

## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) in the UK

**We invite you to a Master Class to share knowledge and experience about resettling UASC.**

**The session will take place on: 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 10am -5pm, Room G39, Ground Floor, School of Education Building**

### Background

The Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), at the University of Birmingham, are working in partnership with MEENA an organisation that runs the Unofficial Women and Children's Centre in the unregulated refugee camp known as 'The Jungle', in Calais to develop a set of information resources for social workers and foster carers working with UASC. We are also holding a Master Class to consider good practice in the resettlement of these children.



### Who should attend?

Social Workers and other support workers likely to come into contact with UASC either as a result of spontaneous arrivals or organised programmes such as the National Transfer Scheme.

### You will learn about:

- Local authority statutory duties specific to UASC
- Interpreting and maximising government guidelines
- Children's rights and voices
- Care planning and support
- The settlement and integration needs of UASC
- Journey of the child through the asylum process

There will be a number of interactive sessions throughout the day for practitioners to share 'top tips' and examples of good practice in working with UASC. All the resources developed as part of this project will be made available to organisations across the region to help assist with the resettlement of UASC under the National Transfer Scheme.

*An evaluation of the day will also be used to inform the development of the national UASC training programme.*

**This is a free event and a certificate of completion will be issued to all participants.**

**Places are limited so please book a place ASAP by contacting:**

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## The programme:

- 09.30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
- 10.00 Welcome and aims of the day. *Dr Lisa Goodson, Community and Practitioner Research Lead, IRiS, University of Birmingham.*
- 10.10 The policy landscape (1), Dubs cases: 'the story doesn't end when you make it to the UK'. *Liz Clegg, MEENA, 'The Jungle', Calais.*
- 10.20 The policy landscape (2), UASC National Transfer Scheme: The clock is ticking! *Richard Ross, UASC Manager at West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership (WMSMP).*
- 10.30 World Café discussion forum
- What experience do you have of working with UASC?
  - How do you feel about working with UASC?
  - What are the challenges of working with UASC?
  - What are the key training needs of social workers and other support workers?
- 11.15 UASC and the legal framework. *Jennifer Ang, Migrant and Refugee Children's Legal Unit (MiCLU), Islington Law Centre.*
- 12.15 LUNCH ☺**
- 13.00 Migrant and Refugee Children's Rights. *Jennifer Ang, Migrant and Refugee Children's Legal Unit (MiCLU), Islington Law Centre.*
- 14.00 Social Pedagogical approaches to working with UASC. *Nicola Boyce, Social Pedagogy trainer.*
- 15.30 Workshop: what does good practice look like? *Luke Sebit-Berridge, Social Worker, Leicestershire County Council.*
- 16.30 Feedback and evaluation
- 17.00 CLOSE**