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Dear reader

Welcome to issue 7 of 2011. Please email the [Development team](#) with any suggestions or feedback you have. We will be happy to hear from you.

## Special announcement

### RCO newsletters

From June 2011 you will start to receive RCO Connect – a newsletter from the [Bas](#) showcase the work of RCOs across England.

RCO E-news (this newsletter) will be incorporated into Refugee Council's newsletter opportunities. It will also be a platform for RCOs to profile their campaigning activities.

You will start to receive both newsletters which we hope you will find very useful in your spare time, and you will stop receiving them. (We will not send you these newsletters if you have opted out of receiving them.)

## News

### Deputy Prime Minister attends 60th anniversary celebratory event

On 10 May 2011 the Refugee Council celebrated the 60th birthday of the Refugee Council. Nick Clegg spoke at the event and emphasised the importance of protecting people and providing them with nothing less than the most compassionate, efficient, dignified asylum system in the world.



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## Comment on the Best Value consultation

The Department for Communities and Local Government is consulting on new Best Value with voluntary and community groups when facing difficult funding decisions. If you are interested, please email [Helen.todd@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:Helen.todd@refugeecouncil.org.uk)

**Deadline for responses: 14 June 2011.**

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## Are you interested in seeking public office?

The Parliamentary Shadowing Scheme is designed to nurture a new generation of public office holders, understand the policy process and become a Parliamentary Ambassador from either the House of Commons or Lords, and gives an insight into national and international affairs.

Details of eligibility and how to apply are on the [OBV website](#), or contact: Francine

**Deadline for applications: 5pm 30 June 2011.**

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## JustTextGiving

JustGiving and Vodafone have launched a service to allow fundraisers and charities to raise money via text messages.

Find out more [here](#).

## Funding

The **People's Postcode Trust** offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to support projects in the areas of: Crime Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights



considered on a rolling quarterly basis in England and Wales. For details, see [pos](#)

**Deadline for applications for grants over £2,000: Friday 27 May 2011.**

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### **Adult & Community Learning Fund**

A £2.25 million fund is available from the Skills Funding Agency to support adult and community learning through the Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE). The maximum amount for any bid is £10,000.

**Deadline for applications: 10 June**

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### **British Red Cross's Positive Images Programme**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to support activities that promote positive attitudes towards people with mental health problems. Grants are available to schools, colleges, universities, youth groups and student groups working in partnership with the British Red Cross.

**Deadline for applications: 17 June**

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### **Funding for Music Making Activities**

Youth Music has announced its grant making programme is open for applications. Grants are available to support music making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music's goals.

**Deadline for applications: 27 June**

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### **The Tudor Trust**

The Tudor Trust has a particular interest in helping smaller, community-led organisations to improve their financial management and fundraising skills.



to be a registered charity to apply for funding - see details [here](#).

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### **Hilden Charitable Fund**

The Fund now accepts applications at any time, and makes grants to projects in the area that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; community based initiatives

Find out more about the fund [here](#).

## **Training and resources**

### **Free Specialist Workshop: Jobsearch for Refugee Professionals in the UK**

Date: Friday May 27 2011. Time: 2.00-.5.00pm

Venue: [Stockwell Community Resource Centre](#), 1 Studley Rd, Stockwell, SW4 6RA

For details see the [Transitions website](#).

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### **Do you want to become a Magistrate?**

Operation Black Vote (OBV) is providing free one-day seminars - 'A Judiciary for A Fair Criminal Justice System. The aim is to help improve Black and other minority ethnic communities about the work of the courts.

Details and dates of seminars in May and June are [here](#).

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### **Do you have a Big Idea to change lives or transform your community?**

Successful applicants for Rayne Fellowships for Refugees will receive the right support



lives. Applications are currently open to people aged 18 to 25. For more information

**Deadline for applications: 5pm Friday 29 July 2011**

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### **Free advice training – support people interested in teaching**

Is your organisation providing employment advice? Refugees into Teaching, run by the Refugee Council, offers free advice sessions for organisations that want to increase their ability to offer effective advice. The sessions include a wide range of resources and presentations for organisations to use.

Find out more on our website [www.rit.refugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.rit.refugeecouncil.org.uk) and then call Susan on 020 7348 3420

## **Events**

### **"The Challenge of Gender Inequality and the role of Women in Development (AWWG)**

Date: Thursday 26 May 2011

Time: 10.00am - 2.30 PM

Venue: AWWG, 594 Tottenham High Road, London N17 9TA

For details contact: Hadija Hamdun Said - Tel. 020 8885 5822 Email: [awwghsa@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:awwghsa@refugeecouncil.org.uk)  
Theodoros Abraham - Tel. 020 7348 3420 Email: [theodoros@reconnectonline.org.uk](mailto:theodoros@reconnectonline.org.uk)

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### **Gender Equality workshop**

Saturday 4 June 2011 - Manchester

Saturday 25 June 2011 - Cardiff

What is being done to ensure equal rights for women worldwide?

What role can links play in promoting gender equality from community level to the national level?

How can we engage with the UN Women's agency?

If you would like to discuss answers to these questions, find out more [here](#).



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## Young Refugee / BME person's Art Competition and Exhibition June 2011

Are you an artist aged between 15-30? If so, you can enter the Art Competition & Exhibition Week. There are three themes: 'Friendship', 'Refugees and The Host Society' and 'The Future'.

For details contact: Emad or Phil on 020 7386 9060 or email: [info@hfrf.org.uk](mailto:info@hfrf.org.uk)

**Deadline for submission of art works (3 per person): Friday 10 June 2011**

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## REFUGE IN FILMS

BFI Southbank, London  
24, 25 and 26 June 2011

Refuge In Films is a 3-day festival created by young people from around the world about refuge and migration. This year the theme is 1951! -to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention and to celebrate the 1950s style with an international twist!

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

## Vacancies

Action for Refugees in Lewisham ([AFRIL](#)) have two vacancies:

### Magical Stars project worker

Rate of pay: £20 per hour

Reports to: Manager

Responsible for: volunteers

The post is for 4 hours per week for 5 weeks starting on 15 June.

Purpose: To plan and deliver a programme of activities for 9 parents and their children.



Thursdays 10am-12pm for a total of 20 hours.

**Closing date: Saturday 28 May.** For details and how to apply: [iolanda@afrii](mailto:iolanda@afrii).

**English & Maths teacher**

Rate of pay: £20 per hour

Reports to: Manager

Responsible for: volunteers

The post is for two hours per week, 9:30-11:30 every Saturday

**Closing date: Saturday 11 June 2011.** For details and how to apply: [iolanda](mailto:iolanda)

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