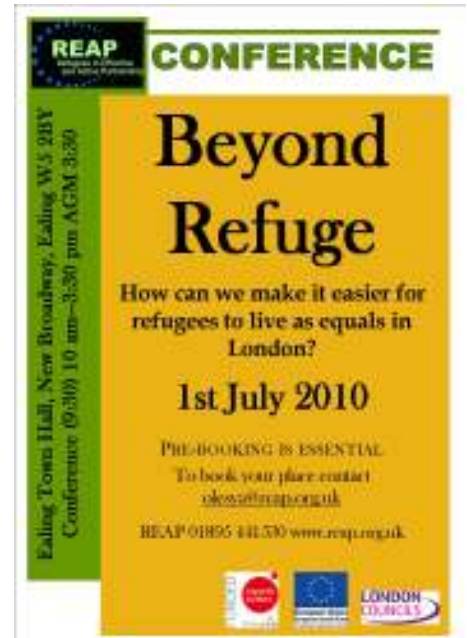




REAP West London Refugees' Events and Issues E-Listing

MARCH – APRIL 2010

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



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NEWS:

Calls have been made for a public inquiry after a family of Russian asylum seekers in Glasgow apparently committed suicide. (BBC)

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/8557327.stm

Refugees and asylum seekers

Equality and Human Rights Commission have published a report on the health care of people detained in Immigration Removal centres and in the Community. Download the full report: [Refugees and asylum seekers.pdf](#)
http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/refugees_and_asylum_seekers_research_report.pdf

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For detailed information - please see below.

For archived listing and other news see www.reap.org.uk/news

Directory of London Refugee Organisations www.reap.org.uk/directory

Useful web links www.reap.org.uk/links

Tell us your views about this *E-Listing*

If you wish to add YOUR EVENT to our monthly listing, please send us an e-mail with the details and a contact name to olesya@reap.org.uk

Date	16 March
Time	10:00 - 16:00
Venue	Lido Centre, 63 Mattock Lane, West Ealing, W13 9LA
TRAINING	Community Research Skills
Workshop aim: Learn essential, practical skills to design and conduct local community based research to support e.g. neighbourhood re-development initiatives, community consultation exercises and funding bids. Participants will have the opportunity to practise designing a questionnaire and explore different research methods used in community organisations.	
more info	To book your place contact joyce@ealingcvs.org.uk or Tel: 020 8280 2245

Date	16 March
Time	10.30am to 3pm
Venue	Committee Room 10, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
EVENT	Conference on Representations, Rights and Migration of the British-Chinese Community
Panellists include: Shahid Malik MP (Under-secretary of state for Communities & Local Government); Dr Sylvia Sham (Wai Yin Chinese Women Society) ; Dr Rob Berkeley (Runnymede Trust) ; Dr Robin Pharoah (Ethnographic Social Research Options) ; Ruth Grove-White (Migrants Rights Network) ; Dr Ping Hua (Chinese Association of Southampton) ; Suresh Grover (The Monitoring Group) ; Bobby Chan (The Monitoring Group Min Quan)	
more info	To k places please contact our Derrick McClean at our head office on 020 7636 6000 or admin@tmg-uk.org . Further deails are available on our website at www.tmg-uk.org

Date	17 March - deadline
JOB	ChangeUp Grants Administrator
14 hours, £20 4600 (pro rata)	
London Councils want to recruit an administrator to assist the ChangeUp Grants Administrator in implementing the ChangeUp/Capacitybuilders Programme, which delivers funding to London's voluntary and community sector and specifically helps third sector organisations become more sustainable.	
London Councils are looking for a self-starter to assist with the administration of the funds. The successful applicant will have a good knowledge and understanding of the role of the third sector in London and of the major issues affecting public, voluntary and community organisations in London.	

more info	Contact Email: cru@cityoflondon.gov.uk Telephone: 020 7332 3978 (24hr answerphone)
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Date	18 March - deadline
FUNDING	The Big Ideas Grant (UK)
The Department of Health (DH) has launched the Bright Ideas Grant (B.I.G), a £50K fund aimed at supporting ideas that help ensure people's experience of health and care services is a good one. Ideas can be big or small. Anyone is eligible to apply for B.I.G whether as an individual or an organisation.	
more info	For more information visit www.big.dh.gov.uk/

Date	18 March
EVENT	HEAR & EHRC event on the Equality Bill and possible implications for the voluntary sector
more info	Sarah Johansson, HEAR coordinator, sarah@wrc.org.uk < mailto:sarah@wrc.org.uk >, 0207 324 3053

Date	21 March - deadline
FUNDING	Refugee Integration Awards Scheme (England)
The RISE programme empowers, supports and funds refugees who want to make a difference in their community. Having already supported over 100 refugee projects, this programme aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs.	
Support includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards of between £500 and £5000 to help individuals or small groups of refugees turn their ideas, into a reality • Dedicated project management support, including training sessions to develop key skills and mentoring opportunities to connect with experts in the field, as well as access to a wealth of other resources Projects must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • address a social problem • have a social impact • be a new initiative or a clear expansion of an existing project • be an opportunity for you to learn and gain new skills 	
more info	Maryam Pasha, RISE Accelerator Coordinator, rise@unltd.org.uk 0207 566 1136

Date	22 March
Time	12 noon
EVENT	3 ROTA Trustee (Director) vacancies
To ensure, in common with fellow Board members, that Race on the Agenda operates	

in a manner which enables it to fulfill its aims and objects as effectively as possible. We are particularly interested to hear from applicants with the following skills and experience: finance, academia, human resources and employment law, social enterprising, marketing and media.	
more info	Contact ROTA saifur@rota.org.uk

Date	24 March
Time	10:00 - 3.30
Venue	Stratford Circus, London E15
EVENT	FREE CONFERENCE: Our Youth Overcoming Adversity - Promoting the strengths of young Black people in the Inner City
<p>WHAT IS IT?</p> <p>This is a learning and dissemination of best practice event. This unique one day conference offers an opportunity to discuss and explore programmes where young Black people, despite their disadvantages and marginalisation, are overcoming adversity and are thriving.</p> <p>The event will explore ways in which workers can identify, nurture and build upon a young person's resilience, looking at opportunities in the individual, the family and the community. It focuses on how you can develop approaches that build on the strengths of young black people to help them deal with and manage adversity.</p>	
more info	Please contact: Keshia Harvey on 020 7655 4170 Email: keshia.harvey@eastlondon.nhs.uk

Date	24 March
EVENT	Free Places for VCS Organisations on Single Equalities Training
<p>ROTA is offering free places to VCS organisations with fewer than ten members of staff for a new training session on race equality legislation and the Single Equality Bill (with a holding payment of £25, which will be reimbursed on attendance). As part of the training, some attendees will have the opportunity to receive ongoing support as Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) Community Champions to help disseminate information and cascade training to others. Although places are limited and training is almost booked, ROTA is happy to add prospective trainees to the database to circulate upcoming training opportunities. Statutory, private sector, and VCOs with more than ten members will be charged £55.</p>	
more info	For training registration or queries please contact Kathryn Baer kathryn@rota.org.uk

Date	24 March 2010
Time	12.00pm - 2.00pm
Venue	10 High Street, Southall, Middx, UB1 3DA
INFO	Police Surgery at Southall Community Alliance

<p>The Inspector for Southall, Rob Bryan, will be holding a quarterly Police Surgery at Southall Community Alliance. Future surgeries will be held on the following dates at the SCA office from 12.00pm - 2.00pm: Wednesday 19th May 2010 Wednesday 22nd September 2010 Wednesday 15th December 2010 This is a great opportunity for local residents to speak directly with Rob Bryan about their concerns and issues around local policing and community safety.</p>	
more info	Should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to call me at the SCA office on 020 8574 8855.

Date	24 March
Time	2-4pm
Venue	Perceval House, Ealing W5
EVENT	Ealing Advice Forum Meeting
more info	More info from Misak@caia.org.uk

Date	24 March
Time	14:00 - 17:00
Venue	Human Rights Action Centre, Amnesty International, 17-25 New Inn Yard London, EC2A 3EA
EVENT	HEAR, LVSC & WRC Local Elections Equality Hustings
more info	Sarah Johansson, HEAR coordinator, sarah@wrc.org.uk < mailto:sarah@wrc.org.uk >, 0207 324 3053

Date	24 March
Time	6:00 p.m.
Venue	MRCF, 2 Thorpe Close, W10 5XL
INFO	How to make friends and influence MPs in the new Parliament
more info	Places are limited so please book early via info@mrcf.org.uk or call 020 8964 4815

Date	Starting on 25 March
Time	4pm - 5.30pm
Venue	Social Sciences Building at City University, Northampton Square, London, EC1V 0AX
EVENT	ICAR Seminar Series 2010. Researching Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Migrants
Thursday March 25th From research objects to active subjects: Reflections on the politics of researching	

asylum

Dr Vicki Squire, Open University, Milton Keynes

Wednesday April 21st

Surveying Migrant Populations

Dr Yara Evans, Queen Mary University, London

Tuesday May 25th

Researching Undocumented Migrants: the fieldwork experience

Professor Alice Bloch, City University, London

Tuesday June 22nd

Researching Undocumented Migrants: reaching the 'hard-to-reach'

Dr Liza Schuster, City University, London

more info

For further information please go to www.icar.org.uk

Date	25 March
Venue	West London Court House, 181 Talgarth Road, Hammersmith W6 8DN
EVENT	Migrants, Refugees and the Criminal Justice System
The Event aims at increasing awareness of the Criminal Justice System among refugee and migrant communities by providing information that will lead to more people trusting and engaging with the criminal justice system.	
more info	For further information contact david@hfrf.org.uk

Date	25 March
Time	10.30am-1.30pm
Venue	The Directory of Social Change, 24 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2DP
EVENT	Tackling Age Discrimination
With the London's population continuing to grow older, age is playing an increasingly important role in all aspects of life. Over the next 10 years, London will become increasingly dependent on older people staying in the labour market. This focus group is being organised in collaboration with Wise Owls, who are an active part of a growing network of organisations calling for greater age-based equality.	
This group will explore:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The changing demography of London• The challenge facing older people in the London labour market• The ESF response to age discrimination in London• Linking labour-market intervention in London to wider social initiatives	
The nearest tube stations to The Directory of Social Change are Euston, Euston	

Square, and Warren Street.	
more info	<p>To book a place, please go to http://www.esfpotential.co.uk/training.php, locate the event on the page and click 'Register for this event' to fill in the online booking form. You will receive an email to confirm your booking.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Ingrid at ingridb@lvstc.org.uk or on 020 7538 4309.</p>

Date	26 March
Time	10:00 - 16:00
Venue	The British Library Business & IP Centre
TRAINING	Introduction to Social Enterprise & Legal Structures
<p>What is Social Enterprise? How do you become a social entrepreneur? Have you got what it takes? If you are starting to establish a Social Enterprise and are looking for a clear understanding of the concept, this workshop is for you. <u>Uday Thakkar</u>, Managing Director of Red Ochre will help you explore the practicalities of starting a social enterprise, and learn about the social entrepreneur's journey with a forward looking prospective. You will acquire an understanding of the different legal structures available to social enterprise and become familiar with the management, governance and funding aspects of each.</p>	
more info	To book a place please e-mail anna@redochoire.org.uk

Date	29-30 March
Venue	University of East London (UEL), Docklands campus, University Way, East building, London E16 2RD
EVENT	Migration, the media and the message - Migrants using media to turn around the immigration debate. European Conference
<p>The 'Migrants and the Media Project' (MMP) and the 'Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging' (CMRB) at the University of East London (UEL) are organising a conference for groups involved in media and cultural activities which promote a positive engagement with the issue of migration.</p>	
more info	To register, please contact Media and Policy at Migrants Resource Centre: empowerment@migrants.org.uk

Date	30 March
EVENT	HEAR, LVSC, LCF, and the Black Neighbourhood Renewal & Regeneration Network - a joint event on Select Committees
more info	Sarah Johansson, HEAR coordinator, sarah@wrc.org.uk < mailto:sarah@wrc.org.uk >, 0207 324 3053

Date	30 March - 1 April
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Time	10.30-17.00
Venue	Digital Studio, Sackler Centre
EVENT	Staying Power. Exploring Black British Identity through Photography
Join photographer Ed Otchere in this special opportunity to explore black British documentary photography, learn more about how to use a camera more creatively and effectively during this three-day intensive course. Cost £30, no concessions	
more info	To book call 020 7942 2211 and pay by card or a cheque in the post.

Date	31 March
Time	2.00 - 5.00pm
Venue	The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA
EVENT	ESF & 2010 The European Year Against Poverty
<p>2010 has been designated by the European Commission as The European Year Against Poverty (EY2010). This workshop will be led by The European Anti-Poverty Network (London Branch), who will be leading regional activities across the sectors to highlight poverty issues in London as a "tale of two cities".</p> <p>This networking event will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the national scope of EY2010 • Describe the range of activities outlined in London for the Year • Identify how ESF projects can engage with the London Programme • Anticipate some of the EY2010 legacy for the second half of the ESF London Programme 2007-2013 <p>The nearest tube station to The Resource Centre is Holloway Road which is served by the Piccadilly line.</p>	
more info	To book a place, please go to http://www.esfpotential.co.uk/training.php , locate the event on the page and click on 'Register for this event' to fill in the online booking form. You will receive an email to confirm your booking. If you have any questions, please contact Ingrid at ingridb@lvstc.org.uk or on 020 7538 4309.

Date	12 April
EVENT	Free Places for VCS Organisations on Hate Crime and Restorative Justice Training
ROTA is offering free places to VCS organisations with fewer than ten members of staff for hate crime training (with a holding payment of £25, which will be reimbursed on attendance). The training, which has received excellent feedback, draws attention to the dynamics of hate crime, the role of mediation, and the value of	

multi-agency cross-sector partnerships. Places are limited. Statutory and private sector organisations will be charged £65.	
more info	For training registration or queries please contact <u>Saifur Valli</u> saifur@rota.org.uk

Date	14 April
Time	12:00 to 17:00
Venue	The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. The County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB
EVENT	ROTA's AGM
This year's AGM is titled "Race equality and social cohesion in Britain: connecting the two agendas".	
more info	Contact ROTA on 020 7902 1177 or saifur@rota.org.uk

Date	15 April - deadline
FUNDING	Children in Need Grants programme
BBC Children in Need is offering grants for organisations working with children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Your organisation and project must be based in the UK and you need to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation.	
You can apply for: Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years Main Grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years	
more info	Application can be made online at the <u>Children in Need website</u>

Date	21 April - deadline
FUNDING	CHAMP Awards (Children's Health through Alcohol Misuse Prevention)
CHAMP (promoting Children's Health through Alcohol Misuse Prevention) are inviting project nominations for the 2010 Mentor UK CHAMP Awards. The Mentor UK CHAMP Awards recognises and rewards projects that help prevent children and young people from misusing alcohol. The awards scheme is run every two years and culminates in an awards ceremony in central London where the three most inspirational projects are rewarded with a £10,000 cash award and up to £10,000 of ongoing consultancy support.	
Awards are made in three categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For work in Schools • For work in Communities • For projects led by Young People 	
more info	Further details, including a downloadable application form, can be found at www.champawards.org.uk

Date	21 April
Time	1 day
Venue	Stratford, London E15
TRAINING	"Working across culture"
<p>Outcomes: The aim of the course is to provide practitioners with the skill and confidence to work and communicate across different and unfamiliar cultures without relying on stereotypes, thereby being able to meet the needs of the clients they work with. The course is interactive and focuses on practical issues and self-awareness.</p> <p>Target group: Practitioners working with migrants/newly arrived immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers (i.e. youth workers, teaching assistants, mentors, employment and advice services, Careers Advisers, Connexions Advisers, Social Workers, Voluntary/Community organisations, etc)</p> <p>The day will look at Culture, its various aspects, including personal culture, and its impact on communication. We will then look at how we communicate, and communication tools.</p> <p>Cost: £90 per person</p>	
more info	training@londoneastconnexions.co.uk Tel: 020-8536-3630

Date	22 April
Time	10:00 - 13:00
Venue	HAVS Meeting Room, 64 Pinner Road, Harrow, HA1 4HZ
EVENT	FREE Training on 'Referrals Signposting' for Smaller Organisations
more info	Contact Gurpreet on 020 8863 6707

Date	28 April
Time	10.15am - 4.30pm
Venue	One Whitehall Place, Westminster, London
E VENT	Human Trafficking in the UK: Strengthening Prevention, Prosecution and Protection
<p>This special symposium offers a timely opportunity for police, UK Border Agency staff, local authorities, and other stakeholders to consider the updated Action Plan and examine the progress to date of current government policies within the context of the key findings of the Committee Report. The symposium will explore how to boost the identification and prosecution of trafficking in the UK and provide robust support and protection for trafficking victims. Delegates will have the opportunity to debate, share vital best practice, and network with colleagues from across the law enforcement, local authority, government and NGO landscape.</p>	

more info	To register visit: http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/regform.php?event=AD28-PPE
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Date	30 April - deadline
FUNDING	Funding for small London organisations
Community groups, voluntary organisations, charities, community interest companies and social enterprises in Camden, Southwark, Wandsworth, Islington, Haringey or Hammersmith & Fulham may apply for £3,000 from the Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund. Projects must focus on Education or community Development. A group's annual income must be less than £150,000 and priority will be given to groups with an income of less than £100,000.	
more info	http://www.capitalcf.org.uk/grants/grants_available.php

Date	30 April
FUNDING	Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund (London)
Deutsche Bank has announced a new small grants fund for community groups, voluntary organisations, charities, community interest companies and social enterprises, who need funding for a project focusing on education or community development in Lambeth, Lewisham, Westminster and Camden.	
more info	For more information visit www.capitalcf.org.uk/grants/grants_available.php

Date	1 st July
Time	10 am - 3:30 pm
Venue	Ealing Town Hall
EVENT	REAP CONFERENCE. "Beyond Refuge. How can we make it easier for refugees to live as equals in London?"
more info	For more info and to book a place contact olesya@reap.org.uk or ring 01895 441530

INFO	Rights of Women announce 2010 training programme
Various dates and locations around the country (including London)	
Rights of Women supports women, and the organisations that work with them, to use the law to provide protection from violence and prejudice. Various training sessions will cover trafficking, domestic violence, forced marriage, the asylum system and more. Rights of Women are able to offer a limited number of FREE places to women from refugee community organisations.	
more info	For more information visit

	www.rightsofwomen.org.uk/training.php
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INFO	National domestic violence charity, Refuge, launches <i>Care or Control?</i> campaign
Research shows that many women aren't aware of the many ways in which abusive men control their partners. Yet understanding the signs earlier could help prevent abuse. Refuge is launching a new campaign aimed at educating women about signs of abuse.	
more info	To find out more and take part in the <i>Care or Control?</i> debate, visit www.refuge.org.uk

EVENT	Empowering the voluntary sector
The Empowering the Voluntary Sector project brings together the expertise of Compact Advocacy, based at NCVO, NAVCA and the Public Law Project. The partners will deliver this innovative project consisting of advice on managing disputes and training in using the principles of public law and Compact to prevent and manage disputes with public bodies until September 2011. The project will also continue to publish regular newsletters with updates, case studies, and hints and tips to manage and prevent breaches of public law and non-compliance with the Compact. The overall aim of the project remains unchanged; to strengthen the relationship between third sector organisations and public bodies and significantly increase opportunities to influence funding and other decisions made by public bodies.	
more info	http://www.navca.org.uk/services/learningopps/evs

TRAINING	FREE workshops for informal carers, <i>Caring with Confidence</i>
<p>Caring with Confidence, financed by the Department of Health, provides free workshops for informal carers. The course was devised with massive input from carers, to enable carers to meet and support each other by sharing coping strategies and to build on their skills and learn how to balance their caring role with finding time for themselves.</p> <p>The course is available nationally, but we, at Hammersmith and Fulham Carers Centre, supply the course across Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Ealing and Hounslow (and surrounding boroughs on request).</p> <p>The course is made up of seven sessions. The first one, Finding Your Way, gives a flavour of what is to come and more information about the topics covered by the other six sessions. Participants can then decide if they would like to come to all of them, or just choose a couple. It's up to them. Sessions last for three hours, including a refreshment break and happen once a week, on a regular day, for seven weeks.</p> <p>To be eligible to attend, you just have to be over 18 and caring for your partner, a</p>	

family member, friend or neighbour, who cannot manage without you, because of long-term illness (physical or mental), disability or frailty. If a carer would like to come, but cannot leave the person they care for, we can pay for respite care. We will try to overcome any problem which prevents a carer attending if they wish to do so.	
more info	Contact Pat Williams PatWilliams@hfcarers.org.uk

INFO	Refugee Healthcare Professionals Programme in London
<p>Are you a refugee healthcare professional hoping to return to professional work in the NHS? What is the programme? The Refugee Healthcare Professionals Programme can support you with a range of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information, advice and guidance • IELTS and advanced language • for doctors – training for PLAB I and II, familiarisation with the NHS, communication skills and structured clinical attachments • workshops and courses to help develop your skills and career prospects • help to explore alternative routes to employment in healthcare • work placements in healthcare • job search support • a Beneficiary Fund to support an individual's progress to employment, for example, ORE, Overseas Nurses Programme. <p>Who is it for? This programme is for refugee healthcare professionals, living in London, unemployed or employed, with refugee status (or ILR, HP, DL, including spouses of refugees) and asylum seekers with permission to work. Refugee healthcare professionals include doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, allied health professionals or healthcare scientists.</p>	
more info	Refugees into Jobs (RIJ) Tel: 020 8908 4433E mail: fahira.mulamehic@rij.org.uk

INFO	FREE service for women who require de-infibulation
The Acton African Well Woman Service is a FREE service for women who require de-infibulation or reversal of FGM.	
more info	Please contact Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital , Sure Start Midwife for South Acton Children Centre, Acton African Well Woman Centre, 0208 383 8712 or 07730 970 738

INFO	Gateway Heathrow 2010
<p>Looking for work but need to update your skills? Interested in working in the hospitality and tourism industry? Gateway Heathrow 2010 may be ideal for you. Gateway Heathrow 2010 is a new European Social Fund programme led by London Borough of Hillingdon with training and support delivered by Uxbridge College.</p>	

It offers:

- Free training in Customer Service for the Hospitality, Leisure, Travel and Tourism sector;
- Support with job search and employability skills;
- One to one advice and guidance;
- Help with finding a voluntary work placement to obtain on-the-job experience where available;
- Help with accessing vacancies in Customer Service for the hospitality and tourism sector in west London;
- Assistance with childcare and travel costs may also be available while you are training and on work placement.

more info

Visit Hayes Community Campus or get in touch with Giles Strachan on 01895 853 653 or 07956 358 630
gstrachan@uxbridgecollege.ac.uk