

# “Building Strategies to Protect Children in an Irregular Migration Situation in the United Kingdom” Workshop

6 October 2011  
09:00 – 17:00

Venue: Clifford Chance LLP, 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ  
Nearest tube: Canary Wharf (Jubilee line & DLR)

## Draft Agenda

9:00 Registration

### Opening Session

#### Children in an Irregular Migration Situation: Children First and Foremost

9:30 **Welcome**  
Michele LeVoy, PICUM Director and Bethan Lant, Project Lead, Praxis Community Projects

9:45 **Access to Basic Social Rights for Children in an Irregular Migration Situation in Europe**  
Lilana Keith, PICUM Project Officer

10:00 **Opening Panel: Children First and Foremost**  
Chair: Jill Rutter, former Senior Research Fellow, Migration Team, ippr

- **What Impact Do Immigration Control Practices Have on Children in an Irregular Migration Situation in the UK?**  
Frances Webber, Vice Chair of the Institute of Race Relations
- **Irregular Migrant Children and Public Services in the UK**  
Nando Sigona, Principal Researcher, Undocumented Migrant Children in the UK COMPAS project
- **Are There Long-term Solutions? Pathways Into Regularity**  
Nadine Finch, Barrister, Garden Court Chambers

10:30 **Discussion**

11:00 *Coffee break*

### Panel Discussion

#### Access to Social Rights for the Well-Being of the Child

11:30 **What Barriers Exist for Children in an Irregular Migration Situation to Access Education, Health Care and Housing in the UK?**

Chair: Liz Fekete, Executive Director, Institute of Race Relations

Speakers:

- Nadine Ballantyne, Salusbury World
- Dave Newall, Principal Policy Officer, West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership

- Fizza Qureshi, Project: London, Doctors of the World
- Michael Keating, Service Head, One Tower Hamlets, Tower Hamlets Council

12:15 **Discussion**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break (provided at venue)*

**Simultaneous Workshop Sessions**  
**Building Strategies to Improve the Protection of Children in an Irregular Migration Situation in the UK**

*These sessions are designed to build upon the discussions from the morning, and provide a venue for the sharing and development of strategies and concrete actions that could be taken to improve access to education, health care and housing for children in an irregular migration situation.*

**1) Surmounting Barriers to Education**

Chair: Ruth Grove-White, Policy Officer, Migrants' Rights Network

**2) Promoting Access to Health Care**

Chair: Wayne Farah, former Chair, Newham PCT

**3) Strategies to Improve Access to Housing**

Chair: Sue Lukes, Consultant, and Co-director, Migration Work

15:30 *Coffee Break*

**Closing Plenary Session**

16:00 **Feedback from rapporteurs of the strategy-building sessions**

Chair: Sarah Cutler, Consultant, Paul Hamlyn Foundation

16:20 **Discussion**

16:45 **Closing Remarks**

Vaughan Jones, Chief Executive, Praxis Community Projects

17:00 **End of Workshop**