

Migration news roundup 26 September 2022

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View of Houses of Parliament from bridge over river Thames

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Stories that inspired us this week

[Chile's representative at the Queen's funeral, Antonia Urrejola, spent her childhood in Hull](#) after her family fled the Pinochet regime. (Source: Hull Daily Mail)

In Leeds, [young authors from Afghanistan, Iran, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Chad have created the recipe book 'Cooked with Love'](#) to share their favourite meals with the world. (Source: the Guardian)

The [City of Sanctuary national conference was held in Bradford](#) - catch highlights on this twitter thread. The theme was how the migration sector can build resilience. With talks, theatre, music and incredible singing from a local primary school choir, it was a reminder of the positivity and hope in the sector. (Source: City of Sanctuary)

At the Yorkshire Integration Festival people from across Yorkshire and Humber celebrated our region's rich diversity with music, film, dance, drumming, crafts, food, coffee, a marketplace and more. [Check out #YIF2022 for snippets from the day](#). (Source: Migration Yorkshire)

International news

Following President Putin's announcement that 300,000 reservists would be mobilised in the Ukrainian war, many Russians are attempting to flee. At present, [Russians seeking asylum in Estonia and Latvia are being turned back](#) whilst [Finland has already allowed 4,800 Russians](#) to cross the border. (Source: EU Observer)

Other countries continue to hinder border crossings in the Mediterranean:

- [Morocco has prevented over 40,000 attempts by migrants to enter Europe without permission this year](#), as part of Morocco's commitment to 'migration management' in cooperation with the EU. (Source: Morocco World News)
- [The Turkish leader accused Greece of 'illegal and reckless pushbacks'](#) that claimed the lives of two child refugees after the Greek coastguard allegedly sank their boats. (Source: Info Migrants)

[In Germany, the government intends to better protect LGBTQ+ asylum seekers](#) by making decisions with the assumption that claimants would be open about their sexuality and/or gender identity in their country of origin, rather than suggesting people who are returned could be 'discreet'. This comes as [reception centres in Germany](#)

[are at risk of reaching capacity](#). (Source: Info Migrants)

[50 Venezuelan migrants are suing Florida governor Ron DeSantis](#) for flying them to Massachusetts under false pretences. Republican governors have been sending migrants to Democrat-run areas in recent weeks. (Source: the Guardian)

UK borders and migration policy

[The new Prime Minister and Home Secretary seem to be at odds over migration strategy](#): Liz Truss wants increased immigration in some sectors to boost the economy, whilst Suella Braverman has warned of undermining manifesto pledges. (Source: the Telegraph)

[Over 30,000 people have arrived on small boats in 2022](#), already higher than the 2021 total. There's a reminder of the dangers of this route with reports of a [person needing resuscitation after a dinghy broke in two](#). (Sources: BBC, Daily Express)

Government announced two [recruitment agencies that will supply up to 2,000 workers under the seasonal visa scheme for the poultry sector](#). (Source: Farming UK)

[Home Office guidance has been updated in relation to good character in naturalisation applications](#); those holding indefinite leave to remain are understood to meet lawful residence requirements. (Source: Free Movement)

[Detention and deportation officers are taking Home Office contractor Mitie to an employment tribunal](#) over issues including unfair dismissal and race discrimination. (Source: the Guardian)

Specific migrant groups

On asylum:

- Fact checkers have produced a [briefing on asylum support payments](#) following erroneous claims on social media about this issue. (Source: Full Fact)
- As part of a series on the cost of living crisis, [an expectant father in the north of England who is seeking asylum describes the challenges he and his wife face while they are unable to work](#) due to awaiting a decision on their asylum cases. (Source: the Guardian)

As the academic year begins, [EU students are reminded their rights are protected as long as they have a Certificate of Application confirming the submission of their EU settlement scheme application](#). (Source: Independent Monitoring Authority)

On Windrush, [the Home Office Community Engagement Fund 2022 to 2023 is open for applications](#) with a deadline of 21 October. The fund aims to encourage people from the Windrush generation to apply for documentation and compensation. (Source: Home Office)

Cohesion and integration

[A young Ukrainian told his mum he feels 'at home' in Alnwick](#), north-east England. (Source: BBC)

[New research on what ‘culture war’ means and how it reflects the ‘Brexit divide’ suggests public opinion has become more liberal and inclusive.](#) For example 17% of those polled think that to be ‘truly British’ you need to be born in the UK, down from 48% in 1995. Similarly, in 2000 25% thought that people identifying as Black or Asian have not had equal opportunities in this country; this has risen to 45%. The research points to a strong connection between views on Brexit and attitudes to identity, migration and equal opportunities. (Source: NatCen).

[Is the migration brain drain an outdated concept?](#) This article asserts that it doesn’t reflect the complexity of migration of skilled labour from low income countries to richer ones and should be replaced by a term that also represents the gains. (Source: Deutsche Welle)

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