



Refugee Council conferences

Practice and procedure: An asylum policy and legislation update

7 March 2007, London
22 March 2007, York

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In response to popular demand and the success of the 2006 events, we are pleased to announce the 2007 policy and legislation update event for all those working with asylum seekers and refugees, and for those formulating policies on refugee issues.

Whilst the last year has brought clarity to several policy areas, new issues are continuing to open up, and experience has been increasing at every level. Asylum policy and legislation is being constantly updated to reflect this. The nature of demands on client services for refugees is also changing. Keeping abreast of those aspects that are constant, as well as those that change is an essential part of day-to-day work.

These conferences will provide a unique opportunity to discuss UK asylum policy and practice. The events will highlight key legislative changes relating to asylum. Delegates from across the breadth of the public, private and charity sectors will hear about good practice. They will have the opportunity to update their knowledge; develop their understanding of the challenges ahead and examine how they can be met.

There are now several overlapping government policies and legislative documents which affect those working with asylum seekers and refugees across all sectors; impacting on policy development, service provision, and roles and responsibilities. These include provisions under the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 and policies around destitution, the New Asylum Model, detention and legal advice.

During the conference, delegates will be invited to consider a range of issues concerning asylum legislation, policy and practice. In the afternoon, workshops will provide an opportunity to expand discussion on these issues in a range of key areas.

This conference aims to

- Help those working with refugees and asylum seekers understand the new asylum landscape
- Identify the main challenges of current and proposed government policy and legislation
- Discuss the implications of changes to service provision and organisational policies
- Relate new asylum policy and legislation to roles of statutory and other agencies
- Determine ways of improving services and integration for asylum seekers and refugees
- Demonstrate practical initiatives to develop more comprehensive and consistent support
- Explore how agencies can work together across a range of sectors to meet the challenges of changing policy and legislation in a sustainable way

Benefits of attending

- Update your knowledge around asylum policy and legislation
- Understand the implications of new asylum policy on service provision
- Develop ideas to improve services and information provision in the climate of change
- Discuss the impact of changing asylum legislation on staff
- Explore examples of good practice and how they can apply to your work
- Network and exchange information with colleagues in the sector

Who should attend?

- Local authority social services departments, asylum seekers teams and asylum consortia
- Local authority leaders, chief executives and practitioners
- Those working with young refugees in schools, colleges and the community
- Legal professionals and immigration advisers
- Equalities officers
- Trade unions
- Advice services and organisations
- Accommodation providers and housing associations
- Police, probation and prison services
- Voluntary support services
- Health and mental health workers
- Home Office and other central government departments
- Community partnerships

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Agenda London

7 March 2007

Regent's College, Regent's Park, Inner Circle, London, NW1 4NS

09:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Welcome and introduction by chair Anna Reisenberger , <i>Acting Chief Executive, The Refugee Council</i>
10:15	Operational changes in the Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) Lin Homer , <i>Director General, Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND)</i>
10:35	The New Asylum Model: the experiences of clients so far Renaé Mann , <i>Co-ordinator, Inter Agency Partnership</i>
10:55	Developments in asylum legislation Steve Symonds , <i>Legal Officer, Immigration Law Practitioners' Association</i>
11:15	Questions
11:25	Refreshments
11:50	Asylum policy developments: from the EU to the UK Gemma Juma , <i>International Protection Manager, The Refugee Council</i>
12:10	An update on forced removals and returns Nick Oakeshott , <i>Tribunal Team Leader, Refugee Legal Centre</i>
12:30	Asylum: The new dirty word? Shami Chakrabarti , <i>Director, Liberty</i>
12:50	Questions
13:00	Closing remarks
13:10	Lunch
14:10	Workshop 1 <i>As chosen by delegates</i>
15:40	Refreshments
16:00	Workshop 2 <i>As chosen by delegates</i>
17:30	Expected closing time

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York

22 March 2007

The Royal York Hotel, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA

09:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00	Welcome and introduction by chair Hermione McEwen , <i>ILPA Executive Committee Member, Senior Solicitor at Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit</i>
10:15	Operational changes in the Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) Chris Hudson , <i>Regional Director, Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND), North East, Yorkshire & the Humber</i>
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Workshop topics are detailed overleaf.

Conference booking form

Please return booking form
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Workshop selection

Please prioritise your first four choices of workshop by numbering against the title here using 1 - 4 (1 = first choice)

- Accessing legal advice
 Responding to practical needs of destitute asylum seekers
 Understanding voluntary returns policies and programmes
 Understanding legal criteria for protection and associated rights
 Dealing with gender based persecution in asylum cases
 Detention of asylum seekers, fast track in the New Asylum Model - key policy issues
 Working with the Home Office UASC reform programme and the children's segment of the New Asylum Model
 Inspiring partnerships and multi-agency work: Innovative approaches in adding value to local projects
 Supporting integration and advocacy in the community: Learning from experiences in Glasgow

Delegate name and contact details

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