

# RAM BULLETIN

Refugees, Asylum-seekers and the Mass media Project

Promoting best practice in media representation of refugee and asylum issues

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## Fascists gain seats and thank tabloids for giving them legitimacy

Having made antipathy to asylum-seekers their issue, the British National Party took 16 seats in 1 May local elections.

Simon Darby, who won the BNP's only seat in Dudley with just over a thousand votes, told the *Guardian* (30 April) 'There's an old saying that you need quite a bit of luck in politics. Well, we've had quite a bit of luck in that newspapers have become obsessed with the asylum issue.'

'I have not been able to believe the *Daily Express*. Issue after issue, day after day, asylum this, asylum that. So now we have the luxury of banging on people's doors with the mainstream issue of the day.'

Asked by Gavin Fuller if he attributed BNP success to the *Sun*, *Mail* and *Express* he replied: 'Oh yeah, totally. It has legitimised us. We are mainstream now.'

What will the PCC say about it?

## Exiles speak out in new RAM film

The final touches are being put to 'On the receiving end' a short film about the experiences of exile featuring participants at the recent RAM seminar in Bristol.

The film, made jointly by Omni Productions and PressWise, will be previewed at a Swedish Red Cross conference in Stockholm on 8 May.

It will get its UK premiere at the Article 19 conference on media coverage in London on 15 May.

The film contains comments on media coverage of asylum issues, and was directed by Kosovan refugee Ekrem Rrahmani. Cameroonian TV presenter Gordon Doh Fondo, one of nine exiled journalists who appear in the film, assisted with production.

The film is being sent to commissioning editors in the UK in the hope that a more extended version can be made. Those who took part in the film will receive a

copy, but others must pay a charge to help recoup the £5,000 production cost.

For more information contact [ram@presswise.org.uk](mailto:ram@presswise.org.uk)

## RAM under scrutiny

An independent report about the RAM Project's regional media events for media executives and refugees will be released this month.

Written by Nissa Feeney of the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees in the UK (ICAR), the report includes recommendations for the PCC, the media, refugee and asylum groups and the Ram Project itself.

Details are outlined in this month's COMMUNICATOR column and the full report will be launched at the Article 19 conference in London on 15 May.

For copies of the report contact ICAR, Tel 0207 848 2103  
Email: [icar@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:icar@kcl.ac.uk)

## THE STORY THEY WOULDN'T PRINT

Former Bulletin editor Nazand Begikhani has written a moving personal response to the fall of Saddam. The national media were not interested.

Read it in full on page 4.

## Freedom of expression for refugees

The freedom of expression group Article 19 will unveil the results of its study of media coverage of refugees and asylum-seekers at a conference in London on Thursday 15 May.

Speakers include columnist David Aaronovitch, PCC Director Guy Black, *The Guardian's* Alan Travis, Fazil Kawani of the Refugee Council, RAM team members Terry Williams, Nick Medic and PressWise Director Mike Jempson.

The event takes place from 10am-4.30pm in the Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Westminster.

To register email [Pauline@article19.org](mailto:Pauline@article19.org) or call Pauline, Bethan or Sara on 020 72789292.

## EDITORIAL

### FRIENDS IN NEED

Journalism is an exciting profession, but it can be risky and sometimes fatal especially when it involves war reporting.

Anyone in the profession however, understands and accepts the risk involved.

What I find increasingly disturbing is journalists being incriminated for simply doing their job.

A report by the Committee to Protect Journalists **Attacks on the Press in 2002** makes shocking reading about the plight of imprisoned journalists. The number jailed for doing their job has gone up dramatically.

This is a major human rights violation, but so far no concerted steps have been taken to combat it, and the silence of the international community is aggravating the situation.

The trend is alarming. If it continues at this rate it won't be long before the concept of true press freedom fades away.

Dear colleagues although we have been lucky to escape the death trap of despotic regimes, we need to remember our friends who couldn't make it.

Let us raise our voice and tell their suffering to the world, to create awareness among the international community.

It is simultaneously an honour, a privilege and a responsibility to help those who are victims of crime against humanity. We need to go an extra mile to bring them justice. After all, the only way to deter injustice is to defend justice.

**Meconen Mulgeta**  
Guest Editor

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## Exiled Journalists' Directory goes to press this month

Exiled journalists who would like to be featured in a printed directory that will go to editors and media organisations must send in their entries to Nick Medic at the RAM Project by 18 May.

Entries should include details of media employment, training, languages spoken and topic specialisms, a 500-750 word feature about your experience of exile and a photograph.

The objective is to bridge the gap between exiled journalists and potential employers, and get them get back into the news-rooms where they belong.

Tony Gosling, Secretary of Bristol NUJ and a national executive member of the NUJ, told the seminar that he thought the Directory would be welcomed by many editors.

Motivation among exiled journalists has grown following the RAM seminar in Bristol. The volume of information changing hands through the electronic network set up afterwards is increasing. The network enables exiled journalists to exchange views, ideas and relevant information, but the key to progress is to get them back into the trade. For more details contact Nick on 0117 941 5889,

[ram@preswise.org.uk](mailto:ram@preswise.org.uk)

To get some idea of how the Directory scheme works, check the website of *Journalists in Exile in Canada* at [www.cjf.org](http://www.cjf.org)

## Sharing ideas from community projects

Exiled journalists are invited to contribute to the next issue of 'Ideas Annual', published by Community Links, in East London.

It will focus on working with refugee and asylum-seeking communities.

Researcher Richard McKeever explains that Annual features project ideas that help to make a positive difference in the local community.

Says Richard 'We would be keen to hear about any innovative

projects from refugee and asylum communities who would be willing to share their learning'.

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## Does xenophobia boost circulation?

The Audit Bureau of Circulation (ABC) figures published in March make interesting reading.

They show that one of the tabloids most hostile to asylum seekers, the *Daily Star* notched up a 30 percent increase in circulation. The anti-asylum-seekers *Daily Express* achieved best growth in the middle market segment.

Statistics released by ABC, an independent watchdog that monitors newspaper sales, reveals that the *Daily Mirror* which took an anti-war stance over Iraq and recently published a well-researched and balanced article on asylum, dipped below two million for the first time since World War II.

Debate about the motivation behind the tabloids' campaign against refugees and asylum seekers, featured high on the agenda at many of the Media Fora organised by the RAM Project, particularly in Liverpool and Dover.

In Liverpool Kwaku Ampomah of Voluntary Action, Leicester, noted that previous generations of immigrants were greeted with similar hostility from sections of the press. At other times, it was single mothers or other disadvantaged groups – chiefly because, in his opinion, this sort of writing helps sell papers.

For more information see Audit Bureau of Circulation

[www.abc.org.uk](http://www.abc.org.uk)

Press Gazette,

[www.pressgazette.co.uk](http://www.pressgazette.co.uk)

## Guardian tries to halt the tide of lies

In a Mayday supplement, with a cover publicising common myths about asylum-seekers, the *Guardian* asked 'Does the case against asylum-seekers stand up?'

In an eight-page feature peppered with outrageous headlines from the tabloids, Libby Brooks sought to sieve the facts from the fictions.

This welcome antidote, similar to the *Mirror's* recent feature, provides invaluable information which can be used by everyone wanting to bring some sanity back into public debate on the issue.

To read the supplement go to

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/g2/story/0,3604,946914,00.html>

## A shocking rise in journalist prisoners

The number of journalists in prison has risen sharply for the second year in a row, according to the 2002 edition of *Attacks on the Press*.

The report from the Committee to Protect Journalists shows that there were 136 journalists in jail at the end of 2002, a 15 percent increase from 2001 and a shocking 68 percent increase since the end of 2000.

For the fourth year in a row the world's leading jailer of journalists was China (39), followed by the youngest African nation, Eritrea (18) and Nepal (16).

For more details see

<http://www.cpj.org/attacks02/attacks02index.html>

## War on Iraq may be over but not the war on asylum-seekers

As the war on Iraq comes to an end the papers are running out of stories, and as usual they are turning back to the asylum issue.

The *Daily Express* published a front page on 19 April stating that asylum seekers get free holidays costing the taxpayer up to three million pound. The *Express* also suggested this special treatment could damage race relations because asylum seekers and refugees get treats which some Britons cannot afford.

## Dispersal or disposal?

If the dispersal programme is to work, the experience of the Gezer family is yet more evidence that anti-racism campaigns should be conducted before placing people in new, potentially hostile environments.

Like many asylum-seekers who fled persecution, the Gezer family came to the UK in search of sanctuary. They settled in London until they were subjected to the dispersal programme.

Mr Gezer, his wife and four children, were sent to Scotland in September 2001, where they were greeted with hostility.

They were often too frightened to leave their flat because a group of local people threatened them with dogs, spat and swore at them.

Mr Gezer 51, who was deeply distressed, tried to throw himself out of the window several times.

After their house was attacked the family was given emergency accommodation in Glasgow, but decided to return to London and live with relatives.

Their story was told in the High Court on 16 April, where Mr Justice Moses ruled that the family could not receive compensation for their intimidation as a result of the dispersal. The judge ruled that the family had failed to establish that a breach of the Human Rights Act had occurred.

Yet, he said that 'no one could fail to feel sympathy for the family... The undisputed social intimidation they had faced brought shame upon the country which holds itself against persecution'.

The hate campaign of the media and competition for overstretched resources amongst residents of impoverished communities are among the factors that contributed to the violence experienced by the family.

### **Sun panic attack on immigration**

For the first time in its history Britain faces mass immigration with little check on the numbers arriving, said the *Sun* (22 April).

Anxious to avoid charges of racism, the paper added 'It is not about race, religion or colour but it is about the ability to cope with an extra two hundred thousand a year. This is an extra city the size of Manchester every six years'.

The paper, known for its anti immigration stance, reminded readers 'one Londoner in four is a

immigrant and heaven knows we need their labour'.

It is interesting to compare other industrial countries with Britain in this respect. Japan for instance has a population density of 334 people per square km compared to Britain's 240. And according to Home Office statistics 8% of the UK population was born outside the UK (largest group being migrants from within the EU). This is compared to 22% for Australia, 18.4% for Canada and 11% for the US.

<http://migration.ucdavis.edu/mn/apr/2003-07.html>

### **Boost immigration for a better Scotland, says Minister.**

Scotland's first minister Jack McConnell told a conference on 25 February that Scotland should boost immigration to spur economic growth. 'Scotland's population has been in decline since 1974 and could soon slip below five million', said the minister.

He added 'Scotland has little immigration, and has begun anti-racism campaign to welcome immigrants and deter hostility on asylum seekers as occurred in Glasgow.'

His refreshing approach is an antidote to the messages of papers like *The Sun*, which seem to think everyone is scared to death by the number of asylum seekers in UK.

### **'Venue' puts asylum seekers in the spotlight**

Bristol and Bath's listings magazine *The Venue* published a well-researched 3-page article on asylum seekers and refugees in Bristol in its 2-8 May issue.

Written by freelancer Abi Foss, the article followed the experiences of asylum seekers and refugees in the area, with emphasis on the work done by Bristol Defend the Asylum Seekers Campaign, RAM Project and Refugee Action. It also gives space to the exhibition 'Fifty Films for Fifty Females' currently showing in St. George's Community College which documents everyday lives of young asylum seekers in Bristol.

[www.venue.co.uk](http://www.venue.co.uk)

For information on *Fifty Films for Fifty Females*, contact Paulette North on 0117 955 3141

### **Liverpool Media Forum: RAM gets result**

Two articles have appeared in the *Liverpool Echo* (2002 average daily circulation 147,079 copies) as a direct result of the Liverpool Media Forum.

Catherine Jones, the Liverpool Echo journalist present, wrote a feature on the experiences of the Merseyside Volunteer Bureau in utilising the skills and talents of asylum seekers in Liverpool through voluntary work in the community.

The second article wrote up the voluntary work done by Sri Lankan refugee Chino Da Silva in organising a playgroup for Tamil speaking children. Chino was also present at the Liverpool Media Forum, as was Lynn Wallace, who as chair of Merseyside Refugee and Asylum Seeker Media Group arranges contacts between refugees and journalists.

### **RAM seminar attracts media attention**

Several publications have so far run or commissioned features on the RAM Project's Burwalls seminar for exiled journalists in March. The seminar will feature in the next issue of the NUJ's magazine *Journalist*, Race Equality Officer Judiline Ross is writing it up for the Bristol Racial Equality Council Newsletter. Another participant, Jemima Kiss has produced an on-line account for other journalists.

The Refugee Integration Unit of the Home office is also expected to run a report in its July Newsletter. Finally, check this weeks 'Venue' for a story on refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol, written by Abi Foss a journalist present at the opening evening of the seminar. *The Journalist* [www.nuj.org.uk](http://www.nuj.org.uk)  
BREC Tel: 0117 929 7899  
Email: [bristolrec@aol.com](mailto:bristolrec@aol.com)  
Jemima Kiss' article is at <http://www.journalism.co.uk/news/story620.html>

## **THE STORY THEY WOULDN'T PRINT**

**PressWise has offered this moving personal account to several national newspapers – none was interested in running it**

### **Is the suffering really over?**

*Former RAM Bulletin Editor, Dr Nazand Begikhani from Iraqi Kurdistan, explains what the 'fall of Saddam' meant to her family*

It was 04.45 on Wednesday 9 April 2003, when I received an email message from an exiled friend in Sweden saying "Congratulations. The nightmare of Iraq is over".

I hurried to catch the covering of the story of a crowd in Baghdad pulling down a statue of Saddam Hussein and expressing their ecstasy. I felt overwhelmed and started crying.

Crying for joy? For the end of the hate gathered in me towards Saddam's regime?

Or, crying over the loss of most of my family members and the fate of my mother whose life has been ruined by the cruelty the Baathist regime?

My whole life has been marked by the brutality of the Baathist regime.

My father was one of the first victims of the regime. He was

arrested soon after the party took power in Iraq. He died within days of his release, because of the torture he had undergone.

My mother was thirty eight years old and pregnant with her fifth child. She took responsibility for looking after her family in a society where the main figure of the family has to be a man.

She did everything to look after us: her three sons and two daughters.

She left us in no doubt that we were her source of joy. But the Baghdad regime pulled out the seed of her happiness.

My three brothers were killed one by one: Nihad was executed in 1975, as was Nawzad in 1989.

My eldest brother Qubad was tortured and then fled to Germany, only to be murdered by fascists in 1999.

I too was arrested and tortured by the regime. In the end, my sister and I were forced into exile in order to avoid being killed.

On Wednesday, April 9, after hearing the news of the fall of the regime in Baghdad, I called my mother who is still living in the town of Koysinjak.

She told me that people are very happy in Kurdistan and they have been cheering and dancing in the street.

And what did she do? She said she went to the cemetery where my father and three brothers are buried.

"I went there not to mourn their death" she said while crying.

She went there to let her beloved ones know that the regime is receiving the fate it deserves.

For my mother has a strong faith, a faith that helps her to keep going after all the suffering she has gone through. She believes she can talk to her beloved dead ones and they can hear her.

We both cried on the phone from cheer but also for the eternal feeling of loss of my father, my three brothers, and 19 other relatives, mostly children, who disappeared during the Anfal campaign.

All these killings took place while Saddam was the dear ally of the Western countries that kept silent about his crimes.

Was it necessary to wait all these years to liberate the people held hostage, from the tyranny and brutality of the regime?

Is the suffering really over?

**Nazand Begikhani**

# Cut-out-and-keep COMMUNICATOR

## Keeping up the pressure

Researcher **Nissa Feeney** has been monitoring the RAM regional media fora for the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees in the UK (ICAR). Her report **The challenge of reporting refugees and asylum seekers** contains conclusions and recommendations which are summarised here.

### KEY POINTS FROM THE MEDIA FORA

- **Concern about media coverage of refugee and asylum issues** There is widespread concern about the predominately unbalanced, poorly researched and hostile coverage of refugee and asylum issues and its effect the lives of refugees and asylum seekers and on community relations in the areas where they live.
- **Ineffective working relations between the media and refugee and asylum seeker support sectors** The refugee and asylum seeker support sector tends to be suspicious of the media and fails to differentiate between the well-intentioned and the hostile. Most journalists have little understanding of the pressures under which refugee agencies operate and the difficulty in producing material to tight deadlines.
- **Conflicting roles and responsibilities of local media** Local media are closely linked with the communities they serve and are in a strong position to influence public opinion as well as reflecting and representing it. Their coverage of refugee and asylum issues depends on how they interpret their role and responsibilities and to balance commercial and other interests.
- **Weaknesses of media regulatory mechanisms** – Codes of Practice, for example of the Press Complaints Commission (PCC), the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) and other journalist associations, do not deal specifically with refugee and asylum issues and this reduces their ability to contest unprofessional coverage.
- **Inadequate information on refugee and asylum issues** The media find it difficult to get rapid access to official information from national and local government, as well as human-interest stories from refugees and asylum seekers themselves or organisations working with them.
- **Raising the profile of refugee and asylum seeker voices in media coverage** Some refugees and asylum-seekers are happy to talk to the media but need support from people who understood their situation and know how the media works. More refugee and asylum seekers

would talk to journalists if they showed greater understanding of the issues.

- **Examples of good communication do exist** Dedicated immigration/asylum correspondents help, as would the use of communications strategies and appointment of media officers by dispersal consortia and refugee and asylum seeker support organisations; and closer links between local media and local refugee and asylum seeker support agencies.

### ICAR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- **The Press Complaints Commission** should publish guidelines on terminology and use of language in reporting refugee and asylum issues, along the lines of their guidelines on mental health issues, and collate existing applicable sections of their Code of Practice, including the provisions for complaints about inaccurate coverage and recent adjudications made on reporting of refugee and asylum matters.
- **The media** need to be more informed and aware of refugee and asylum issues and the potentially dangerous effects of negative coverage; be more proactive in investigating and sourcing stories; develop more specialist refugee and asylum reporting; and employ more refugee journalists.
- **The refugee and asylum seeker support sector** must be more aware of media needs; resist suspicious attitudes and media stereotypes; employ media officers; compile information needed by the media and be more active in approaching the media and contesting or praising reporting where appropriate. Support agencies need to prepare individuals for media interviews and to trust the media to treat refugee and asylum seeker interviewees fairly.
- **PressWise** should develop further their exiled journalist network and secure jobs in the mainstream media for its members.
- **Media and refugee and asylum seeker support agencies** should establish and maintain communication locally; improve and sustain understanding and information sharing, for example through regular meetings and email groups; and develop human interest and feature articles on refugee and asylum issues.
- **The National Union of Journalists** should provide regional contact lists of refugee and asylum seeker support organisations and distribute accurate factual information which challenges myths to all members.
- **The Home Office** should make useful and relevant information more freely available and equip their Press Office to deal with refugee and asylum issues in order to help both the refugee and asylum seeker support and media sectors to improve the content of coverage.

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# 'PEG' BOARD

**The media always likes to 'hang' stories on a 'peg' – so keep your ears and eyes open for national or local events which can provide you, and the media, with a reason for running a positive story about refugees or asylum seekers.**

- Use the events listed below to attract good coverage, instead of having to react to negative stories.
- Remind media contacts if it is happening near you.
- Let them know if any of the speakers has a local connection, or if anyone is going from your area.
- Suggest they arrange an interview or send a film crew.

### Wednesday 7 May 7.00pm GRETA AKPENYEY LECTURE

The 10th Anniversary Stephen Lawrence Memorial Lecture by Greta Akpeneye, the first black head-teacher of Lilian Baylis Comprehensive School in Lambeth, East London, where she took the educational buzzwords of the day and put them into practice with electrifying results; "listening to pupils" and "parental involvement" turned out to be more radical than some of the authorities had in mind! Her theme is "Social Inclusion and Education".

Venue: St George Community College, Russell Town Avenue, off Church Road, Lawrence Hill, Bristol.

For more info, contact the Community College on 0117 955 3141.

### Tuesday 13 May LSE STAFF AGAINST THE WAR

Public meeting of the LSE Stop the War Coalition titled 'Media, Democracy and the war: strange bedfellows?'

Chaired by Myria Georgiou (Media@LSE) with speakers Yvonne Ridley (journalist held by Taliban in Afghanistan), Abdul-Hadi Jiad (Iraqi journalist sacked by BBC World Service), Mary Brodwin (Media Workers Against War), Nick Couldry (Lecturer in Media & Communications, Media@LSE) and others.

Venue: New Theatre, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE  
For more info, contact Tania Burchardt on [t.burchardt@lse.ac.uk](mailto:t.burchardt@lse.ac.uk) or 020 7655 6700

Thursday 15 May 10.00am - 4.30pm

### MEDIA AND REFUGEES

Over the past six months Article 19 has co-ordinated a team of refugee researchers to conduct in-depth interviews with refugees and asylum seekers across the UK to examine their relationship with the media.

Terry Williams and Nikola Medic of the RAM Project, with Beth Crosland of ICAR, will present the findings from our Regional Media Fora, and PressWise director Mike Jempson will also speak in the session on media regulators.

Chaired by David Aaronovitch. Participation is free but places are limited so please contact the organisers first.

Venue: Westminster, London.  
For more info, contact Pauline on [pauline@article19.org](mailto:pauline@article19.org) or 020 7278 9292.

### Monday 19 May NO LAUGHING MATTER!

The Refugee Council's fourth annual night of comedy at The Comedy Store, as part of London's Comedy Festival. With Ian Stone, Jo Caulfield, Jeff Innocent, Sol Bernstein, Hils Barker, Paul Thorne and a promised slot by Al Murray the Pub Landlord.

Tickets £13 in advance.

Venue: The Comedy Store, 1a Oxendon Street, London SW1Y 4EE

For more info and to book tickets, call 020 7820 3028

Sunday 8 June 2.00 - 5.00pm

### ACROSS THE DIVIDE 2: WRITING IN THE FACE OF CONFLICT

Exiled Writers Ink! present an interactive event with Palestinian and Israeli writers. Also mixed creative discussion and writing workshops for Muslims/Jews/Israelis/Palestinians and all others.

Tickets £5 or £3 unemployed refugees

Venue: The Stanhope Centre for Communications Policy Research, Stanhope Place, London W2 (nearest tube: Marble Arch)

For more info, contact Jennifer Langer on [Jennifer@exiledwriters.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer@exiledwriters.fsnet.co.uk) or 020 8458 1910

### Thursday 12 June THINK LONDON: THINK LOCAL

The RAM Project, in partnership with the Refugee Council and supported by the NUJ, present a one-day seminar to help refugees and asylum-seekers and people working on their behalf make better use of the Capital's media in the run-up to Refugee Week. Choose two from the following four workshops - Working with local journalists, Writing a Press Release, Face-to-face interviews and Organising a media campaign

Venue: Lancaster Hall Hotel, 35 Craven Terrace, London W2 3EL. Close to Paddington and Lancaster Gate tube stations.

For more info and to book your place, contact Anna Kelson on 0117 941 5889 or [anna@presswise.org.uk](mailto:anna@presswise.org.uk)

### Monday 16 - Sunday 22 June REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Week is a nation-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate cultural diversity and promote understanding about the reasons why people seek sanctuary.

Venue: all over the UK!

For more info about events in your area and join to the mailing list, visit

<http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/>

Saturday 21 June 12 noon to 5.00pm

### NCADC AGM

National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns will be holding it's AGM in Birmingham and is open to all campaigners and supporters.

There will be a creche and lunch will be provided for all attending. Venue: Carrs Lane Church, Carrs Lane, Birmingham

For more info, or to confirm attendance, please contact your nearest NCADC Co-ordinator as follows - Allison Bennett (London and SE England) on [ncadc-london@ncadc.org.uk](mailto:ncadc-london@ncadc.org.uk), Kath Sainsbury (NE England and Scotland) on [ncadc-ne@ncadc.org.uk](mailto:ncadc-ne@ncadc.org.uk), Tony

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### Monday 7 - Thursday 25 July FORCED MIGRATION SUMMER SCHOOL

This three-week residential course provides a broad understanding of the issues of forced migration and humanitarian assistance.

Participants examine, discuss and review theory and practice and develop communication and analysis skills useful for the workplace. Designed for managers, administrators, field workers and policy makers in humanitarian fields.

Combines lectures and seminars by international experts, small group work, case studies, simulations and individual study. Course fees £2300 (incl. B&B accommodation, weekday lunches, tuition fees, course materials, social activities).

Venue: Refugee Studies Centre, Wadham College, University of Oxford

For more info, contact [summer.school@geh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:summer.school@geh.ox.ac.uk)

### Sunday 13 July BRITISH 10K OPEN ROAD RACE

The Refugee Council are looking for volunteers to run the road race and raise funds through sponsorship. The course runs through Piccadilly Circus and past famous London landmarks as Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye and St Paul's Cathedral.

For more info, contact [abby.rudland@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:abby.rudland@refugeecouncil.org.uk) or 020 7820 3135

### USEFUL WEBSITES

**Audit Bureau of Circulation**  
[www.abc.co.uk](http://www.abc.co.uk)

**Community Links**  
[www.community-links.org](http://www.community-links.org)

**Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees in the UK**  
[www.icar.org.uk](http://www.icar.org.uk)

**Journalists in Exile**  
[www.cjf.org](http://www.cjf.org)

**Press Gazette**  
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