

# RAM BULLETIN

## Refugees, Asylum-seekers and the Media Project

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### Press still using bogus language to report asylum

Newspapers and magazines across the UK are breaching the Press Complaints Commission's guidelines on reporting asylum on average every day – and some terms are now being used even more frequently than they were before the PCC spoke up.

*RAM Bulletin* has gathered that last month the term 'illegal asylum seeker' – which the PCC highlighted as an example of "misleading or distorted terminology" – was used by journalists and columnists seven times, and 'bogus asylum seeker' was used on 26 occasions. Offenders include the *News Of The World*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Guardian* – all of whose editors are on the PCC's Code Committee – and the *Daily Express* – whose editor Peter Hill is a member of the PCC.

*Guardian* Readers Editor Ian Mayes said that the use of 'bogus asylum seeker' in a headline last month had been "a complete lapse" and "was against *Guardian* policy".

There is also evidence that both terms are now being used more frequently than before. In the month immediately prior to the publication of the PCC guidance, they were used by journalists and columnists 16 times – half of the 33 times they were used last month.

A PCC spokesman said that the guidance was published to help both editors and complainants. He added that the PCC hadn't received any complaints about the use of either term, but would look into it if it did.

*RAM* and *MediaWise* have published a leaflet for journalists on the correct use of terminology. For copies email [pw@presswise.org.uk](mailto:pw@presswise.org.uk)

### Everyone loves a massage!

The *Daily Express* cited the government's policy on immigration as one of the reasons for its dramatic shift of allegiance from New Labour to the Conservatives. The paper accuses the government of 'massaging' figures, and states that 50,000 immigrants will arrive after 1 May. But this statistic is dodgy.

"Estimates from embassies" reported on 20 April – with sources conspicuously absent – were incredibly vague: "10,000 - 50,000" will come from Lithuania, "up to 20,000" from Poland, "up to 10,000 from Hungary", but "less than 1,000" from Slovenia and "less than 5,000" from Cyprus. It's only by adding some of these already imprecise numbers together and then rounding off the result that the *Express* can get to the memorable 50,000 figure. When it comes to immigration statistics, it seems, everyone loves a bit of massage!

### European Roma Information Office attacks tabloid racism

The European Roma Information Office has published a stinging attack on the UK media's treatment of Roma, ahead of the expansion of the EU on 1 May. The article points out that British tabloids have waged "an extremely aggressive campaign against East European Roma" and provides an excellent analysis of why certain UK newspapers are so racist in their coverage.

Full article: [www.erionet.org/Articles.html](http://www.erionet.org/Articles.html)

### Places still available for first national networks meeting

This month will see the first ever national conference of RAM media networks. As reported in the last issue, it will take place on Friday 14 May at the Birmingham Voluntary Service Council. Places are free and open to network members.

For places, email [anna@presswise.org.uk](mailto:anna@presswise.org.uk)

### Press Gazette opens space for an exiled journo

The weekly trade journal *Press Gazette* is offering a two-week, unpaid work placement for an exiled journalist. The scheme begins in June onwards and comes as a response to the RAM Project's call to the UK media to get exiled journalists back in their newsrooms.

*Press Gazette* editor Ian Reeves says: "Since *Press Gazette* is a supporter of international press freedom, we are more than happy to help this programme in

### EDITORIAL

#### It's time for journalists to stand up for the truth

All my life, I have fought to report the truth which, as the article on p4 explains, led to my arrest in the Democratic Republic of Congo and my exile in the UK.

I have been dismayed to discover how many newspapers here report on race and asylum in a biased and untruthful way. Certain publications offer at worst outright racism and at best half-truths.

Asylum and immigration are likely to be one of the major battlegrounds in the coming elections, with the far-right British National Party expected to field candidates for both local councils and the European Parliament. Truthful reporting of their policies will be critical.

Against this background, the NUJ's decision to publish guidelines on race and asylum reporting is very welcome. The NUJ's general secretary, Jeremy Dear, says they are intended to be a "reminder of journalists' responsibilities and the role of the NUJ in supporting all those who stand up for fair and accurate reporting."

This move complements the courage shown by journalists at the *Daily Express* who complained to the Press Complaints Commission about being asked to write racist stories. Although the PCC decided their complaint was outside its jurisdiction, the journalists deserve our backing – and, indeed, have received support from 56 MPs who've signed a parliamentary Early Day Motion condemning the *Express*' stance.

Truthful reporting is a central requirement in any democracy – it's something that all journalists should stand up and fight for.

**Guy Mulongoy Momat**  
Guest Editor

any small way we can. Journalists in this country are lucky enough to enjoy freedoms that those in some countries can only look upon with envy. In particular, those journalists who have been driven from their own countries purely because of their desire to witness the news deserve our support."

*Exiled journalists wishing to be considered, please contact Forward Maisokwado at ram@presswise.org.uk*

### NUJ's freelance course

The RAM Project and the National Union of Journalists are running a course to assist exiled journalists interested in working as freelancers in the UK. The one-day course takes place in London on Thurs 13 May and aims to provide a survival guide for freelancers.

*For details and bookings contact Forward Maisokwado on ram@presswise.org.uk*

### Its all in the Star

Xenophobia, Islamophobia, sensationalism, and stupidity - the *Daily Star* of Thurs 29 April had it in bucket-loads. Its lead story ('Asylum seeker to star in next Big Brother') says 'Viewers will be outraged to discover that a man will be able to carry on claiming state benefits while on the show' as well as receiving a standard fee of £280 a week doled out by the TV company to all contestants. Peter Dyke's 'Exclusive' reveals that a Romanian now studying at college has been short-listed for the show but adds 'It is not known if he smuggled himself illegally into the country'.

No doubt delighted by the publicity an anonymous 'show spokesman' refuses to confirm or deny the story, which comes from an unnamed 'insider' who claims that the 'young, good looking guy with a bizarre sense of humour' has 'got everyone excited'.

'If he is a Muslim you can imagine the bickering over the shopping list about what food he can and cannot eat,' says the source evidently unaware that less than 0.4% of Romanians are Muslim. A cartoon of Abu Hamza in the Big Brother House (with a name plate in case readers don't recognise the hook-hand and missing eye) illustrates the piece. Above the story are pictures of six young men alleged to be potential refugees or asylum seekers, captioned 'Idle' and 'Desperate' alongside a story by Ross Kaniuk ('Queue to get into UK') warning

that hundreds of thousands more immigrants are waiting to flood Britain'.

On the same page political editor Macer Hall writes about Tory leader Michael Howard's claim that Tony Blair is cracking down on immigration because he is "in panic over newspaper headlines". An editorial take up the theme: 'Thousands of migrants from new EU countries will pour into Britain from Saturday onwards. The way things are going Mr Blair's hopes of staying in power might be trampled in the stampede.'

And to top it all, another story on the same spread claims 'Asian-only plan brings ghetto fears'. 'Fears were growing last night that pro-Asian councils are turning some of Britain's estates into ghettos,' writes Gary Hicks. 'The *Daily Star* was swamped with callers yesterday after revealing how plans for a council old folk's home in London's East End reserved for Asians had sparked fury.' He quotes Tory Shadow Home Secretary David Davis as saying: "This is just the sort of thoughtless policy that feeds extremism." Stick 'editorial' between 'thoughtless' and 'policy' and you have an eloquent comment on what the *Star* is up to.

### Business back refugees

Refugees arriving in Britain are to be given start-up business support in a bid to turn them into entrepreneurs. The Employability Forum have launched a series of packages intended to open new markets and boost UK enterprise. Forum chairman Ram Gidoomal told *FreelanceUK*: "Many refugees come to Britain with a background in working for themselves or running small businesses in their own communities." In the past migrant workers have propelled Britain into offering a wider range of businesses and services. "When refugees were coming in years ago, the authorities were literally giving away corner-shops, enabling fresh eyes to look at the same entrepreneurial situation and improve it with a different dimension - what you allow for is a different perspective," says Gidoomal "The start-up support will reveal so-far undiscovered markets and in doing so, will sharpen the competitive edge of UK business. It will generate more enterprise and in general, will encourage people to work smarter and harder." [www.freelanceuk.com](http://www.freelanceuk.com)

### Crunch-time for Blair

Prime Minister Tony Blair vowed to crack down on illegal immigrants while defending the benefits of managed migration, as he went into battle over an issue that could dominate the next general election. Challenging "myths" about immigration in a bid to take on his political opponents and parts of the press, he told business leaders at the Confederation of Business Industries conference (Tues 27 April): "We will neither be Fortress Britain, nor will we be an open house". He said there were "real, not imagined abuses of the system" and pledged a "top-to-bottom" overhaul of the system at what he called a "crunch point". He admitted that without reliable information and facts the public are denied a genuine debate on migration, and insisted that asylum applications have fallen from almost 9,000 in Oct 2002 to 3,500 in Dec 2003 - yet the tabloid press persist in claiming that Britain is being "flooded" with asylum seekers. Responding to Mr Blair, Refugee Council Chief Executive Maeve Sherlock, said: "The Prime Minister is making a commendable effort to challenge the myths surrounding migration - now he must do the same with asylum. The UK must maintain its responsibility to provide protection from persecution to those who need it." Many people have had genuine claims for political asylum denied. They remain in a life-threatening limbo, facing risks here and in their home countries. A new Refugee Council report *Hungry and homeless*, shows the impact on asylum seekers, refugee communities and the voluntary sector of the withdrawal of welfare benefits from those who do not claim asylum immediately upon arrival. "In the absence of a balanced debate on asylum, the trumpeting of increasingly tough measures only serves to increase unfounded fears that the system is out of control," said Ms Sherlock. "Punishing asylum seekers must not be the means to gain public confidence in, and support for, a system of managed migration." To demonstrate that Blair's speech is not mere rhetoric ahead of the coming local and European elections, Home Secretary David Blunkett must address the shambles in his department, and makes sure that asylum-seekers get fair and prompt treatment.

**EXILED JOURNALISTS SPEAK OUT****ARRESTED, TORTURED  
AND FORCED TO FLEE  
FOR TELLING THE TRUTH**

*When GUY MULONGOY MOMAT fled the Congo, he arrived in the UK with no money, no friends and only a few words of English. Here, he explains why he had to leave...*

Journalists who tell the truth are seen as enemies by many governments in Africa. Politicians are ready to use harassment, torture and imprisonment to silence troublesome reporters.

Working as a journalist in the Democratic Republic of Congo meant facing a difficult choice: either report the truth or cooperate with the government. Journalists 'embedded' with the government get many privileges: on national TV and radio they are quickly promoted and the government pays them very generous salaries. The dictatorship also has its own journalists working at independent newspapers who receive money, cars, and houses.

All of these journalists have chosen to beat the drum for the government. I, on the other hand, chose to respect my profession and fight for freedom of speech. In a country ruled over by one of the longest-running dictatorships in the world (32 years), it was a high-risk decision.

Just a week after joining the School of Journalism in Kinshasa, my tutor made a brave decision – he explained to me and my classmates how difficult it was to be a journalist in a police state like Congo. He told me that as soon as his first story was published in a national newspaper in Kinshasa he was arrested and tortured by Joseph Mobutu's soldiers. From that moment, I was aware that journalism in my country was a career with many sacrifices, but I was determined to do what was right: to promote a free and independent media, able to express the concerns of people who have been victims of the dictatorship.

Not many other journalists took the same decision, but those of us that did knew we would be targeted by the government sooner or later. Working in such circumstances is not easy because you have to balance your determination to be a voice of voiceless on one hand, with intimidation from the regime and worries about your family on the other.

In 1996, I wrote the story which was interpreted by the regime as in favour of Laurent Kabila's rebellion against Mobutu. I was arrested, detained for one month and tortured. The same thing happened to me in 1998, but this time for three months. Although my imprisonment was widely denounced by my fellow journalists in Kinshasa, after I escaped custody my family and friends decided

that it was too risky for me to stay in the Congo. I had no choice but to leave.

Once in the UK, I realised that I was no longer a journalist but an asylum seeker. It was a difficult time – I knew no-one here, had no money, didn't speak much English (Congo is a French-speaking country) and was overwhelmed with guilt for leaving my job. These first few weeks opened my eyes to the gross injustices refugees experience in the UK.

After few months, I started to picking up the pieces of my life. I started an English course at Lewisham College and then obtained a certificate of English from Cambridge University. I was, of course, on the look-out for a job as a journalist but because of the language barrier and difficulties in finding information about journalism training, I found it really hard. I desperately needed to earn money, so I decided to start a full-time course for six months in Business Administration.

In November 2002 I joined the Time Bank ([www.time-bank.co.uk](http://www.time-bank.co.uk)) and was matched with a British TV producer who acted as a mentor. He has helped me develop my ideas about how I can fit in to the media in the UK and continue my career as a journalist. Shortly afterwards, I appeared on the BBC's *Kilroy* programme, to talk about my experience of seeking asylum in the UK.

One of the recommendations I received from my mentor was to find a good media training program. In May 2003, I started a seven-month training with CSV Media, which resulted in a City & Guilds Diploma in Media techniques and radio journalism. In November 2002, I also joined the RAM Project, which has given me the opportunity to challenge the one-sided information and propaganda in much of the media on asylum issues. I was also among the 13 exiled journalists who took part in the pilot project between the BBC and RAM Project in March. We spent a week with BBC radio and TV producers, learning how broadcasting works.

That experience hammered home the differences between journalism in free countries and dictatorships like the Congo. Here writing a story is part of a journalist's right to free expression; in the Congo, it is seen as treachery.

But instead of using this precious right for the public interest in the UK, certain newspapers are using it to spread fear and hatred of asylum seekers, refugees and other immigrants. I have always fought to report the truth. It is ironic that in the Congo, I had to fight against the dictatorship for a free media; here in the UK, I am still fighting for the truth but now it's a struggle against parts of the media itself.

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## MAPPING THE REFUGEE SECTOR

### 9: The Council For Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA)

#### Supporting academics fleeing persecution

##### Forward Maisokwadzo looks at the work of this unique and invaluable agency for exiles

"You have done a great service, not only to innocent scholars who have been persecuted, but also to humanity." These were the concluding remarks made by Albert Einstein, perhaps the most famous academic refugee, in a speech thanking 5,000 people at a fundraising event for the Council For Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA) at London's Royal Albert Hall in October 1933.

Since its establishment 71 years ago, CARA has supported nearly 5,000 refugees from around the world. Of them, 18 became Nobel Laureates, 16 received Knighthoods and 121 were chosen either as fellows or members of the British Academy and Royal Society.

Originally founded to help Jewish academics and other victims of Nazi purges of universities, the organisation works with academics and professionals who have come to the UK to avoid persecution and create a better life for them and their families. "Our work is based on the values of compassion, responsibility and respect for people and knowledge," says Elizabeth Cafferty, CARA's deputy executive secretary.

The organisation's small staff team is notably diverse – including two Americans, an Argentinian, a British, an Italian and a Mauritian.

Cafferty says CARA allocates grants to pay for courses and bench fees, to purchase books and stationery and

cover travel and research expenses. In certain cases it also provides grants for living costs.

CARA will also set up attachments with university departments for grantees, and do all it can to provide whatever support is necessary to allow academics to continue their research and re-establish their lives.

"CARA gave me a chance – it was difficult to get grants from the government," says Elsfu Inan from Turkey, who is doing an MA in Human Rights Law at London Metropolitan University. "The people there are very sympathetic and nice to refugees."

#### CARA FACT SHEET

**Number of UK staff:**  
6 (3 full-time)

**Number of grantees:**  
Nearly 5,000

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**Executive Secretary:**  
John Akker

Inan was forced to leave Turkey by the government because she was a human rights campaigner and political activist.

Cafferty explains how difficult academics can find it in the UK. "Even when granted refugee status, which allows them to work, most find their academic degrees and professional qualifications are not recognised. Medical doctors find themselves stacking shelves at supermarkets, lawyers are waiting on tables and assistant lecturers are parking cars – they are all working below their talent and potential and everyone is losing out," she says.

Alongside information and advice, CARA can also provide exiled academics with grants to obtain British degrees, which improve their chances of re-entering their profession. The only stumbling block, says Cafferty, is the high demand: "Unfortunately, each year CARA has more applicants for grants than it can afford to fund."

CARA is currently preparing a refugee education handbook, focusing on higher education. "The handbook will provide tailored advice to the refugee community on higher education, reflecting the expertise CARA has gained in this area through its work with refugee academics," says Stephanie Schreiber, CARA's programme officer. It will contain information on the guidelines and regulations governing access to higher education, as well as providing listings for relevant organizations that assist refugees with educational needs, trusts that provide funds to refugees, and information on academic departments that are focusing on refugee studies.

In an effort to try and decentralize its services and let refugees run their own organization, CARA is also helping with the establishment of the Cmyru Refugee Academic Council (CRAC), a self-help group based in Cardiff. "It's very exciting that the group will be launching CRAC this summer. We hope to replicate the same thing in Scotland in the near future, and for CARA to also have regular presence in Glasgow," says Schreiber.

When CARA is unable to offer assistance in specialised areas such as legal advice, it signposts exiles to other refugee organisation which are better placed to help. In 2003 it took on a record 24 new refugee academics in one year – they are working in extremely diverse fields including Applied Science, Public Health Medicine and Tropical Disease, and Linguistics. Recognising a need to redress the gender balance of its grantees, CARA is also now placing increased emphasis on supporting female applicants.

# PEG BOARD

**Help to set the media agenda by generating stories rather than having to react to theirs. Keep your ears and eyes open for events that can provide you, and the media with a 'peg' on which to hang positive stories about refugees or asylum seekers.**

**Keep your media contacts informed about what is happening and why it is relevant for them.**

**Saturday 8 May 3.00pm - 5.30pm  
PUBLIC MEETING**

Organised by The Leicester Civil Rights Movement, an open meeting to discuss strategies to combat the government's deportation policies and the issue of destitution. Speakers will include: Aram Hamasaheed (Federation of Iraqi Refugees in Leicester) and Arun Kundani (Editor).

Venue: Secular Hall, Humberstone Gate, Leicester  
For more info, contact [priya@hycc.ac.uk](mailto:priya@hycc.ac.uk) or 0116 253 1053

**Monday 10 May 7.30pm  
POETRY CAFE**

Exiled Writers Ink! present their regular monthly poetry evening. 'Out of Iraq' with Haifa Zangana (Writer), Fadhil Assultani and Awad Nasir (Poets) and Sahira Hussein (Singer and Oud player). Discussion and an open floor will follow for exiled writers.

Venue: 22 Betterton Street, London (Nearest tube Covent Garden)  
For more info, contact [Jennifer@exiledwriters.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:Jennifer@exiledwriters.fsnet.co.uk), 020 8458 1910 or visit <http://www.exiledwriters.co.uk>

**Wednesday 12 May 6.00pm - 8.30pm  
CONFERENCE**

Jointly organised by The Refugee Council and Amnesty International, a conference aiming to increase awareness and promote harmonised action throughout the West Midlands on issues such as: Destitution; Child rights and the legal framework for asylum claims. Speakers will include: Tauhid Pasha (Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants) and Richard Beckett (Lawyer).  
Venue: Birmingham Voluntary

Service Council, Conference Suite, Birmingham  
For more info, contact [Juliet Olivo](mailto:Juliet.Olivo@refugeecouncil.org) at [juliet.olivo@refugeecouncil.org](mailto:juliet.olivo@refugeecouncil.org) or [Gethin Davies](mailto:Gethin.Davies@gethin.davies@ukonline.co.uk) at [gethin.davies@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:gethin.davies@ukonline.co.uk)

**Friday 14 May 11am - 5.30pm  
MEDIA NETWORKS CONFERENCE**

National conference for Networks set up or supported by RAM which aims to share practical experiences of working with the media to change the hostile UK media coverage of refugees and asylum-seekers.

Places are free and open to existing network members, lunch will be provided.

Venue: Birmingham Voluntary Service Council, 138 Digbeth, Birmingham B5 6DR  
For more info or to book your place, contact [anna@presswise.org.uk](mailto:anna@presswise.org.uk)

**Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 May  
WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

Organised by the Refugee Study Centre, the first in a series of workshops commencing with a discussion, aiming to help participants tackle the area of the law of refugee status. Prof. James C. Hathaway (Author) and Prof. Sarah A. Degan (Lecturer), will chair discussions.

Fee: £130, including course materials, refreshments and light lunch; excluding accommodation.  
Venue: Queen Elizabeth House, 21 St Giles, Oxford  
For more info, contact [rscmst@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rscmst@qeh.ox.ac.uk) or 018 6527 0722

**Tuesday 18 May 7.15pm  
REFUGEE WEEK MEETING**

This event will focus on arrangements and ideas for Refugee Week. Lucy Crompton (National Organiser) will be discussing arrangements and ideas for the week and Terry Williams (Co-ordinator for the Refugees, Asylum Seekers and the Media Project) will speak on how to make best use of media opportunities before and during the week.

Free entry; book in advance.  
Venue: St John's Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle  
For more info, contact [sagar@biddlestone-road.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:sagar@biddlestone-road.fsnet.co.uk)

**Tuesday 18 May  
INFORMATION SHARING AND MEDIA TRAINING MEETINGS**  
Organised by The Refugee Council as part of Refugee week

celebrations, the first of three meetings aimed at informing refugee organisations about the media strategy for the week, whilst encouraging them to network, share information and receive free media training from Terry Williams (Co-ordinator for The RAM Project).

Venue: Newcastle, tbc.  
For more info, contact [joanna.marks@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:joanna.marks@refugeecouncil.org.uk), 020 7820 3055 or visit [www.refugeeweek.org.uk](http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk)

**Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 May  
WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

The second event organised by the Refugee Study Centre, to critically examine contemporary debates in human rights using the Palestinian refugees in the Middle East as the case study. Discussions chaired by Dr Randa Farah (social anthropologist) and Fiona McKay (Lawyer).  
Fee: £120, details as for 15 - 16 May.

**Thursday 27 May 9.30am - 4.30pm**

**"WOMEN IN EXILE: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE"**

Organised by The Women's Empowerment Project, a one day conference focusing on the global perspectives around issues of migration, globalisation and refugees, and the celebration of achievements by women refugees in this country. There will also be discussion on the way women are portrayed in Africa.

Book in advance.  
Venue: Conway Hall, Red Lions Square, London WC1  
For more info, contact 020 8395 5046, [twepuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:twepuk@yahoo.co.uk) or [thewomensempowermentproject@tiscali.co.uk](http://thewomensempowermentproject@tiscali.co.uk)

**Saturday 5 June 12.00pm - 5.00pm**

**NCADC AGM**  
National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns will be holding its 9th AGM in Birmingham, and it's open to both new and existing campaigners and supporters.  
Lunch and a crèche will be provided along with reasonable travel costs reimbursed for campaigners.  
Venue: Carrs Lane Church, Carrs Lane, Birmingham  
For more info, contact your nearest coordinator - details at <http://www.ncadc.org.uk/about/contact.htm>

**Wednesday 9 June 9.00am - 4.15pm**

## CONFERENCE

Jointly organised by Neil Stewart Associates and The Gypsy Council, a conference aiming to highlight the risks of social and educational exclusion for gypsy children and to explore how schools, communities and voluntary organisations are working towards equality of opportunity for all children. Speakers will include: Dr Thomas Action (Prof), Ms Chris Derrington (Lecturer) and John Davey (Manager).

Registration required.  
Venue: Inmarsat Conference Centre, 99 City Road, London  
For more info, contact [Debbie young](mailto:Debbie.young@neilstewartassociates.co.uk) on 020 7324 4364, [debbie.young@neilstewartassociates.co.uk](mailto:debbie.young@neilstewartassociates.co.uk) or visit [www.neilstewartassociates.co.uk](http://www.neilstewartassociates.co.uk)

**Tuesday 15 June 11.00am - 1.00pm**

## CONFERENCE

Organised by The Institute for Public Policy Research, a conference discussing the Home Office thinking on how to achieve communities free of racial and religious discrimination. Speakers include: Rt Hon David Blunkett (MP), Trevor Phillips (Chairman) and Nick Pearce (Director).  
Venue: Central London, tbc.  
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**Saturday 24 July 1.00pm - 5.00pm**

## 'NO ONE IS ILLEGAL'

Organised by The Manchester Conference Liaison Committee, a conference aiming to bring together national groups who support the struggle against the governments immigration controls and enable them to devise a strategy to mobilise their ideas.  
Venue: Cross Street Chapel, Cross Street, Manchester  
For more info, contact [noii2004@aol.com](mailto:noii2004@aol.com) or [info@noii.org.uk](mailto:info@noii.org.uk)

**Saturday 23 - Sunday 24 October  
WEEKEND WORKSHOP**

The final workshop in the series by the Refugee Study Centre will examine how cross-cultural psychology contributes to post-conflict reconstruction. Discussions chaired by Dr. Michael Wessells (Prof. of Psychology) and Dr. Maryanne Loughry (Tutor).  
Fee: £125, details as for 15 - 16 May event.