Forum Bulletin - Spring 2023

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':

- Pria Bhabra - Migration Programme Manager, Leeds City Council
- Mehrun Ahmed - Co CEO, Football Unites Racism Divides (FURDS)
- Emma Spencer - Informal Learning Manager, Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Miriam Tansia - Participation Officer, Voices Network

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.

- As part of the updates to its new website, the Migration Yorkshire research team is promoting different research papers they have been working on with research partners on the subject of integration. Visit the Refugee Integration Yorkshire and Humber section of the website to find out more. (Source: Migration Yorkshire)
- The latest edition of the magazine Forced Migration Review offers a range of free articles on the topic of socio-economic integration, including a look at social connection in Scotland. (Source: Oxford University)
- Scotland is planning to refresh its refugee integration strategy so that it reflects the needs of newest refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine, and extends English and employability support. (Source: Herald)
- The 'Everyday Bordering in the UK' project explored the relationship between migrants and social care workers and how migrant families might experience 'everyday borders' in the services they receive. Organisations from Hull and Sheffield collaborated on the three-year research project. A briefing note and toolkit on Supporting Migrant Communities are available, aimed at social care practitioners. (Source: University of Sheffield)
- This article explores a recent research project in Manchester, 'Uncertain Futures', on experiences of older women in the workplace, highlighting stories of migrant women facing language barriers and discrimination - often

‘invisible’ in low-paid, zero-hours contract roles, with little chance to progress or utilise their skills. (Source: The Conversation)

- A panel discussion looked at actionable policy proposals to address racial equality, covering a wide range of issues such as representation, hate crime and equality of opportunity in the workplace. (Source: British Future)
- Watch this clip from Channel 4 News on difficulties of cultural integration for some Ukrainian arrivals adapting to life in the UK’s more diverse areas, highlighting pre-existing racial prejudice. (Source: Channel 4 News)
- Professional footballer at York City Maziar Kouhyar paid a visit to a youth group run by Refugee Action York, and talked about his background as an Afghan refugee. (Source: York City Football Club)
- Jess Thompson, Founder of Migrateful (an organisation where refugee cooks teach their traditional cuisines to the public in cookery classes), discusses the importance of projects bringing together people from different communities and backgrounds such as through shared experience of food. (Source: inews)
- To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th, meet some inspiring women leaders in the refugee and migration sector. (Source: IMIX)

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