

Migration news roundup 16 October 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

[Students in York renovated a Ukrainian family's garden](#) as part of their university research project. (York Press)

[Sunny Oyem, who is seeking asylum in Northern Ireland, has found volunteering at a community-owned farm has brought him hope.](#) (Source: BBC)

[You can read this interview with Nhial Deng, a South Sudanese refugee who has been recognised by the UN](#) for his work supporting refugees in Kenya through education and ambassadorship programs. (Source: the Guardian)

International news

[Germany unveiled a new migration bill](#) to extend detention times and swiftly remove migrants, particularly those with a criminal background. (Sources: TVP World)

Outside Europe:

- [the World Food Programme resumed food assistance to refugees in Ethiopia](#) after being on hold since June. (Source: UN News)
- for World Mental Health Day, the World Health Organisation (WHO) released [a report on improving mental health for refugees and migrants](#). (Source: WHO)

UK borders and migration policy

[When considering the lawfulness of the Rwanda scheme, the Supreme Court has heard evidence from UNHCR](#) raising questions about the country's treatment of people seeking asylum. The hearing is over but [the ruling will be announced at a later date](#), expected to be in two months. Separately, [human rights concerns were once again raised about Rwanda](#) by Human Rights Watch, a US-based non-governmental organisation. (Sources: BBC, The Times, the Guardian)

Published by a charity, [this new report calls for safe routes for people to travel to the UK to seek asylum](#). (Source: Safe Passage)

[Two new briefings cover UK deportation law](#) in relation to foreign national offenders, and [an overview of family migration to the UK](#). (Sources: Free Movement, Migration Observatory)

Specific migrant groups

Glasgow council says [Home Office plans to grant status to up to 1,400 people in Glasgow by the end of 2023 could cost the council over £53 million](#) as it seeks to manage a homelessness crisis. Also on asylum support, the [Bibby Stockholm is set to restart accommodating asylum seekers](#) imminently. (Sources: STV News, the Guardian)

[Hundreds of Afghans who worked with British forces in Afghanistan remain stuck in limbo in Pakistan](#), waiting to be relocated to the UK. Pakistan has announced it will remove those without legal status. (Source: BBC)

[EU nationals and their family members can no longer apply for an administrative review](#) of their EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) claim if it was refused from 5 October. The current waiting time to have a negative decision re-looked at is now at least 18 months. Meanwhile, the Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) published [guidance on the extension of pre-settled status](#) and wider changes to the EUSS process. (Sources: Home Office, IMA)

[There's been an unexpectedly sharp fall in Nigerian and Indian students' enrolments at British universities](#), potentially due to currency devaluation in Nigeria and global competition. (Source: The Pie News)

In modern slavery news:

- [Eleanor Lyons, currently Deputy Children's Commissioner, has been appointed as the new Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner](#), a position vacant since April 2022. [Some have questioned her suitability for the role](#). (Sources: Home Office, the Guardian)
- [This guide aims to help local authority adult social care commissioners](#) identify and manage modern slavery risks. (Source: University of Nottingham Rights Lab)
- [New guidance encourages governments to take a common approach to data collection on trafficking](#), arguing improved evidence is needed to inform policy interventions. (Source: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime)

Here's a great story on how [Hongkongers are integrating through football](#). (Source: Welcoming Committee for Hong Kongers)

Cohesion and integration

[Hate crime statistics](#) show a 5% decrease between years ending March 2022 and 2023. This is the first decrease for a decade, though racially motivated hate crime still represents 70% of the total incidents. (Source: Home Office)

While the conflict between Hamas and Israel escalates, [this article discusses the impact already being felt by different communities in Manchester](#). (Source: BNN Breaking)

In this opinion piece, [author Yasmin Alibhai-Brown criticises Suella Braverman's recent speech on multiculturalism](#) and looks at the term's development and use. (Source: inews)

Joseff Gnagbo came to the UK five years ago and was settled in Wales. [Joseff is proud to have become Chair of a Welsh language campaign group](#) - the first person not born in Wales to do so. (Source: BBC)

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