



JULY 2021

MEETINGS|Ealing Advice Forum Meeting

Wednesday 7th July | 2pm - 4.00pm | CAIA, Hayashen, 105a Mill Hill Road, Acton, W3 8JF

Dates for future EAF meetings

29 September 2021 - 2.00-4.00pm

17 November 2021 - 2.00-4.00pm

26 January 2022 - 2.00-4.00pm

23 March 2022 - 2.00-4.00pm

RESEARCH/REPORT

London immigration advice report published

'A Huge Gulf: demand and supply for immigration advice in London', was published on 21st June 2021 and now available to download from the Justice Together Initiative's website here: <https://justice-together.org.uk/articles/thousands-of-londoners-missing-out-on-the-immigration-advice-they-need/>

Living in Limbo: A decade of delays in the UK asylum system

The Refugee Council has published the following report '[Living in Limbo: A decade of delays in the UK asylum system](#)'. The report is based on Freedom of Information data that we obtained from the Home Office and reveals the shocking growth in the backlog of people awaiting an initial decision, the length of time people have been waiting, and the hugely damaging impact this has on individuals and families who are living in a state of prolonged uncertainty and anxiety. You can find a summary on the news section of the Refugee Council website [here](#).

The report has been covered on the Today programme this morning, and is up on the [BBC website](#) and the [Times](#). We expect there will be further media coverage later today.

A Strategy for Funding Immigration Advice in London

This strategy is a collaborative effort, drawing on London Funders' members and networks, on the knowledge of numerous funders across the independent, public and corporate sectors, and on the expertise of organisations working in the immigration advice sector to support Londoners.

Accurate, timely advice and legal support is a prerequisite to being able to navigate an immigration system that is complex, expensive, and intentionally hostile. Londoners with insecure status may find themselves with no recourse to public funds, and are increasingly pushed towards extreme poverty and destitution.

Limited access to good immigration advice will increase demand and exacerbate hardship in connected sectors that funders actively support such as children and young people, families, poverty, employment, education, domestic abuse, health, homelessness, criminal justice and strong communities.

Commissioned by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation on behalf of the Justice Together Initiative - and written by London Funders - '[A Strategy for Funding Immigration Advice in London](#)' serves as a reminder that access to good immigration advice needs to be embedded into all of our regional and local strategies. The report makes the case for further investment in immigration advice, the opportunities and priorities for funders, and what good funder practice looks like in this area. If you would like to discuss the report in further detail, please do send [Geraldine Blake](#) an email.

NEWSLETTERS

GRANTS

This may be of interest if you are an owner occupier or a private landlord. If you don't have internet access, please call 0800 083 2265 to apply by phone



Green Homes Grant

Local Authority Delivery Scheme

Dear Resident,

Do you want to save on your energy bill and ensure that your home is warm in the winter and cool in the summer? The **Green Homes Grant: Local Authority Delivery scheme** (GHG:LAD), funded by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, is here to help!

Twelve London Boroughs have joined together to carry out smart energy efficiency retrofits on up to 1400 homes across the participating boroughs. Those living in the coldest and least efficient properties may be eligible for up to £10,000 of grant funding to cover the installation of efficiency measures, such as low carbon heating systems, insulation, windows, doors, and smart heating controls.

Am I eligible to participate? If you meet the following three criteria you may be eligible for a grant:

1. To be eligible, your home must have an energy rating of D, E, F, or G. If you would like, you can view your Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating and efficiency recommendations by visiting www.epcregister.com, however if you have not sold your home in 10+ years or are unsure of your EPC, we will check to see if we have an estimated EPC during your screening call; **AND**
2. To participate in the GHG:LAD scheme, you must have a total annual household income of £30,000 or less, with up to £20,000 in housing benefit allowance; **AND**
3. You must live in a participating borough: Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Lambeth, Kensington & Chelsea, Newham, Richmond, or Wandsworth. Residents in other London boroughs may be eligible for the GLA-led Warmer Homes Scheme.

How can I take part?

1. **Registration:** Visit <https://london.greendoctors.org.uk/green-homes-grant> and sign up.
2. Registering your interest only takes a few minutes and is completely obligation free.
3. **Confirm Eligibility:** You will receive a screening call from our team to confirm your eligibility by asking you a few questions about your income, benefits status, and household.
4. **Property Assessment:** A certified retrofit assessor will visit your property to create a whole house energy efficiency plan and personal recommendation to make your home more energy efficient.
5. **Agree to Works Plan:** You confirm which works are to be carried out and agree to a start date for installation to begin with the scheme manager.



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