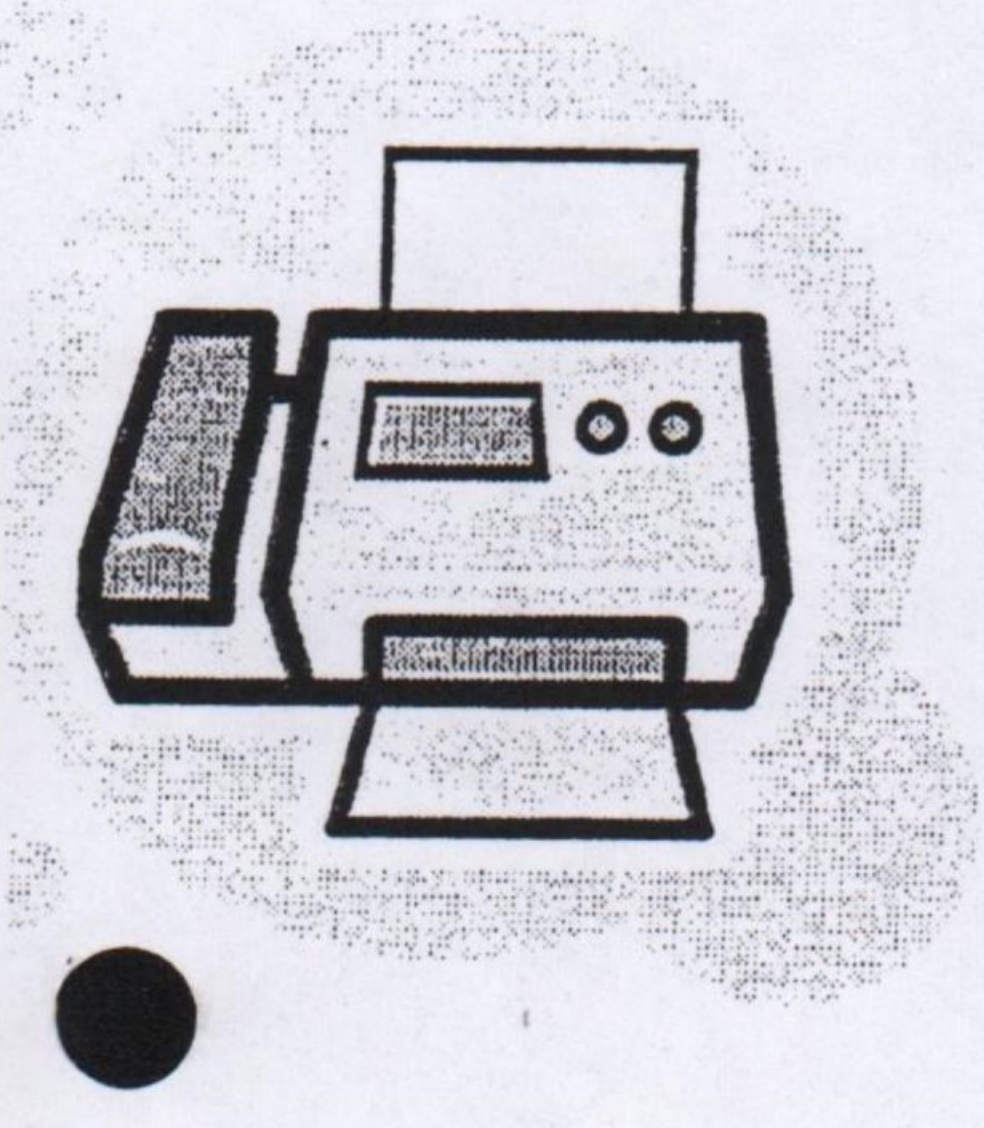


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New NASS Fax Numbers

Due to NASS/Asylum Support work being regionalised. All faxes that previously went to Croydon now have to be sent to your regional team.

For our area this fax number is: 01773847800

New Forms

This is just to confirm that the Home Office have changed both the Travel Document Forms and the Citizenship forms.

If you submit an old one it will no longer be accepted. We have ordered some new forms and are awaiting their delivery.

In the meantime we have downloaded the form from the Home Office website and can use these.

The address is:

Border and Immigration Agency
Travel Documents FPU
Home Office
Lunar House
40 Wellesley Road
Croydon
CR9 2BY

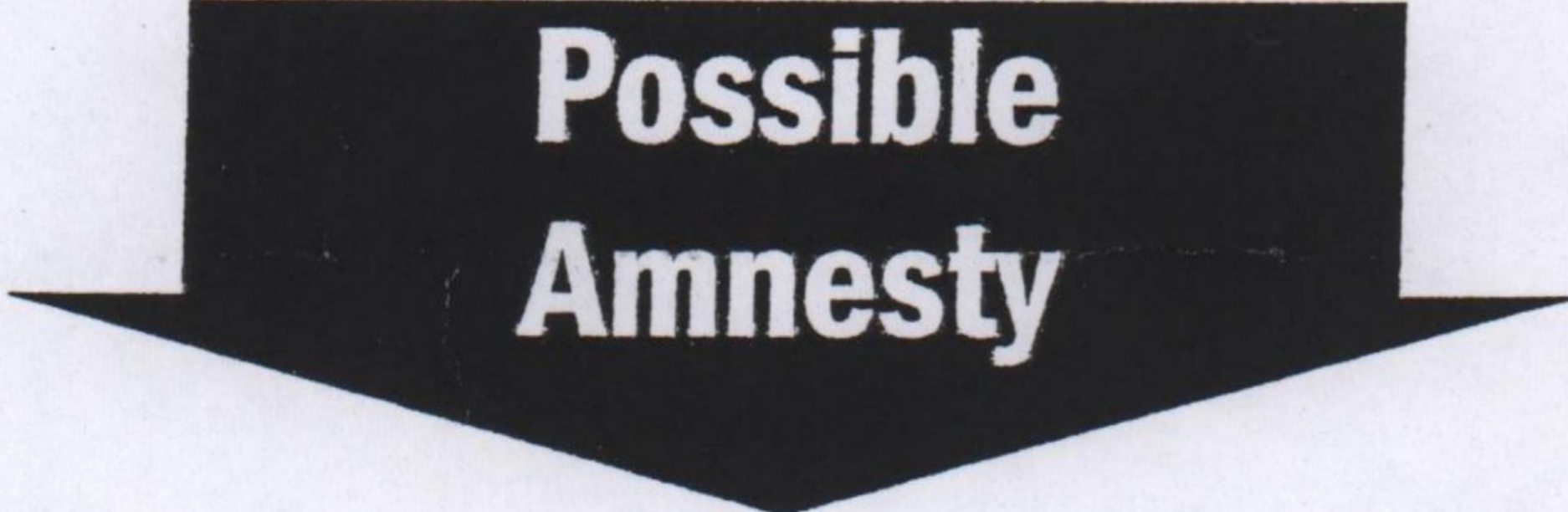
We can assist people to complete Travel Document application forms during an advice session (Tues, Weds and Thurs). From the 3rd May we will only be able to assist people with Citizenship forms on a Thursday afternoon during the advice session.



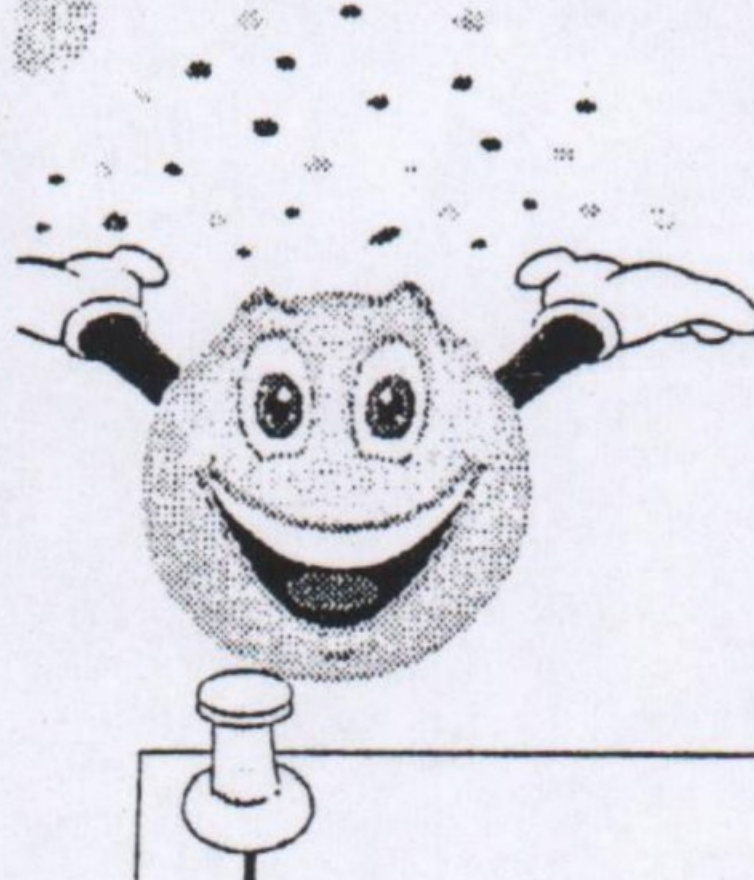
NASS Support Increased

These new rates should have come into force on
Monday 9th April 2007

Single Person aged 18—25	£32.80
Single Person over 25	£41.41
Lone Parent over 18	£41.41
Qualifying Couple	£64.96
Person aged between 16-18	£35.65
Person aged under 16	£47.45



Possible Amnesty



There have been reports in the press this week that people who have been here for some time and are refused may be allowed to stay.

This has not been confirmed by the government and there are NO details regarding this.

As soon as we hear anything further we will ensure that you are all updated.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) will be moving. From the 8th of May their new office will be at:

32-36 Carrington Street, Nottingham, NG1 7FG (Near the Train Station)

Darfur—Sudan

People from the Darfur area of Sudan are still being forcibly returned home by Immigration Authorities.

There have been a number of test cases and if you fall into the following categories then a solicitor may be able to help with a claim or stop your removal.

1) from the Darfur Area

2) Part of a Minority Group

3) Have no relatives outside of Darfur

and have always lived a very rural lifestyle. Meaning you couldn't cope with living in a Refugee Camp in Khartoum

If you were refused asylum and it was because the Home Office questioned your ethnicity please contact Refugee Forum as we may be able to refer you to a solicitor. (Paragon Law have an expert coming up in May)

Please see Charlotte if you would like any further information

Zimbabwean Cases

People from Zimbabwe are currently NOT being deported. There have been a number of cases about how safe it is to return home.

It was initially decided that no-one could be returned home (02/08/2006)

However since then it has been to Court and it was decided that only people who were in one of the risk categories would not be forcibly removed. (Full lists available from the Home Office) An example would be an MDC member.

There is another test case in May 2007 and this will look at the interview that all returning Zimbabweans have; how is this conducted; what does this mean for the person once they are in Zimbabwe.

More News to Follow in the next

Deportations to the Congo

People from the DRC are being deported and there are currently NO test cases to try and halt deportation. There have been a number of marches both Nationally and Locally to raise the issues of Congolese asylum seekers.

Both families and single men and women have faced forced removal.

If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved or for more information, the please feel free to contact Patrick Essalo (NRRF Volunteer and member of the Congolese Community Group) or No Borders Campaign Group.



Future Events

May Day—World Music Festival

Saturday May 5th @12:30

Brewhouse Yard

- Songs of Protest & Rebellion
- Ngoma—Zimbabwean Roots
- Mapperley May Hoppers
- Plus—Kudish, Iranian and African rappers, singers and percussionists



World Music concert

Sunday May 6th from 4pm-9pm

YMCA, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham

- Lost Melody
- Kurdish Music Ensemble
- World Folk, Punk, Dance, Fun
- Ngoma—Zimbabwean



**Training for
Volunteers**

Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday 15th May

4:30-6pm

(Samosas Provided)

NASS/Asylum Process

Saturday 19th May

2-5:30

OR

Tuesday 22nd May

6-8:30



Refreshments and Samosas Provided
for both. You only need to attend one
of the training sessions.

