Forum Bulletin - Autumn 2022

Here you can find the previous edition of our Regional Refugee Integration Forum Bulletin, as well as links to previous videos from our 'Meet the Forum' series.

Meet the Forum

Each quarter we will introduce you to some of our Forum members. Click on the links below to watch a 2-minute video on Vimeo to 'meet the Forum':

- Duncan Wells – Refugee Council
- Rachel Payling – Barnsley Council
- Dr Ibtisam Alfarah – Sheffield City of Sanctuary
- Sarli Nana – Migrants Organise
- Chief Inspector Lee Dowswell – South Yorkshire Police

Refugee integration news

Each quarter we'll round up some key news stories and reports related to refugee integration. If you'd like more regular updates

on refugee integration and other areas of migration, check out our weekly policy bulletin.

- This evaluation report of an East Midlands project highlights the importance of language, employment and well-being support for refugee integration. (Source: The Bell Foundation)
- Government published evaluations of: the Integration Areas programme featuring Bradford, ESOL community projects mentioning Kirklees, and projects funded under the Controlling Migration Fund with projects in Bradford, Sheffield, Wakefield and Migration Yorkshire's Welcoming Young Refugees project. (Source: Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities)
- This report on the history of citizen-stripping powers in the UK argues that the increasing power of the UK government to remove citizenship without justification or notice has led to the creation of a second-class citizenship for migrants and ethnic minorities, particularly British Muslims. (Source: Institute of Race Relations)
- This new report explores how businesses can help improve social cohesion. (Source: Belong Network)
- The Commission on the Integration of Refugees has had its first meeting. The independent Commission, funded by a research centre on interfaith relations, brings together a wide range of voices including refugees, academics, politicians and faith leaders, to share experiences and gather evidence on how to improve the UK asylum system and make all feel welcome. (Source: The Woolf Institute)

- This half-hour episode of the podcast ‘I Am Not Your Refugee’ looks at migration and the media and features Osama Gaweesh from the UK based Refugee Journalism Project. The episode addresses access to the journalism sector for those from a refugee background. (Source: Open Democracy)
- Sport fans may enjoy this article on Ramla Ali, the champion women’s boxer who first arrived in the UK as a refugee from Somalia. She won amateur English and British titles before representing her country of birth at the Tokyo Olympics. (Source: BBC)
- A year after the evacuation from Afghanistan, Mohammad shares his experience of the evacuation of Kabul and coming to the UK. (Source: Refugee Action)
- In this first-person account Mohammad Forogh, a gay psychologist who fled the Taliban, shares how important it feels to ‘live and work openly’ as his authentic self in the UK. (Source: Metro)

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