

A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by East Midlands Councils

Top items this week

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Train station ticket office consultation: Letter from EMC



East Midlands HKBNO Welcome Hub Partnership Forum



We're Hiring: Resettlement Policy Officer



Upcoming Councillor Development Programme events

TRAIN STATION TICKET OFFICE CONSULTATION

Last week, Cllr Martin Hill OBE, Chair of East Midlands Councils and Sir Peter Soulsby, Chair of Transport for the East Midlands, have sent a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP.

In the letter, the leader's express their concerns about proposals to close 33 out of the 38 Station Ticket Offices in the East Midlands, particularly the 'de-staffing' of these stations, access to ticketing products and the impact on vulnerable passengers.

The full letter can be read here:

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HKBNO PARTNERSHIP FORUM

This week, our East Midlands HKBNO Welcome Hub hosted a Partnership Forum, bringing together some of the key partners from across the region who work to support newly arrived Hongkongers.

The event acted as an opportunity to meet and hear from the latest recipients of the HKBNO Welcome Programme grants from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

- Groundwork Five Counties
- Broxtowe Community Projects
- Reach Derby/Nottingham.

We also heard from many of our existing partners who continue to provide support to Hongkongers throughout the region.

Following the event, Maria Brambles, Senior Resettlement Policy Officer at EMC, who leads the HKBNO Welcome Hub, announced the third round of Small Grant funding from the East Midlands Welcome Hub. More information regarding applications will be made available in due course.

Last year, we were proud to support Derbyshire HK CIC, HK Renew Cafe in Derby and Belong Nottingham. More information about their work can be found here:

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WE'RE HIRING

Resettlement Policy Officer – x2 roles

Grade H (£36,298 - £38,296) pay award pending

37 hours per week—Fixed Term for 12 months initially

This an exciting opportunity to lead the coordination and delivery of the regional asylum and refugee resettlement programmes.

The work involved with this important and high-profile programme will include working with local authorities across the East Midlands to support engagement and local capacity building, project development, coordinating arrivals and supporting integration.

The ideal person will have experience of working within a local authority, partner regional agency or equivalent organisation, including responsibility for policy development, advocacy and partnership working.

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

For more information and how to apply, visit:

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COUNCILLOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Wednesday 20 September

18:00 – 20:30 / Online via zoom

This programme has been designed for elected members, who are keen to understand more about equality, diversity and inclusion.

This is an essential session for members who want to understand the impact the decisions they debate will have on communities and groups. Also included in this session are tips for developing a personal awareness of bias.

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READING FOR SPEED AND RETENTION

Thursday 12th October 2023

18.00 – 20.30 / Online via zoom

This 2.5-hour session has been developed to provide participants with a range of reading strategies. These include being able to gain an overview of a complex document at speed, as well as developing a process for forensic reading.

Being able to read documents at speed has many advantages. Reading faster can help comprehension and there are obvious time-management benefits.

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