**ILPA Refugee Children’s Project Training courses: September-November 2012**

These courses are free. All courses carry 3 CPD hours. Venue details will be given once courses are booked on. To book on courses please go to <http://www.ilpa.org.uk/events-rcp.php>

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| **Date** | **Course Title & Description** | **Location and Time** | **Trainers** |
| Tuesday 12 September | **Guidance for Non Legal Practitioners on *KA (Afghanistan) & Ors v SSHD* [2012]**  This seminar is aimed at non-legal practitioners who support refugee children and former refugee children, through the asylum process and beyond. The seminar will discuss the implications of the recent judgement in *KA (Afghanistan) & Ors v SSHD* [2012] EWCA Civ 1014  to their cases, in particular cases of those who have now exhausted the asylum process and are unrepresented. The seminar will offer guidance to non legal practitioners, so that they can raise awareness amongst the refugee children and former refugee children they support about the possible benefits of this decision, and effectively signpost or make relevant referrals for legal advice and representation | London  4 - 5.30 pm | Tori Sicher, Solicitor, Sutovic and Hartigan |
| Wednesday 12 September | **Good Practice in working with Refugee Children**  Entry Level Course (3 CPD points). This course is designed to create in a practitioner, an attitude toward children's cases and a way of approaching them that allows them to develop their skills within a secure framework and give them a firm foundation on which to build their practice.  The course provides an insight into the legal and policy framework relating to the rights and entitlements of refugee children and those involved in status determination and care proceedings. Information is provided about guidelines, standards and good practice for working with children; how to identify child specific persecution and protection needs; and means of collecting and evaluating their evidence. | London  4 - 7.15 pm | Kalvir Kaur, Solicitor, Fadiga & Co.,  Michelle Brewer, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers |
| Monday 17 September | **Immigration Law for Criminal Lawyers**  Aimed at criminal lawyers who may encounter cases involving refugee children (3 CPD points). The objectives of the course are to give lawyers an understanding of the basic framework of immigration law and the interplay between immigration law and criminal law; of the procedures and main documents involved in asylum case, of the impact of offences on immigration status and defences to employ so that participants can identify the relevant immigration points and protection issues.  **This course is not suitable for immigration practitioners.** | London  4 - 7.15 pm | Robert Ward**,**  Barrister 15 New Bridge Street  &  *tbc* |
| Wednesday 19 September | **Good Practice in Working with Refugee Children**  Entry Level Course (3 CPD points). This course is designed to create in a practitioner, an attitude toward children's cases and a way of approaching them that allows them to develop their skills within a secure framework and give them a firm foundation on which to build their practice.  The course provides an insight into the legal and policy framework relating to the rights and entitlements of refugee children and those involved in status determination and care proceedings. Information is provided about guidelines, standards and good practice for working with children; how to identify child specific persecution and protection needs; and means of collecting and evaluating their evidence. | Manchester  1.30 - 4.45 pm | Kalvir Kaur, Solicitor, Fadiga & Co.,  Stefan Vnuk, Solicitor Lawrence Lupin Solicitors |
| Monday 24 September | **Immigration Law for Family Lawyers**  Aimed at family lawyers who may encounter cases involving refugee children (3 CPD points). The objectives of the course are to give lawyers an understanding of the basic framework of immigration law and the interplay between immigration law and family law and of the procedures and the main documents involved in asylum case so that participants can identify the relevant immigration points and protection issues.  **This course is not suitable for immigration practitioners.** | London  4 - 7.15 pm | Nadine Finch Barrister, Garden Court Chambers,  Eileen Bye, Solicitor, Luqmani Thomsons |
| Wednesday 26 September | **Recent legal developments in expulsion and detention cases concerning children**  This seminar will focus on two important areas with which immigration practitioners representing children should familiarise themselves.  First, this seminar will examine developments in law and policy relating to the best interests of the child. The best interests of the child are a mandatory and primary consideration in asylum, immigration and nationality decisions involving children both under s.55 Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009 and under Articles 8 and (in detention cases) 5 ECHR. We will focus on developments since the Supreme Court's seminal judgment in *ZH (Tanzania) [2011] UKSC 4, [2011]* 2 WLR 148. We will look at the treatment of the best interests of the child in domestic jurisprudence (such as *AJ (India) [2011]* EWCA Civ 1191 and *SS (Sri Lanka) [2012]* EWCA Civ 945) and also in the ECtHR's case law (in particular *Nunez v Norway*, application 5597/09). We will also review the UKBA's own published guidance concerning the separation of families in criminal deportation and detention cases.  Second, this seminar will consider developments in the law around the status and entitlements of children who are citizens of the European Union. We will focus on developments since the landmark judgment of the Grand Chamber of the CJEU in *Zambrano* (C-34/09). This will include an examination of the Immigration (EEA) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 which purport to give effect to *Zambrano*. We will also look at the CJEU's judgment in Dereci (C-256/11) refining and arguably restricting the impact of *Zambrano*.  The course will give practical guidance on how arguments around the best interests of the child and EU law can be deployed in challenges to expulsion and detention (where the child is being expelled with the parent or where the expulsion or detention splits the parent from the child). | London  4 - 7.15 pm | Laura Dubinsky, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers |
| Thursday 27 September | **Good Practice in Working with Refugee Children**  Entry Level Course (3 CPD points). This course is designed to create in a practitioner, an attitude toward children's cases and a way of approaching them that allows them to develop their skills within a secure framework and give them a firm foundation on which to build their practice.  The course provides an insight into the legal and policy framework relating to the rights and entitlements of refugee children and those involved in status determination and care proceedings. Information is provided about guidelines, standards and good practice for working with children; how to identify child specific persecution and protection needs; and means of collecting and evaluating their evidence. | Plymouth  2 - 5.15 pm | Kalvir Kaur, Solicitor, Fadiga & Co.,  Louise Hooper  Barrister, Garden Court Chambers, |
| Tuesday 02 October | **Working with Refugee Children: Legal Aid**  A course designed to assist practitioners working with refugee children under Legal Services Commission (LSC) contracts.  Some of the topics covered in this course are - finding and understanding the application of the relevant rules for controlled and licensed work; guidance on challenging poor refusal of funding decisions or nil assessed files by the Legal Services Commission; impact of the new legislation on legal aid provision in children’s cases. | Manchester | Solange Valdez, Solicitor, Sutovic and Hartigan |
| Tuesday 16 October | **Representing Children at the Tribunal**  This course will assist immigration lawyers in preparing children for appeals at the First Tier Tribunal of the Immigration and Asylum Chamber and in ensuring that their best interests are safeguarded including guidance on evidence, child witnesses and the special measures that are available to protect children in the court environment. | Manchester | Colin Yeo and  Julia Gasparro,  Barristers at  Renaissance Chambers |
| Tuesday 16 October | **Immigration Law for Community Care Lawyers**  Aimed at community care lawyers who may encounter cases involving refugee children (3 CPD points). The objectives of the course are to give lawyers an understanding of the basic framework of immigration law, the interplay between immigration law and community care law and the procedures and main documents involved in asylum case so that participants can identify the relevant immigration points and protection issues.  **This course is not suitable for immigration lawyers.  Immigration lawyers wishing to learn more about community care law should book onto the Working with Refugee Children: community care law for immigration lawyers course.** | London  4 – 7.15 pm | Adam Hundt,  Solicitor, Deighton Pierce Glynn  &  tbcunHun |
| Monday 22 October | **Guidance for non-practitioners**  A course aimed at those working with refugee children and other children subject to immigration control, either separated or part of a family, but who are not immigration practitioners.  This course seeks to assist non-legal advisors, support workers and similar to obtain good, independent legal advice for their clients by providing information and guidance on issues such as finding and locating immigration advisers, hints and tips on identifying a good immigration adviser, how immigration advisers and solicitors are regulated, what amounts to immigration advice, basic legal aid provisions and the type of documentation and evidence an immigration adviser needs to be able to properly assist a child or their family, as well as outlining how to support a child client who does not have a legal representative.  This course will provide those working with refugee children in a non-legal capacity the tools they need to support their clients through the legal process. | Belfast  2 – 5.15 pm | Alison Pickup, Barrister, Doughty Street Chambers,  Baljeet Sandhu, Solicitor and Co Director, Refugee Children’s Rights Project |
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