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Refugees, Asylum-seekers and the Media Project

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Asylum reporting: hot topic at NUJ conference

Reporting asylum and refugee issues is among the topics to be discussed at the Journalism and Public Trust conference organised by MediaWise for the NUJ Ethics Council in London on Sat 4 Dec. Sandra Nyaira, exiled Zimbabwean journalist and EJN member will address the opening session, along with Fareena Alam of QNews and Valeriu Nicolae of the European Roma Information Office. The Press Complaint Commission's ex-Chair Prof Robert Pinker and Mediawise Director Mike Jempson are among many leading figures taking part in the event which was booked solid almost as soon as it was announced.

Tributes pour in as Anna says goodbye

Exiled journalists have been recording their gratitude for the work of MediaWise Projects Manager Anna Kelson, who is leaving in January. She has administrated the RAM Project for four years.

RAM Communications Officer Forward Maisokwadzo said: "Anna's immaculate and immeasurable contributions to the RAM Project, her organisational abilities and her physical presence in the office will be missed by everyone. "We wish her all the best in her new endeavours and hope she'll find some spare time to help us with the building of the Exiled Journalists' Network as an independent body." MediaWise Director Mike Jempson said: "Anna has been the mainstay of so much of our activities, she will be hard to replace. Without her the RAM Project would not have been as effective as it has been."

OSI to fund RAM post

The RAM Project has won funding from the Open Society Institute to keep the RAM Communications Officer in post for another year. Forward Maisokwadzo's job was at risk after the Home Office cut funding to the Project.

He will continue to produce the RAM *Bulletin*, but will focus his efforts developing the Exiled Journalists Network to become a self-help group which may eventually take over the RAM Project.

EJN update

The Exiled Journalists Network (EJN) Coordinating Group, set up to create the infrastructure to allow the EJN to become an independent organisation will meet on 8 Dec in London. Members of the network with both time and expertise in setting up a community group should contact Forward: ram@presswise.org.uk

Great turn out for Mansoor

More than 60 people attended a public meeting on Nov 9 in support of EJN member Mansoor Hassan, who faces deportation following the failure of his asylum application.

The meeting, organised by Manchester NUJ branch, was addressed by General Secretary Jeremy Dear and Afzal Kahn, Deputy Lord Mayor of Manchester.

Mansoor fled to Britain with his wife and four children after he was attacked and received threats from criminals and senior figures in Pakistan.

Mansoor and his family were forced to leave their first home in Manchester after being subjected to racial abuse. His four children are settled at school and his wife - a teacher - works as a voluntary classroom assistant and with the children of other refugees.

NUJ members and supporters of Mansoor are currently working with legal advisors to obtain a review of the Home Office decision.

To keep up-to-date with Mansoor's case or obtain copies of draft letters of MPs and Ministers see www.nuj.org

New refugee media guide

A guide for refugee community organisations and refugee practitioners about working with the media has been produced by the Refugee Media Group in Wales. Let's Talk to the Media is a guide which should help any groups wishing to engage with the media or challenge

EDITORIAL

Police bungle on asylum

It never rains but it pours for asylum-seekers and refugees. As if all the problems engineered for them through negative reports in the tabloid press, were not enough, police forces across UK recently joined hands and demanded an end to the 'influx' of asylum seekers into their areas. As shocking was the news that the Home Office is said to have agreed to demands from seven forces to stop settling refugees in their areas, throwing into disarray David Blunkett's plans to spread refugees around the country.

How will the constabulary will be able to police the new immigrant communities diligently, effectively and fairly if they have adopted such a negative stance against vulnerable people? The unprecedented call by the police should scare all and sundry. Stopping asylum-seekers and refugees from being dispersed around the country will fuel hatred. What is needed is a well coordinated approach by all Government departments and encouragement of both locals and refugees to integrate in their communities. The police should not label people. How will the emerging communities approach the police for assistance if the forces of law and order have already taken a hard stance against them?

On page 5 of the Bulletin we carry a feature about HACT, a successful charity advocating the need for proper integration of refugees with the help of all the relevant authorities including the police. Police claims that law and order is 'buckling under strain' should be treated with the contempt it deserves with all those trying to help refugees.

Sandra Nyaira
Guest Editor

negative public opinion of refugees and asylum-seekers via the media. For copies contact Vanessa Bucolli at bucolli@cf.ac.uk or tel: 02920 874681

Monitoring the media

Some of the worst excesses of the print media, and their best work, will be scrutinised by members of the Exiled Journalists Network in the new year. They will be working with freelance journalist Rich Cookson as part of a joint monitoring project with the Information Centre on Asylum and Refugees (ICAR) funded by the National Refugee Integration Forum, to test the effectiveness of the PCC guidance to editors on coverage of asylum issues.

ICAR will also be following up its Media Image: Community Response study, in which the RAM Project took part last summer, by reviewing how London papers are covering these issues now. EJN members wishing to be considered for this project should contact ram@presswise.org.uk

Keep an eye on Birmingham!

Several months of careful planning has resulted in a Birmingham Refugee Media Forum being relaunched – and it is hoped that the work done will provide a template for other groups to follow.

Birmingham was one of the first Networks to be launched by RAM several years ago but it struggled to find someone to take on the role of co-ordinator.

Now the network has been reborn after a public meeting in the city – and RAM's national co-ordinator Terry Williams is helping move the group forward.

It is something of a new venture for RAM in that the Birmingham Network is made up of three sub groups covering campaigns, public awareness and media.

Says Terry: "All three activities tend to overlap and this new group is taking on a much more ambitious role than our other networks around the UK. "We are looking at ways of raising funds for a part-time co-ordinator – something other networks are keen to do. "Birmingham is going to be a template for other areas wanting to set up Refugee Media Networks and we will be keeping you in touch with developments in future issues of the RAM newsletter. The new Birmingham Network's work

action plan will be discussed in detail at a development training session being run by Terry Williams for RAM's group in Leeds on January 22. If you would like details contact: anna@presswise.co.uk

Scottish attitudes towards reporting of asylum issues

One in two Scots do not feel that reporting of asylum issues by newspapers is fair and accurate, according to new research from MORI. The research, commissioned by Oxfam Scotland, reveals that 51% of Scottish adults disagree that most reporting of asylum issues by newspapers is fair and accurate; 27% of Scots think that it is.

The survey also reveals that newspapers, TV and radio provide the primary source of knowledge and understanding of asylum issues for 93% of Scots. 81% cite the media as the single most important source of information on asylum-seekers. <http://www.mori.com/polls/2004/oxfam.shtml>

Has The Sun changed?

The RAM Project was approached by a reporter from *The Sun* on 25 Nov saying that the paper is 'desperately' looking for a positive story about refugees to write. "Can you help me to identify accomplished and or successful refugees who are running their own businesses," asked the reporter, adding she has been "assigned to do this feature as the paper has written more negative stuff on asylum and immigration."

Good stuff. But has the paper's anti-asylum stance changed? Remember its notorious 'Swan bake' exclusive? We gave her the benefit of doubt and provided information.

Watch this space...

Howard's way

Genuine refugees could be turned away from the UK under Tory immigration limits unless there is an unforeseen world crisis, Tory leader Michael Howard, told ITV's Jonathan Dimbleby programme on 8 Nov. Under his appalling plan, Mr Howard, whose own parents fled to Britain as refugees, said Parliament would set an annual quota - expected to about 20,000 - for refugees. The Tories say the UK would still take more genuine refugees than it does now. But how have the Tories arrived at

the figure of 20,000? Surely accepting an arbitrary number of asylum-seekers and telling the rest "Sorry we're full" is against all natural justice. <http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=index.page>

Media onslaught on Gypsies

The right wing press and some Tory politicians have embarked on a vitriolic press campaign against Gypsies, in the same manner asylum-seekers and refugees in the UK are treated and misrepresented by some sections of the media.

An increasing number of articles against Gypsies are appearing, and politicians have also joined the anti-Gypsy band wagon. Recent headlines include 'Fooled! By the Gypsies who built a camp in 48 hours' (*Daily Mail*, 26 Oct), 'A Gypsy camp in every town' (*Daily Express*, 8 Nov), 'Invasion of the Gypsies' (*Western Daily Press*, 23 Nov), 'Gypsies drove me out' (*The Sun*, 25 Nov). The stories mostly concern attempts by travelling families to provide a secure base for themselves on land they own, because local authorities have made no provision for them. The stories inflame societal disharmony and fuel hatred against Europe's most discriminated-against minority group.

Bristol paper censured for mocking Gypsies

Police have censured Bristol Evening Post columnist 'Barry Beelzebub' who wrote: "Putting gippos in uniform is like asking Louise Woodward to babysit. Does this mean that the next time you're burgled the CID will pop round and offer to tarmac our drive?" In a remarkably insensitive column, also published on the web, the supposedly 'tongue-in-cheek' columnist attacked police recruitment of Gypsies and Travellers.

Editor, Mike Lowe, whose paper has a good record on asylum coverage, refused to comment, but senior police officer Margaret Wood said: "Such so-called 'humour' only makes me more determined to tackle stereotyping. Gypsies and Travellers are welcome in policing whether as police officers, police staff, police authority members or community advisors."

(Additional reporting from *Travellers Times* <http://www.cf.ac.uk/claws/tru/TT.html>)

EXILED JOURNALISTS SPEAK OUT**Sadly the same old story by the Express on asylum but that is not the truth**

FORWARD MAISOKWADZO examines some of the myths on asylum reported by the media

Last month the *Daily Express* again wrote a series of malicious articles on asylum seekers and refugees based on hearsay. The *Express* ignorantly ran a story about payments to refugees ("Millions paid out to jobless refugees", 4 Nov). Thankfully Jane Kennedy, Minister of State for Work read this inaccurate story and immediately wrote a letter reminding the paper that it got it wrong.

"These are people whose claims for asylum have been rigorously assessed and who have been given indefinite or temporary leave to remain after fleeing persecution and oppression in their own country," wrote Kennedy, hoping it would help to explode some of the myths surrounding asylum-seekers.

She added emphatically: "Asylum-seekers awaiting a decision are not permitted to work and are therefore supported directly by the Home Office until they are granted refugee status or removed from the UK. We are launching a strategy next month to ensure that refugees are given help to find work and contribute to the economy."

But this didn't deter the *Express* from running other unbalanced reports: 'Asylum: we have had enough' (5 Nov); 'Asylum seekers cost us £1bn a year' (22 Nov). Basing its story on the Government figures released a day before, the paper sensationally claimed on its front page that the bill could be as high as £2 billion. Its editorial claimed the cost has rocketed to £5 billion over the past eight years. Same period with different amounts?

That is the way to breed prejudice and sus-

picion. It is very easy to misrepresent a group of people by giving them a label. The simple, factual term 'asylum-seeker' has itself become devalued and misused, soiled by allegations drawn from ignorance.

People seeking asylum here have chosen this country. Not because UK is considered an easy touch but because the country has an honourable tradition of protecting people from persecution, and a relatively modern reputation for defending the oppressed.

Yet there is an under-current of unease fuelled by ignorance; a belief fostered by some that not only are too many people 'flooding' to this country to ask for asylum but that once here, they live in the lap of luxury at the taxpayers' expense.

The truth is that they struggle to make ends meet. And while the law prevents them from working, their skills are wasted. We are keeping them in a soul-destroying limbo, forcing them to try to survive on just £30 a week, rather than recognising the individual contribution they could make.

But just as attitudes are often shaped by generalisations, so too are official rules. And those governing the admission of asylum-seekers are shown time and again to be inflexible and able only to respond to a situation not an individual. Immigration policies and their implementation under Labour have been shambolic, and have led to fears being expressed in some right-wing quarters - including some sections of the media - that we are being 'swamped'.

As one of the wealthiest countries in the world, and a leading member of the European Union, Britain has a duty to shoulder a fair share of the responsibility for offering asylum-seekers and refugees a safe haven. The EU accepts only 3 per cent of the world's refugees annually, of which Britain takes a very modest share. It really is time the rules were revised and our entire approach to people seeking asylum changed to encourage societal harmony.

Cut-out-and-keep COMMUNICATOR

Let's share our Successes ...

Sharing information is the key to the success of RAM's Refugee Media Networks – and this needs to be done nationally as well as in your local areas.

People attending the Networks first national conference in Birmingham earlier this year asked for advice about how to be more effective at exchanging good practice.

An earlier feature in the RAM E newsletter described how bringing together individuals and organisations could do this at local level. So as requested, we are now supplying a list of national organisations and their Web sites. Check them out and learn more about how other organisations are working to change media coverage about refugees and asylum seekers.

Build your list of contacts and join E mail groups which will provide you with information about what other organisations are doing in the way of media campaign work.

Most of the RAM networks already have someone in their group who has access to a computer and is keen to develop links with others organisations. This is also an opportunity to tell other organisations what you are doing well and, where necessary, seek advice.

If you do not have your own computer or easy access to someone else's machine, why not pop down to your local library where computers are usually available and access to the Internet is free.

RAM has already done its bit by launching an E group for our fifteen Networks around the UK and a number of you have already joined. The Network is an excellent opportunity to learn from each other and if you are not yet registered then please contact anna@presswise.cvo.uk

Here are some useful contacts ...

Lots of mailing lists people can join. These are mainly national organisations which may have local/regional offices - if not, still worth asking to be added to their mailing lists.

ENGLAND

Amnesty International (UK)
www.amnesty.org.uk

Asylum Aid
www.asylumaid.org.uk

Commission for Racial Equality (CRE)
www.cre.gov.uk

Destitute Asylum Seekers
Email on destituteasylumseekers@hotmail.com

Immigration Advisory Service (IAS)
www.iasuk.org

Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR)
www.ippr.org.uk

Institute of Race Relations (IRR)
www.irr.org.uk

Joint Council for Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)
www.jcwi.org.uk

Migrant Helpline
www.migranthehelpline.org.uk

National Assembly Against Racism
www.naar.org.uk

National Coalition of Anti- Deportation Campaigns (NCADC)
<http://www.ncadc.org.uk/about/contact.htm>

Refugee Action
www.refugee-action.org.uk

Refugee Council
www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Refugee Legal Centre
www.refugee-legal-centre.org.uk

Refugee Women's Association
www.refugeewomen.org

Show Racism the Red Card
www.srtrc.org

Student Action for Refugees (STAR)
www.star-network.org.uk

SCOTLAND

CloseDungavelNow
www.closedungavelnow.com

Ayrshire Friends of the Refugee
Email on info@frea.org.uk

Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Refugees
07776 114 322 (Mark Brown, campaign secretary)

Positive Action in Housing
www.paih.org

Scottish Refugee Council
0141 248 9799

WALES Refugee Media Group in Wales
Email Vanessa Bucolli on BucolliV@Cardiff.ac.uk

MAPPING THE REFUGEE SECTOR

16. Housing Association Charitable Trust

SANDRA NYAIRA looks at a development agency that acts as a catalyst for change in the housing sector.

Settling into a new community after years living in a different country with a different culture and ideals can never be an easy thing. Moving is one thing, but the most important thing is being accepted and able to fit in and use your skills and expertise to benefit your new community.

Negative stories about refugees and asylum seekers, mean more work has to be done to assist the integration of new immigrant communities. That is where organisations like the Housing Association Charitable Trust (HACT) come in handy.

HACT's work has spanned four decades, implementing programmes to make sure new immigrant communities, usually settled in poor areas, are well integrated. In the past 18 months alone, its claims to have benefited 33,500 people, and run 300 events for local authorities, immigrant communities, resident associations and other stakeholders to discuss and encourage active integration.

Working in partnership with local authorities and refugee groups, HACT develops and promotes solutions for people on the margins of mainstream housing, most of whom are refugees.

"We mainly focus on current and emerging issues," says Andrew van Doorn, HACT's Head of Programmes. "We combine extensive grant-making with the vision of a specialist housing development agency as we endeavour to make a difference locally through our support of individual projects and at a national level."

HACT also tries to influence policy and practice by sharing the learning that comes from

the emerging communities.

HACT's work is underpinned by a commitment to safe, healthy, vibrant and inclusive neighbourhoods, he boasts as he talks about the organisation's achievements which have resulted in the awarding Five Star or 'Beacon Status' by the Government.

HACT operates across England, helping people on the margins to access housing and the related services they need by funding organisations and projects that are testing new solutions, and brokering and supporting partnerships and networks.

It also helps in building the capacity

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Head of Programmes Andrew van Doorn

of specialists and community-based projects through training, consultancy, grants, research and publicising the learning generated from its experiences. Its programmes impact locally through individual projects, but also influence policy nationally.

Currently the organisation is running three major programmes in different parts of England - the Refugee Housing Integration Programme (RHIP), the Supported Living Programme and the Older People's Programme.

Van Doorn says the RHIP aims to achieve more integrated neighbourhoods in which there is an increase in the amount of quality housing available to refugees.

"The RHIP seeks to achieve this aim through a number of different but complementary initiatives which integrate the housing needs and aspirations of refugees.

Language and culture are not the only things that affects people's integration into their new societies, according to van Doorn. The most important thing is accommodation. Homeless people can never integrate properly even if they are well-versed with the languages and culture of their new communities.

"We continue to work with tenants' and refugee organisations to identify areas of concern and then find practical solutions to break down the barriers between the two. Ultimately we are able to unlock the talents of the refugees," he says, adding that refugees have aspirations and assets that can be used to improve their various communities.

He admits there are many 'high tension' areas in the UK where local authorities have been against the settling of refugees. He says this is aided by the prevalence of negative stories in the media about refugees and asylum seekers.

"We are always willing to hear other people's perceptions and work with them and their ideas around improving housing and building capacity within the refugee communities," he says. He says most of the stories in the tabloid newspapers about refugees taking houses away from local people were largely untrue because asylum-seekers and refugees were mainly being settled in areas with surplus housing and mostly in poor communities.

"Very rarely do we hear good stories of refugee communities; we always read about the negative. Newspapers have largely promoted a debate that is not healthy by promoting dissent and not publishing stories of many communities are welcoming refugees," said van Doorn. "A lot of work still needs to be done so that refugees feel they are welcome in local communities."

Next year HACT plans a lot more of activities to help new immigrant communities integrate.

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.

Mon 6 Dec 730pm

SCOTTISH POETRY NIGHT
Hosted by Exiled Writers Ink! with Scott Russell (Academic/Poet), Graham Muir (Guitarist) and Andrea Muir (Writer) performing - followed by an after party.
Venue: Poetry Cafe, 22 Betterton Street, London WC2
Contact Jennifer@exiledwriters.fsnet.co.uk, 020 8458 1910 or visit www.exiledwriters.co.uk

Tue 7 Dec 1pm - 2pm

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING ON THE FRONTLINE
Free public lunchtime lecture delivered by Saira Shah (Journalist).
Venue: Courtauld Institute of Art, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R
Contact 020 7848 1818 or visit www.bihhr.org

Tue 7 Dec 130pm - 6pm

WOMEN REFUGEE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION
For community organisations, policy makers, funders and advisors to address the central issues with volunteer and employee recruitment.
Venue: The Women's Library, Old Castle Street, London E1
Contact Anne Wojewodzi 020 7133 4238, A.Wojewodzki@londonmet.ac.uk or visit www.thewomenslibrary.ac.uk

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

Wednesday 8 Dec 730pm
REFUGEE VOICES FOR DARFUR CONCERT

International artists like Mick Hucknall, Barbara Hendricks, David Gray, Chrissie Hynde, Jocelyn Brown Alison Moyet, Andrew Coleman and Robbie Craig - accompanied by The Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra to raise money for this humanitarian crisis.
Venue: Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7
Contact Box Office 020 7589 8212 or visit www.royalalberthall.com

Sat 11 Dec 12pm - 3pm

CHRISTMAS BOOKFAIR
Second-hand books, CDs, DVDs, Tapes, Videos and Computers for sale in aid of Women Against Rape and Black Women's Rape Action Project - donations welcome.
Venue: Crossroads Women's Centre, 230a Kentish Town Rd, NW5
Contact Anna 0207 482 2496 or 077 8646 5238

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
Aimed at 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
Aimed at 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
Aimed at 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

Mon 31 Jan

MANCHESTER REFUGEE AND ASYLUM HOUSING RIGHTS TRAINING
Focused on explaining entitlement rights to advisers, policy makers

and housing providers.

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

Tue 1 Feb

MANCHESTER IMMIGRATION STATUS AND HOUSING RIGHTS
Examining the latest changes in the relationship between immigration status and housing rights.
Venue: 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2
Contact 020 7490 6720 or visit www.shelter.org.uk/training

Wed 2 Feb 930am - 4pm

GLASGOW ASYLUM TRAINING DAYS FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS
Aimed at sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.
Fees: £45/day community groups/small charities; £70/day other organisations
Venue: Renfield St Stephen's Church Centre, 260 Bath Street, Glasgow G2
For more info, contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

Thur 3 Feb 930am - 4pm

NEWCASTLE ASYLUM TRAINING DAY FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS
Aimed at sharing and encouraging good practise in relation to volunteering and asylum.
Venue: Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1
Contact 0113 268 6222, volunteering@tandem-uk.com or visit www.tandem-uk.com

Wed 23 Feb 11am - 4pm

HEALTH SEMINAR FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGERS
Promoting volunteering by asylum seekers and refugees in mainstream organisations. Speakers include: Sheila Adam (Director of Public Health) and Elizabeth Crafer (Director, Positively Women).
Venue: National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London N1
Contact 0113 268 6222 or visit www.tandem-uk.com

The deadline for the January RAM Bulletin is Fri 24 Dec.

Please send stories, news items, or ideas to Forward Maisokwadzo on ram@presswise.org.uk