

Migration news roundup 13 June 2022

Image
View of Houses of Parliament from bridge over river Thames

A selection of stories about migration-related policy, research and statistics from the past week.

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Stories that inspired us this week

[Sleman, a Refugee Week 2022 ambassador, shares his story](#) of moving to the UK in 2012 and opening the much-loved Mood Café in Huddersfield. [Source: Imix]

International news

As part of World Refugee Day, an Italian developer company is launching the [Mygrants for Ukraine app that aims to match Ukrainian nationals with businesses](#) that are looking for employees. [Source: InfoMigrants]

[Thousands of migrants, mainly from Venezuela and Central America, are heading to the US in a record 'caravan'](#) to coincide with the Summit of the Americas. The caravan includes families and children who demand access to immigration procedures and dignified treatment by the authorities. [Source: BBC]

UK borders and migration policy

The [Home Affairs Select Committee examined the work of the Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration](#) [ICIBI] where it was revealed that publication of ICIBI reports is frequently delayed by the Home Secretary beyond agreed timescales and [Priti Patel has not yet met with the inspector in person](#) since his appointment 14 months ago, cancelling multiple meetings. [Sources: Parliament TV, Independent]

More than [10,000 people have crossed the Channel on dinghies](#) in 2022 so far, according to the Ministry of Defence. Meanwhile, [two men were jailed for smuggling migrants](#) across the Channel in small boats. [Sources: the Guardian, BBC]

Several items on Rwanda in anticipation of the first removals due on 14 June include:

- The [Home Office is facing a High Court challenge against its Rwanda policy](#). Around 80 detained asylum seekers facing relocation to Rwanda have lodged legal challenges to block their removal. [Some asylum](#)

- seekers facing removal are on hunger strike in protest.
- The [Home Office has reportedly offered asylum seekers the choice of being returned to their country of origin](#) or being relocated to Rwanda.
- [Charities say the Home Office is seeking to remove unaccompanied children to Rwanda](#), raising concerns of children being wrongly assessed as over 18 under the Home Office's new age-assessment policy. Unaccompanied minors are technically exempt from third country removal under [the Home Office inadmissibility policy](#).
- Actress [Emma Thompson has spoken against the scheme](#). [Sources: the Guardian, Al Jazeera, Independent, Home Office, Sky News]

A few new reports have been published recently:

- A report from Refugee Action reveals [the scarcity of legal advice in some parts of the country](#). It provides national and regional breakdowns – in Yorkshire and Humber, Hull and North Yorkshire are mentioned as areas experiencing particular shortages of provision. [Source: Refugee Action]
- A recent report from Doctors of the World found [migrant women are facing high charges for NHS maternity services in the UK](#), even when exemptions should apply. [Source: the Guardian]

This article criticises the new [High Potential Individual visa for favouring middle class immigration](#), with no universities from Africa, India or Latin America included in the rankings. [Source: the Guardian]

Specific migrant groups

On EU nationals:

- the Independent Monitoring Authority [\[IMA\] launched an investigation into the Home Office's delays](#) in issuing a certificate of application to EU Settlement Scheme [EUSS] applicants. The inquiry is open until 8 August. [Source: IMA]
- [latest EUSS statistics show a total of 6.65 million of applications](#) under the scheme, with over 50,000 received in May. [Source: Home Office]

On Ukraine schemes, [Wales temporarily paused its super sponsor scheme for Ukrainian refugees](#) [separate to the Homes for Ukraine scheme] to 'refine' arrangements. Elsewhere, this story tells of the impact of policy on unaccompanied children, as [a 13-year-old Ukrainian girl had to return to Ukraine after the Home Office refused her a visa to enter UK](#) since she was accompanied by her older sister rather than their parents. [Sources: BBC, National World]

Cohesion and integration

[This Jubilee Britain report explores popular views of what it means to be British](#) and how migration contributes to British society [see pages 12-15]. It demonstrates changing attitudes on immigration particularly in the area of healthcare and also provides findings on practical ways in which the public are prepared to welcome refugees. [Source: British Future]

We've collated points from stories in the public domain to create this page, it's a selection and not comprehensive. For more detailed coverage of some policy issues, see our Policy briefings page.

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