

RAM BULLETIN

Refugees, Asylum-seekers and the Media Project

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Promoting best practice in media representation of refugee and asylum issues

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PCC guidance to editors to be monitored

A project to monitor the impact and adequacy of Press Complaints Commission's (PCC) guidance to editors on reporting asylum and refugee issues is expected to start this December. Funded by the Home Office National Integration Forum, monitoring will be conducted by the Information Centre about Asylum and Refugees (ICAR), the MediaWise RAM Project and the Refugee Council.

Local, regional, and national newspapers will be monitored over three months, highlighting unbalanced, inaccurate, and hostile reporting that gives cause for concern. The project will also record good examples of accurate and balanced reporting which promotes information-based debate and provides a basis for the public to decide for themselves. Exiled journalists will investigate press stories that appear to breach the PCC guidance.

The guidance to editors issued on 23 Oct 2003 represented a step forward by the press watchdog in tackling inaccurate, unbalanced and inflammatory reporting of refugees and asylum-seekers by UK newspapers, but doubts have arisen as to its effectiveness. The project will take six months to complete, and could cover the coming General Election period. It will make recommendations to the PCC and others about the role of the media in promoting accurate and balanced images of refugees and asylum-seekers.

The PCC recently told The Guardian it had received increasing numbers of complaints about reporting of asylum issues, mainly concerning discrimination.

Misuse of language had led to breaches of the industry's code of practice, a spokesman said. Journalists should "take care to avoid misleading or distorted terminology... an 'asylum-seeker' is someone currently seeking refugee status or humanitarian protection; there can be no such thing in law as an 'illegal asylum-seeker'. An asylum-seeker can only become an 'illegal immigrant' if he or she remains in the UK after having failed to

respond to a removal notice." The PCC issued similar guidance on mental health terminology in 1998.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,1068742,00.html

RAM video shortlisted

The RAM video 'On the Receiving End: Exiled journalists speak out' has been shortlisted for screening at the second annual Human Rights Film Festival in Ukraine. The 15-minute video encourages debate and action about media coverage of asylum-seekers and refugees in the UK. "By reading the synopsis of the 'On the Receiving End', we have included the film in our festival list of pre-selection," said Ruken Tekes Calikusu, UN Human Rights specialist in Ukraine. The festival will take place Nov-Dec in five cities. The video, made by RAM and Omni Productions in 2003, has also been submitted for possible screening at the Big Issues Film Festival. <http://www.un.kiev.ua/en/hr/index.php>

Exiled journo to edit new paper

EXILED journalist and RAM network member Mduduzi Mathuthu has been appointed editor of the recently launched Yorkshire based community newspaper, *the Fusion Voice*.

EJN member to address NUJ conference

SANDRA Nyaira, an exiled journalist from Zimbabwe is to address the opening session of Journalists and Public Trust, the conference being run by the NUJ Ethics Council in London on Sat 4 Dec. She will be joined on the platform by Valeriu Nicolae of the European Roma Information Office and Fareena ALam of *Q News*. Many leading figures, including PCC Chair Sir Christopher Meyer, will also take part in the event which is organised in association with MediaWise.

To book a free place email:
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EDITORIAL

Political and the media responsibilities'

The continued unfair coverage of immigration and asylum issues by the UK media particularly by the tabloid press is a major problem. We will continue to point out the role media plays in trying to criminalise genuine asylum-seekers and refugees. It's ironic that the UK media swoops like vultures to cover unfolding humanitarian disasters in countries like Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Iraq, and acknowledge sometimes the well-orchestrated moves by ruling governments to silence those who oppose them. But when the harassed, intimidated and tortured victims turn on the UK's doorstep seeking refuge, they become bad news. (described with derogatory and meaningless terms like "illegal asylum-seekers", bogus etc.) It is sheer hypocrisy that needs to be dealt with.

Politicians and the media should debate the immigration issue openly and with honesty in order to encourage societal harmony. This is a country in which people have supported tax increases if they will yield more hospitals. Similarly, a well informed populous would rally around immigrants to a greater extent if a government and media explained the moral justification, and focused on the need for more young labour to come here in a country with ageing population. Instead, this government talks about holding camps in North Africa. We should also query why editors more frequently publish anti-immigrant stories than pro-immigrant stories.

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Death threats as racists target local paper

News staff at the North East Manchester Advertiser have received death threats after running a campaign to keep an asylum-seeker in the UK.

The newspaper last month launched a campaign to stop the deportation of Pakistan journalist, Mansoor Hassan.

Since then several abusive letters, many of which threaten violence, have been received by the newspaper, and security has now been up at its east Manchester offices. Editor Gerry Sammon said: "We're assuming that they are empty threats, but obviously we are concerned. "The police have taken fingerprint evidence and could be looking to press charges for incitement of racial hatred."

The advertiser stepped in to help EJN member Mansoor after his bid for asylum and two appeals were all turned down. NUJ General Secretary Jeremy Dear is backing Manchester NUJ branch which is launching a campaign on 9 Nov, to stop the Home Office from deporting Mansoor and his family back to Pakistan.

Journos back Bristol paper's campaign

THE Evening Post in Bristol has added its weight to calls urging Home Secretary David Blunkett to allow Ugandan nurse Robinah Tamalie Senonga to stay in the country.

Bristol NUJ branch have commended the paper's balanced reporting of the story and pledged their support to the Post's call for Robinah to be allowed to rebuild her life in Bristol.

Getting re-started, for exiled journalists

LONDON Freelance branch of the NUJ is holding an information evening for exiled journalists on Mon 1 Dec. The session will be run by experienced journalists Humphrey Evans and Phil Sutcliffe - who have taught "getting started" courses with the NUJ for several years.

They will offer tips on how to find work, how to approach editors with ideas, how to get published, and some background on how the British media works. Refugee journalists who have found work after arriving in Britain will share their experiences. The

course takes place from 7 to 9 pm at Friends House, Euston Rd NW1-opposite Euston railway station. It is open to members and non-members who are asylum-seekers or exiles.

For more information, contact Humphrey Evans: topwrite@hotmail.com

£600,000 funding to give refugee jobs

MORE than £600,000 will be given to programmes to help refugees secure jobs and become valuable members of Scotland's business community, the communities minister announced on Oct 21. Malcolm Chisholm also revealed that the New Glaswegians project, which helps refugees cope with the "culture shock" of working in the city, had led to more than 100 refugees obtaining work.

The scheme targets skilled refugees, such as doctors and engineers, to update their language and professional skills. After a successful pilot year, the project will be rolled out with more than £120,000 used to expand the service to target refugees with semi-skilled and manual work experience. Mr Chisholm said: "The executive has responsibility for refugee and asylum-seekers when they are living in Scottish communities. These people have a lot to offer and it's all in our interest that their skills, talents and experiences are put to effective use."

Lesley Sawyers, Chief Executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce which runs the scheme, said it was a vital link between the skills of refugees and the needs of the business community. "It is working with businesses to highlight the untapped potential within the refugee community. Glasgow's refugees are the city's newest citizens and this initiative provides them with an opportunity to start."

<http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/26541.html>

Life of exiled Iran activist now on film

THE Corridor, a film about a young Iranian woman who becomes politically active against Ayatollah Khomeini's regime in the 1980s and forced into exile in the UK, is to be shown at the National Film Theatre on London's South Bank on Sunday 14 Nov. She suffered torture and imprisonment and the deeper pain

of leaving her daughter, born in prison and taken away by the authorities, to be brought up by her husband's family.

The Corridor follows her journey towards the present where painful memories are transformed into hope for a better world. It examines the nature of organised State violence and the price paid by those who stand up to it. Based closely on the filmmaker's experience, it offers a moral perspective on events and the devastating effect upon those caught up in them.

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RAM out and about

RAM Communications Officer Forward Maisokwadzo showed the video 'On the receiving end' to the United Nations London and the South East organised conference on asylum and immigration at the Croydon Town Hall on 20 Oct. He also explained the work of RAM to the conference as well as discussing how the media manipulates asylum issues and the impact that this has on asylum-seekers and to the society.

...RAM CO run media workshop

Mr Maisokwadzo also facilitated a workshop on asylum and media at the Student Action for Refugees (STAR)'s national conference at Nottingham University on 30 Oct. He ran the workshop together with Beth Crosland from ICAR.

The workshop discussed how asylum-seekers and refugees are portrayed in the media and what STAR members can do about this. Mr Maisokwadzo also made presentations of investigations into how infamous stories such as 'swan bake' published by the Sun last July come to be written. He encouraged students to write letters of complaints to editors to challenge inaccurate stories. Crosland made presentations on ICAR and RAM research findings into the impact of media images of refugees and asylum-seekers on community relations in London.

Maeve Sherlock, Chief Executive of the Refugee Council and Rose George, journalist and editor, two keynote speakers at the conference also challenged the media to be responsible when reporting on asylum and refugee issues.

EXILED JOURNALISTS SPEAK OUT**Following in our parents' footsteps – reality or myth?**

Joseph Abraham Odongkara now in exile in the UK wrote about his escape from African hell

Journalism was not my dream career. I bumped into it. I wanted to become a lawyer - preferably a judge to follow in the footsteps of my late father, who was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Uganda until his death in the hands of dictator Iddi Amin in 1974. My mother was a practicing advocate (solicitor).

Business was my ambition. Hence, instead of Law I studied Business Administration specializing in Management. Later, academic changes took me into journalism. After completing Journalism studies in Tanzania, I returned to Uganda and joined the *Uganda Gazette* as a reporter. Progress was fast and I became an Assistant Editor for Art and Culture.

I developed a political column 'With Dialogue Comes Truth' to voice the concerns of ordinary people. In it I made reference to the escalating war in northern Uganda and government policies on education and the sputtering economy. My sources for this column were generally government and independent analysts as well as members of the public. It soon became a mouthpiece for the voiceless and was frowned upon by the authorities. The column had only been running for two months when not surprisingly the government swiftly moved in to ban the newspaper for writing articles criticising government policies on education, economy and the war.

My editor and I were arrested in 1982 and detained at a notorious security headquarters in Kampala for a year. We were subjected to severe torture and abuse. I was released and warned to refrain from writing for the column. I never heard from editor again. It is 12 years now since his arrest and no one, not even his closest family members, know where he is. The government has released no information about him. We must assume he has been murdered or tortured to death.

Life became difficult and threatening, forcing me to flee to neighbouring Sudan. I came to Sudan in 1987 through the Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference (SCBC) and joined SudanAid, the Church's Relief and Development agency as Information Officer. In 1988 the Catholic Church established *Renewal*, a weekly newspaper that I joined as News Editor and later Managing Editor.

With the Sudanese military coup in 1989 the paper was banned. My staff and I were arrested by the junta government, which was pro-Islamic, banned *Renewal*.

Once again my staff and I were arrested and brought to Khartoum as traitors. We were accused of supporting the Sudanese People's Liberation Army fighting the central government in Khartoum for independence for the Christian dominated Southern Sudan. As a result of the hostile relations between Uganda and Sudan, when the Khartoum authorities found out that I was a Ugandan, they charged me with spying.

The Association of Christian Communicators of Southern Sudan (ACCOSS) exerted pressure on the government and fortunately I was released in September 1989. For security reasons I left Sudan for Egypt in October 1995 where I continued to live till May 2002 when I resettled to United Kingdom.

Entering the UK and seeking asylum was probably the best thing I thought I had done. Yet what happened after that was to make me question what the world is all about. From the day I entered Britain I have experienced events that almost sent me back home. The worst came with the introduction of section 55 of the Immigration and Asylum Act that did not allow asylum-seekers without immigration status to work, train or receive social benefits. Not being allowed to seek employment or even do casual work made me wonder how I would survive. Four years is a long time without money or means of making money to keep yourself.

Finally, I have been granted indefinite leave to remain in the UK. With this I have been able to start approaching news agencies and associations and undertake some training courses run through the National Union of Journalists in order to start rebuilding my life in Britain. The MediaWise Trust RAM Project has helped me to link up with the NUJ and attend some journalism training courses. Through the RAM project I have acquired an associate membership of the union. With further assistance from the RAM project, whose aim is to identify and assist exiled journalists in the UK, I got a work placement with the *Yorkshire Evening Post* for 14 days in June. This placement meant a lot to me as a person and as a journalist. Because of my immigration status I have been in the dark for so long, without my Home Office status I could not get a job or be placed for training.

The *YEP* has not only offered me work experience but it has also given me the opportunity to return to writing, something which we do not take for granted where I come from. Although the world is becoming a village where reaching all kinds of people is no longer difficult, the situation in Africa as far as the press is concerned remains a jungle. My journey from Uganda to Sudan, Egypt and the United Kingdom has taught me several things about the nature of politics-particularly in Africa-and international relations in general. It is still difficult to speak the truth in many countries.

Cut-out-and-keep COMMUNICATOR

Media campaigns

Using the media as part of your campaign can be a very powerful tool. But hitting the headlines and being heard on the airwaves at the wrong time can seriously undermine the other elements of a successful campaign.

What makes a successful campaign?

Planning: Planning in advance is the key to any successful activity. Identify your key targets. Decide on the outcome you want from your campaign and how you will reach your target – then stick to it! It might be to influence a Government Minister, your local council or to increase public understanding of refugee and asylum issues.

Negotiation: Talk to people who are influential in helping to change a policy or create improvements in understanding. This can be done through face-to-face meetings or perhaps attending councillors and MPs surgeries. Always make sure that you give people well put together and presented information about your case.

Lobbying: Demonstrate the strength of your case by creating alliances with like-minded organisations, organising public meetings or gathering a petition.

Media: Decide when the time is right to use the media and make sure that you set the right tone in interviews. It may be helpful to involve the media at an early stage in the campaign in order to inform the public and decision-makers about the need for your campaign – but avoid media confrontation with the people you are talking to unless those talks are not successful.

How do you involve the media?

Meet the media: Brief local journalists about the campaign and discuss the support you would like. Agree how the media can help at each stage of the campaign. Decide if there is a particular local newspaper or radio station you would like to endorse your campaign and agree what is needed in order to get that support.

Provide information: Put together a media pack of information about your organisation, the campaign and the names and contact details of people willing to talk to journalists. Make sure spokespeople can be easily contacted by the media. The group should include campaign organisers and people affected by the problems which have resulted in the campaign. Think of opportunities for photographs.

Get ready for interviews: Your media spokespeople should understand the key messages of the campaign, the campaign plan and have undergone some basic media training in preparing for and taking part in interviews.

Use the letters pages: Letters pages in local newspapers are well read. Set up a letter writing sub-group to develop your argument and campaign through a series of letters to newspapers. Try to start a debate on this issue in the local Press.

Be prepared: We are back to the careful planning of a campaign and the need to have people ready for interviews when journalists call. They never seem to call at a convenient time – but by following some basic rules learnt in training sessions you will rarely miss out on an opportunity to give a positive interview!

What help can Refugee Media Networks get?

1. Make sure you are part of our Refugee Media Networks E-group and learn from the experiences of other networks around the country.

To join our e-mail list, contact anna@presswise.org.uk

2. Get some training and/or advice from organisations such as Oxfam, Amnesty and Student Action for Refugees who usually join our groups or call RAM for help.

For further information contact RAM's National Co-ordinator Terry Williams at Williams.t@blueyonder.co.uk

MAPPING THE REFUGEE SECTOR

15 Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants

Sandra Nyaira looks at the work of this independent national voluntary organisation, campaigning for justice and combating racism in immigration and asylum law and policy.

Millions of people in the world's trouble spots cannot wait to get out of their countries and head for the West in search of safe refuge. Britain is one of the major destinations but upon getting here, many have encountered problems and secretly wished they had never been born.

Take Jules Maripakwenda, a Zimbabwean asylum-seeker who has been tossed to and fro despite having evidence that he was a victim of state-sponsored violence back home. Life has been difficult for the 22-year old since he came to Britain after walking through the bush from his rural home to catch a bus to neighbouring Malawi and then a plane to London in 2001. In the plane he had smiled and thanked God for safe deliverance, hoping he would now have a better life but the treatment of asylum-seekers in and outside the mainstream media has left him bewildered. Three years down the line his case has still not been decided. He is in limbo, with no job and no recourse to public funds. Britain has turned into a land of nightmares for him.

Enter the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI). Such organisations are pivotal in fighting for the likes of Maripakwenda so they know their rights and what course of action to take.

The JCWI, based in London, was formed in 1960 to assist families from Commonwealth countries who were coming to Britain to settle.

"Our roots are independent, voluntary and grassroots," says JCWI communications officer Rhian Beynon. It was set up to provide free advice and

assistance for new immigrants and for the settled communities wishing to be reunited with their families.

"As a result of expertise gained in this way, JCWI began to publish and campaign for changes in increasingly unfair legislation, a thing it continues to do to date with fantastic results, although we still aim to do more and better," she says.

JCWI works with immigration law specialists and community organisations to support them in dealing with immigration and asylum claims - the hurdle at which people like Maripakwenda fall. "This is because immigration and asylum law is one of the fastest changing and most

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17 full-time staff, two consultants and volunteers

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complex areas of law – we have had no fewer than five acts of Parliament in the last ten years," says Beynon.

The JCWI runs a special phone line to give technical advice, publishes top-selling handbooks on immigration and asylum law, and provides accessible and affordable training for practitioners and advisers to keep them up-to-date with immigration laws, where change is often influenced by local politics and media campaigns.

"We also give some personal advice to individuals although our capacity to do this is limited as we are a small organisation," says Beynon.

In the period 2003-2004 JCWI answered 1,100 requests for infor

mation by letter, 1,300 requests by phone and 118 by personal appointment. The majority were to do with individuals' work and family-related immigration matters.

"We do deal with some asylum cases, and provide legal advice at Harmondsworth detention centre," she says.

More people are looking to organisations like JCWI to assist them with the complexity of settling in Britain. Maripakwenda says: "I was completely lost when I came here. Some of my colleagues, the ones I had been involved with back home in politics, were lucky not to be detained when they came. I was so unlucky and it was talking to people like those in the JCWI that gave me back my lost confidence. I'm hoping to find my feet one day."

Beynon says the JCWI does campaign on key policy issues. "We were active on a number of issues arising from the last Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act. For example we were extremely concerned that the new amendment requiring anyone marrying a non-EEA national in the UK to attend a special marriage registrar for permission was potentially discriminatory. We worked closely with peers from all the parties to ensure debate and scrutiny of this amendment when it reached the Lords report stage," she says.

"Our ongoing concerns this autumn are the new identity card Bill and plans to restrict GP care for certain groups of overseas visitors and the ramifications this may have for migrant workers and for black and ethnic minority groups in the UK." The JCWI also keeps refugees up to-date on changes in laws that affect them and provides a platform through which they can air their views, search for jobs and interact with others in the same boat.

"Long term the JCWI will campaign against the marginalisation and surveillance of migrant workers, a major cause for concern within the refugee community. It also runs training programmes to assist migrant populations, or new migrants but also for the immigrant communities long settled in the UK," says Beynon

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's relevant for them.

**Thur 4 Nov 5pm-9pm
BOOK LAUNCH - REFUGEES:
WE LEFT BECAUSE WE HAD
TO**

Jill Rutter's bestseller - guest speakers are Christopher McDowell (Director) and Deng Yai (Adviser).
Venue: Metropolitan University, North Campus 166-220, Holloway Rd, London N7
Contact Victoria 020 7820 3092 or victoria.logan@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Mon 8 - Fri 19 Nov 945am - 215pm

**RWA'S COURSE FOR
CARERS AND HEALTHCARE
ASSISTANTS**

Run by the Refugee Women's Association (RWA) free for refugee women, travel and childcare costs met.

Venue: RWA, 18 Ashwin Street, London E8
Contact Lucy 020 7923 2412 or lucy@refugeewomen.org.uk

**Mon 8 Nov
REFUGEE AND ASYLUM
SEEKING CHILDRENS
CONFERENCE**

Organised by National Union of Teachers (NUT) and Show Racism the Red Card to explore the issues faced by refugee and asylum seeking children.

Venue: Pride Park Football Ground, Derby
Contact 020 7380 4770 or t.gill@nut.org.uk

**Tue 9 Nov 930am - 4pm
PETERBOROUGH ASYLUM
TRAINING DAY FOR
VOLUNTEER MANAGERS**

Aimed at sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.
Venue: Great Northern Hotel, Station Approach, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire PE1
Contact 0113 268 6222,

volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Fri 12 Nov 945am - 6pm
DIVERSITY TRAINING FOR
VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

Organised by ORAMA for Voluntary Organisations, youth workers, social practitioners and individuals.

Venue: Wood Green Central Library, High Road, North London N22

Contact 0208 342 9686 or orama@yahoo.co.uk

**Sat 13 to Sun 14 Nov
NATIONAL FREELANCE
ACTIVISTS' CONFERENCE**

Organised by The National Union of Journalists (NUJ) to discuss improvements to the freelance sector.

Venue: Mechanics Institute in Manchester (UMIST), PO Box 88, Manchester M60

Contact 0141 248 6648 or freelanceoffice@nuj.org.uk

Wed 17 Nov 930am - 4pm

**NOTTINGHAM ASYLUM
TRAINING DAY FOR
VOLUNTEER MANAGERS**

Aimed at sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.

Venue: Nottingham Forest Football Club, The City Ground, Nottingham NG2

Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Thur 18 Nov 10am - 3pm
BUILDING BRIDGES - ASYLUM
AND THE MEDIA**

Organised by Oxfam, debate on how the media reports asylum. Panellists: Prof Terry Threadgold (Head of Journalism Depart, Cardiff Uni) and Sue Roberts (PCC) among others.

Venue: Renfield St Stephen's Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2

Contact Norma Mckinnon 0141 285 8886 or NMckinnon@oxfam.org.uk

**Tuesday 30 Nov
MANCHESTER ASYLUM AND
HOUSING RIGHTS TRAINING:
UPDATE**

The latest changes in asylum and immigration housing laws.

Venue: 6 Mount Street, Manchester, M2
Contact 020 7490 6720 or visit www.shelter.org.uk/training

**Wed 8 Dec 11am - 4pm
ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR FOR
VOLUNTEER MANAGERS**

Promoting volunteering by asylum-seekers and refugees in mainstream organisations. Speakers include: Judy Ling Wong (Director) and Tom Flood (Chief Exec) among others.
Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1
Contact 0113 268 6222 or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Thur 2 Dec 930am - 4pm
PLYMOUTH ASYLUM TRAINING
DAY FOR VOLUNTEER
MANAGERS**

Sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.
Fees: £45/day community groups/ small charities; £70/day other organisations

Venue: Plymouth Hoe Moat House, Armada Way, Plymouth, Devon PL1

Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Tue 14 Dec
LONDON REFUGEE AND
ASYLUM HOUSING RIGHTS
TRAINING**

Focused on explaining entitlement rights to advisers, policy makers and housing providers.

Venue: 3rd Floor, Bentima House, 168-172 Old Street, London EC1V

Contact 020 7490 6720 or visit www.shelter.org.uk/training

**Tue 14 Dec 930am - 4pm
CARDIFF ASYLUM TRAINING
DAY FOR VOLUNTEER
MANAGERS**

Sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.

Fees: £45/day community groups/ small charities; £70/day other organisations

Venue: Wales Council for Voluntary Action, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10

Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Wed 15 Dec
LONDON IMMIGRATION
STATUS AND HOUSING
RIGHTS TRAINING**

Examining the latest changes in the relationship between immigration status and housing rights.

Venue: 3rd Floor, Bentima House, 168-172 Old Street, London EC1V

Contact 020 7490 6720 or visit

www.shelter.org.uk/training

**Wed 15 Dec 930 - 4pm
SWINDON ASYLUM TRAINING
DAYS FOR VOLUNTEER
MANAGERS**

Sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.

Fees: £45/day community groups and small charities; £70/day other organisations; Book in advance.

Venue: Drove Centre, Drove Road, Swindon SN1
Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Tue 11 Jan 930am - 4pm
BELFAST ASYLUM TRAINING
DAY FOR VOLUNTEER
MANAGERS**

Sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.

Fees: £45/day community groups/ small charities; £70/day other organisations

Venue: Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA), 61 Duncairn Grdens, Belfast BT15
Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

**Wed 12 Jan
SUPPORT AND BENEFITS FOR
ASYLUM SEEKERS: LONDON
TRAINING**

Briefing advisors and service providers on the impact of support schemes.

Venue: 3rd Floor, Bentima House, 168-172 Old Street, London EC1V

Contact 020 7490 6720 or visit www.shelter.org.uk/training

**Wed 26 Jan 11am - 4pm
EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR
VOLUNTEER MANAGERS**

Promoting volunteering by asylum seekers and refugees in mainstream organisations. Speakers include: Lynne Knight (Training/Development Worker) and Sue Waddington (Euro Development Officer) among others.

Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1
Contact 0113 268 6222 or visit www.tandem-uk.com

USEFUL WEBSITES

JCWI
www.jcwi.org.uk