

# volunteering and asylum seminars

**Promoting volunteering by asylum seekers  
and refugees in mainstream organisations**



- How can mainstream agencies successfully include refugees and asylum seekers as volunteers?
- What can refugee organisations do to help refugees and asylum seekers volunteer beyond the refugee sector?

## **Three themed seminars for volunteer managers:**

- Environment      8 December 2004
- Education        26 January 2005
- Health             23 February 2005

speakers • workshops • networking opportunities • lunch •  
refreshments • free copy of the handbook 'a-z of volunteering  
and asylum' • venue close to Kings Cross, London

Refugees and asylum seekers often volunteer within their own communities, or with refugee organisations they know and trust. Their involvement brings many benefits - to the organisations they join, to the volunteers, and to the communities and clients they help.

But fewer refugees and asylum seekers take part in more mainstream volunteering initiatives.

The Volunteering and Asylum Project is running three seminars to look at ways of enabling and encouraging refugees and asylum seekers to be involved in volunteering with organisations and services outside the refugee sector.

The seminars are for volunteer managers from any organisation, large or small, from the refugee sector and from other, non-refugee organisations. Each seminar will explore one area of volunteering: environment, education and health.

**Join us to meet volunteer managers from refugee and other agencies to look at good practice, explore possibilities, generate ideas and build bridges.**

## Environment • Wednesday 8 December, 11am–4pm

Chair: to be confirmed

Speakers and panel members include:

**Judy Ling Wong**, Director, Black Environment Network

**Tom Flood**, Chief Executive, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

**A refugee volunteer**, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

**Maeve Sherlock**, Chief Executive, Refugee Council

**Dr Justin Davis-Smith**, Director, Institute for Volunteering Research

**Christine Ugborogho**, Policy Adviser, Refugee Community Development Fund, Home Office

**Ruth Wilson**, author, a-z of volunteering and asylum

## Education • Wednesday 26 January, 11am–4pm

Chair: **Christopher Spence**, Chief Executive, Volunteering England

Speakers and panel members include:

**Lynne Knight**, Training and Development Worker, Salusbury World, Salusbury Primary School

**Sue Waddington**, European Development Officer, NIACE

**A refugee volunteer**, Ethnic Minority Achievement Service, Croydon

**Maeve Sherlock**, Chief Executive, Refugee Council

**Angela Ellis**, Senior Research Officer, Institute for Volunteering Research

**Christine Ugborogho**, Policy Adviser, Refugee Community Development Fund, Home Office

**Ruth Wilson**, author, a-z of volunteering and asylum

## Health • Wednesday 23 February, 11am–4pm

Chair: **Christopher Spence**, Chief Executive, Volunteering England

Speakers and panel members include:

**Sheila Adam**, Director of Public Health, North East London Strategic Health

**Elisabeth Crafer**, Director, Positively Women

**A refugee volunteer** from the Royal Free Hospital

**Sandy Buchan**, Chief Executive, Refugee Action

**Steven Howlett**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Volunteering Research

**Christine Ugborogho**, Policy Adviser, Refugee Community Development Fund, Home Office

**Ruth Wilson**, author, a-z of volunteering and asylum

## The a-z of volunteering and asylum

All participants will receive a free copy of 'the a-z of volunteering and asylum' at each seminar. Published by Volunteering England (formerly the National Centre for Volunteering) in September 2003, the handbook is normally available for £12 (including post and packaging). To purchase a copy, visit [www.volunteering.org.uk](http://www.volunteering.org.uk) or phone Volunteering England on 020 7520 8900.

To read reviews of the handbook, visit [www.tandem-uk.com](http://www.tandem-uk.com)

## The Volunteering and Asylum Project

The seminars are being run by the Volunteering and Asylum Project, which also produced the new handbook. The Project aims to:

- raise awareness of the range of volunteering going on
- enable people to share good practice
- encourage volunteering that includes asylum seekers, refugees and others

The project has funding from the Home Office. It is co-ordinated by tandem communications and research. For more information, visit [www.tandem-uk.com](http://www.tandem-uk.com), email [volunteering@tandem-uk.com](mailto:volunteering@tandem-uk.com) or phone 0113 268 6222.

## Important information

Your place is booked only upon receipt of payment. A booking acknowledgment will then be sent to you, with information about the day and the venue, including a map. All three seminars are being held at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), near Kings Cross, London.

Tea and coffee are provided at different times during the day, and we break for a lunch that includes vegetarian food.

We charge a 10% administration fee on cancellations made up to four weeks before the seminar date. We are unable to refund cancellations made within four weeks of a seminar. You may nominate a colleague to go in your place rather than forfeit the full fee.

Your details will be held on a computer database so that we can send you information about other Volunteering and Asylum Project publications or events. If you do not wish us to hold your details for this purpose, please tick here: ☐

Speaker details may be subject to change.

**Note:** *These seminars focus on volunteering, not on work placement or re-qualification schemes.*



# booking form

Please complete one booking form per delegate (booking forms can be photocopied, or downloaded from [www.tandem-uk.com](http://www.tandem-uk.com)). Please keep a copy of both sides of this form.

Please tick the seminar(s) you would like to attend:

- ☐ Environment      Wednesday 8 December 2004
- ☐ Education      Wednesday 26 January 2005
- ☐ Health      Wednesday 23 February 2005

## Seminar fees

**£50 per seminar** (inclusive of VAT)

Please pay the full fee, by cheque, with your booking.

Your name .....

Job title .....

Organisation .....

Address .....

..... Postcode .....

Telephone ..... Email address .....

Any special needs or other information you would like us to know:

I enclose a cheque for £ .....

Please make your cheque payable to 'tandem communications and research ltd.'

Please tick here if you require a receipt ☐

Please tick here if you would like your name, organisation and phone number included on the list of delegates handed out on the day ☐

Please return this form to:

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