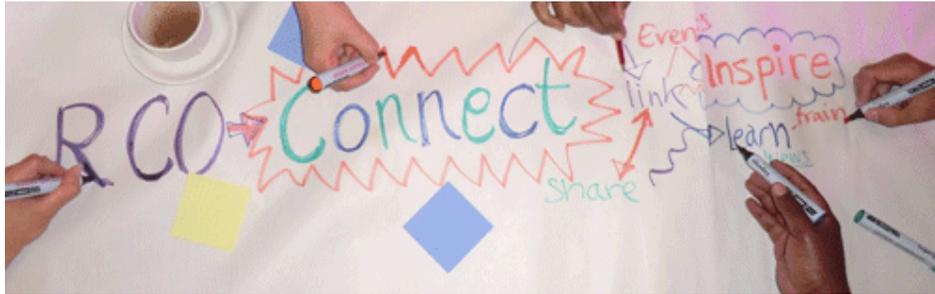


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Dear Tom

Basis Project National Conference, *RCOs: Looking to the Future*, 24 January 2012

Basis Project partners Refugee Council and Refugee Action invite you to attend our final National Conference, *RCOs: Looking to the Future*. Join colleagues from RCOs, second tier and funding organisations around the country to celebrate achievements and discuss ways to help refugee communities to flourish in the future.

Come and take part in interactive discussion and cafe-style workshops on a range of issues, hear inspirational speakers talking about their experience and hopes and enjoy entertainment and networking opportunities.

Birmingham, 24th January 2012 10:30- 4:30. Please note the change of date.

Register your interest now - send your name, email and organisation to Carol Barker at basis@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Programme updates will be available [here](#)

News

What's the value of an RCO's work?

South Sudan Women in Skills Development (SSWSD) feature in a new report by the Women's Resource Centre, which looks at how women's voluntary and community organisations create social value. Read about how SSWSD generates £11 of social value for every £1 invested in the organisation in the [Basis Project blog](#).

Voice of Congolese Women - Exchange of Cultures event.

A new film showcases the "Exchange of Cultures" event organised by Voice of Congolese Women as part of the Ashbourne Festival in Derbyshire. This event was part of a project supported by the University of Derby. The film explores this work and how it developed. The African Institute for Social Development also give their perspective on

collaborating on the event.

Watch the film [here](#).

Nominate a local hero for new Channel 4 TV show

Channel 4 is looking for inspirational people who have dedicated a lot of time to helping others, who they will reward with a special surprise treat on their show. Channel 4 is asking people to nominate a person who has touched their lives in some way and would like to say thank you.

If you would like to nominate someone, get in touch with Crack It Productions.

Email: info@crackitproductions.co.uk

Tel: 0207 292 3581 / 07531 834 187

Training and events

Basis Regional Seminar – North East

The emphasis of this event is to bring together both the refugee community organisations (RCOs) leader/community activist and funders to share their experiences and finding about current and future funding opportunities. The day will also highlight some valuable experiences from some of our progressive RCOs on funding and other areas of their development process.

For more information click [here](#), or contact Hussein Mahamed on 0113 386 2203 or

Hussein.Mahamed@Refugeecouncil.org.uk

UK Climate Change and Migration Coalition event: Should we be planning for human movement?

Six leading experts navigate the core of migration and climate change concerns from different institutional and intellectual perspectives.

Speakers include:

Agnes Hurwitz (UNHCR)

Clarissa Azkoul (IOM UK)

Professor Brad Blitz (Kingston University)

Professor Alexander Betts (Oxford University)

Janani Vivekananda (International Alert)

Steve Trent (Environmental Justice Foundation)

London, 7-9pm Wednesday 2nd November. For further information, click [here](#).

RISE National Violence Against Women conference

Join survivors, activists and specialist service providers to explore effective approaches to preventing violence against women and supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence, forced marriage, FGM, prostitution and sexual exploitation.

Brighton, Thursday November 17th 2011.

For more information, click [here](#).

Sheila Mckeshnie Foundation offer Introduction to Campaigning workshops

Do you want to make your voice heard by people in power? Do you want to influence decisions made by the council, UK government, the health service or other bodies that affect your community? Have you started to campaign for change and want advice on how to get to the next level? If so, the SMK Introduction to Campaigning workshop is for you. This introductory level campaign workshop is for individuals and voluntary organisation.

Cambridge, 18th November 2011

Manchester, 9th December 2011

For further information about SMF campaigning workshops, click [here](#).

Brent Basis Project training opportunities

Brent Basis Project are delivering a series of training programme deigned to increase the capability and capacity of voluntary and community organisations.

Developing a Fundraising Strategy

London, Thursday 27th October 2011, 10.00am to 1.00pm

Introducing an alternative source of income for your organisation

London, Wednesday, 02 November 2011, 10:30am - 04:00pm

For further information about training opportunities offered by the Brent Basis Project, click [here](#).

Fundraising opportunities

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Supported Options Fund

The Supported Options Fund aims to provide support and advice to young people (up to 30 years of age) and children in the UK who do not have regular immigration status. The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is now inviting expressions of interest from organisations who may wish to apply to this Fund, which is open to those anywhere in the UK.

The closing date for expressions of interest, which should be a maximum of 6 pages, is 5pm on 15 November 2011.

Full details of the aims and approach, and how to apply, are available [here](#).

Home Office Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) fund

The Home Office is launching the FGM Fund for all FGM frontline organisations.

You can apply for a grant of £2,000 to £5,000 in October 2011, when the fund is launched. This fund will be open for submissions for a month and you are advised to ensure applications are submitted by 5pm on 28th October 2011.

For further information and guidance on how to apply, click [here](#).

London Councils' European Social Fund Programme

Projects designed to help unemployed Londoners find jobs are invited to apply for a share of £11.3 million of funding through London Councils' European Social Fund (ESF) programme. The programme matches funds from 15 participating London boroughs with the European Social Fund, which was set up to improve employment opportunities in the European Union and help raise standards of living. The scheme is open to all organisations working to reduce unemployment in one of the participating boroughs.

Deadline: 12 noon on the 31st October 2011

For further information on how to apply to the European Social Fund Programme, click [here](#).

The Tesco Charity Community Awards

The Tesco Charity Community Awards for grants for children and their education and welfare will re-open for applications on the 1st December 2011. Through the Awards, one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 are available to local projects that support children and their education and welfare. Trust also provides grants to groups working with and supporting elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities.

To find out more about how to apply for a Tesco Community Award, click [here](#).

The Social Action Fund

The Social Action Fund is a new grant fund of over £20 million managed by the Social Investment Business on behalf of the Office for Civil Society. The Fund aims to inspire organisations to create new social action opportunities; encouraging people to give what they have, be it time, money, assets, knowledge or specific skills.

To find out how whether your organisation is eligible for a grant, click [here](#).

Team London: small grant awards

Team London Micro Grants will help smaller, unconstituted and / or grassroots voluntary sector and community organisations with an annual turnover of less than £10,000 seeking to increase their volunteering capacity. The fund is for groups working to improve quality of life for Londoners through projects and programmes that build stronger neighbourhoods and improve the environment. There are 66 grants of up to £1,000 available - two in each London borough.

The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest for a Team London Micro Grant is Friday 4 November 2011 at 5.00 pm.

For more information about Team London grants, click [here](#).

Resources

Race on the Agenda (ROTA) Introducing the Equality Act 2010 and using the Public Sector Equality Duty to Promote Race Equality

ROTA has joined forces with RAMFEL, Asian Women's Resource Centre, Lewisham Refugee Network, Hounslow

Tamil Community Centre and Harrow Equalities Centre to offer free training around the Equality Act. The training is free for voluntary and community organizations with an annual turnover less than £1 million

For more information about London training dates, click [here](#).

Leap CR- employee volunteering platform

LeapCR is a platform that brings together over 700 nonprofits with employees working at the world's leading companies and brands such as Nationwide Building Society, Logica, Aegis Media, BNP Paribas, Mace and QBE.

Nonprofit Partners share their mission, campaigns, events and fundraising activities with one of the most attractive groups of supporters on the planet: people that work in caring, community friendly companies- for free!

To register go to charities.leapcr.com. To find out more go to blog.leapcr.com/nonprofits or contact Felicity McLean on felicity@leapcr.com

Templates for RCOs

The Basis Project has produced a wide range of templates for RCOs to adapt for their own use in topics from business planning and strategy, to human resources, to fundraising.

They are available [here](#).

Research: The Third Sector Knowledge Portal

The Third Sector Knowledge portal, launched on the 14th October, will allow people to search for research on issues concerning the voluntary sector. The portal was built by the Third Sector Research Centre in partnership with the British Library and funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

Read more about its launch [here](#).

Job vacancies and volunteer opportunities

PA/Administrator to Chief Executive/Clinical Director and Operational Manager - The Refugee Therapy Centre

The candidate should be intuitive, flexible, have excellent secretarial skills, and be able to use software packages and databases to a high standard, including Microsoft Access. They should also be committed to confidentiality and to the ethos of the Refugee Therapy Centre; have excellent communication skills, verbal and written; stamina and a sense of humour are essential requirements for this position.

Deadline: 8th November

A job description and application pack with further information can be found [here](#).

Community Access Officer – Thames Valley Housing

Opportunity for a Community Development Worker to manage a new community empowerment project with TVHA residents in Slough. You will be responsible for finding innovative ways of recruiting, training and supporting new

community activists to undertake a whole range of projects and activities to benefit the whole community.

Deadline: 30th October

A job description and application pack with further information can be found [here](#).

Latin American Women's Right's Service, Director (Maternity Cover – 1 year)

£31,508 pa

25 days annual leave

Job share /part-time considered

Start date: mid January for handover, commencing 7 February

The Latin American Women's Rights Service (LAWRS) is a community development organisation run by and for Latin American women migrants in the UK. Established in 1983, LAWRS' mission is 'to provide tools for growth to empower Latin American women in the UK to pursue personal and social change'. Our services include advice, information, training and personal development activities along three themes of gender based violence, poverty alleviation and recognition.

Volunteering opportunity at European Campaign for Human Rights in Afghanistan

The European Campaign for Human Rights in Afghanistan, is a new and exciting human rights organisation seeking innovative Volunteers to assist in fundraising, media, advocacy, administration, creating and maintaining effective partnerships with relevant bodies and organisations.

To apply, please forward your CV to Dr Nasimi by at nooralhaqnasimi@btinternet.com

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