



October 2021

**Hong Kong Welcome Programme
in Yorkshire and Humber**

You're receiving this newsletter because you signed up to our Hong Kong Welcome programme mailing list. See our [privacy policy](#) in Cantonese and English. To unsubscribe from our mailing list contact admin@migrationyorkshire.org.uk

This is Migration Yorkshire's very first Hong Kong BNO newsletter! Our newsletter is part of our Hong Kong BNO Welcome Programme, aimed at helping new arrivals settle into the Yorkshire and Humber region. Find useful guides, quick links, news, events and more!

What would you like to see in your next newsletter? Contact us via admin@migrationyorkshire.org.uk or you can share your ideas through 'Mentimeter' (use the code **2503667**).

(Click here if you want to find out more about [how Mentimeter looks after your data privacy, and how it uses cookies](#))

What's happened so far...

We ran our first 'Hong Kong BNO Welcome Events' series. The series were made up of four events across September and October which offered a platform for Hongkongers arriving in Yorkshire and Humber to ask questions, share their experiences on moving and settling in the



Migration Yorkshire

region, and to find out more about the support available.

Did you miss our Hong Kong Welcome Events? [Download your event slides here.](#)

Hong Kong Hub

Our Hong Kong Hub is an information platform with support services for individuals arriving in Yorkshire and Humber through the BNO visa route. It was set up in August 2021 and is updated regularly.

Hong Kong Hub is available via www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/hongkonghub

What's New on Hong Kong Hub

What rights do I have with a BNO visa?

- A BNO visa allows the holder to work, study, rent a property and access NHS.
- A BNO visa has a no recourse to public funds (NRPF) condition attached to it, which means that a visa holder cannot access benefits or any other support classed as [public funds](#), such as child benefit, Universal Credit or Personal Independent Payment (PIP).

However, if the visa holder is struggling to cover the costs of housing and living (becomes destitute or are at 'imminent risk of destitution'), they can get the NRPF condition removed from their leave by applying for [Change of Condition](#). Such an application requires access to [OISC-regulated legal advice](#) and is not covered by a free legal aid but free support might be available.

While the Change of Condition application is pending, a BNO visa holder can receive support with housing and living costs from their local authority (council). Please contact us via

ewa.jamroz@migrationyorkshire.org.uk for more details on who you can contact in your area.

FAQ for employers and landlords

Do you have difficulties explaining what a BNO visa is to employers and landlords? Send them a link to our [FAQs for employers and landlords: understanding the rights on BNO visa holders](#).

Learning English

To find information about English language classes in your area, which classes are free, class locations, their level, and whether childcare is available visit [Learning English website](#).

There are also [online courses running outside of Yorkshire and Humber](#).

There are many [online resources available](#) to learners for self-study.

Additionally, local authorities (councils) can support BNO visa holders with learning English by funding classes, up to £800 per person. Please get in touch via ewa.jamroz@migrationyorkshire.org.uk for more details on who to contact in your area.

Employment Related

Do you need help with your CV, practice interviews or finding work? You can join one of your local projects free of charge:

- If you live in Leeds City Region (Leeds, Bradford, Wakefield, Calderdale, Kirklees, York, Harrogate, Selby, Skipton) find your local projects [here](#).
- If you live in Sheffield City Region (Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield) find your local projects [here](#).
- If you live in York, North Yorkshire or East Riding find your local projects [here](#).
- If you live in Humber (Hull, East Riding, North Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire) find your local projects [here](#).



Are you a **nurse** hoping to work in the UK or already working and would like to connect with other nurses from Hong Kong? If so, contact [Hong Kong Nursing Association UK | 英國香港護士協會 \(hknauk.org\)](http://hknauk.org) for information, pastoral care, and support.

Are you qualified as another **healthcare professional** and looking for a job? If you are a **doctor or one of the Allied Health Professionals** eg. Physiotherapist, dietitian, or podiatrist and would like to practice in the UK, please contact **Florence Cantle**, who is an International Recruitment Lead for NHS England. Contact her via f.cantle@nhs.net and tel: 07783820861.

Volunteering opportunities in your area

Wanting to be more involved in your local community? Find below potential volunteering opportunities for you to be involved in and meet local people:

- **Harrogate** [Volunteering Directory | Harrogate & District Community Action \(hadca.org.uk\)](http://hadca.org.uk)
- **Kirklees** [Opportunities – Volunteering Kirklees \(tslkirklees.org.uk\)](http://tslkirklees.org.uk)
- **Leeds** [How to get involved with my community – Doing Good Leeds](#)
- **Sheffield** [I want to volunteer – Volunteer Centre Sheffield \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](http://sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk)
- **Wakefield** [Volunteer > Wakefield \(volunteerwakefield.org\)](http://volunteerwakefield.org)
- **York** [Volunteering Opportunities in York – York Volunteers – York CVS](#)



Events in October and beyond

Know Your Rights: Hate Crime Workshop, Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 11:00

During Hate Crime Awareness Week, Migrants' Rights Network and Victim Support will be hosting a [workshop on hate crime](#). This event will provide key insight into the UK system and what your rights are as a migrant and help you to identify hate crime and report it effectively.

Hong Kong Welcome 'Drop-In' Sessions, starting from Wednesday 20th October

We're continuing our Hong Kong Welcome Events with Wednesday lunchtime drop-in sessions, with an interpreter, covering key aspects of life in the UK every other Wednesday from 12:00pm to 13:30pm.

For more info visit our Hong Kong Hub – www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/hongkonghub

Hong Kong 'Drop-in' Sessions

About the Events

- Every **other Wednesday** 12:00pm - 13:30pm,
- In session **Cantonese interpreter**;
- We will cover key aspects of life in the UK
- Part of the Hong Kong Welcome Programme in Yorkshire and Humber

Data Protection

- You can join **anonymously**
- We will **not** be collecting personal data
- No need to register, **just show up**

Topics Covered

- 20th October** - Securing School Places
- 3rd November** - Private Housing
- 17th November** - Employment Support
- 1st December** - Access to Health Services
- 15th December** - Open Discussion

Zoom meeting code for **all** sessions:

891 6306 3152



Migration Yorkshire



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

For more info visit our Hong Kong Hub - www.migrationyorkshire.org.uk/hongkonghub

Migration Yorkshire Integration Festival, 19th November



Migration Yorkshire

Yorkshire Integration Festival 2021, an online showcase to celebrate the connections and resilience in Yorkshire and Humber, is back on Friday 19th November 2021!

Join us for our virtual event with workshops, keynote speakers, Q&A, panels and performances

Yorkshire Integration Festival 2021
Rebuilding together in a changing world
Save the date // 19th November 2021

Further information will be circulated in due course but, if you have any questions in the meantime, please email us at events@migrationyorkshire.org.uk.

Getting to know Yorkshire & Humber

What's happening in your area?

Wanting to discover and explore your area and beyond? Here you can find outdoor activities and famous landmarks that Yorkshire and Humber have to offer <https://www.yorkshire.com/>

Quick look at local activities taking place in October

[Leeds Light Night](#) - [Largest travelling fair in Hull](#) - [Archaeological Guided Tour - Adults](#)

Do you like **countryside** or want to learn about **British history**? The [National Trust](#) locations are a great a way to explore Yorkshire and Humberside.



Migration Yorkshire

Random facts about life in Yorkshire and UK

Autumn in the UK and what to expect

British weather is known for its unpredictability, which is why it's always good to be prepared, get an idea of [what to expect this autumn!](#)

Halloween

The UK are big on Halloween and is enjoyed by many. Houses that do participate in Halloween usually have decorations and their lights on. Houses without usually don't want to be disturbed!

There are many Halloween events across Yorkshire and Humber, particularly in York, which is known for its haunted history. [Explore York ghost tours and walks.](#)

Bonfire Night

Bonfire Night falls on **5th November** every year, it is a British tradition celebrated throughout the UK remembering the "[Gunpowder Plot](#)". Expect fireworks and bonfires in [your area.](#)

School Half-term

Majority of schools throughout the UK will go on half-term **between 22 October and 1 November**. If you're unsure about your local school's half-term dates [visit gov.uk.](#)

Here are a few [ideas of local activities and places to visit](#) with your kids this half-term.

Interesting Facts about Yorkshire

The flag of Yorkshire is a White Rose on a blue background. White Rose of Yorkshire goes back to the fourteenth century – Edmund of Langley, the first Duke of York.





[York Minster](#) took 252 years to build, and is the largest gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

If you'd like to unsubscribe from our mailing list, contact admin@migrationyorkshire.org.uk. See our [privacy policy](#) in Cantonese and English.



Migration Yorkshire