

Scottish Refugee Council Press Release



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Glasgow refugee job fair

Trades Hall, 85 Glassford Street, Merchant City, Glasgow , Tuesday 21st June from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Employers from sectors ranging from construction, retail and hospitality, to finance, administration, education and health, will meet refugees on Tuesday, with the aim of getting as many of them as possible into work.

More than twenty companies are taking part in the Refugee Jobs Fair, which is organised by Scottish Refugee Council, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce, Jobcentreplus and Glasgow Employers Coalition.

Employers who have already taken on refugee workers have found that them reliable, skilled and highly motivated.

Jim Gaffney, head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Laing O'Rourke said:

"I recruited 4 refugees in 2002 and have never looked back. We now have 7 skilled workers in areas as diverse as engineering and electronics. These are people with quality skills, who can help fill the need for skilled staff in Scottish industry. They want to work and should be given the opportunity to do so. Employers need to think outside the box and give people a chance. They won't be disappointed."

Sally Daghlian, Chief Executive of the Scottish Refugee Council added:

"Refugees want to work and support themselves and their families; to pay taxes and contribute to the wider community. As Scotland faces a skills shortage, employers cannot afford to ignore the talent sitting on their doorstep. The job fair will help bridge the gap between refugees and employers."

Full details of all events during Refugee Week are available on our website at www.refugeeweekinscotland.org.uk

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