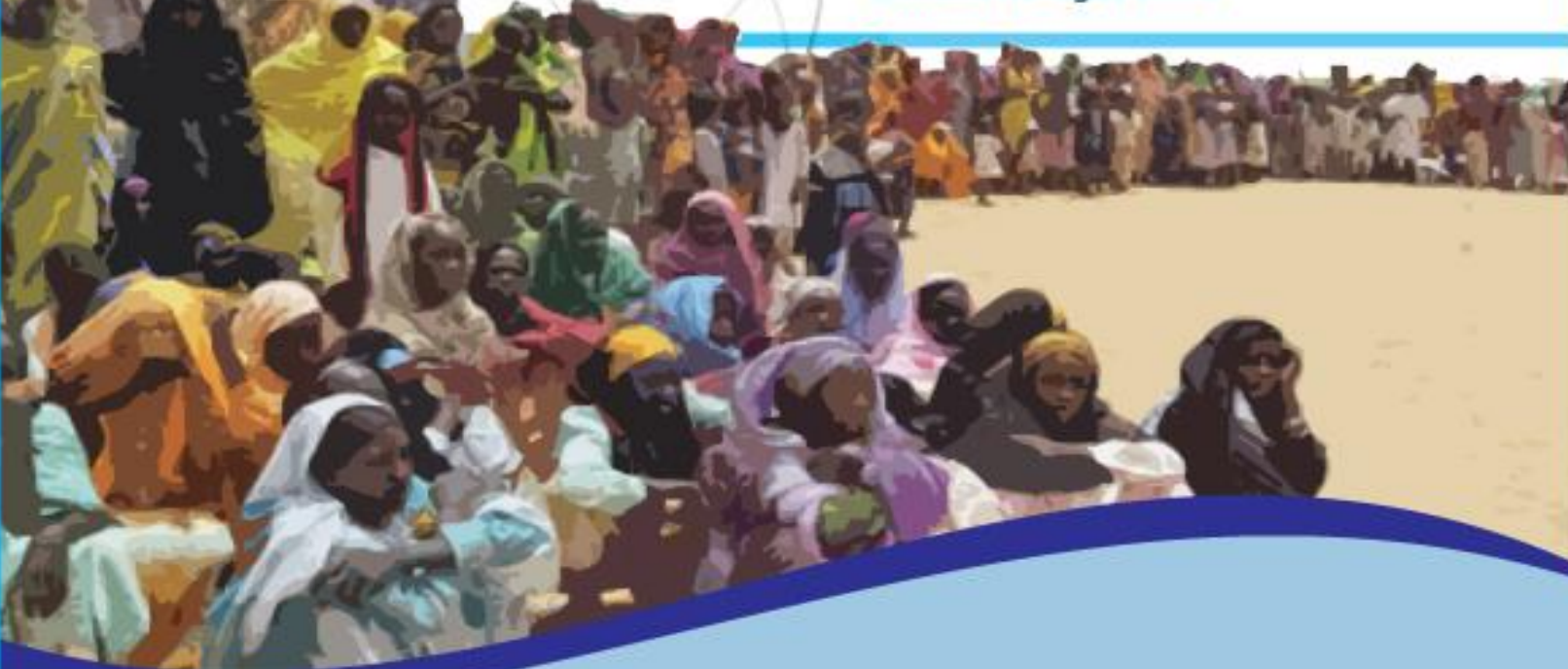


YOUR VOICE



London Refugee Voice



Strengthening the Voice

03rd June 2009

In this Issue

Page 1

British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) responds to Government's Green Paper on Rights and Responsibilities

Page 2

- Refused asylum seeker killed in Sudan
- Violence against women

Page 3

- Refugee Empowerment Project and London Refugee Voice

British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) responds to Government's Green Paper on Rights and Responsibilities

"BIHR is concerned that the Government's Green Paper on a Bill of Rights and Responsibilities may leave a false impression that existing human rights do not already carry clear lines of responsibility, accountability, monitoring and enforcement..."

According to them a Bill of Rights should include all human rights protections set out in the Human Rights Act, and it should also enforce in the UK the rights protected under the European Convention on Human Rights.

This means that all people in the UK, regardless of citizenship or immigration status, must enjoy equal protection of their human rights. Human rights by definition apply to all human beings, they are universal and do not depend on a person's immigration or citizenship status.

<http://www.bihr.org.uk/news/bihr-statement-on-bill-of-rights>

Charity Number 1099718
Cocoon House, Market Approach,
Off Lime Grove, Shepherds Bush, W12 8EE
Tel: 02087438733, Web: www.lrv.org.uk



YOUR VOICE

Refused asylum seeker killed in Sudan

A refused Sudanese asylum seeker was shot by government security forces after being returned to his home country.

Adam Osman Mohammed died after returning to his village in south Darfur under the assisted voluntary return programme after being refused asylum in the UK.

According to Amnesty International UK, "Darfur is still incredibly dangerous. No one should be removed to Sudan at the present time."

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/news/reviews/newsreview/2009/20090330.htm>

Violence against women- Refugee Council response

The Refugee Council has responded to a Government consultation on how to combat violence specifically against women and girls.

They strongly support the Home Secretary's statement in the consultation document that 'violence against women and girls is unacceptable, whatever the context, whatever the circumstances'.

They also stress that the strategy to combat violence against women and girls must fully include and address refugees' and asylum seekers' particular needs and experiences.

It is also urged that the strategy should address the fact that in many cases, women and girls are exposed to violence precisely because they are refugees or asylum seekers.

The report reveals that Refugee women are more vulnerable to violence during conflict; during their flight to safety; in the UK, the country of asylum; and, for those who are returned to their countries of origin, during the return process.

For more details, please go to http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/policy/responses/2009/violence_against_women.htm



London Refugee Voice

Charity Number 1099718
Cocoon House, Market Approach,
Off Lime Grove, Shepherds Bush, W12 8EE
Tel: 02087438733, Web: www.lrv.org.uk
Email: info@lrvo.org.uk



YOUR VOICE

A callout for an RCO to take part in the Refugee Empowerment Project

The project aims to tackle the problem of destitution and to explore how RCOs and the Refugee Council can work together towards common campaigning goals. In a series of workshops delivered by campaigning specialists, you will build on your skills, look at different campaigning tools and techniques and learn together what works and what doesn't. You will create a campaign strategy for your RCO with the support of the Refugee Council's Campaigns and Development teams. You will then be responsible for acting on your campaign strategy, and be supported in reflecting on your progress together with the other partner organisations and the Refugee Council.

Acknowledgement of RCO commitment

You will need to make a big commitment of time and energy but your costs will be covered. Each RCO will receive a grant of up to £1,000 per participant, with up to a maximum of 3 participants (£3,000), to cover the costs of their involvement in this project.

As a campaigning and lobbying charity for RCOs london-wide, London Refugee Voice (LRV) is looking for an RCO in the boroughs of Barnet, Brent and Camden wishing to take part in this project in partnership with us. Please contact us by email

Aminath@lrv.org.uk or Tel: 02087438733

GREENFEST.org.uk

- is coming up with some environmental stuff, music, stalls, kids' stuff, bring a picnic and friends
- make this the best FREE party of the year

Date: Sunday 14th June 2009, 1pm-5pm

Place: By the river in Hammersmith, Furnivall Gardens, W6 9DJ

For more information go to : www.greenfest.org.uk

LRV will be holding a member meeting on **Integration: Training and Employment** in June/July. Look out for more information on future newsletters.

* **To join London Refugee Voice for free or to renew your membership to ensure that you get your Voice heard please go to <http://www.lrv.org.uk/join-lrv/> Or email info@lrv.org.uk**



London Refugee Voice

Charity Number 1099718
Cocoon House, Market Approach,
Off Lime Grove, Shepherds Bush, W12 8EE
Tel: 02087438733, Web: www.lrv.org.uk
Email: info@lrv.org.uk



YOUR VOICE

a London Refugee Voice
Publication

Charity Number 1099718
Cocoon House, Market Approach,
Off Lime Grove, Shepherds Bush, W12 8EE
Tel: 02087438733, Web: www.lrv.org.uk
Email: info@lrvo.org.uk



London Refugee Voice



LOTTERY FUNDED