



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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News:

Minister's speech flags up further restrictions on family reunion rights.

September 16, 2011. Immigration minister Damian Green gave a speech on family migration at an event organised by the Centre for Policy Studies yesterday. Key points in the speech concerned a perception of 'abuse' of the marriage route. <http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/news/2011/ministers-speech-flags-further-restrictions-family-reunion-rights>

HM Prisons Inspector criticises immigration removal practices to Jamaica and Nigeria

September 7, 2011. The Prisons inspectorate this week published two reports on the forced removal of immigration detainees to, respectively, Jamaica and Nigeria.



A CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS
FOR PRACTITIONERS



**REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS: HOME, HOUSING
AND HOMELESSNESS IN CHANGING TIMES**
The situation in Hillingdon, West London

Thursday 20th October 2011
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Christ Church Communicare, Redford Way, Uxbridge, UB8 1SZ

WORKSHOPS:

1. Access to Advice
2. Refugee Children and Young People: Prevention of Homelessness
3. Feeling at Home in Hillingdon: Housing and Wellbeing.

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The reports can be accessed from <http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/hmi-prisons/>.

Guidance for domestic violence rule must prioritise women's safety

September 5, 2011. Changes to the eligibility requirements under paragraph 289A (the domestic violence rule) of the Immigration Rules took effect in April which make it harder for women to benefit from the protection the rule offers. Rights of Women is now writing to the UKBA to express their concern about two new guidance documents on the issue. <http://www.atlep.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Joint-letter-to-Home-Secretary-re-HC908-10-05-11.pdf>

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Date	23 September - deadline	
JOB	Support Care Officer – Children’s Society	
	For this role you will need experience of delivering a customer focused service as well as having worked within a call centre environment that has dealt with both inbound and outbound calls. Working with the Supporter Care Manager you will play a big part in ensuring that the Supporter Services department delivers its yearly operational plan, that include working to set standards and targets.	
more info	More info: http://www.playyourpart.co.uk/JobSearch.aspx?lid=&q=&cid=&bid=	

Date	23 September
Time	9:30 - 16:30
Venue	Stratford Circus, London E15 1BX
EVENT	Conference: Universal Access to Healthcare in the Age of Migration
	The eligibility of migrants to healthcare services has become a topic of intense political and professional debate in the UK. To highlight experiences in providing migrant communities with health services, Migrants Rights Network (MRN) is hosting this conference. This conference aims to share learning on migrant inclusion with GP Commissioners and the wider NHS family to promote the ethos of universality.
more info	For more info, go to http://health4migrants.info/ or contact Deesha Chandra deesha@health4migrants.info

Date	27 September
Time	14:30 - 17:00
Venue	City Hall, London
EVENT	Working with communities to protect against trafficking

The aim of this event is to raise awareness among refugee and migrant community organisations about the MPS's work tackling trafficking and the importance of community input into that work. The event is organised in partnership with Mayor's Migrant and Refugee Advisory Panel (MRAP), Metropolitan Police Services (MPS) and Stop the Traffik	
more info	If you would like to attend please confirm your attendance to Amna.Mahmoud@london.gov.uk

Date	27 September
Venue	Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS
EVENT	Inspiration Stations
The Evelyn Oldfield Unit is working with the Refugee Council and the Jesuit Refugee Service to offer both refugee, migrant and mainstream groups an opportunity to come together to share learning and inspiration for new projects. Inspiration Stations will run as a World Cafe where participants are invited to discuss ideas around tables, for example sharing experiences of working with other organisations and exchanging resources in creative ways. Each table will be led by an experienced organisation and you will be invited to visit that organisation afterwards to see the work in action.	
more info	If you might be interested to join in and share your experience of working on projects that bring together both RCOs and mainstream organisations please email zibiah@evelynoldfield.co.uk

Date	28th September
Time	10:15am - 4:30pm
Venue	Central London
EVENT	Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls: Improving Responses to Rape and Sexual Assault
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government's VAWG Vision: Prevention, Provision, Partnership and Risk Reduction • Challenging Public Attitudes towards Rape/Sexual Assault – Establishing a Wider Understanding of the Nature, Extent and Effect of Rape • Educating Young People Against VAWG – Promoting Healthy Relationships, Sexual Consent, Gender Equality and Non-Violence in Schools • Working with Local Agencies to Reduce Sexual Violence in the Community – Identifying and Supporting Vulnerable/High Risk Women • Strengthening the Women's Sector: Encouraging Joint Commissioning and Partnership Working, Securing Local Investment 	

more info	For further information please contact Parvin Madahar on 020 3137 8630 or email parvin.madahar@publicpolicyexchange.co.uk
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Date	28 September
Time	11.00am - 1.30pm
Venue	St. John's Church, Broadway, Stratford E15 1NG
EVENT	Event for BME Health & Social Care Providers
<p>The Asian Health Agency (TAHA) in Partnership with The Forum for Health & Wellbeing (Newham) is organising an event to bring together BME health & social care providers to come together and explore potential for working in partnership and in developing consortia to sustain and extend services in a competitive and challenging environment.</p> <p>The event will provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss & negotiate partnerships with TAHA and The FORUM link with/join wider movement to consolidate a BME Health & Social Care Consortium and discuss potential for bidding for grants & contracts.</p>	
more info	For further information and to book a place please contact: Balraj Purewal on director@taha.org.uk < mailto:director@taha.org.uk > or call 020 8981 2146.

Date	29 September
Venue	Liardet room; Bishop Creighton House, 378 Lillie Rd, SW6 7PH
TRAINING	Leading your organisation through challenging Times
<p>This workshop aimed at leaders and senior managers of refugee organisations and BME groups.</p> <p>Participants will develop a very useful toolbox of leadership techniques, skills, strategies and knowledge.</p> <p>The workshop will cover;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Creating successful leadership strategies including fundraising and exit strategies · Developing a clear vision and purpose · Acquiring the habits of highly effective leaders · Developing your emotional fitness · Creating resourceful states 	
more info	For more info contact Emad Al-Hamadani, Co-ordinator , Hammersmith and Fulham Refugee Forum, Tel: 020 7386 9060, E-mail: emad@hfrf.org.uk

Date	6 October
Time	9:00 - 17:15

Venue	Clifford Chance LLP, 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ
EVENT	Workshop: Building Strategies to Protect Children in an Irregular Migration Situation in the UK
<p>The goals of this workshop are for participants to build mutual understanding of the problems that children in an irregular migration situation face in accessing education, health care and housing in the UK, and collaborate to devise some concrete actions and strategies to improve on some of the challenges identified.</p> <p>The workshop will bring together and benefit from the expertise of education and health care professionals, social workers, local authorities, non-governmental organizations and individual migrants concerned about children living with their families in an irregular migration situation in the UK.</p>	
more info	http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/events/2011/workshop-building-strategies-protect-children-irregular-migration-situation-uk

Date	6 October
Time	8:45 - 9:45
Venue	The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, The County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7PB
EVENT	COMPAS Breakfast Briefing: What are the impacts of restrictions on participation in the labour market and civic life on young migrants?
<p>The briefing focuses on the consequences that the restrictions and regulations imposed on young migrants have on their daily lives and sense of the future. A picture of young migrant London is drawn from thirty detailed biographical case studies where young migrants have been the active observers of their own lives.</p> <p>The briefing argues that the debate about migration is dogged by policy promises that are unrealistic and impossible to deliver. It calls for more a more attainable, pragmatic and human turn in immigration policy that de-regulates the migrant experience and harnesses their desire to contribute and build communities of diversity.</p>	
more info	If you would like to attend the October Breakfast Briefing please email communications@compas.ox.ac.uk

Date	19 October
Time	9 am
Venue	Refugee Council, 240 - 250 Ferndale Road, London, SW9 8BB
TRAINING	Refugees and migrants: Entitlement to Housing and other services
<p>Refugee Council is organising this interactive course providing a variety of practical tips useful to those who provide direct housing support to these groups as well as managers, policy makers and others within your organisation.</p> <p>It is suitable for those who are already familiar with the asylum determination process and asylum support. As this course looks specifically at the adult system it does not</p>	

consider the situation of those who applied for asylum as unaccompanied children.	
more info	or more information please send an email totraining@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Date	20 October
Time	9:00 – 14:00
Venue	Christ Church Communicare, Redford Way, Uxbridge, UB8 1SZ
EVENT	REAP Conference and Workshops. Refugees and Migrants: home, housing and homelessness in changing times. The situation in Hillingdon, West London
Objectives of the conference and workshops are to: - identify specific issues and share knowledge of existing resources and support for refugees and migrants to avoid homelessness in Hillingdon; - strengthen contacts between practitioners who <u>do not</u> specialise in supporting refugees and those practitioners and services in and around Hillingdon who <u>do</u> ; - gather knowledge to feed positive strategies for migrant & refugee housing and homes across voluntary and statutory sectors.	
more info	Ring / Email Olesya 01895 441530 olesya@reap.org.uk to book a place and for further info / travel / access arrangements

Venue	Museum of London, 150 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5HN
INFO	Modern Slavery in the Capital Exhibition
The Museum of London has recently launched a new free exhibition: 'Freedom From: Modern Slavery in the Capital', raising awareness of human trafficking and forced labour ahead of the 2012 Olympic Games. The Museum welcomes visits from individuals and groups from all communities.	
more info	For more information please visit: http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/Corporate/Press-media/Press-releases/Freedom+from+modern+slavery+in+the+capital.htm

INFO	Refugee Project - Supporting Refugee Women
Elatt's Refugee project is providing free educational support and guidance to refugee women in safe and welcoming environment where refugees of various nationalities can meet and provide mutual support to each other.	

<p>*support with gaining an ESOL and vocational qualification at entry level 3 *women only classes *work placements *2 days a week of classes *childcare and travel expenses *enrichment activities, i.e. class outings</p> <p>NB although Elatt is based in East London, they are available to come out to any group, anywhere in London if there are sufficient numbers.</p>	
more info	For more information, please visit their website: www.elatt.org.uk or call 020 7275 6750.

INFO	UK migration: the leadership role of housing providers
<p><u>Joseph Rowntree Foundation</u> has published a new report focusing on what can housing providers do to successfully handle the consequences of national policies and trends relating to UK immigration. Migration policy often focuses on the number of new migrants entering the UK, but little is done to support neighbourhoods where migrants already live. Central government is withdrawing from these issues at a local level, placing more importance than ever before on regional and local leadership.</p>	
more info	http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/uk-migration-leadership-role-housing-providers

INFO	'Action for ESOL' calls for feedback on English language tuition cuts in your area
<p>The rules on eligibility to free provision for ESOL for those students on inactive benefits have now been changed. The Action for ESOL Campaign is now monitoring the impacts of these changes at Colleges and language services and is asking for feedback on the effect of cuts in your area.</p>	
more info	For more info contact Dan Taubman dtaubman@ucu.org.uk

INFO	UN Committee publishes concluding observations on race equality in the UK
<p>Overall the report is a success in highlighting the concerns of civil society organisations about race equality issues in the UK today. It demonstrates that the lobbying efforts by the UK NGOs Against Racism and others in Geneva last month were well worth the effort.</p>	
more info	http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/CERD_-_concluding_observations_1_September_2011.pdf

INFO	IOM: a Counter-Trafficking Directory for the UK
The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) has produced as a directory as tool for all those who encounter victims of trafficking to refer to, so that victims can receive the relevant services needed.	
more info	http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/IOM_UK_Counter-Trafficking_Directory_September_2011.pdf

INFO	Assessing the impact of policy changes and cuts on services for asylum seekers and refugees
<p><u>Employability Forum</u> is currently running a survey which seeks to identify the impact of policy changes and cuts and the emerging gaps in services are for refugees and asylum seekers. This is part of a national Refugee Integration Working Group, co-chaired by UKBA and Employability Forum.</p> <p>The survey is aimed at all organisations who currently support asylum seekers and refugees. It should take about 20 minutes to complete – the majority of questions are multiple choice. To access the survey, please click here.</p>	
more info	If you have any questions or would like a pdf of the full survey, please contact Tom Shakhli via viat.shakhli@employabilityforum.co.uk or 020 7250 8332. For more information on the Refugee Integration Working Group, please contact Beryl Randall via b.randall@employabilityforum.co.uk or 020 7250 8330.

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

JOB	Management committee members - Kalayaan
<p>Kalayaan is looking for management committee members with financial or legal experience to support their work.</p> <p>Kalayaan is a small, dynamic charity, with a committed staff and volunteer team. They provide immigration and employment advice and support to domestic migrant workers. The committee members meet every 3 months on a weekday evening in Holland Park.</p>	
more info	If you are interested in the post please contact Rita Gava on 0207 243 2942 or rita@kalayaan.org.uk