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The Newsflash is a monthly round up of publications, information, events, funding and jobs relating to asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers for anyone who wants to keep up to date with the latest developments.

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## Asylum Seekers and Refugees - including Syrian resettlement

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### Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) transfer and resettlement schemes now in force

The Immigration Act 2016 was given royal assent on 12 May 2016. The first regulations setting out the commencement dates of some provisions have now been made, relating to refugee children, the transfer of UASC within the UK and the scheme to resettle children at risk from camps in the Middle East and North Africa. Please follow this link for more information from the NRP Network: [Immigration Act 2016](#)

### UNHCR Committee on the Rights of the Child: Concluding observations on the fifth periodic report of the UK

The report recommends that the UK government should, among other things, review its asylum policy in order to help unaccompanied and separated children reunite with their family from both in and outside the UK. The report calls on the UK to 'introduce a statutory obligation' to consider the needs of children 'when developing laws and policies affecting children.' It makes 150 further recommendations. Please follow this link to read the report in full: [Treaty bodies Download](#) report number CRC/C/GBR/CO/5.

### #ReuniteThem campaign for the unaccompanied children of Calais

[France terre d'asile](#) has launched a campaign called #ReunissezLes, [#ReuniteThem](#) to raise awareness about the plight of hundreds of unaccompanied children living in Calais. In the campaign, they are portrayed as superheroes on a mission filled with obstacles. They have come far, survived dangerous journeys, crossed several borders, have faced discrimination and in some cases violence, but are now in Calais, alone and facing the threat of exploitation by criminal networks. According to a census carried out by France terre d'asile, most of the over 340 unaccompanied children in Calais come from Afghanistan, Eritrea and Sudan and they mainly aged between 15 and 17 years old - but the youngest is 10. Many have family in the UK and according to Art. 8 of the Dublin III Regulation, the asylum claim of an unaccompanied child should be examined by the country where a family member resides. Through the campaign [petition](#), France terre d'asile is calling on the British and French governments to allow the children to reunite with their families legally and safely, according to EU law.

### Migrant Children's Project Newsletter May 2016

Please follow this link for the most recent edition of the Coram Children Legal Centre's newsletter: [MCP May newsletter - & more...](#)

### Suffolk Refugee Support – summer newsletter issued

Please follow this link for details about the latest news from Suffolk Refugee Support: <http://suffolkrefugee.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Summer-Newsletter-2016.pdf>

### ESOL strategy for Peterborough

A new ESOL Citywide Steering Group has been set up to develop an ESOL strategy for Peterborough. Anyone who is currently delivering ESOL services or would like to be included in shaping the developments of ESOL going forward, please contact Gill on e: [gill@linguagloss.com](mailto:gill@linguagloss.com) who is leading this work with partners from PCVS and Peterborough City Council.

**Refugee team to compete in summer Olympics in Rio**

The International Olympic Committee on Friday announced members of its first-ever Olympic team comprised of refugees. The six men and four women belonging to the Refugee Olympic Team will compete in swimming, judo, and track and field events — and they'll be the first to enter Rio's Olympic stadium for the Opening Ceremony, wielding the Olympic flag, marching in before host nation Brazil. Please follow this link to read about this story in full: [Rio's 'symbol of hope': The incredible stories of the world's first refugee Olympic team - The Washington Post](#)

**Trafficked and unaccompanied asylum seeking children missing from care survey from ECPAT UK**

This survey seeks professionals' views on the different situations, practices, and prevention measures pertaining to young people who go missing from care, who have been identified or suspected as trafficked and/or unaccompanied or separated children. It should take around 15 minutes to complete and the responses will inform ECPAT UK research in this area. Please follow this link to access the survey: [Survey on missing trafficked and refugee kids | Migrants' Rights Network \(MRN\)](#)

**Open Society Foundations marks World Refugee Day**

Please follow this link to read about the difficulties refugees face: [On World Refugee Day, a Bid for Greater Transparency | Open Society Foundations \(OSF\)](#) and follow this link to watch the film about Europe's responsibility to refugees: [Why Europe Must Embrace Its Refugees | Open Society Foundations \(OSF\)](#)

**Women for refugee women launches new project - Women at the Borders**

This new project will support women in northern France. It is being run in partnership with Help Refugees and the Safe Passage project at Citizens UK, to offer solidarity to refugee women living in northern France and to try to enable them to access their legal and moral rights to join family members in the UK. [Watch a video](#) of one woman who is living in Calais with her 4 year old daughter and follow this link to [learn more](#) about the project.

**Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration (OxMo), new issue: Vol. 6, No. 1**

This issue includes ten articles written by graduate students, young researchers, practitioners and two refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The articles are available on the [website](#), and include a piece entitled "Muslim or Migrant? An exploration of the portrayal of Syrian refugees in the British media".

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**Migration**

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**Immigration lawyers see rise in UK citizenship requests**

This report, ahead of the UK referendum on its membership of the EU, in the Solicitors Journal, quotes different legal practices which saw an increase citizenship enquiries. EEA citizens automatically acquire permanent residency after living in the UK for five years - or three if married to a British citizen. To apply for naturalisation, an applicant must have been a permanent resident for 12 months and possess a permanent resident certificate. Please follow this link to read the full article: [Immigration lawyers see rise in UK citizenship requests | Solicitors Journal](#)

**No recourse to public funds (NRPF) Network – guidance update**

A discretionary welfare support payment administered by a local authority in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland has been added to the list of [public funds](#), which migrants with [NRPF](#) are prohibited from claiming, and is set out at paragraph 6 of the [Immigration Rules](#). Please follow this link to access the updated guidance from the NRPF Network: [What are public funds?](#)

**Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) review into teacher shortages**

The MAC has been commissioned to examine whether there is a shortage of teachers or teachers in specific subjects which it would be sensible to fill through non-European Economic Area (EEA) migration. The government's commission relates to all teaching professionals in primary and secondary education in both the state and private sectors, jobs that fall within the following Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes:

- SOC 2314 Secondary education teaching professionals
- SOC 2315 Primary and nursery education teaching professionals
- SOC 2316 Special needs education teaching professionals.

Secondary school teachers in mathematics, physics and chemistry are currently included on the shortage occupation list. The Department for Education has suggested that teachers in Mandarin, computer science and design & technology might also warrant inclusion. Please follow this link to access the consultation document: [Migration Advisory Committee \(MAC\) review on teacher shortages - Consultations - GOV.UK](#). The consultation closes on **16 September**.

**Stronger Together, anti-human trafficking NGO – June newsletter issued**

Please follow this link to access the newsletter produced by Stronger Together to tackle modern day slavery in the supply chain: [June Newsletter: Features new Modern Slavery guidance](#)

**Roma Integration 2020 launched**

Roma Integration 2020, has been launched to put into action the lessons learnt from the decade of Roma inclusion. The new initiative will support national governments in closing the gap between Roma and non-Roma. Please follow this link for more information: [Why Roma Integration Is a Rare Opportunity for the Western Balkans and Turkey | Open Society Foundations \(OSF\)](#)

**Home Office fails to remove 'small town' of foreign offenders – Home Affairs committee report**

Please follow this link to access this report into the work of the Immigration Directorates: [Home Office fails to remove 'small town' of foreign offenders - News from Parliament - UK Parliament](#)

**'Tackling Modern Slavery in Global Supply Chains' toolkit and workshops from Stronger Together**

Stronger Together has launched a new toolkit for business entitled 'Tackling Modern Slavery in Global Supply Chains'. It focuses on guiding businesses in using best practice frameworks to develop a strategic and proactive approach to address the risk of modern slavery across their whole UK and global supply chain. Please follow this link to download the toolkit for free at [www.stronger2gether.org](http://www.stronger2gether.org). The new toolkit complements the Stronger Together 'Tackling Modern Slavery in UK Businesses' toolkit updated and reissued in January 2016. The new toolkit is supported by interactive workshops led by labour rights experts from the retail sector. Download the workshop brochure [here](#) and register for a workshop at <http://stronger2gether.org/training/>.

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**Events**

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**Refugee Week events take place across the region from 20 to 26 June**

Please follow this link for the events taking place in Cambridge: [Refugee Week - Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign](#)

Please follow this link for details of what is happening in Ipswich: [Refugee Week & Summer Newsletter - Suffolk Refugee Support](#)

New Routes Puppet Show to mark Refugee Week in Norwich, 26 June at the Forum Children's Library at 2.30pm. Please follow this link for details of what is happening in Bedford: <http://www.brassbedford.org.uk/#!/refugee-week/c1osx>

**National Roma Network Forum – 7 July, Peterborough**

The forum will be focusing on Police and criminal justice and speakers include: DCC Janette McCormick (NPCC lead on GRT); Petr Torak MBE (GRTPA Executive Director); Audrey Mogan (AIRE Centre) and Margaret Greenfields (Buckinghamshire University). To book a place at the Forum, please contact Katie on e: [Katie.Deighton@migrationyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:Katie.Deighton@migrationyorkshire.org.uk) with delegate's name, organisation, E-mail address and dietary / access requirements by the close of business on **24 June 2016**.

**Ipswich and Suffolk Indian Association summer Mela – 10 July, Ipswich**

This free event is a celebration of Asian culture and is being held in Christchurch Park from 12:00 to 18:00. There will be workshops of dance, cooking demonstrations, a vibrant market and music and dance performances. For more information please follow this link to [www.isia.org.uk](http://www.isia.org.uk) or call 0844 8844825.

**Remembering Srebrenica: the 21st anniversary of the genocide – 11 July, Borehamwood**

The Bosnian community is marking anniversary of the genocide in Srebrenica at a service of remembrance at Borehamwood Day Service 100 Aycliffe Road, WD6 4EJ between 19:00 and 21:00. To book a place, please contact Michal Siewniak, Community Development Manager for CVS Broxbourne and East Herts on m: 07825 021746 or e: [michal@cvsbeh.org.uk](mailto:michal@cvsbeh.org.uk).

**Platforma refugee arts network regional networking event – 19 July, Peterborough**

Platforma is a national arts network which seeks to develop and showcase outstanding work by refugees and marginalised migrants through networking, partnerships, productions, commissions and collaborations. See [www.platforma.org.uk](http://www.platforma.org.uk) for more information. The Platforma East Networking Event will be taking place between 14:00 and 16:00 at the Key Theatre, Embankment Road, PE1 1EF and will:

- Provide updates on Platforma activity in the East (now in its 4th year) and showcase the work of artists
- Explore potential for Platforma East in 2016-17
- Offer opportunities to meet and network with other artists and organisations interested in the connection between arts practice and refugees and marginalised migrants
- Give information about the wider regional and national Platforma network

To confirm attendance please contact Rosie Escott on e: [rosie@musicforchange.org](mailto:rosie@musicforchange.org) or t: 01227 459243 by Tuesday 12 July. Please note that places are limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

**Domestic Abuse Change Champion Training - 21 and 28 July, Norwich**

These training events will be taking place at Vernon Castle Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Millennium Library, The Forum, for those who wish to gain an enhanced understanding of Domestic abuse and violence in order to become a Change Champion. Champions are trained to develop knowledge in asking, responding and supporting people affected by domestic abuse. The training will help delegates to:

- Recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse
- Realise the impact it has on the individual, family and wider society
- React by taking action to reduce harm, increase safety and listen to the voice of the victim

Priority will be given to BAME groups and people/organisations working with BAME communities. To reserve a place please email: [da.change@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:da.change@norfolk.gov.uk) or [Paula.Devaux@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Paula.Devaux@norfolk.gov.uk)

**Zimbabwean Community Association Barbeque - 23 July, Wymondham, Norfolk**

The Norfolk Zimbabwean Community Association are hosting a Barbeque on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at Morley Village Hall, Wymondham. Please contact Francis to register interest on e: [Zimcan@live.co.uk](mailto:Zimcan@live.co.uk) or m: 07956 437813.

## OISC level 1 immigration legal training – 10 October, Kings Lynn

This training is being hosted by KLARS and run by Julian Bild from HJT Training Ltd. The level one course is a one day basic level immigration advice (i.e. within the Immigration Rules.) The course will cover the syllabus at OISC level one and aims to give delegates sufficient knowledge for level one assessments, focusing on the OISC's core requirements. Each place will cost £180 to include lunch. Should you have any queries or to wish to make bookings please email Emma Humphrey at e: [info@klars.org](mailto:info@klars.org) or call t: 01553 773905 with the following information: Delegate name, role, any dietary or access needs.

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## Funding

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### Sanctuary Scholarship Scheme from Bristol University

The scheme offers scholarships to people from refugee and asylum seeking communities to study at University. The scholarship offers support towards the costs of Higher Education. Please follow this link for more information: [Bristol University | Fees and funding | Sanctuary Scholarship Scheme](#). Note that the deadline for applications is **30 June 2016**.

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## Jobs

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### Rosa Fund Finance and Administration Officer (28 hours/week) – London

Rosa is looking for a well-organized self-starter with some experience of running finance and administration systems, preferably gained from working with a charity. A strong commitment to gender equality and social justice is a must-have. Rosa champions investment in women and girls, connects knowledge, expertise and resources, and raises funds to invest in change. Following Chancellor George Osborne's announcement on the Tampon Tax Fund earlier this year, they are developing the new £2.2M grants and support programme for grassroots women's organisations. The role is in a small team, working with staff, volunteers and the Executive Director. As well as day-to-day office management, the successful candidate will assist with new and existing projects, events, communications and fundraising activity. They offer flexible working and a 5% pension contribution and a varied work load across the charity's areas of work. The closing date for applications is **4 July** at 9am. Interviews will take place on **14 July**. Applicants should send their CV and a covering letter of no more than 2 pages detailing their interest in the position, and how they fit the requirements described in the Person Specification below to e: [anna@rosauk.org](mailto:anna@rosauk.org). [Job Description and Person Specification](#)

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