

A joint unionlearn and NIACE conference
in conjunction with the Progress GB Equal Development Partnership

Routes to Integration and Inclusion:
new approaches to enable refugees and migrant workers
to progress in the labour market



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Aims

- o To identify pathways to enable refugees and migrants to progress in the UK labour market
- o To explore constructive ways of working together to help refugees and migrants
- o To address barriers to progression
- o To showcase approaches to supporting refugees and migrants as learners or in the workplace
- o To provide examples of what works in practice

Programme

09.30 **Arrival and Registration** (tea/coffee available)

10.30 **Welcome and Introductions**

Liz Smith, Director, unionlearn

Migration and Integration: The Policy Context

10.40 Alan Tuckett, Director, NIACE

10.55 Frances O'Grady, Deputy General Secretary, TUC

11.10 **Spotlight on Projects and Activities** (chaired poster session)

12.00 **Routes to Integration and Inclusion: Lessons from Progress GB**

Sue Waddington, European Development Officer, NIACE

12.15 **Routes to Integration and Inclusion: Lessons from unionlearn**

Judith Swift, Union Development Manager, unionlearn

12.30 **Workshop Details**

Liz Smith, Director, unionlearn

12.35 **Lunch** (and time to browse posters)

13.30 **Workshops**

- i. Recognising skills, experience and qualifications gained in other countries
- ii. The role of unions in supporting migrant workers
- iii. Networked approaches to providing information, advice and guidance for migrants and refugees
- iv. Integrating migrants and refugees into the workplace
- v. Advice and guidance – effective methods

14.30 **Workshops repeated**

15.45 **Close**

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Background

This conference will be hosted by **unionlearn** in partnership with **NIACE** and the **Progress GB Equal Development Partnership**.

unionlearn assists trade unions to develop and build their capacity to break down barriers and to provide appropriate learning opportunities for migrant workers, helping them to progress in the labour market. Unionlearn's "Supporting Learners" strategy aims to ensure that all union learners have the information, advice and support that they need to get involved in learning at the right level for them.

The **Progress GB Equal Development Partnership** was formed to find ways of addressing the barriers to appropriate employment for refugees and migrant workers in the UK labour market. Through eleven separate projects, working with 650 beneficiaries, the partnership has found that the employability of refugee and migrant workers can be significantly enhanced by providing:

- information, advice and guidance (IAG)
- education and training, including vocational English courses
- work experience placements
- awareness-raising activities with employers
- new ways to validate the skills, experience and learning gained by refugees and migrants before coming to the UK

How to Register

- The deadline for applications is **Friday 9 November**. A completed and signed application form (overleaf) must be returned by fax, post or e-mail to secure a place at the event. We regret that reservations by telephone cannot be accepted.
- The conference is **FREE** to all delegates, but we anticipate a lot of interest, so **please only register if you are confident of taking up your place**. If after registering you are unable to attend, please inform us at your earliest convenience so that we can offer your place to someone else.
- Confirmation of a place will be sent to successful applicants by e-mail, along with pre-conference papers, a map and directions to the venue, by a week before the event. If you have not received pre-conference papers by 3 days before the event then please contact Andrew Button at NIACE:

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Application Form

Please post, fax or e-mail this form before **Friday 9 November** to secure a place

Personal Details

Title:		First name:	
Surname:			
Job title:			
Organisation:			
Address:			
City:		Post code:	
Daytime contact number:			
Fax number:			
E-mail address:			
Any special requirements?			

Workshop Choices

	1.30 – 2.30 (Please tick)	2.30 – 3.30 (Please tick)
i. Recognising skills, experience and qualifications gained in other countries		
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Date and signature: _____

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