

Migration news roundup 7 October 2024

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View of Houses of Parliament from bridge over river Thames

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Stories that inspired us this week

[Six women, all healthcare workers from Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Kenya, are portrayed in a mural on a side of a London hospital.](#) The artwork aims to honour the bravery of those women and value the multicultural workforce that makes up the NHS. (Source: BBC)

New book [‘Our Heritage 2’ documents the stories of women from a Gujarati Indian Muslim background who made Batley in Kirklees their home.](#) (Source: BBC)

International news

In the Americas:

- [Over 700,000 people are internally displaced in Haiti](#), with a significant rise in recent months due to gang violence. At the same time, [thousands of Haitians face being forced out of neighbouring Dominican Republic.](#) (Source: Al Jazeera)
- [The USA is aiming to admit 125,000 refugees during the year ending September 2025](#) which would be the highest level for many years. (Source: Reuters)

This article discusses [the impact of the Russian invasion on the Ukrainian Roma community.](#) (Source: the Economist)

[Some British citizens and their families are being evacuated on government chartered flights from Lebanon](#) due to growing conflict in the Middle East. There are an estimated 4,000-6,000 British nationals in Lebanon. (Source: Metro)

UK borders and migration policy

[The number of people arriving in the UK by small boats in September was 4,190](#) compared with 4,729 in 2023. (Source: The London Economic)

[German and French ministers have suggested the EU should work towards an agreement on migration with the UK](#) as the lack of such an agreement exacerbates smuggling and dangerous journeys across the Channel. Meanwhile, [Keir Starmer is reportedly reluctant to explore the possibility of an EU-UK youth mobility scheme](#), concerned such a scheme could appear similar to the pre-Brexit freedom of movement. (Source: the Guardian)

Specific migrant groups

On asylum:

- The Home Secretary confirmed that [people seeking asylum will continue to be housed in hotel accommodation](#) while the backlog of applications is cleared over the next three years. (Source: Independent)
- An analysis suggests over [31,000 individuals claiming asylum were left in limbo under the previous government's Illegal Migration Act 2023](#), which considered these claims to be inadmissible. As amendments to the regulations in July meant such asylum claims can now be processed, [this article describes the role of councils in the face of inevitable and increasing homelessness](#) as the Home Office makes more decisions on asylum cases. (Sources: OpenDemocracy, NRPF Network)

Supported by organisations around the country including in Yorkshire and Humber, [this briefing discusses the urgent need for legal aid in the immigration system](#). In anticipation of legal advice being provided remotely in future, [this research report discusses the experiences of people who have received in-person and remote legal advice](#) and calls for research and practice guidance to minimise risk of harm to people seeking asylum. (Sources: Migrants Organise, Public Law Project)

On children and young people:

- New research has found [migration during adolescence can increase the risk of psychosis](#). The greatest risk was for black and north African young people who migrated between ages 11 and 17. (Source: the Guardian)
- [A foster carer shares her experience of caring for a 16 year old unaccompanied asylum seeking child](#) from Ethiopia. (Source: Metro)
- Following a report last week highlighting challenges faced by displaced young people in the UK in accessing education, [Barnet Southgate College shares the successes of their ESOL programme for young](#)

[refugees](#). (Source: the Guardian)

On the Windrush generation:

- [Being Here, a new exhibition at the Whitworth gallery in Manchester](#), will feature 70 works by artist Barbara Walker who discusses the exhibition in this interview, including her portraits of first- and second-generation Windrush migrants. (Sources: Whitworth gallery, the Guardian)
- [Alford Gardner, Leeds resident and one of the last surviving passengers of the Empire Windrush, has passed away](#) aged 98. (Source: Independent)

Because of its burgeoning Asian shops and businesses, [the Merrion Centre in Leeds is attracting many international students, helping them to feel at home](#). (Source: BBC)

Cohesion and integration

[A new outdoor exhibition in front of the Senedd building in Cardiff, 'A Great British Welcome', tells stories of how refugees, people seeking asylum and host communities thrive together](#). Photos from the series (including from Bradford) can be downloaded. (Source: UNHCR)

[Seyfu Jamaal and Kader Seyed, both based in London, are ambassadors of the Refugee Run Club](#), an organisation supporting refugees across the country through local running communities. They both participated in the Berlin Marathon in September 2024. (Source: Independent)

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