

# Refugees *into* Teaching

Conference

## Moving forward: Supporting refugee teachers

Date: 24 June 2008

Time: 10:45 – 16:30

*Registration with refreshments begins at 10.15  
and lunch will also be served.*

**Venue: The Queens Hotel, City Square, Leeds, LS1 1PJ**

Refugees into Teaching is a national project funded by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA). This year's annual conference focuses on the value of developing a diverse school workforce and recruiting refugee teachers. The conference is supported by both the TDA and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

Drawing on examples of local and regional partnership working, the event intends to bring together education employers, local authorities, teacher training providers and non governmental organisations (NGOs). It will provide practical guidance on supporting refugee teachers into work and professional training.

The conference will include

- o key note speakers from the TDA and Refugee Council
- o the launch of the Refugee Teachers Network (based in Leeds, serving regions outside of London)
- o linking diversity with community cohesion and inclusive learning
- o examples of good practice of partnership working between local authorities, teacher training providers and NGOs.
- o the Refugee Assessment and Guidance Unit (RAGU) presentation of their new online assessment tool for refugee teachers and those advising the
- o discussion and networking sessions

The event is aimed at refugee and other teachers, employers and advisors, senior management in schools, headteachers, CPD coordinators, school governors, local authority staff, supply teaching agencies, school workforce advisors, teacher trainers, and those with an interest in the topic.

For a booking form, and for programme details, please contact [teachers@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:teachers@refugeecouncil.org.uk), Tel. 020 7346 1166 / 07903 407575



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### Conference Programme

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- 10:15**      **Registration and Refreshments**
- 10:45**      **Welcome and introduction from the Chair**
- Jonathan Ellis, Director of Policy and Development  
Refugee Council
- 10:55**      **Refugees into Teaching: lessons learnt and moving forward - followed by questions and answers**
- Fiona Prendergast, Refugees into Teaching Project Manager  
James Lee, Policy Adviser (Employment and Training)  
Refugee Council
- 11:25**      **Key note speeches:**
- 1. Support for ITT providers engaging with RiT**  
Matt Mitchell, Head of Diversity, Initial Teacher Training (Recruitment), Training and Development Agency for Schools
  - 2. Developing a diverse school workforce and recruiting refugee teachers**  
Jennifer Moses, NASUWT National Official, Equality & Training
  - 3. A refugee teacher's pathway to a career in education**
- 12:00**      **Refreshments and Workshops**
- 13:00**      **Lunch**

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**13:45**      **Welcome back from the chair**

**13:50**      **Refugee Teachers Network and regional partnership models followed by a discussion in regional groups**

1. Eddie Ralston, Refugee Teachers Network Coordinator
2. Jill Jackson, EBITT Programme Leader, Employment Based Initial Teacher Training, Newman University College Birmingham
3. Nebojsa Durovic, Guidance Worker & Co-ordinator, West London Partnership
4. Julie Noble, Recruitment Manager, Education Leeds

**15.25**      **Break and Refreshments**

**15:35**      **Open plenary panel discussion**

**16.10**      **Closing Remarks (drinks and entertainment)**

**16.30**      **End**

## Workshop Options

### 1. Recognition of qualifications and surrounding issues

Kate Bellamy

Research and Development team, UK NARIC

The workshop will focus on issues surrounding recognition of overseas qualifications in the UK as well as NARIC's experience, responsibility and research in this field.

### 2. Services and resources available to refugee teachers and panel discussion on teachers' experiences

Evis Read, Refugees into Teaching and a refugee teacher

The workshop/panel discussion will include an overview of services offered by Refugees into Teaching; how to register on the Refugee Teachers National Database and access various resources designed for refugee teachers. This will be followed by a panel discussion on refugee teachers' experiences in the UK.

### 3. Pathways to a Career in Education

Andrew Clarke, RAGU (Refugee Assessment and Guidance Unit)

The workshop will focus on the importance of Information, Advice and Guidance in making decisions about future training and career moves. Topics will include: choosing the right route, pre-training options and entry requirements for particular programmes. The session will conclude with a presentation of the online tool: Your path to a career in education.

### 4. Research findings from refugee teachers in Scotland

Henry Kum, Refugees into Teaching in Scotland (RITeS), University of Strathclyde

The workshop will present the findings from the research recently conducted by RiT's sister project in Scotland, RITeS, followed by a discussion about how to take these findings forward.