



## \*\*\*Welsh Refugee Council Information E-bulletin\*\*\* 23/01/08

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### \*\*News\*\*

#### Condemning the Unborn

British asylum policies are condemning increasing numbers of children to illness, poverty and deprivation before they are even born. <http://www.irr.org.uk/2007/december/ha000009.html>

#### Evidence on Assaults and Abuse during Deportation Collected

A coalition of groups assisting asylum seekers, including Medical Justice and the National Coalition of Anti Deportation Campaigns, is collecting information on alleged cases of assault during removal. For more information: <http://www.irr.org.uk/2007/december/ha000012.html>

#### Zimbabwean Asylum Cases

The Refugee Council website now includes an updated briefing on Zimbabwean asylum seekers who may be affected by the recent Asylum and Immigration Tribunal decision. The report can be downloaded from: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/policy/briefings/2007/zimbabwe.htm>

### \*\*Documents\*\*

#### Section 4 Support Leaflet

Refugee Council leaflet entitled '*Are you destitute at the end of the asylum process?*' is now available in the following additional languages: Amharic, Dari, Portuguese, Punjabi, Tamil, Tigrigna, Vietnamese. A full list can be found here:

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/practice/multilingual/advisers/support/section4.htm> or refer to the individual language sections on multilingual website: <http://languages.refugeecouncil.org.uk>

#### Like Any Other Child? - Asylum Seeker Children Entrapped In Poverty

A report on children and families in the asylum process has been published by Barnados, as part of its campaign to end child poverty in the UK. The major children's charity is calling for asylum seekers to be given the right to work, so they can lift their children out of poverty. To view a summary of the report in full please contact the Barnardo's press office: 020 8498 7555 or visit [www.barnardo.org.uk](http://www.barnardo.org.uk)

### **A Working Paper for the Older Refugees Programme – a Literature Review and Interviews with Refugees**

The Older Refugees Programme has been a two year joint programme to highlight the issues and concerns that older refugees have about their circumstances and daily lives in the UK.. The document can be downloaded from; [http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/D197F4CA-646C-43E4-8269-0B74328D8CFC/0/older\\_refugees\\_in\\_the\\_uk\\_jan\\_2008.pdf](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/D197F4CA-646C-43E4-8269-0B74328D8CFC/0/older_refugees_in_the_uk_jan_2008.pdf)

### **Case Resolution and Unaccompanied Children**

Refugee Children's Consortium's briefing on case resolution on asylum applications made by unaccompanied children and young people seeking asylum Its purpose is to explain how the Case Resolution Directorate's work on clearing the backlog of asylum claims by July 2011 (an exercise previously known as legacy) applies to these children and young people. The document can be downloaded from; [http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/39EE52E1-2EA4-4835-A56A-4567A0555495/0/case\\_resolution\\_children.pdf](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/39EE52E1-2EA4-4835-A56A-4567A0555495/0/case_resolution_children.pdf)

### **Publication of Audit of Race Relations Across the Immigration Detention Estate**

An audit report of race relations across the immigration detention estate conducted by Focus Consultancy Ltd following an inquiry by Stephen Shaw, the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman, into the 2005 BBC programme '*Detention Undercover*' that made allegations of racism by staff towards detainees at Oakington immigration reception centre and on escort has been published, & can be downloaded from:

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/Reports/racerelationsaudit/>

### **Safe to Return? Pakistani Women, Domestic Violence and Access To Refugee Protection – A Report Of a Trans-National Research Project Conducted in the UK and Pakistan.**

South Manchester Law Centre's WASP project (Women Asylum Seekers from Pakistan) has published a ground-breaking report discusses a wide range of complex issues regarding Pakistani women's experience of domestic violence and the asylum process. The report is priced at £17.30 (inc. pp) Please contact Nadia Siddiqui on 0161 248 1879 or email: [nadia@smc.org.uk](mailto:nadia@smc.org.uk) for more details.

### **Asylum is not Gender Neutral: a Practical Advocacy Guide for Protecting Women Seeking Asylum**

RWRP and the European Women's Lobby have jointly published a practical advocacy guide that suggests ways in which women's, asylum/refugee, human rights, lesbian and gay organisations can take steps to monitor implementation at a national level. Details can be found at: <http://www.asylumaid.org.uk/publications.php?id=70>

### **ILPA's Latest Information Sheets and Update**

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (ILPA) has published its Immigration update along with information sheets on: two recent consultations concerning immigration on the grounds of marriage; the recent statement concerns sponsorship (by employers/educational establishments) under the in-coming points based system & changes in illegal working regulation. <http://www.ilpa.org.uk/infoservice.html>

### **\*\*Consultations\*\***

#### **Social Justice's Asylum Enquiry**

The Centre for Social Justice, chaired by Iain Duncan Smith MP, has recently launched a Policy Group on Asylum. The Asylum Policy Group will be looking at the issue of Destitution and highlighting some of the problems within the system. They are keen to hear your experiences, comments or concerns which can be emailed to: [Katie.garner@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk](mailto:Katie.garner@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk). The document can be downloaded from (page 9):

<http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/client/downloads/policyLaunchBrochure.pdf>

### **Home Affairs Committee e-Consultation into Domestic Violence and Forced Marriage**

The e-Consultation is particularly targeted to hear the experiences of survivors of domestic violence, including forced marriage and honour-based violence. The e-Consultation will open on 21 January 2008 and run until 29 February 2008 at <http://forums.parliament.uk/dvec>

### **\*\*Events\*\***

#### **ESOL in Wales Conference, Cardiff - 07/02/08**

For ESOL practitioners, supporters, coordinators, managers and those interested in ESOL teaching and learning. For more information email: [esolnsp@menai.ac.uk](mailto:esolnsp@menai.ac.uk)

#### **Hidden children, blatant crime: Identifying trafficked children, London - 20/02/08**

This conference is aimed at children's services professionals, law enforcement agencies and policymakers to help provide essential strategies for identifying trafficked children. For further information telephone: 020 7839 1233, or see:

[http://www.barnardos.org.uk/conferences?utm\\_source=society&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=childtrafficking](http://www.barnardos.org.uk/conferences?utm_source=society&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=childtrafficking)

### **\*\*Vacancies\*\***

For WRC Vacancies Visit <http://www.welshrefugeecouncil.org/jobs.php>

For Career Wales Vacancies Visit <http://www.careerswales.com/>

For Welsh Assembly Government Vacancies Visit [www.assemblywales.org/recruitment](http://www.assemblywales.org/recruitment)

### **Regards**

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### **Empowering refugees and asylum seekers to rebuild their lives in Wales**

Ymbweru ffoaduriaid i ailadeiladu eu bywydau yng Nghymru

### **Refugee Week 16 - 22 June 2008**

Wythnos Ffoaduriaid 16-22 Mehefin 2008

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