

Migration news roundup 11 September 2023

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View of Houses of Parliament from bridge over river Thames

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Stories that inspired us this week

To mark the [50th anniversary of the military coup in Chile, this exhibition in Sheffield reflects on the events](#). Sheffield welcomed over 300 Chilean refugees at the time. [Hundreds gathered in Sheffield](#) to remember the coup, and a screening of Ken Loach's short film on the subject, '9/11' was shown ([watch it here](#)). (Sources: Sheffield Museums, Morning Star, Daily Motion)

[Volunteers from Hull Help for Refugees collected and cleaned discarded tents and sleeping bags after Leeds Festival](#), to be given to people who are sleeping outdoors in Hull and in Calais. In other news, [Syed Sadat from Afghanistan has excelled in playing for Oulton Cricket Club](#) in Leeds. (Sources: Scarborough News, Yorkshire Evening Post)

International news

[Doctors Without Borders on the Panama – Columbia frontier are struggling to care for those in need](#), as the number of refugees crossing through region steadily increases. (Source: the Guardian)

In Italy, [growing numbers of 'hate speech' incidents in politics and sport are of mounting concern to the United Nations](#). Meanwhile, authorities in [France have implemented new measures to prevent people from crossing the Channel](#). (Source: Info Migrants)

UK borders and migration policy

[Immigration Minister Robert Jenrick gave an overview of the government's work on 'illegal migration'](#) in the House of Commons this week, stating that they are on track to clear the 'legacy backlog' of asylum claims. (Source: Home Office)

[Currently, money from the overseas aid budget is used to fund some of the cost of supporting people seeking asylum](#). According to the watchdog this may need to change following the Illegal Migration Act – the money can't be used to support people deemed ineligible for asylum. (Source: Independent Commission for Aid Impact)

[Last weekend saw the highest daily number of people arriving on small boats so far this year](#), with 872 arriving in a single day, although the overall number of arrivals is lower than at this point last year. (Source: Sky News)

This article provides an [insight into challenges faced by overseas care workers whose UK visas are dependent on sponsorship by an individual employer](#). (Source: the Guardian)

Specific migrant groups

Charities have written an [open letter urging the government to help avoid homelessness](#) by ensuring at least 28 days notice is given to newly granted refugees before stopping their support. [There are useful new guides here, aimed at people applying for refugee family reunion](#), and [spouse or partner visas](#). (Sources: Independent, Free Movement)

On EU nationals, a [formal response was issued on the Independent Monitoring Authority report on delays to Certificates of Applications issued as part of the EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#). In other news, a statement of changes to immigration rules announced this week [removes the right to administrative review for EUSS applications refused on basis of eligibility and cancellation decisions made on or after 5 October 2023](#). (Sources: Home Office, UK Parliament)

[Some UK Universities have introduced early winter intakes this year, to help international students avoid visa changes](#) which will prevent students from sponsoring joining dependents from January 2024. (Source: The Pie News)

On children and young people:

- Despite a high court ruling finding the practice unlawful, [the Home Office continues to accommodate unaccompanied asylum seeking children in hotels](#). Kent County Council states it 'cannot cope' with the number of arrivals. (Source: the Guardian)
- The University of Liverpool released a [report which highlights the psychological impact of Home Office delays in the asylum system upon unaccompanied children and young people seeking asylum](#). (Source: University of Liverpool)
- [A study conducted by The Children's Commissioner for England found, 21% of unaccompanied children were missing education, compared to 2% of all other looked after children](#). The Commissioner also reiterates 'grave concerns' around the impact of the Illegal Migration Act on vulnerable children seeking asylum. (Source: Children's Commissioner)

The [latest data on Windrush compensation](#) shows that by the end of July 2023, £79 million had been paid out to individuals through the scheme. (Source: Home Office)

In his upcoming memoir [BBC presenter Clive Myrie talks about the effects of the 'hostile environment policy' on the life of his family](#). He described how he felt angry and ashamed of his own country. (Source: the Guardian)

Cohesion and integration

An interesting advice column on everyday issues around race, asking [when is it ok for white people to ask about other people's ethnicity](#). (Source: the Guardian)

Following threats to sue an academic last week, former MP [Antoinette Sandbach has now apologised for her family's historical links to slavery](#), saying she only discovered her history a few months ago, adding 'I'm not

responsible for them, but I accept that it was wrong and when we look at it today, it's horrific.' (Source: the Guardian)

This report explores [the role the arts and heritage sectors can play in the need for us to tell a fuller and more frank account of our past in an increasingly diverse UK](#). (Source: British Future)

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