



## **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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#### **Access to healthcare for vulnerable migrants gives concern in 10 EU countries and in the UK**

A report published by the [EU Fundamental Rights Agency \(FRA\)](#) states that “excluding irregular migrants from healthcare endangers their lives and well-being, increases the cost of future emergency treatment and can also potentially pose a health risk to the wider community.”  
[http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/research/research\\_en.htm](http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/research/research_en.htm)

## **New report asks why women are poorly represented in appeals against refusal of asylum support**

A report into the way asylum support appeals operate in relation to the position of women asylum seekers has been published by the Asylum Support Appeals Project (ASAP). <http://asaproject.org/web/index.php>

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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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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](mailto:olesya@reap.org.uk)

Date	29 October – tomorrow!
Time	9:30 - 17:30
Venue	Hong Kong Lecture Theatre, LSE, London
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>STAR conference: "Protecting Human Rights: Sexuality, Gender Identity and Asylum in the UK"</b>
<p>The <u>Student Action for Refugees (STAR) Society</u> based at the LSE and is organising this conference, organised in conjunction with the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKLGIG) with support from the LSE Annual Fund:          This one day conference aims to: highlight situations of persecution from which LGBTI people seek protection; explore how the UK asylum system accounts for the claims of LGBTI individuals; and examine the way these issues have been framed. There will be key speakers, group workshops and personal testimony themed around issues to do with homelessness, detention, trauma, law, religion and categorisation of sexuality. The conference is open to anyone interested in human rights and civil liberties.</p>	
more info	<p>Tickets will be £10 (£7 Concession) which includes lunch and refreshments. Please reserve your place soon, by emailing <a href="mailto:lse.asylum.lgbt@gmail.com">lse.asylum.lgbt@gmail.com</a> to confirm your attendance. STAR we will be updating its website over the course of the coming weeks with further information, including confirmations of additional speakers and details of workshops:  <a href="http://www.lsesustar.org.uk/conference2011.html">http://www.lsesustar.org.uk/conference2011.html</a></p>

Date	2 November
Time	10.00am to 4.00pm.
Venue	BADP, Willesden Centre for Health & Care, Robson Avenue,

	London NW10 3RY
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Community Finance Day - Introducing an alternative source of income for your organisation. London Rebuilding Society - Mutual Aid Fund workshop</b>
<p>Trainer: Lana Hersak, Community Micro-finance Development Manager, LRS  FREE event for individuals and community groups  Come along if you want to learn about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· simple and practical ways to work out your personal and household budget</li> <li>· different types of credit (including loans)</li> <li>· the cost of different types of credit (including loans)</li> <li>· what are community micro-loans?</li> </ul> <p>For community groups and organisations - find out how you could become a community micro-lender!</p>	
more info	For more information, and to let us know you are coming, please contact Atim Abrams at 020 8451 3822 ext 231 or <a href="mailto:Atim@brentbasis.org.uk">Atim@brentbasis.org.uk</a>

Date	3 - 13 November
Venue	London
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Film Africa</b>
<p>10 days of more than fifty of the best African fiction and documentary films from across the continent.  With lively Q&amp;As and panel discussions featuring leading African filmmakers, and a dynamic programme of cultural events.  Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A special focus on African women filmmakers</li> <li>• Twenty filmmakers and actors in attendance</li> <li>• The Distribution Forum and The Silver Baobab Award for Best Short African Film</li> <li>• Film Africa <i>LIVE!</i> with performances from some of London's most exciting musicians and DJs</li> </ul>	
more info	<a href="http://www.filmafrica.org.uk/">http://www.filmafrica.org.uk/</a>

Date	4 November
Time	10:00 - 13:00
Venue	Enfield Voluntary Action, Community House, 311 Fore Street, Edmonton. N9 0PZ
<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>Community Grants Application workshop for applicants in Enfield</b>
<p>In this round there will be 9 grants up to £12,000  This programme will only fund organisations that are/have:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not for Profit</li> <li>• Constituted before 26 December 2010</li> <li>• A bank account in the organisation's name that requires two signatories</li> <li>• Income of less than £73,000 in the previous financial year</li> <li>• Financially solvent</li> <li>• Constituted to work in the London Borough of Enfield and your organisation should be based within the borough with services provided to the people of the borough</li> </ul> <p>Your project should aim to target one or more of the following target groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those with parental and/or carer responsibilities (lone parents being a key group)</li> <li>• Those with health problems (including people with mental health issues and those on incapacity benefit)</li> <li>• Disabled people</li> <li>• Those from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups (including white minority ethnic groups),</li> <li>• Low income, single earner households with children where one parent is not working</li> <li>• Offenders and ex-offenders</li> </ul>	
more info	Contact Jenny Budden <a href="mailto:J.Budden@enfieldva.org.uk">J.Budden@enfieldva.org.uk</a> to book your place by email.

Date	11 November – deadline
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Activity Leader Vacancy at DASH</b>
<p>18 hours pw £12,000 pa (2 year contract). This exciting role will see you develop the existing activities programme at DASH and to implement new activities that will engage the disabled community. To manage the session facilitators and volunteers who run the activities. In addition, to plan, manage and implement opportunities for participation in physical and non physical activity to a diverse group of adults on a regular basis in the London Borough of Hillingdon.</p> <p>DASH are committed to safeguarding the welfare of vulnerable people and these posts are subject to an enhanced CRB check.</p>	
more info	To apply for the above vacancy contact DASH, Wood End Centre, Judge Heath Lane, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 2PB or call 0208 848 8319 stating which position you are applying for. Or see website <a href="http://www.dash.org.uk">www.dash.org.uk</a> for further information including application form, job description and personal specification.

Date	15 November – deadline
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Young people with irregular immigration status - Supported Options Fund now open</b>
<p>The Supported Options Fund has been established by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Unbound Philanthropy as a 'Special Initiative' to provide support and advice to</p>	

<p>young people and children in the UK who have irregular immigration status. Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Unbound Philanthropy are now inviting expressions of interest from organisations who may wish to apply to this Fund, which is open to those anywhere in the UK.</p>	
more info	<p>Full details of the aims and approach, and how to apply can be downloaded from the <a href="http://phf.org.uk/page.asp?changes=0&amp;latest=1&amp;id=884">Paul Hamlyn Foundation website</a> <a href="http://phf.org.uk/page.asp?changes=0&amp;latest=1&amp;id=884">http://phf.org.uk/page.asp?changes=0&amp;latest=1&amp;id=884</a></p>

Date	15 November
Time	6pm - 7.30pm
Venue	Chatham House, 10 St James's Square, London SW1Y 4LE
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Global migration: the challenges for the West's political leaders</b>
<p>This event will explore the key policy dilemmas raised by international migration for leaders of liberal democracies. In a world of growing mobility and with the debate on immigration increasingly polarised, how should political leaders address the key policy challenges of global migration? Drawing on perspectives from UK parliamentarians and other experts, the event will be an opportunity to discuss effective responses to the challenges - and opportunities - presented by global movements of people.</p>	
more info	For more info visit: <a href="http://globalmigration.eventbrite.co.uk/">http://globalmigration.eventbrite.co.uk/</a>

Date	17 November
Time	10.00am to 12.00pm
Venue	Uxbridge Citizens Advice Bureau, Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW
<b>INFO</b>	<b>Let's Find New Ways to Help Our Community! A new partnership to provide better access to advice services in community languages</b>
<p>REAP and CAB are launching a new partnership to provide better access to advice services in community languages.</p> <p><i>If you would like to learn more about how you can develop your skills with Citizens Advice, come along to our information session on 17 November!</i></p>	
more info	For more info contact <a href="mailto:Sarah@reap.org.uk">Sarah@reap.org.uk</a>

Date	17 November
Time	10:00 - 16:30
Venue	Central London (tbc)
<b>EVENT</b>	<b>Free capacity building training for NGOs and civil society organisations in central London</b>

Runnymede is pleased to offer UK NGOs and grassroots organisations working in the equalities sector the opportunity to attend one of two free awareness raising seminars focusing on advocacy, the media and monitoring. These free events, funded by the European Commission, aim to develop the capacity of civil society organisations in dealing with anti-discrimination.

Please apply now for your place and circulate to colleagues who may benefit from the training.

The seminars will be practical in nature and participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and good practice, important in these days of funding cuts and dwindling resources. They are mainly targeted at representatives of NGOs who would benefit from:

- more in-depth knowledge on how to work effectively with the media
- knowing how to set advocacy goals and objectives and identify methods and tools

- understanding how monitoring can be used to tackle discrimination and address disadvantage

Please visit [the Runnymede website](#) for full details, including the application form and the draft programme for the day. We also welcome applications from people working for local authorities, unions and the private sector.

Small travel bursaries are available on application.

more info	Please email <a href="mailto:rebecca@runnymedetrust.org">rebecca@runnymedetrust.org</a> to register your interest in the Glasgow seminar which is taking place in February 2012. Full details and application forms will be sent out later this year.
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Date	18 November
Time	9:00 - 17:00
Venue	Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9JE
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>MRN Advocacy Masterclass - Influencing policies that affect migrants (London)</b>
<p>MRN will be delivering a tailored training session for MRCOs on how to become more effective in engaging with policy issues. The full day training session aims to develop the capacity of activists and Migrant and Refugee Community Organisations to make an impact on policies that affect them and their members.</p> <p><b>After the training you will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have greater confidence and skills to engage in advocacy and campaigning.</li> <li>Be more effective in engaging and influencing key decision-makers.</li> <li>Have the practical skills to develop an advocacy strategy.</li> </ul>	
more info	<a href="http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/event/mrn-masterclass">http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/event/mrn-masterclass</a>

Date	23 November
Time	10.00am - 1.00pm
Venue	98 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1PJ

<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Rights and Entitlements of EU Nationals (including changes for A8 Nationals) Half-Day Workshop</b>
<p>Course Outline:  This workshop examines the rights of European Union migrants under UK and European Law. You will be briefed on all the fundamental issues related to their access to services and about the recent changes for A8 Nationals. As a participant, you will be given up-to-date knowledge on the housing, employment and welfare entitlements of EU nationals.  This course is highly participative and the course packs are comprehensive.</p>	
more info	<i>To book this course, just email Ms Suki Sangha, Training Officer on <a href="mailto:suki@paih.org">suki@paih.org</a> or call her on 0141 353 2220.</i>

Date	23, 24 and 25 November
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>Revolution, Evolution... Life- Disability rights, empowerment and the law</b>
<p>Course overview:  This course will deepen participant?s understanding of disability and bring relevant areas of disability law to life and show how advocates can use this knowledge and understanding to support those they work with.</p>	
more info	To book visit: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/l387W3W">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/l387W3W</a>

<b>JOB</b>	<b>Experienced refugee adviser with a speciality in housing and benefits (Barnet)</b>
<p>The post holder will provide general information, advice and guidance for Asylum Seekers/ Refugees on accessing services at our office, by phone and at other locations across Barnet and neighbouring boroughs.</p>	
more info	For further information and how to apply contact Ms. Nazee Akbari Barnet Refugee Tel: 020 8905 9002 Ext 4, Email: <a href="mailto:nazee@barnetrefugeeservice.org.uk">nazee@barnetrefugeeservice.org.uk</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Next Step helping adults make decisions about learning and work</b>
<p>Next Step provides free and impartial information and advice to help adults in England make appropriate decisions about learning and work opportunities. We aim to help adults get the advice they need for their future skills, careers, work and life choices.  This service is available in a range of languages, including Somali.</p>	
more info	You can speak to one advisors by calling 0800 093 1555 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday

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more info	Katherine Perks, Policy and Public Affairs Officer, Rights of Women: 020 7251 6575 <a href="http://www.row.org.uk">www.row.org.uk</a>

<b>INFO</b>	<b>Free IT health-check and ICT support</b>
more info	Contact Marcus Otite at HAVS on 0753409758