

Migrant Children News Bulletin
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This bulletin is produced by the North West Regional Strategic Migration Partnership (NWRSMPP). The function of the NWRSMPP is to provide a framework within which issues pertaining to migrants can be discussed and information exchanged.

The purpose of this bulletin is to collate information and research on issues affecting or directly relating to migrant children, and to disseminate it as widely as possible to organisations with a supportive interest. If you would like to be on the circulation list, or can suggest organisations which would be interested, please contact John Horgan john.horgan@manchester.gov.uk

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1. “Considering the Best Interests of a Child Within a Family Seeking Asylum” – UNHCR, December 2013

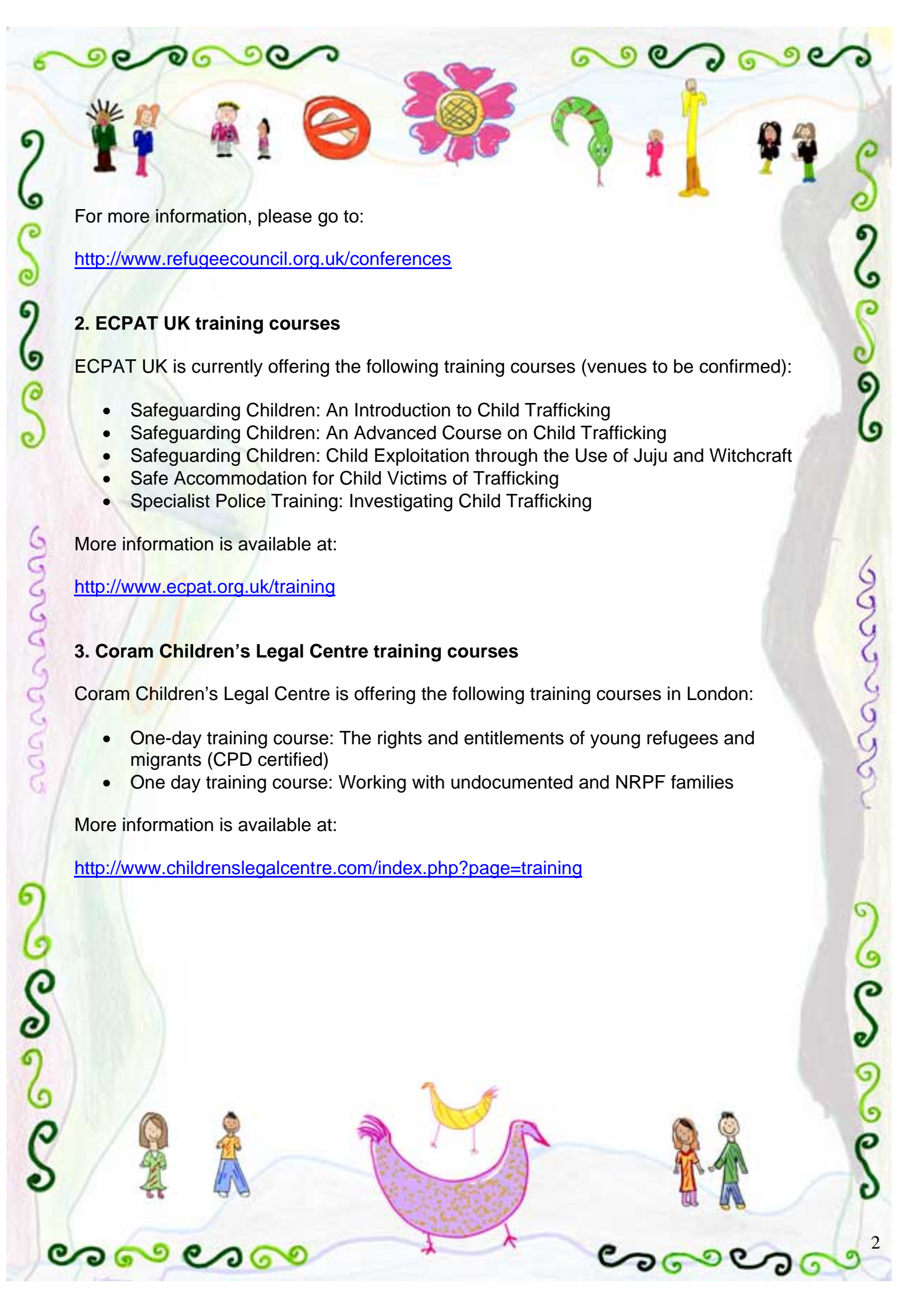
This report from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) examines how the best interests of children in asylum-seeking families are considered throughout the asylum procedure in the United Kingdom. The report expands upon the findings of an audit of the quality of asylum decision-making in 45 family claims, the results of which were published in June 2013.

The full report can be read online at:

http://www.unhcr.org.uk/fileadmin/user_upload/docs/UNHCR-Best_Interest-screen.pdf

Events and Training

1. “Children and Young People in Search of Safety in the UK” – Refugee Council conference, to be held 12th February 2014 in London



For more information, please go to:

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/conferences>

2. ECPAT UK training courses

ECPAT UK is currently offering the following training courses (venues to be confirmed):

- Safeguarding Children: An Introduction to Child Trafficking
- Safeguarding Children: An Advanced Course on Child Trafficking
- Safeguarding Children: Child Exploitation through the Use of Juju and Witchcraft
- Safe Accommodation for Child Victims of Trafficking
- Specialist Police Training: Investigating Child Trafficking

More information is available at:

<http://www.ecpat.org.uk/training>

3. Coram Children's Legal Centre training courses

Coram Children's Legal Centre is offering the following training courses in London:

- One-day training course: The rights and entitlements of young refugees and migrants (CPD certified)
- One day training course: Working with undocumented and NRPF families

More information is available at:

<http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/index.php?page=training>