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The Newsflash is a bi-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 refugee resettlement

### **Call for evidence: An inspection of the use of hotels and barracks as contingency asylum accommodation**

The Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration (ICIBI) has begun an inspection of the use of hotels and barracks as contingency asylum accommodation and is inviting anyone with relevant knowledge or experience to submit their evidence to [chiefinspector@icibi.gov.uk](mailto:chiefinspector@icibi.gov.uk).

The call for evidence will remain open until **19 February 2021**.

This inspection will examine the use made of hotels and other forms of contingency asylum accommodation, including Penally Camp and Napier Barracks, since the beginning of 2020. It will focus on the roles and responsibilities of the Home Office and the accommodation service providers, and of other parties, in relation to the use of contingency asylum accommodation. Further information is available [here](#).

### **Overview of family reunion options in the Immigration Rules**

This new [guidance](#) provides an overview of family reunion routes in the Immigration Rules and outside the rules. Since the UK left the European Union on 31 December 2020, the UK is no longer bound by the Dublin III Regulation. Those previously eligible for a transfer to join a relative in the UK under the Dublin III Regulation will now need to consider alternative routes if they wish to seek entry to the UK. This guidance tells you about options for family reunion for individuals who are outside the EU as well as those in the EU as the same rules apply.

The Home Office have additionally published new guidance on [Requests made to the UK under the Dublin III Regulation prior to the end of the Transition Period](#). The provisions in place 'save' the family provisions for those take back or take charge requests which were sent to the UK prior to 11pm on 31 December 2020 but for which no final decision had been made by that date.

### **Changes to the Immigration Rules mean some asylum claims may be treated as inadmissible**

In broad terms, paragraphs 345AC-345D of the Immigration Rules, which apply from 1 January 2021, provide a means to treat as inadmissible to the UK asylum system the claim of someone who has travelled through or has a connection to a safe third country. As currently drafted, the rules allow claims to be treated as inadmissible only if the asylum applicant is accepted for readmission by the third country through which they have travelled or have a connection.

When an application is treated as inadmissible, the Secretary of State will attempt to remove the applicant to the safe third country in which they were previously present or to which they have a connection, or to any other safe third country which may agree to their entry.

A 10 page statement of changes to the rules can be found [here](#), with an explanatory memorandum available [here](#).

### **Refugee Council's Infoline extended across the country**

Building on a COVID-19 Signposting Project in London, and additional funding from the National Emergencies Trust, Refugee Council have expanded this service to provide signposting support to refugees and people seeking asylum who cannot access local services and information due to the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of, and change in, face to face services. The service is open to individuals, professionals, and community members, and will run until 31 March 2021. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Coronavirus Asylum Handbook**

Created using a collaborative approach to sharing learning, this [handbook](#) contains frontline organisations' approaches to adapting their services in response to Coronavirus. It is not intended to be a comprehensive service directory, but will signpost to the excellent advice, resources and policy updates that have been produced and are already in the public domain. Over 40 organisations contributed.

## Refugee resettlement – RESET Communities for Refugees campaign

Community Sponsorship is a refugee resettlement programme which enables you to welcome a refugee family into your local area and support them as they rebuild their lives. RESET Communities and Refugees are running a Communities for Refugees campaign, asking people to sign up if they're interested in sponsoring refugees. To find out more about Community Sponsorship, click [here](#) or [request a call back](#) from the Reset Team. Please also see the [information session](#) in the events section of this Newsflash.

## ESOL for refugees: A toolkit for commissioners and practitioners

This new toolkit offers useful guidance and highlights current effective practice in English language provision to refugees, with nearly 50 case studies from across England. There are lots of helpful insights for local agencies involved in planning, funding, commissioning or delivering English language support to refugee populations. It is hoped that it will be a good source of ideas for anyone working in this area, whether you're looking for inspiration from peers around the country or if you're new to the world of ESOL or to working with refugees. An accompanying up to date literature review 'What is Suitable and Effective ESOL for Refugees?' supports the toolkit and was compiled by a team from Leeds Beckett University and the National Association for Teaching English and Community Languages to Adults (NATECLA).

Migration Yorkshire worked with regional strategic migration partnerships across England to create these resources, funded by the Home Office. The ESOL for refugees toolkit will be available [here](#) by the end of January.

## New report sheds light on migrant deaths in the English Channel – The Institute of Race Relations

The Institute of Race Relations, Groupe d'Information et de Soutien des immigrés (GISTI) and the Permanent People's Tribunal London have published a new [report](#) that documents the increased securitisation of Franco-British border areas, forcing migrants to find other, more dangerous passageways. It also reflects on the human cost of these policies, uncovering the circumstances that resulted in the deaths of nearly 300 migrants in or around the Channel since 1999 and giving victims of border violence an identity and a history.

## UK-France joint statement: next phase of collaboration on tackling illegal migration

On 28 November 2020, France's Interior Minister, Gérald Darmanin, and the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, discussed the UK and France's collaboration against illegal immigration. The UK and France have agreed a new [joint operational plan](#) to optimise the use of human resources and equipment with the aim of completely stopping the crossings, including:

- a significant increase in law enforcement deployments to investigate, deter and prevent crossings
- rolling out a new wave of cutting-edge surveillance and detection technology to detect and disrupt crossing attempts before they happen
- steps to support migrants into appropriate accommodation to take them out of the hands of criminal gangs
- measures to increase border security to reduce opportunities for smuggling and to also ensure the avoidance of illegal migration through freight traffic

Over the next 6 months, the results will be reviewed to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of these additional measures.

## Landmark ruling on non-binary identity

In a landmark [ruling](#), refugee status has been granted relating to a person's non-binary identity for the first time in a UK Court. The Upper Tribunal concluded that Mx M from El Salvador, who identifies as non-binary and uses the pronouns: they, them, their, would face persecution if returned to their home country. Mx M's first claim for asylum was dismissed by the first-tier tribunal which found an attack by the Salvadorian police "amounted to no more than discrimination." Judge Bruce criticised the decision and further noted that previous hearings had used the wrong pronouns without good reason, using "he" instead of correctly using "they". Further comment on the ruling can be found [here](#).



## Translated guides to asylum applications on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity – UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group (UKGLIG)

These guides explain the process and possible types of evidence for asylum claims based on being LGBTQI+. Click [here](#) to access the guides and [here](#) to access videos in Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, English, Farsi, French, Mandarin, Urdu and Pashto.

## Migration

### Collection of the current Immigration Rules

Updated on 29 January 2021, this page brings together the current [Immigration Rules](#) and is regularly updated. To follow what has changed, the statement of changes to the Immigration Rules can be found [here](#). Free Movement has also produced a helpful, very short introduction to the new Points Based Immigration System which can be found [here](#).

### Summary of the entitlements of EU nationals following the UK's exit from the European Union

The Chartered Institute of Housing has produced a useful [webpage](#) summarising the entitlements EU nationals in the UK now that the UK has left the European Union.

### EU Settlement Scheme statistics

The latest [headline figures](#) up to 31 December 2020 show that:

- overall, the total number of applications received up to 31 December 2020 was 4,881,100
- overall, the total number of applications concluded up to 31 December 2020 was 4,488,700

Paper applications received and processed since the opening of the scheme are now included in the EU Settlement Scheme statistics, following the integration of data processed from two case working systems (for electronic and paper applications) in August 2020.

Further information on the production of these statistics can be found in the [Home Office EU Settlement Scheme statistics: user guide](#).

### EU Settlement Scheme: employer toolkit

Produced by the Home Office, this [toolkit](#) has been designed to make it easy for employers to provide clear and accurate information to the EU citizens and family members they employ. The content includes print and digital assets, covering the key areas of the EU Settlement Scheme: eligibility, the application process, the wide range of support available and the deadline. The toolkit also includes materials translated into 26 EU languages, including Welsh and Irish.

### When the Clapping Stops: EU Care Workers after Brexit – report by The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)

This new [report](#) warns that some people, including vulnerable or marginalised groups such as looked-after children, adults with limited mental capacity and Roma communities, are particularly in danger of being left behind with the EU Settlement Scheme. The research sought to identify whether these risks apply to other groups who may not initially be recognised as “at risk” under the scheme. The research found that:

- 1 in 7 care workers surveyed online did not know or were not sure what the EUSS was
- 1 in 3 care workers surveyed in person had not heard about the EUSS before we met them
- 1 in 3 care workers surveyed online did not know that there was a deadline for the EUSS or did not know when it was
- Over half the care workers surveyed in person didn't know when the EUSS deadline was



## Supporting EEA nationals who are destitute or at risk of homelessness – NRPF Network guidance for local authorities

The NRPF Network has provided updated information about the immigration requirements that now apply to European Economic Area (EEA) nationals and their family members, and how these affect entitlement to benefits, housing assistance, and social services' support. It also includes information about the EU Settlement Scheme to help local authorities to identify and assist residents who need to make an application before the deadline of 30 June 2021. The updated factsheet is available [here](#).

## Court of Appeal finds that EU nationals legally resident in UK were unlawfully excluded from claiming Universal Credit

The Court of Appeal ruled on December 18th that it is unlawful for the government to make regulations that exclude EU nationals with pre-settled status from qualifying for universal credit. The test case [Fratila & Tanase v Secretary of State for Work and Pensions](#) was brought by Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) on behalf of two Romanian nationals, Ms Fratila and Mr Tanase, who came to the UK in 2014 and 2019 respectively. In 2019, each was granted limited leave to remain in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme (also known as 'pre-settled status') but were subsequently refused universal credit on the grounds that their pre-settled status was not a sufficient right to reside to enable them to access means-tested benefits.

The Court of Appeal agreed with Child Poverty Action Group and ruled that excluding Ms Fratila and Mr Tanase from claiming universal credit (UC) on the basis of their pre-settled status unlawfully discriminated against them on the grounds of nationality, breaching EU law.

This decision could affect a number of people with pre-settled status who are currently supported by local authorities under the Care Act, section 17 of the Children Act 1989, or through "Everyone in". The order was stayed (put on pause) until 26 February 2021. The effect of the quashing of the legislation is that, once the stay is lifted, anyone with pre-settled status satisfies the 'right to reside' test for access to means-tested benefits.

A comprehensive summary of the case is also available [here](#).

## Falling through the gaps of the EU Settlement Scheme: the case of the Roma communities in the UK

Hosted by the Roma Support Group on 17 November 2020, this online meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Gypsies, Travellers and Roma and the Roma Support group discussed the impact of the EU Settlement Scheme on Roma communities in the UK. A recording of the event is available [here](#).

Speakers in attendance were:

- Chris Desira (Seraphus) (2:20–22:50) — Provided information about the legal and procedural aspects of the EUSS and its upcoming timeline until the deadline of 31 June 2021.
- Helen Stalford (University of Liverpool) (24:00–47:20) — Spoke about those who are yet to secure their EUSS status and why, focusing on Roma children and those with complex cases.
- Mihai Bica (Roma Support Group) (47:20–1:06:10) — Spoke about barriers to Roma in securing and using their EUSS status. Issues raised included the position of rough sleepers, problems with documentation, digital exclusion, access to welfare benefits, and a lack of engagement by local authorities, schools and the Home Office.
- Colin Havard (Sheffield City Council) (1:06:55–1:13:55) — Spoke on the gaps of local authority EUSS support and the impact of COVID-19.

A number of other speakers representing the Home Office and NGOs spoke in further detail on barriers and also looked to the future on difficulties surrounding the conversion from pre-settled status to settled status.

The Roma Support Group have additionally produced a toolkit [Engaging with the Roma community on the EU Settlement Scheme](#) for local authorities and community organisations.

## Changes to Voluntary Returns eligibility

From 1 January 2021, an EEA national who contacts the Voluntary Returns Service (VRS) for assistance in returning to their country of origin and who is without status or leave in the UK will be deemed eligible for the service.

Depending on their circumstances and immigration history, the VRS may be able to arrange and pay for their flight home and they may be eligible for financial support in their home country.

VRS can provide practical support – from providing access to a passport or emergency travel document, purchasing flight tickets or help arrange a complex return with financial support for those who are eligible.

Applicants can apply online or over the phone:

Online: [www.gov.uk/return-home-voluntarily](http://www.gov.uk/return-home-voluntarily)

Telephone: 0300 004 0202 (Monday – Friday 9am-5pm)

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens and their families can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme here to continue living in the UK. The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. Applicants must have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

If you require further information or training on the Voluntary Returns Service please contact: [VRSPartnershipsandCommunicationsTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:VRSPartnershipsandCommunicationsTeam@homeoffice.gov.uk)

## Locked in Abuse, Locked Out of Safety: The Pandemic Experiences of Migrant Women – report by Safety4Sisters North West

This [report](#), released by Safety 4 Sisters North West, documents the experiences of migrant women with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). The report finds that, at odds with the national “Everyone In” policy, women have faced significant challenges in accessing essential services and securing safe accommodation, with initial refusals for refuge spaces opening them up to new risks. Some women and children have been left in high-risk situations with violent perpetrators. The report makes a number of recommendations, including the removal of the NRPF condition and inclusion of migrant women in the Domestic Abuse Bill. It also recommends training for service providers on the intersection between the NRPF condition and domestic abuse.

## Police inspectorate backs call for law change to protect migrant victims and witnesses of crime

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the College of Policing (CoP) and the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) have published a [report](#) in response to a super-complaint submitted by Liberty and Southall Black Sisters about the practice of the police sharing of victims’ information with the Home Office.

A joint investigation by HMICFRS, the CoP and the IOPC found that the current system was causing significant harm to the public interest. As a result, these bodies have made recommendations for the police, the Home Office, the National Police Chiefs’ Council, and the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners to ensure victims of crime are always treated as victims first and foremost, regardless of their immigration status. The report also includes actions for HMICFRS and the College of Policing regarding their own work.

The report highlights concerns over:

- How data-sharing between the police and Home Office deters some migrant victims or witnesses of crime from going to the police, particularly victims of domestic abuse
- Inconsistencies and confusion across police forces about how to deal with victims and witnesses who have insecure immigration status
- Harm caused to the public interest by victims’ inability to seek justice and offenders not being identified or reprimanded

The report calls for:

- A review of law and policy in this area, and for consistent policy and protocols to be developed in consultation with specialist agencies who understand the barriers to reporting faced by migrant victims of crime
- A data firewall between police and immigration enforcement to safeguard victims of domestic abuse – with an investigation into a data firewall for all migrant victims



## **Web tool to help work out if families can get help with housing and financial support when they have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)**

Created in partnership with NRPF Network and COMPAS, this [web tool](#) can be used to help work out if families can get help with housing and financial support when they have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and what the local authority will need to consider when a family requests help from social services.

You can use this tool if you are a person needing help, adviser, or local authority practitioner considering an application for social services support. You will need information about the person's immigration status. Use this tool to find out if a person:

- May be able to claim benefits and social housing
- May be able to get help from social services
- Might need to seek immigration advice

## **Training Framework: Identification, Care and Support of Victims and Survivors of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking**

Led by Lara Bundock (Snowdrop Project) and Dr Kathryn Hodges (Centre for the Study of Modern Slavery, St. Mary's University), and developed in partnership and consultation with organisations from social and health care, legal advocacy, law enforcement and criminal justice, human rights, business and education, this [framework](#) aims to establish clear training standards for those involved in identifying, supporting, and caring for victims/survivors of slavery and human trafficking. These training standards set out the knowledge and skills required by those who may meet victims and survivors of slavery and human trafficking. The priority of this framework is to improve the experience of care and support for those who have been exploited through slavery and human trafficking.

This framework has been developed to align with the [Modern Slavery Act](#), [The Slavery and Trafficking Survivor Care Standards 2018](#), [The Trauma-Informed Code of Conduct For all Professionals working with Survivors of Human Trafficking and Slavery](#), and [The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime](#).

## **Letter calls for revocation of new Home Office policy on rough sleeping and highlights the increased risks of modern slavery**

Together with Focus on Labour Exploitation (FLEX), Doughty Street Chambers and Hope for Justice, Anti-Slavery International and The Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group compiled a letter to ministers urging them to revoke a [new policy](#) (page 42) that will make rough sleeping grounds for removal from the UK. The letter was signed by a coalition of 150 charities, trade unions, lawyers and local authorities, to warn that these new rules will have severe consequences for victims of modern slavery – and will put the wider homeless population at significant risk of exploitation.

See letter [here](#), Independent article [here](#), and expert opinion piece [here](#).

## **Hong Kong British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) visa applications open on 31 January 2021**

The UK will open a British National Overseas (BNO) visa for British nationals (overseas) and their close family members from 31 January 2021.

Visa applicants be able to apply to enter or stay in the UK for a period of 30 months (which can be extended by a further 30 months) or a period of 5 years, and applications will be accepted from outside or inside the UK.

If the requirements are met, applicants will be able to apply for settlement after 5 years, and British citizenship 12 months after settlement. Applicants for the visa with certain biometric passports will also be able to apply from home using a smartphone app to scan their passport rather than having to visit a visa application centre.

This [page](#) will be updated with the latest information about this new visa.

Information for employers on employing British nationals (overseas) and their family members in the UK is also available [here](#).



## **Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy announced**

[Announced](#) on 29 December 2020, this new scheme will offer relocation or other assistance to current and former Locally Employed Staff in Afghanistan. Under the new scheme, anyone facing a serious risk such as intimidation or threat to life will be offered priority relocation regardless of their employment status, rank or role, or length of time served. Local staff who work or worked in the public eye and who could be at risk as the security situation evolves will be relocated to the UK on a routine basis, and those not eligible to move will be offered other support such as security advice and relocation within Afghanistan.

This is a new scheme, separate of existing ones. The [Ex Gratia Scheme](#) (EGS) will remain open until it closes in November 2022.

The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy is expected to be launched following changes to the immigration legislation in April 2021. Criteria for eligibility, information about the scheme as well as guidance on how to apply will be widely published when the scheme is launched.

## **Windrush Compensation Scheme overhauled**

Following a consultation with the Windrush Working Group, the Windrush Compensation Scheme has been [reformed](#). Individuals affected by Windrush will now receive a minimum of £10,000 compensation through the Impact on Life category once their claim has been approved. This is 40 times the minimum award previously available. This will be paid as a new early preliminary payment as soon as someone applying on their own behalf or on behalf of a deceased relative can show any impact on their life under the terms of the scheme. They won't have to wait for their whole application to be assessed.

The Home Office began making payments under the new rules from 1 January 2021.

The latest data on claims and payments made under the Windrush Compensation Scheme is available [here](#).

Further information about the Windrush Scheme and Windrush Compensation Scheme can be found [here](#).

## **COVID-19 vaccinations – translated materials**

Produced by Public Health England, a number of leaflets have been made available in a range of different languages, with more translations being added as they are produced. The leaflets available are:

- [COVID-19 vaccination: women of childbearing age, currently pregnant or breastfeeding](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: guide for older adults](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: guide for healthcare workers](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: a guide for social care staff](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: what to expect after vaccination](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination: why you are being asked to wait](#)

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## **Events and Training**

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### **Community Sponsorship Information Session – RESET Communities and Refugees**

Community Sponsorship is a refugee resettlement programme enabling you to welcome a refugee family to your neighbourhood and support them as they settle into their new life in the UK. Rossella Pagliuchi-Lor, the UK's UNHCR representative, described the programme in The Independent as "transformative" for refugee families and as a way for local volunteers to play a part in "the global solution to forced displacement."

Join this Zoom session on **Monday 15 February 2021 at 6pm** to find out more about Community Sponsorship in the East of England and how you can get involved. The session will be led by RESET, the charity that trains and supports Community Sponsors across the UK and will last for 45 minutes.

Please [register](#) in advance to attend



## Workshop to develop a public health approach to modern slavery

The University of Sheffield, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner's Office and Public Health England invite you to participate in an online workshop on one of the following dates:

- Friday 12 February 2021 10am-12 noon
- Wednesday 17 February 2021 2pm-4pm
- Friday 19 February 2021 10am-12 noon
- Wednesday 24 February 2021 10am-12 noon
- Wednesday 24 February 2021 1:30pm-3:30pm
- Wednesday 3 March 2021 1:30pm-3:30pm

The workshops will last around 2 hours with a 10 minute break in the middle. Each group will include up to 10 people who work in the counter-trafficking sector. The discussion will centre on preventing modern slavery and the different aspects of a public health approach. The focus will be creating practical examples and support for anti-slavery action in the UK.

To express an interest in one of these workshops please complete this [form](#). For any queries contact Liz Such [e.such@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:e.such@sheffield.ac.uk).

## Webinar – Family reunification in Europe: from practice to policy – Red Cross EU

Across Europe, National Red Cross Societies witness the consequences of complex and ineffective family reunification procedures. As part of the global network that consists of National Red Cross Societies in the countries of origin or transit and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), they have developed programmes to address the policy, legal and practical challenges encountered by migrants. Taking stock of this expertise, this webinar will provide a platform for experts to discuss common difficulties and to assess what next steps the European Union and national authorities should take to ensure that any administrative and practical obstacles in the family reunification process are adequately tackled. The webinar will include a round table discussion followed by a Q&A session on **Friday 5 February 2021 10am-11:30am**

Click [here](#) for more details and to register.

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## Funding

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### COVID-19 funding for voluntary and community sector in Suffolk

The spread of COVID-19 continues to accelerate across Suffolk, and it is felt there is potential to harness the collective power of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to help stop the spread.

The Engaged Communities task and finish group are a team of professionals from the voluntary and community sector in Suffolk who are committed to leveraging the knowledge and assets of the sector to help stop the spread. This task and finish group are seeking local organisations to step forward and bid for 'parcels' of work which will be key to stopping the spread of the virus. This work is funded by 'Towards a fairer society fund'.

For more information and to submit an expression of interest, click [here](#).

The group will respond to all bids within 3 working days, with an expectation that work will start immediately.

### The National Lottery Funding Programmes

With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, The National Lottery community fund continues to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. Applications are open for a wide range of grants, with further details available [here](#).

### British Red Cross COVID-19 hardship fund

This fund was created by the British Red Cross with their partner Aviva to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. Voluntary and statutory organisations can register to refer destitute people and/or people facing economic hardship. For more information on the fund and how it operates please click [here](#).

## Jobs

### Families Together Co-ordinator – Refugee Council

A coalition of over 50 organisations have been campaigning together under the Families Together name to achieve changes to Government rules around refugee family reunion. The core organisations in the coalition are the Refugee Council, UNHCR UK, the British Red Cross, Oxfam GB, and Amnesty International UK.

The Families Together Co-ordinator will lead the campaigning and co-ordination functions of the Families Together Coalition. Working closely with the steering group, as well as the leads of the media, campaigning, government relations and activism sub groups, the Co-ordinator will help develop activities and actions, ensuring buy in and support from all partners, while providing a critical support function to the coalition, ensuring they are coordinated, organised, briefed and working together to achieve shared aims and objectives. The Co-ordinator will be the central point of contact for all coalition partners and for other organisations and individuals who want to find out more about the campaign and how they can become involved.

Closing date **11:59pm on Monday 1 February**

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

### Race Equality Officer – Suffolk County Council

This is a new role, created to drive forward the ambitions of Suffolk County Council to achieve race equality. The post holder will be pivotal in ensuring that the Race Equality Plan is fit for purpose and implemented to support sustainable and continuous improvement. This new role will sit within the Equalities & Inclusion part of the team (Safe) which currently includes:

- Supporting SCC to meet its Public Sector Equality Duty, including supporting the work of the Strategic Equalities and Inclusion Board, liaison with staff networks, Equality Impact Assessments, and corporate advice/co-ordination.
- Co-ordination of the refugee resettlement programme as part of the national response, interpretation and translation provision and liaison with minority community groups.

For further details and to apply, please click [here](#).

Closing date: **1pm on Friday 5 February 2021**. Interviews will take place week commencing **15 February 2021**

### Various roles in the migration sector – Migration Yorkshire

Migration Yorkshire currently have a number of job vacancies in the migration sector in Yorkshire and Humber:

[Assistant finance support officer](#) – closing date **11:30pm on Tuesday 2 February 2021**

[Data and statistics manager](#) – closing date **11:30pm on Friday 15 February 2021**

[Finance support officer](#) – closing date **11:30pm on Friday 15 February 2021**

[Refugee and migrant participation officer](#) – closing date **11:30pm on Friday 15 February 2021**

[Information support officer](#) – closing date **11:30pm on Friday 15 February 2021**

For more information and to apply, please click on the links above

### Romanian Speaking Community Connector – GYROS – Community Pathways Partnership

In response to emerging trends in Breckland's migrant communities GYROS are now looking for a Romanian-speaking Community Connector, who will be responsible for liaising with and supporting local Roma and Romanian community members, families and young people so they are better connected within their local communities. This includes liaising with local support services. The Community Connector will contribute to a wider early intervention approach by supporting the development of strong, resilient and sustainable communities. This role is part of the Community Pathways Partnership (CPP) supporting migrant communities in the region. The contract of employment is with GYROS, one of the three CPP partners.

Further details and an application pack are available [here](#).

The closing date for applications is **9am Monday 8 February 2021** and interview will be held on **Wednesday 10 February** via Zoom



## **Executive Director - ACCESS**

ACCESS is an innovative and dynamic charity based in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, helping migrants settle into East Anglia. Their work recognises the importance of migrants within local communities and aims to help others acknowledge and value the contribution they make. Supporting approximately 1,400 individuals annually, offering multi-lingual advice, information, signposting services and practical support, ACCESS also work closely in partnership with other organisations to further community cohesion.

The new Executive Director will lead a small team of dedicated and knowledgeable staff. The successful applicant will form excellent relationships with partner organisations and report to a Board of Trustees who are committed to improving the quality of life for local people, responding to their needs and enhancing social wellbeing.

For further details and an application pack, please click [here](#).

The deadline for applications is **midday on Monday 22 February 2021**.

Interviews will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 3 March 2021**.

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