

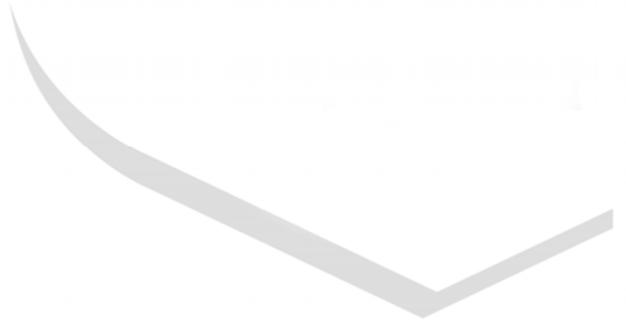


Seeking refuge – *effective advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers*

Thursday 30 May 2013 from 18:30 to 20:00 in the Council Chamber

As many refugees and asylum seekers experience the double burden of poor health and barriers to accessing mainstream health services, this seminar will look at the contributing factors to this burden and how best to improve healthcare for these groups and advocate for policy change. After brief introductory speeches from the panel, a moderator will lead the audience through a Question Time-style plenary discussion of various perspectives on how to advocate for change.

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1800	Registration		
1830	Opening remarks	Dr David McCoy	Medact
1840	Panel Discussion		
	Chair:	Dr David McCoy	Medact
	Panel:	Dr Naomi Hartree	Medical Justice
		Anna Musgrave	Refugee Council
	Zrinka Bralo	Migrant & Refugee Communities Forum	
2000	Reception		



Speakers:

Dr David McCoy, Medact

Medact is a global health charity led by a network of health care professionals, which advocates for the prevention of violent conflict and its devastating effects on health. The organisation also supports the refugee health network to provide easier access to health care for migrants.

Dr McCoy is currently Chair of the Medact Board.

Dr Naomi Hartree, Medical Justice

Medical Justice aims to defend and promote the health rights, and associated legal rights, of immigration detainees in the UK. They provide independent medical advice for detainees and advocate to end the medical abuse of those in immigration detention.

Dr Hartree is Clinical Adviser at Medical Justice.

Anna Musgrave, Refugee Council

The Refugee Council provides practical and therapeutic support in a variety of languages to asylum seekers and refugees in the UK. In addition to support accessing housing and getting into work, the charity runs a be-friending scheme to help refugees and asylum seekers access health services.

Anna Musgrave is the Womens' Advocacy Officer at the Refugee Council.

Zrinka Bralo, Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum

The MRCF is a community-led forum which works to promote the rights of refugees and migrants in London. The forum provides support and advice to individuals as well as to over 40 community organisations with the aim of assisting integration, influencing policy and producing research.

Zrinka Bralo is the Executive Director of the Migrant and Refugee Communities Forum.