This hOT Topic contains references for information resources on the role of occupational therapy and therapists in assisting asylum seekers, refugees and other displaced groups.

This hOT Topic is a starting point and overview of key readings including articles, books and selected websites for members of the College of Occupational Therapists relating to Asylum Seekers. This Bulletin is not exhaustive and does not provide information about all issues that affect occupational therapists.

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INTERNET RESOURCES

Equalities and Human Rights Commission
www.equalityhumanrights.com
The aim of the Commission is to protect individuals against discrimination, to enforce the laws on equality and to promote fairness and human rights for everyone through influencing the development of law and policy and promoting good practice. It has four offices: London, Manchester, Cardiff and Glasgow. Further contact details are available on the website. The website has resources relating to equalities legislation and its implementation.

British Institute of Human Rights
www.bihr.org.uk
BIHR is a human rights organisation committed to challenging inequality and injustice in everyday life in the UK. It aims to bring human rights to life.

Migrants Rights Network
email: info@migrantsrights.org.uk
Migrants Rights Network is an NGO that campaigns for the rights of migrants in the UK. It supports activism, produces media output and organises events.

Detention Action
Email: admin@detentionaction.org.uk
Detention Action supports migrants held in immigration removal centres around London, providing emotional support and assistance in accessing legal and medical care. Detention Action also campaigns for the rights of detainees.

NICRAS (Northern Ireland Community of Refugees and Asylum Seekers)
www.nicras.org.uk
Represents and is led by refugees and asylum seekers in Northern Ireland. It aims to support the integration process, campaign and raise awareness, provide information about immigration law and respond to the changing needs of its members.

NRPF (No Recourse to Public Funds) Network
www.nrpfnetwork.org.uk
The NRPF Network was developed by Islington Council in 2006 and is a network of local authorities focusing on the statutory response to destitute people from abroad with NRPF. It shares information and good practice among local authorities and other agencies, works with government departments to raise the practical and policy issues of NRPF, facilitates reimbursement for local authorities of the costs of providing support to people with NRPF, and develops a strategic response to managing the issue of and RPF.
Refugee Action
www.refugee-action.org.uk
Refugee Action is an independent national charity, which has over 25 years’ experience in the reception, resettlement, development and integration of asylum seekers and refugees.

Refugee Council
www.refugeecouncil.org.uk
The Refugee Council is the largest organisation in the UK. It provides direct help and support and also works with asylum seekers and refugees to ensure their needs and concerns are addressed and to enable them to build new lives.

Welsh Refugee Council
www.welshrefugeecouncil.org
The Welsh Refugee Council aims to empower refugees and asylum seekers to rebuild their lives in Wales and provides advice, information and support for asylum seekers and refugees. The Council offers specialist services in areas such as housing, health and employment and is also actively involved in policy development and campaigning for refugee rights.

Women for Refugee Women
www.refugeewomen.com
Primary aim is to raise awareness of the injustices experienced by women who seek refugee status in the UK. Women who come to the UK fleeing gender-related persecution (such as rape, honour crimes, female genital mutilation and trafficking for forced prostitution) are too often turned down for asylum. The group campaigns for better recognition of women’s rights in the asylum process and seeks to support and empowers asylum seeking women through social events and group.

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