

# CMPR

Centre for Migration Policy Research

## CMPR Newsletter - Winter 2009

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Welcome to our first e-newsletter containing information about our current research, latest publications and events.

### About CMPR

The Centre for Migration Policy Research (CMPR) is an interdisciplinary research Centre based at Swansea University. The Centre was established in 2007 and its aim is to encourage the exchange of ideas about asylum and migration to ensure that policy making is underpinned by empirical evidence about the nature and causes of migration, the impacts on different countries and communities and the effects - both intended and unintended - of policy responses. Further information about CMPR can be found [here](#).

## LATEST NEWS



### **Survey of refugees living in Wales**

The findings of the first survey of refugees living in Wales were launched at The Senedd, Cardiff Bay on 2nd November. The survey, entitled, [Refugees living in Wales: a survey of skills, experiences and barriers to inclusion](#) was undertaken by researchers based at CMPR in partnership with the [Wales Strategic Migration Partnership](#), the [Welsh Refugee Council](#) and the Welsh Assembly Government.

### **Because I am a girl**

Dr Nicola Piper has recently contributed a sub-section on 'girls in migration' to the third report by Plan International entitled [Because I am a girl](#) which was launched on 2nd September 2009. Focusing on 'Girls in the Global Economy' the report analyses the important role that girls and young women play in economic growth, and highlights that it is only through realising and investing in girls' economic potential that the Millennium Development Goals can be met. It also presents clear evidence which links a lack of investment in girls with a lack of economic growth, which is why investing in girls' futures will ensure a more prosperous and equitable global society.

### **The situation of children in immigrant families in the UK**

Research into the situation of immigrant children living in the UK undertaken by Professor Heaven Crawley has been published by UNICEF's Innocenti Research Centre in Florence (Italy). The study provides the first in-depth analysis of the circumstances of first and second generation children using 2001 Census data. The [UK case study](#) found that one in six of all children in the UK in 2001 was an immigrant child, in other words a child who was either born outside the UK or whose parents (one or both) are immigrants. A comparative overview report entitled [Children in immigrant families in eight affluent countries: their family, national and international context](#) is also available.

### **Temporary migration, integration and the role of policies (TEMPO)**

Dr Stephen Drinkwater, who has recently joined CMPR, is part of a consortium of European researchers who have secured funding through the NORFACE research programme 2008 to explore temporary and return migration decisions and their consequences. The main goal of this project is to further research in this area by analysing the causes and consequences of temporary migration, the patterns of integration of economic and non-economic migrants and how these relate with the time dimension of the migration decision, information flows within immigrant networks and the effects of immigration policies aimed specifically at selecting migrants on skill and/or length of allowed stay on welfare in both the receiving and sending countries. Dr Drinkwater and his team will be undertaking a survey of Polish migrants living in the UK as part of this project.

### **Migration controversies: a simple guide**

Professor Heaven Crawley has produced a policy briefing for the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) entitled [UK migration controversies: a simple guide](#). This policy briefing sets out the current state of research evidence on migration and its impacts on UK economy and society. Responding to ten key arguments that are currently in circulation in the UK, the briefing sets out, in simple terms, where the weight of research evidence lies.

## CURRENT RESEARCH



### **Coping with destitution: survival and livelihood strategies of refused asylum seekers living in the UK**

This research, which is being undertaken in partnership with [Oxfam Cymru](#) and the [Welsh Refugee Council](#), explores the experiences of destitute asylum seekers. The project employs the innovative PEER method developed by Professor Neil Price, a CMPR Research Associate. Eighteen refugees have been trained in the [PEER method](#) and have recently completed the research for this project. The findings of the research are due to be published shortly.

### **Understanding the decision making of asylum seekers**

We are currently undertaking research for the [Refugee Council](#) on the decision making of asylum seekers who come to the UK. The aim of this research is to get a better understanding of the importance of a range of factors (for example, perceptions of the UK, family and friends, cultural and language ties, access to welfare support and work) which influence the decisions of people who seek asylum in the UK. The findings of the research are due to be published shortly.

### **Rooted in the earth? Going back-to-the-land in millennial Britain**

CMPR Research Associates Dr Keith Halfacree and Dr Larch Maxey, together with Dr Lewis Holloway (University of Hull), have recently completed a two year Leverhulme funded project which explores the motivations and experiences of people who move to rural areas of the UK in order to seek a profound life change. The central aim is to examine the extent and ways the people involved in back-to-the-land experiments interact on a daily basis with the land. Further information about the project can be found [here](#). Dr Halfacree and his fellow researchers hope to develop this project further in the future through work on British migrants to Spain who have moved for similar motivations.

### **Advancing the rights of migrant women in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Dr Nicola Piper is co-ordinating and managing a five-country team project funded by the Canadian [IDRC](#) on Advancing the rights of migrant women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The project is about to enter its last year and has started disseminating preliminary data in the form of conference papers at the 21st IPSA World Congress of Political Science in Santiago, July 2009. Further information about the project can be found [here](#).

### **Understanding public attitudes to asylum and immigration**

Professor Heaven Crawley has been undertaking research exploring the factors that influence attitudes to asylum and immigration for a number of years. As part of this work she has recently completed a review of public information and communication campaigns as they relate to immigration and, more specifically, to asylum and refugee issues. The report entitled [Understanding and changing public attitudes](#) outlines eight key principles on campaigning which, when incorporated in campaigns to influence attitudes towards asylum, will maximise the possibilities of success and reduce the potential for asylum and migration issues to be used in ways that are socially divisive. Meetings to discuss the implications of the research have been held in London, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

### **Cities for Local Integration Policies for Migrants (CLIP)**

Cities for the Local Integration of Migrants (CLIP) is a network of 30 European cities working together to support the social and economic integration of migrants. CMPR is currently working as part of CLIP to deliver research evidence for the third module on intergroup policies and intercultural relations in five European cities: Dublin (Ireland), Kirklees (England, UK), Malmo (Sweden), Newport (Wales, UK) and Wolverhampton (England, UK). This work will be published at the end of 2009. We are about to embark on research for the fourth module of CLIP which explores policies for the support and promotion of ethnic entrepreneurship. More information about CLIP can be found [here](#).

## SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES



### **Understanding the migrant experience**

CMPR has been awarded an ESRC Research Seminars Grant to host a series of one-day events which aim to increase understanding of the migrant experience. The idea for the series arose from a concern to ensure that the evidence on which policy making in the areas of asylum and migration is based includes evidence about the experiences of the principal actors in the migratory process; namely asylum seekers, refugees and migrants themselves, and the families and communities of which they are a part.

Three seminars have been held to date, details of which can be found [here](#).

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