



NEWSLETTER

Making Sense of Asylum

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Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of ICAR's newsletter, highlighting our most recent work and website resources.

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ICAR is an independent information and research organisation based in the School of Social Sciences at City University in London.

ICAR's mission is to increase public understanding of asylum issues in the UK, and inform policy and practice through applied research and impartial policy evaluation.

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ICAR Focus on

[ICAR Focus on](#) is a new development of our [weekly asylum update](#). Each month we will comment on items of news or policy developments which will include further references for more in-depth analysis. In this first edition, ICAR staff member Gabriela Quevedo looks at the impact of the recent European Elections on wider EU asylum policy and how it may affect the UK.

Literature Review: Financial Inclusion of New Migrants in Northern

We are pleased to announce the publication of '[Financial Inclusion amongst new Migrants in Northern Ireland: a Literature Review](#)'.

This report was written for ICAR by the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion, as part of the Financial Inclusion research project funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. ICAR is leading this project in association with Citizens Advice Belfast.

Further information about the project is available at: www.icar.org.uk/inclusion. Alternatively you can contact [Julie Gibbs](#).

Refugees Rights and Responsibilities in the UK: Final

This [report](#) by Gareth Morrell details the findings of ICAR's research into refugees' own understandings of their rights and responsibilities in the UK. This has been a multi-method project, supported by the Sigrid Rausing Trust, which consisted of a stakeholder consultation followed by reviews of literature, policy and research and field work involving face to face interviews with three refugee populations in London. Visit the [Rights and Responsibilities page](#) for more information.

ICAR Web User Survey 2009

User Surveys are one of the key ways in which we can obtain the views of our users so that we can improve our services and products. The ICAR team value feedback of any kind, this is your chance to have your say!!

- The survey will only take 2 minutes to complete online
- Don't forget to register: you could win a £30 book token!

To complete the survey click [HERE](#)

Research Directory

Key recent research reports published on asylum and refugees issues are highlighted here. See ICAR's Research Directory for more reports.

Asylum Law and Policy

UK

[Out of sight, out of mind: experiences of immigration detention in the UK](#) by Amanda Shah and Adeline Trude, published by Bail for Immigration Detainees (BID)

[The Use of Country of Origin Information in Refugee Status Determination: Critical Perspectives](#), by the Immigration Advisory Service.

[Asylum Appellate Project – Second Year Report](#) by Devon Law Centre.

[The Emperor's New Safe Country Concepts: A UK Perspective on Sacrificing Fairness on the Altar of Efficiency](#) by Michael John-Hopkins. *International Journal of Refugee Law* Vol. 21, No. 2.

Europe / Global

[The Challenges of Ensuring Protection to Unaccompanied and Separated Children in Composite Flows in Europe](#) by Liv Feijen. *Journal of Refugee Studies* Vol 22, No 2.

[Statelessness: A 21st century challenge for Europe](#) by Laura van Waas. *Security and Human Rights*, Vol 20, No 2.

[The Psychology of Seeking Protection](#) by Jane Herlihy and Stuart W. Turner. *International Journal of Refugee Law* Vol. 21, No. 2.

Health

[Mental health implications of detaining asylum seekers: systematic review](#) by Katy Robjant, Rita Hassan and Cornelius Katona. *British Journal of Psychiatry* Vol 194 No 4.

[The Extent of Collection of Information on Migrant and Asylum Seeker Status in Routine Health and Social Care Data Sources in England](#) by Peter Aspinall. *International Journal of Migration Health and Social Care* Vol 3; No 4.

[Bridging the Gaps: Refugee Community Organisations and the Provision of Mental Health Services in the London Borough of Camden,UK](#) by David Palmer et al. IN: *International Journal of Migration Health and Social Care* Vol 4 No 4.

[After Wilberforce: an independent enquiry into the health and social needs of asylum seekers and refugees in Hull](#) by Peter Campion, Sally Brown and Helen Thornton-Jones, published by NHS Hull

Integration, community and welfare

[An emergent cosmopolitan paradigm? Asylum, welfare and human rights](#) by Lydia Morris. *British Journal of Sociology* Vol 60; No 2.

[The Second Destitution Tally - An indication of the extent of destitution among asylum seekers, refused asylum seekers and refugees](#) by Asylum Support Partnership.

[Economic impact on the London and UK economy of an earned regularisation of irregular migrants to the UK](#) by Ian Gordon, Kathleen Scanlon, Tony Travers and Christine Whitehead , commissioned by the Greater London Authority.

[Irregular Migration: the urgent need for a new approach](#) by The Migrants Rights Network.

[Refugee integration and access to housing: a network management perspective](#) by D. Mullins and P. A. Jones. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment* Vol 24 No 2.

[Social housing allocation and immigrant communities](#) by Jill Rutter and Maria Latorre, commissioned by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Specific needs

[Constructing the Personal Narratives of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Asylum Claimants](#) by Laurie Berg and Jenni Millbank. *Journal of Refugee Studies* Vol 22, No 2.

[Developing indicators for the protection of the rights of the child in the EU](#) by the European Fundamental Rights Agency(FRA).

[Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women Affected by Rape or Sexual Violence: a Literature Review](#), by the Refugee Council.

[A School-Based Mental Health Intervention for Refugee Children: An Exploratory Study](#) by M. Fazel, H. Doll and A. Stein. *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry* Vol 14; no 2.

[Does Every Child Matter? Children seeking asylum in Britain](#) by Refugee and Migrant Justice.

[Bordering on Concern: Child Trafficking in Wales](#) by Emma Kelly, Debbie Beadle, Eleanor Glass and Adrian Gray, published by ECPAT UK (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes)

RAL Update

[Researching Asylum in London](#) (RAL) is an online, easy-to-access database with over 400 current entries of all research on refugee and asylum issues relevant to London published since 2000. Each report has been summarised in a concise, user-friendly format by the ICAR team.

RAL Update is a bi-monthly bulletin sent to your email account to keep you informed of the latest research. [Subscribe to RAL update.](#)

Interns and Volunteers

As part of the [Zimbabwean Strategic Internship Scheme](#), managed by the Citizens for Sanctuary programme, ICAR has recruited a volunteer to provide assistance in our research and information work.

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