

The NEMP (North East Migration Partnership) Newsletter brings together various sources of information which relate to Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migration within the North East area. If you have anything you would like to be included in the next Newsletter please email: nemp@middlesbrough.gov.uk.

Subject	NEMP MIGRATION MULTI-AGENCY MEETINGS
<p>Migration Multi-Agency Meetings</p>	<p>The North East Migration Partnership (NEMP) launched a new approach to local partnership working after much consultation with its partners about what would work best. The MMAMs are made up of nominated officers from statutory agencies and those in the voluntary sector who are involved in the provision of services, and delivering support to refugees and asylum seekers living in their local authority area. They provide an opportunity for migration issues to be discussed, escalate trends, barriers/issues from an operational level to the NEMP, Home Office and other strategic partners, such as the Police and Department of Work and Pensions. These forums are now set up in most areas of the NE, work is ongoing with Darlington and Hartlepool local authorities.</p>

Subject	NEMP NEWS AND EVENTS
<p>Integration Event</p>	<p>The NEMP held a stakeholder special event over summer where it discussed with partners new proposals in the Governments proposed Integrated Communities Strategy. This helped develop the consultation response on behalf of the NE, which can be viewed by clicking on this link: Integrated Community Strategy</p>
<p>AIRE Contact Event</p>	<p>NEMP organised an event on the Advice, Issue, Reporting and Eligibility (AIRE) Contract which provided full details of the other side about the asylum contract which will create a single point of contact for Asylum Support advice, service issues and complaints in a national contract.</p> <p>It was held at Bede Tower, Sunderland and Members, lead officers, and voluntary sector representatives were invited.</p> <p>Feedback for the event can be found here</p>
<p>Placed Based Approach Focus Groups</p>	<p>NEMP have co-ordinated a number of high level workshop conversations scheduled between July-September 2018. They are being used to consider how central and local governments, service providers and civil society can work more closely together to improve the management and flow of asylum seekers to the pilot area of Middlesbrough, particularly the experience around the asylum journey.</p>

	<p>So far the focus groups have been well attended and we have gained a beneficial insight from those who support and provide services for asylum seekers within various sectors and agencies.</p> <p>Further information on the pilot and workshops held can be found here and here.</p>
<p>Meeting with Immigration Minister</p>	<p>The Partnership met with the Immigration Minister, Rt Hon Caroline Noakes and it is expected there will be an ongoing direct dialogue with the Partnerships going forward.</p> <p>The Minister agreed to a separate meeting with those regions most impacted by asylum dispersal. The Mayor of Middlesbrough attended this follow up meeting in July 2018 on behalf of the region with other national and chief officers. Key conversations included how the new contracts for asylum dispersal accommodation, support and advice will emerge over the coming months -as these contracts are currently under contracting proceedings; and the inequity in the national configuration of asylum dispersal, the predominance for localised clustering and impact of cases with no recourse to public funds. The Minister also met with a selection of North-East Leaders / Deputy Leaders from Sunderland, Newcastle, Middlesbrough representing the region. Again the emphasis was on seeking a greater strategic involvement of LAs in asylum dispersal, the desire to end room sharing and improve information exchange to better target council services, particularly around prevention and early engagement.</p>

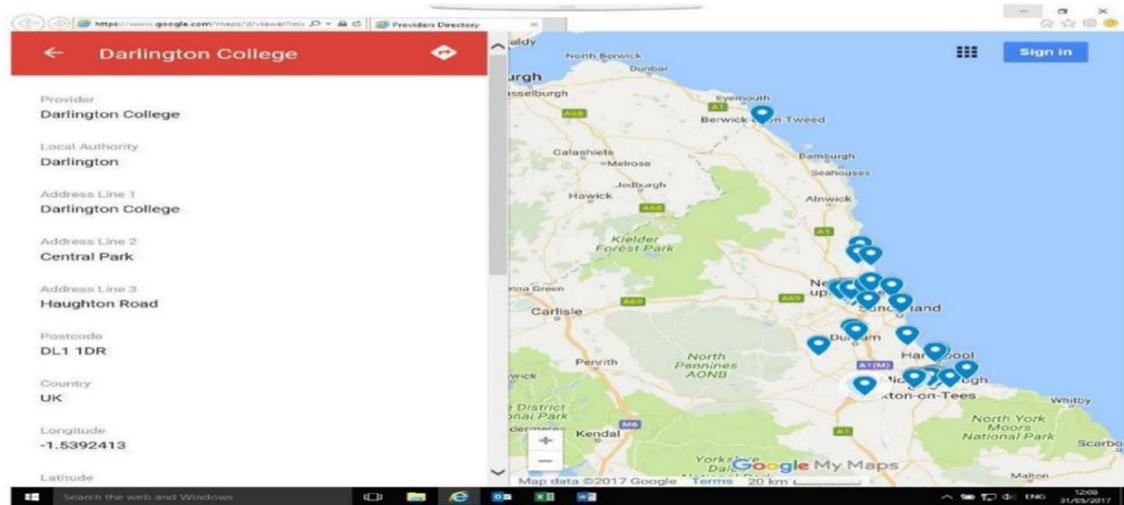
Subject **NEMP ESOL UPDATES**

ESOL

ESOL MAP

A Regional ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) map has been created and has had regular updates over the last few months. The map has been widely welcomed as a useful referral tool. By the 20th July 2018, the map has been viewed 1,245 times since its completion in June 2017. The map which lists all formal and informal ESOL provision across the North East region can be accessed [here](#).

NEMP’s ESOL map is regularly updated. If you know of an ESOL provider that is not listed on the NEMP ESOL Map or any updates that need to be made please contact NEMP’s Katherine Corrigan: Katherine_corrigan@middlesbrough.gov.uk as a way to make sure that the map is up to date and accurate.



ESOL

ESOL Resources for Schools to promote inclusivity

The links below is a list (which is not exhaustive) but contains some of the key sites for finding resources that can help schools create an integrated environment for pupils of all ages. Many sites have links to further resources, materials and lesson ideas and could be used by teachers and governors.

- www.teachingcitizenship.org.uk/resources
- <http://refugeeweek.org.uk/resources/education-resources/classroom-resources/>
- <http://www.redcross.org.uk/Tags/-Refugees-and-migration?cts=teachingresources>
- <https://www.actionaid.org.uk/school-resources/search/s/topic/0-3091>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2014/jun/09/how-to-teach-refugee-week-lesson-resources-education>
- <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/education/2015/10/8-educational-resources-to-better-understand-the-refugee-crisis/>
- <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/schools-of-sanctuary>
- <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/resources/>
- <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/educational-and-mental-health-needs-syrian-refugee-children>

In addition the NEMP has a sourced work that pulls together online Resources and downloadable App's that can used to assist with English language development. If you would like to receive this please contact via email: nemp@middlesbrough.gov.uk. This would be helpful for carers, volunteers and befrienders.

Subject	NORTH-EAST ASYLUM DISPERSAL AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
ASYLUM DISPERSAL	<p>The NE, in the first quarter of 2018, received 3,917 asylum seekers through the COMPASS dispersal arrangements - this is a 24% increase from last year's first quarter intake.</p>
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT	<p>The UK government are on track to meet its pledge to resettle 20,000 refugees affected by the conflict in Syria in May 2020.</p> <p>A total of 5,760 people were resettled in the UK in the year ending March 2018 under various schemes. This included 4,342 Syrian nationals who were provided protection under the Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS), bringing the total number of Syrians provided protection to 11,649 since the scheme began in 2014. With over half of the resettlement goal being reached there have been calls for the government to extend their pledge by 10,000 (Refugee Action)</p> <p>The NEMP is seeking to welcome around 400 individuals in 2018/19 as part of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) and the Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS), to areas in the NE. It will continue to work closely with Local Authorities in allocating these cases, organising programming/logistics and facilitating family reunion, sharing good practice and supporting the delivery of local pledges to assist those from Syria and Middles Eastern/North Africa regions.</p>

Subject	UASC UPDATE
UASC	<p>The Partnership successfully bid for funding from the Government’s Controlling Migration Fund, and received a total of £25k to cover the cost of delivering a comprehensive training programme to professionals working with UASC. It is hoped that the regional delivery of training will provide access to high quality courses, delivered in the region, which will develop the knowledge, skills and confidence in meeting the needs of unaccompanied children.</p> <p>To date training has been provided to foster carers, supported lodgings providers and support workers aimed at increasing their confidence and knowledge on how to care for children from a range of cultural and religious backgrounds. Health professionals have received training in the therapeutic support for separated children and social workers in age assessment, engaging with survivors of torture, triple planning and no recourse to public funds, which also covered the support available for children resettled in the UK under Dublin III regulation.</p> <p>The training has been really well received and demand for places on all courses has been high, some of the feedback received includes:</p> <p><i>“I have an increased awareness and sensitivity towards the issues and challenges faced by Young Refugees and Asylum Seekers”</i></p> <p><i>“This training has been extremely knowledgeable and widened my understanding of how to respond to tortured Asylum Seekers”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“I am fully confident that if I was asked to accommodate a UASC in my home that I would know how to seek the appropriate information to make them comfortable”</i>

In July 2018 The Children's Society published [*Distress Signals: Unaccompanied Young People's Struggle for Mental Health Care.*](#)

Key points made within the report detailed:

- How barriers in achieving stability in the UK can result in mental health issues or exacerbate existing mental health issues that unaccompanied youth people may have been struggling with.
- Effects of the traumatic events that young people have faced prior to their arrival in the UK can continue to affect them for substantial periods of time through a range of symptoms, such as flashbacks, sleep disturbances, memory impairment, anger and disruptive behaviour, self-harm and even suicide.

Recommendations in the report include:

- Providing guardians for UASC
- Improving mental health assessment.
- Raising awareness amongst professionals and providing additional training
- Taking the impact of mental health on UASCs into account when processing immigration and asylum processes.
- Providing holistic support to young people that are reunited through the Dublin III process.

Subject	MEET THE NEMP TEAM
	<p style="text-align: center;">Janine Hartley <i>North East Migration Manager</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zeban Faisal <i>North East Migration Partnership Officer</i> Specialises in ESOL and employability and how to access RAS programmes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lesley Williams <i>North East Migration Partnership Officer</i> Specialises in unaccompanied children and no recourse to public funds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beauty Tshuma <i>North East Migration Partnership Officer</i> Specialises in work on asylum seeker and VPRS support work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tyla Jones <i>Business Development Officer</i> Specialises in VPRS allocations and new projects</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hannah Fryett <i>North East Migration Partnership Project Support</i> Communications , governance support and MMAMs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Katherine Corrigan <i>North East Migration Partnership Project Support</i> Communications , governance support and MMAMs</p>