

ANNUAL REVIEW 2011-2012

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants



JCWI is a national charity which exists to campaign for justice in immigration, nationality and refugee law and policy. Our mission is to eliminate discrimination in this sphere.

FOREWORD TO 2011-2012 JCWI REVIEW

I write this introduction, my fifth as Chair, with a sense of gratitude to staff members and volunteers who have successfully kept the organisation in being and done important, high profile work during the year. Last year's party conference season, during which a casually inaccurate Home Secretary had to be corrected by the Justice Secretary over the precise role played by a cat in a successful appeal against removal based on human rights considerations, begins to seem a time of relative humour, tolerance, and logic.



During the year, the Coalition Government introduced increasing restrictions in attempts to dramatically cut the flow of non-European Union migrants. Almost worse than the policies themselves, has been the incompetence of their administration. To an outsider, United Kingdom immigration policy might now seem to be so constantly in movement, and so typified by changes which are poorly designed, incontinently and often inconsistently expressed, and unpredictably overlaid by others, as to be opaque. In a decision which will be well known to practitioners, *AA (Nigeria) v SSHD* [2010] EWCA Civ 773, the Court of Appeal identified limitations upon the circumstances in which misleading or deception might be relied upon for refusal of entry clearance or leave to enter. In his judgment Lord Justice Longmore LJ observed, at para 87, that "I am left perplexed and concerned how any individual whom the Rules affect (especially perhaps a student, like Mr A, who is seeking a variation of his leave to remain in the United Kingdom) can discover what the policy of the Secretary of State actually is at any particular time if it necessitates a trawl through Hansard or formal Home Office correspondence as well as through the comparatively complex Rules themselves. It seems that it is only with expensive legal assistance, funded by the taxpayer, that justice can be done." Even since that time the complexity of the system has greatly increased, whilst access to publicly funded assistance of reasonable quality has been systematically attacked. As recently as July Lord Hope in the Supreme Court observed in *R (Alvi) v SSHD* [2012] UKSC 33, a case to which JCWI made a very important contribution as a public interest intervener, observed, at para 11, that: "The first versions of the rules [from 1971] were 17 and 20 pages long. The 1994 Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules... extended to 80 pages. There have been over 90 statements of change since then... The current consolidated version which is available on line from the UKBA website extends to 488 pages... 19 statements of changes in the Immigration Rules have been published on the website since February 2010. There have been four this year, the last of which was in June 2012." Since then there have been three more, adding more than 500 pages of material.

Against this background JCWI's role in monitoring and lobbying on proposed changes to immigration and nationality law possesses high importance. Our organisation continues its strong, vocal support for the regularisation of illegal migrants. We speak out through the I ♥ Migrants campaign for the many benefits the United Kingdom gains through migration. Despite financial constraints, and despite severe pressures imposed by the inconsistent management and administration of public funding, JCWI has with a small but effective casework team continued to provide free legal advice and assistance to vulnerable migrants, and also to some asylum seekers, under our legal aid contract, and we also now provide a committed, quality service to others at moderate fee rates which help to cover the costs of the team.

I would like to express my thanks once more to the large body of people to whom JCWI is indebted, including members of the staff whose work is described in the pages which follow, members of the Executive Committee, and the Trustees to the Immigrants Aid Trust ("IAT") which has supported us consistently and continuously since 1971. I thank our funders for their continuing support in a year of economic uncertainty, and, for the hope of their continuing support in the future. Because JCWI is unusual among significant UK charities in having constantly declined to seek funds from central government, the resources other funders provide are critical to the continuity of JCWI's mission.

Our members, including community leaders, activists, lawyers, and interested lay people, by their membership fees provide an increasing proportion of our core funding and play an important role informing and encouraging our work. Please renew your membership and help us to fulfil all that we expect of JCWI by encouraging others to link their strength with ours.

Eric Fripp
Chair



OVERVIEW

2011-2012

The past year has been another demanding one for JCWI. The Coalition Government continued to introduce yet more restrictive measures to drastically cut in flow of non-EU migrants in order to fulfil their political folly to bring down yearly net migration to “tens of thousands”. Negative impacts of some of these measures such as restrictions on skilled workers and overseas students have already been criticised by various influential stakeholders including businesses, universities and research institutions. We have therefore been joined by powerful allies who are convinced that this ill conceived pursuit to bring down net migration is harming the British economy in a worsening economic recession as well as Britain’s reputation as a forward looking welcoming nation in the year when Britain has just proudly hosted the London Olympic Games.

Regrettably the Government refuses to heed to the reasoned voices and is adamant in their pursuit to cut migration by hook or crook. Recently in July it has turned to limiting family union rights and implemented a set of harsh immigration rules. These rules have the potential to compel thousands of British citizens and settled people in the UK to live separated from their loved ones or to live in exile from their own country as they are unlikely to meet these prohibitive requirements of the rules such as a new far higher income/savings threshold for those seeking to sponsor non-EU family members. Alarmingly all main political parties with exception of a handful of MPs and Lords have capitulated to Government’s

relentless attack on fundamental rights of migrants as well as British citizens and allowed these unfair rules to be adopted by the Parliament unchallenged.

In this adverse political scenario we with our limited resources have decided to act as a unifying force of all conscientious campaigners to oppose these rules. Our initial protest meeting on 9 July, the day of the implementation of these rules, at Grand Committee room of House of Commons was attended by around 200 campaigners including a number of MPs and Lords. Inspired by this enthusiasm we have decided to advance this campaign with a view to abolishing these unfair rules.

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JCWI’s Chief Exec, Habib Rahman addresses the protest at the Home Office over the London Metropolitan University debacle.

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POLICY WORK AND CAMPAIGNS

A snapshot of our joined up approach to policy, information dissemination, campaign and media work this year is highlighted in the team's report. It will be noted in the report that despite our limited staffing resources the policy and campaign team has undertaken an enormous amount of work. The team continued to play an important role in monitoring and responding to the negative policy and legal developments in immigration and nationality field in order to influence and achieve positive changes in them in the interest of migrants, refugees as well as British citizens. Our particular focus is the protection of rights of all that are rooted in international Conventions and treaties.

TRAINING

JCWI is a leading training provider in the field of immigration, nationality, asylum law and practice. Training remains a core area of our activities as it enables us to maintain a closer relationship with practitioners in the wider community as well as it enables us to generate income for the organisation. Our specially devised courses are geared to providing up-to-date information on legal changes in this rapidly changing field. Our course style is also participatory to ensure that trainees are fully aware of motives and issues behind the changes. It will be noted from our training report that we are constantly seeking to improve our training service in terms of its quantity, quality and relevance.

PUBLICATIONS

'Guide to the Points-Based System', published in 2011, has been well received by users. We however are constantly reminded to publish updated version of our main handbook, 'Immigration, Nationality and Refugee Law Handbook', and we therefore have already embarked upon this enormous task. It is expected that editing work on the book will

be completed by the end of this year with a view to publishing it in early 2013. We have recently produced a well researched campaign pamphlet "United By Love Divided By Law" which has been hailed as an excellent dossier on the subject.

ADVICE AND CASEWORK

A small but effective advice and casework team continues to undertake strategic advice and casework. I am very pleased to report that during the year we recruited a very experienced solicitor, Smita Bajaria, as our casework supervisor. It will be noted in the team's report she has already made significant contribution in its work.

The team has developed a strong reputation in this field as it has conducted a number judicial review cases and achieved significant precedent setting results. Notable among these is our victory in the case of DQ before the Supreme Court which obliged the Government to change the Immigration Rules regarding discriminatory marriage age of non-EU spouses and civil partners. This case alone will benefit an estimated 5000 genuine couples a year. We as a high profile organisation have also intervened in a few more cases before the High Court in partnership with lawyers in private practice.

Our relationship with UNISON has successfully been maintained as we have provided advice and assistance to hundreds of very deserving union members, mainly working in the health and care sector. During the year we have also established a telephone advice service for irregular migrants with the financial help from Trust for London. This advice line will enable irregular migrants to access competent free legal advice and in many cases they will find legal avenues to regularise their status in the UK.

OVERVIEW 2011-2012 CONCLUSION

I feel immensely proud that despite our very limited resources we have been able to meet the new challenges of the past year and delivered an enormous amount of work.

This could not have been possible without the deep commitment and dedication of our competent team of staff who worked tirelessly as a unit in order to achieve our goals. I am grateful to my colleagues for their hard work and achievements and to our Executive Committee and Trustees of the Immigrants' Aid Trust for their encouragement and support throughout the year.

We are aware that our strength lies in our diverse membership and therefore, we have improved our communications with members by providing them with relevant up-to-date information via our online blog. We have also received very valuable feedback from a number of active members throughout the year.

Our Legal and Policy Director, Hina Majid, has recently left us to pursue a new career. During her five year tenure she has contributed enormously to our work and I take this

opportunity to thank her and wish her all the best with her new assignment.

I also report with very heavy heart that during the year we lost two magnificent friends of JCWI, Prof. Sir Michael Dummett and Ann Dummett. They both sadly passed away within few weeks of each other. They were founders of JCWI and remained committed to it until the last days of their lives. They will be truly missed not only by us but the whole society as they have given so much for its betterment.

Finally, I warmly thank our funders and donors for their financial assistance without which we would not be able to continue our challenging work for vulnerable migrants and refugees in our society.

Habib Rahman
Chief Executive

POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS

Our very limited resources mean that in an area subject to continual and rapid change, at any given time we are only able to focus on a small number of issues. Our decisions about what to focus on are driven by the views of migrants themselves, and the extent to which proposals engage human rights obligations and principles.



FAMILIES

Earlier this year the Government introduced new legislation, and a new set of Immigration Rules governing family migration. Key changes brought about include the introduction of a new and far higher income/savings requirement for those seeking to sponsor non-EEA family members to join them in the UK - a direct attempt at limiting the scope and application of Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights (right to respect for private and family life) - an extension of the probationary period (temporary leave which limits access to the welfare state) for non-EEA spouses of British/settled people, and abolition of full rights of appeal for all family visitors by 2014.

These changes sit in the context of the planned removal of legal aid for immigration cases in 2013. Their cumulative effect will be to create a far harder, longer and more precarious route for securing both entry to, and settlement in the UK for familial purposes.

Over the course of the year, JCWI has been vocal in its opposition to these measures. Over the course of the year work on the above issues has so far included:

- arranging a parliamentary campaign meeting and joint demonstration: We hosted this in conjunction with the Migrant Rights Network. The meeting was attended by around 200 people. Speakers included Keith Vaz, Chair of the Home Affairs Committee, and various other MPs and peers. It was preceded by a demonstration attended by around 100 campaigners, and has provided us with a sound base upon which to launch our future campaigns work.
- producing two campaigning pamphlets: The first edition of 'United By Love, Divided By Law' focused on the proposed increase in the maintenance threshold and the probationary period, and the 'attachment' requirement for sponsorship of family members. The Government has now abandoned the attachment period. The second edition focused on the maintenance threshold. We also briefed Parliamentarians against the removal of the full right of appeal for family visitors.
- making the case against changes in the media: Our first campaigning leaflet received extensive coverage in the Guardian and impacted more generally on the relatively sympathetic media narration of the issue, and its potential impacts. JCWI representatives also appeared on Channel 4 News, ITN news, Islam channel and several Bangladeshi channels. Additionally we were frequently quoted in The Guardian, Independent and in other media outlets on this issue. We also launched an online campaigns page. We used this, along with JCWI's blog, twitter and facebook to provide information, analysis and arguments against the measures with a view to encouraging and facilitating activism.
- lobbying the Labour party: JCWI representatives met the Labour shadow Immigration Minister and a Labour peer with a view to lobbying them about the above. While we were regrettably not able to get the Immigration Minister to pray against the Rules, and were only successful in getting a handful of MPs to register their opposition in Parliament to the family migration Rule changes, we were successful in locating some sympathetic parliamentary allies, and in linking campaigners with MPs through our online campaign. We are informed that the shadow immigration minister was inundated by complaints by constituents. Both of these outcomes form a useful base for future campaigns work.
- hosting a meeting of various agencies: including migrant organisations and trade unions with a view to establishing a more structured and formal campaign on the issue of family reunification rights.
- legal action: Additionally, we explored the possibility of a statutory Equality Act challenge to the proposed removal of full rights of appeal for family visitors. We hope to be challenging the rules by representing clients disadvantaged by them soon.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

We also briefed parliamentarians on the transfer of judicial review provisions contained in the Crime and Courts Bill and attempted (all be it unsuccessfully) to use the passage of the Bill to raise the issue of access to the Court of Appeal and existing shortcomings through production of a parliamentary briefing on the 'second appeals test'. We issued responses to the Commission on a Bill of Rights discussion paper, the consultation on employment related settlement, Tier 5 and Domestic Workers, and the Government's consultation on the removal of the immigration reservation to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We also used JCWI's blog to encourage people to lobby against changes to the provision of legal aid in immigration cases.

THE MEDIA AND IMMIGRATION

The media are central in shaping immigration policy and the views of people in the UK. We therefore, used the Leveson enquiry to highlight misleading and factually inaccurate reporting of immigration/asylum matters by certain media outlets, and came up with various practical proposals to improve reporting. This was in addition to highlighting inaccuracies through our blog and through complaints to the Press Complaints Commission.

I ♥ MIGRANTS

This is a positive messaging campaign we designed to highlight the positive contributions made by migrants to the UK. Although somewhat overshadowed by the priority campaign on Family Immigration, 'I ♥ Migrants' has held stalls at a hand full of colleges, and have been attempting to engage Migration Watch in public debate, with no success as yet, but do watch this space.

'BOGUS' STUDENTS?

We were approached by a number of students who lost their places at private colleges when they were closed - some went into voluntary liquidation, others have closed as a result of the government's crackdown on what they term "Bogus" colleges. Rarely does the plight of students who are denied a refund on their extortionate fees or a place to continue their studies elsewhere in the UK, get any coverage. We have worked alongside these students to get a fairer hearing. We got a sympathetic article in The Guardian and one student was interviewed by BBC Radio 4, but most importantly we have managed to engage the wider student movement in publicising and campaigning over their situation. JCWI's Campaigns Officer was invited to speak at a meeting organised by the NUS International Students Campaign at their national conference in May. We are working with activists on the ongoing situation at London Metropolitan University to achieve justice for students in this situation wherever they previously studied.

This work with students has helped us to develop stronger links with the National Union of Students and student activists in general. We hope this will bolster our campaigning work through I ♥ Migrants and on other issues.

POLICY AND CAMPAIGNS: THE YEAR AHEAD

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On a more positive note however, the increase in restrictions on family migration has been accompanied by a growth in activism not only from immigrants, but from their British and settled sponsors on these issues. Furthermore, public opinion in some quarters is relatively sympathetic to the case against these measures. With some seriously hard campaigning work and support from our members, those affected by the measures, and sympathetic MPs, we feel optimistic about the longer term possibilities for securing meaningful gains by the time of the next General Election.

CASEWORK REPORT

We continue to work in a very difficult climate, with ever-decreasing legal aid funding, and the prospect of legal aid being withdrawn almost entirely for non-asylum immigration cases from April 2013 onwards.

Our Casework team has a new supervisor, Smita Bajaria, a very experienced immigration lawyer who has worked in the field since 1991. In that time she had experience of a range of applications at substantive stage through to the immigration tribunals and higher courts. She has had conduct of a number of test cases involving the application of Article 8 ECHR, unlawful detention of foreign national prisoners, exclusion and deprivation of citizenship. She has also conducted appeals before the Special Immigration Appeals Commission, worked with women and children in immigration detention and worked on cases where there are mental health issues. Smita has in the past year developed her work with unaccompanied minors seeking asylum and attends the Asylum Screening Unit and full interviews with children. We continue to work in a very difficult climate, with ever-decreasing legal aid funding, and the prospect of legal aid being withdrawn almost entirely for non-asylum immigration cases from April 2013 onwards. We are therefore building up our private casework, in addition to seeking funding from other sources, as this is the only way that the team will be able to survive under the new legal aid regime. We have increased our charges for one off advice and our fixed fee is now set at £60. We wish to start booking these fixed fee advice sessions into our diaries outside of the drop in session so that we can develop private work by encouraging clients to come to us to assist them with their substantive applications.

A large group of privately-funded clients we have been able to help are the care workers ("senior carers") many of them from the Filipino community, who have come to the UK to work (originally on work permits, later

under Tier 2 of the PBS). Many of these people have been refused the right to settle (which they can apply for after 5 years' continuous work in the UK) because they are earning less than the rate set by the UK Border Agency for such work. We have successfully challenged the new rule that makes settlement dependent on earnings, in the cases of half a dozen senior carers, and have an on-going test case in the High Court, we hope to achieve a change in the relevant law on behalf of the senior carers.

Fortunately we have been able to obtain funding from the Trust for London for a new advice line, for people in the UK without immigration status. Many have never sought legal advice and are worried about approaching legal advisors. We receive on average 10 - 15 calls per week. Some of the callers are given appointments and instruct us to make applications on their behalf. Obtaining good quality advice is crucial for this underground community.

In July the Immigration Rules were amended to include far-reaching changes in many areas of immigration law. We are looking for potential test cases in this area and have placed a notice on this notice and very much look forward to challenging the changes.

However, the new rules are not all bad. Among them there are some that actually benefit "child overstayers". The new Section 276ADE of the Immigration Rules recognises the Article 8 rights of children who have lived for many years in the UK, but who, because they were abandoned, or because the adults responsible for them did not take steps to regularise their status, have no leave to remain. We have already been successful in two such cases, which came to us through our "Irregular

Migrants Helpline". However, the new type of status being granted to those who, in the past, would have been granted 6 years' Discretionary Leave, will be hard for some people. What those who are successful under these new provisions can expect to get is limited leave for 10 years, broken down into 4 periods of 30 months each, during which the migrant will be permitted to work but will have no recourse to public funds.

We continue to take on some asylum cases and Smita has taken on two cases involving persons who have been trafficked into the UK and also referred a case by the Refugee Council. We have also increased our asylum matters starts quite significantly by being referred cases by Deighton Pierce Glynn which involve Article 3 ECHR issues. We have to continue to develop and strengthen our asylum and Article 3 work particularly because of the change to the scope of funding for immigration matters next year.

A great deal of JCWI's case work still continues to revolve around Article 8 of the ECHR, the right to family and private life. In the last year we have been successful in a number of cases in which Article 8 has been a key issue. We are also developing our casework in European Law and submitting applications under Zambrano. In November 2011 we won a legal challenge we brought to the Secretary of State's policy of granting 6 months' Discretionary Leave only (instead of the usual 3 years) in cases where a former foreign national prisoner has had his appeal against deportation allowed on the basis of his right to private and family life under Article 8 of the ECHR. Our case was linked to a number of high profile cases in the

Administrative Court, but a week before the final hearing the Secretary of State agreed to reconsider our client's case and granted him 3 years' Discretionary Leave.

We have been granted permission to appeal in the Court of Appeal in two cases which, again, focus on Article 8 of the ECHR. One concerns the extent to which the right to a private life of stateless persons, who cannot leave the UK, should be recognised by the UK government. The other, which is being treated as a test case, AB (Morocco) concerns the right to family of family members of European nationals, who have children in the UK, in the context of deportation.

We shall continue to develop our immigration casework on a private and publically funded basis and maintain good relationships with those who refer work to us. JCWI is still very highly regarded and referrals arrive off the street, from airports, from schools and other support agencies such as Medical Justice, social services or shelters for those who are homeless, the CAB at the RCJ and also the Refugee Council. We look forward to the challenges that we believe can be made to the recent changes in the Immigration Rules. We remain on most lists in prisons where those detained are seeking legal advice. We know that there are challenging times ahead but that means that now more so than ever we continue our representation of those who need assistance and not give up the fight for justice.

COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Perhaps the most significant change this year has been a complete overhaul of our website, incorporating the previously separate blog into the body of our main internet presence. This has created a one-stop place for anyone checking us out online and a greater integration of the policy and opinion led blog with our training, advice, membership and publications work.



Above: Standing room only at the JCWI & Migrants' Rights Network meeting in The Grand Committee Room, Houses of Parliament on the day of the introduction of the family immigration Rule changes

The blog continues to attract a good readership, especially when compared with previous readership of the printed Bulletin. The Bulletin had a distribution of around 700. Currently the blog part of the website enjoys an average of 1800 hits a week – far more in times of intense interest, such as the introduction of the new family immigration restrictions in July this year. In the coming year, the blog will concentrate more on the daily work of JCWI Staff and on campaigns and events in the immigration sector. It will carry more frequent, at times shorter posts and, it is hoped, provide a more vibrant source of news from our sector.

Our media work has had a successful return in 2012, as we have become one of the first ports of call for journalists covering immigration in the press. This has led to JCWI's work and staff being quoted in most of the national dailies, appearances on Newsnight, Channel 4 News, BBC, ITN and innumerable satellite and community TV stations. Such a profile helps us to establish an, at times, more positive coverage of immigration. However, many newspapers continue to take a pointedly anti-immigration line and we are through campaigning alliances attempting to address this problem.

Communications with our membership is currently being examined, with a view to improving the information flow around campaigns, legal issues and media monitoring. We send out an occasional media round up

which will in future be a regular, weekly e-mail for all members.

The mainstay of our publications has been our legal handbook, last published in 2006. Every time we have considered updating the handbook, we have been faced with a new immigration bill, more rule changes and have been confronted with a huge investment of time and energy in something which would quickly become out-of-date. Since the flurry of secondary legislation after the formation of the Coalition Government, we are now working on a new edition of the handbook, which we hope to publish in early 2013. The Guide to the Points Based System, published in 2011 as a supplement to the Handbook, will be updated and incorporated into the new handbook.

In 2012 we published two versions of a pamphlet aimed at briefing MPs on the expected effects of the family immigration Rule changes introduced on 9 July. The first pre-empted the announcement made by Theresa May and was based on the report published by the Migration Advisory Committee. The second came immediately after the Home Secretary's announcement and was edited and enlarged to fully address the detail of the announcement. Both editions of the pamphlet were widely distributed to MPs and lords, were (and still are) available for free download on our website and have been very well received by legislators, practitioners and activists alike.

TRAINING

Whilst economic circumstances have given training in many spheres a difficult year, we have some positive news to report. We have expanded our training courses geographically and have managed to at least partially mitigate the restricted spending on training amongst practitioners.

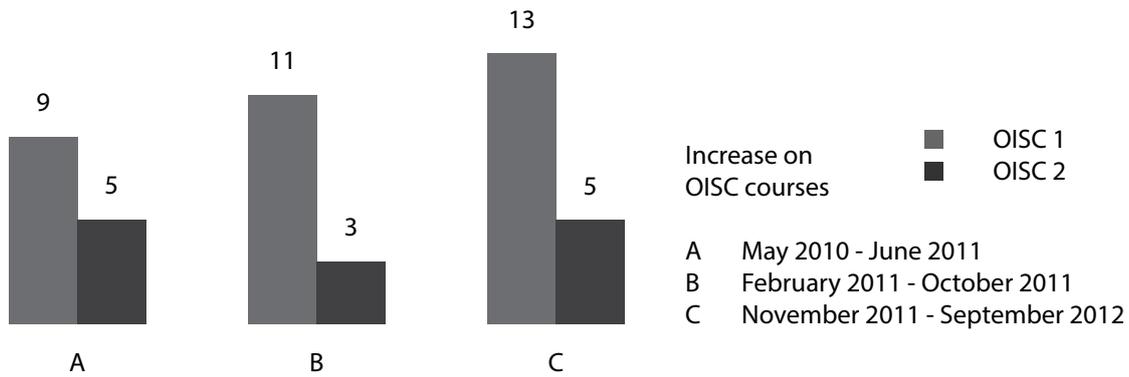
Following the success of the OISC pilot scheme launched in Glasgow in 2010-2011 we are now providing a steady supply of courses in Scotland. We have also expanded to Birmingham where we will be running courses on OISC Levels of Competence. We are also working with the Welsh and Scottish Refugee Councils with an aim of providing more training in those areas.

In order to respond to delegates demands we have devised new courses on 'OISC non-core hours', as well as on 'Asylum Law' and 'Deportation Law' which feature in our new training programme for Aug 2012 - Jun 2013.

JCWI aims to keep immigration practitioners up-to-date with any law changes and highlight potential legal challenges for the future. Throughout the years we have endeavoured to keep abreast of any new legal developments. On July 16, we offered a timely response to the new family immigration rules with a course presented by Barristers Navtej Singh Ahluwalia and Sadat Sayeed from Garden Court chambers. The course was fully booked and a repeat session was scheduled for September. The same course was run in Scotland where it also received a high attendance level.

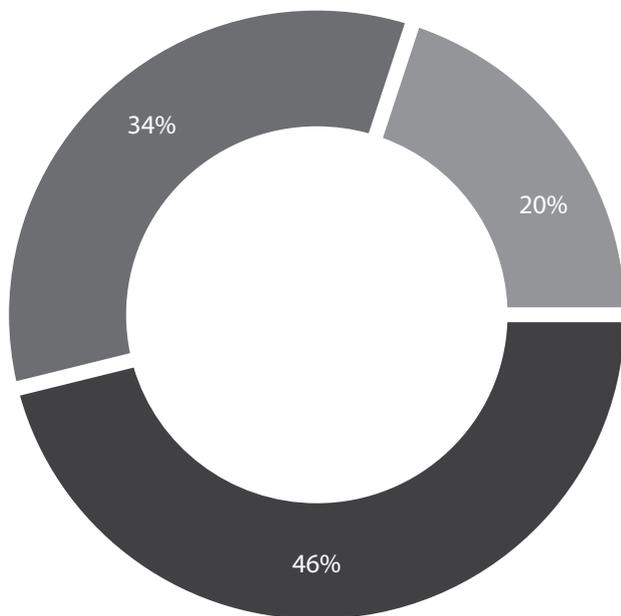
JCWI would like to thank all our trainers: Navtej Singh Ahluwalia, Adrian Berry, Azhar Chohan, Nicky Dean, Jonathan Kingham, Kate Lewis, Khadija Umbarin Rahman, Andrew Tingley, Julian Bild, Tony Gomez for their support and dedication to their work with JCWI through the years. We are also grateful to Clement Kulang, Sadat Sayeed and Afzal Zami Syed-Ali for their assistance with training.

We would also like to thank the Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit for their continued support as delivery partners for the JCWI's Manchester courses. We also extend our gratitude to the British Council in Manchester for the use of their venue and support from their staff. Regrettably, we will no longer be able to rely on support from the BC in Manchester as from August 2012 they will be based in a smaller premises.



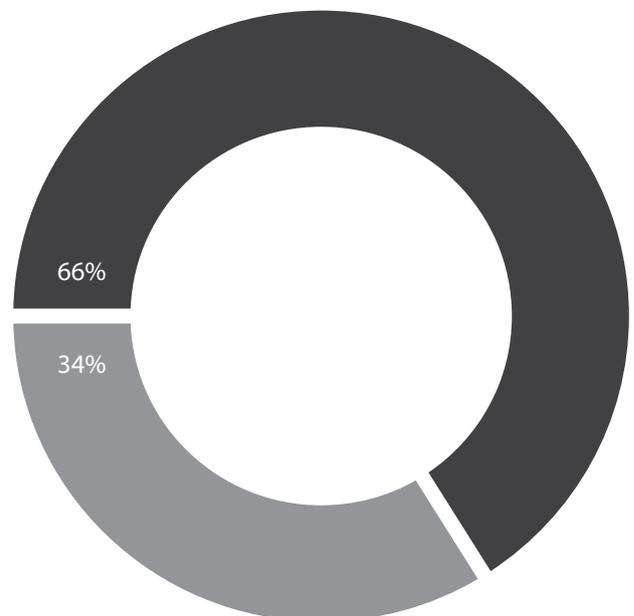
In the period between October 2011 and September 2012 we delivered courses to a total of 656 participants.

We delivered 63 courses spread over 75 days under our main training programme and our regional and in-house courses.



Number of attendees
October 2011 - September 2012

- Voluntary members: 302
- Commercial members: 131
- Non-commercial members: 223



OISC attendance (in %)
October 2011 - September 2012

- OISC total: 34%
- Others: 66%

TRAINING TRAINEES TESTIMONIES

Our courses, as well as our trainers, continue to be highly praised by participants for the quality of content and presentation.

"The trainer was able to distil the complex legislation and rules in a manner that was understandable and readily digestible".

"The trainer was very good! I cannot expect to find anything better. They have a very high level of knowledge on the subject and knows how to pass it on. I am very satisfied with the delivery".

OISC Level 2 – London:-

"Excellent examples were used throughout. Excellent class participation. Made a long session really interactive by giving examples that made the theory much more understandable and likely to be remembered".

"Great overview given and practical application, which was great exam help. The role play was fun! Overall a very positive learning experience".

OISC Level 1 - Glasgow:-

"Great course with lots of good information to use for job".

"Excellent, I thought it was very useful and I learnt a lot! Thank you!"

OISC Level 1 – London:-

"Excellent course, highly informative and comprehensive. Very approachable trainer. Thank you!"

"A lot more interesting than I expected. I will recommend the course to OISC potential advisors".

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Over 100 people protest against the Family Immigration Rule Changes at the Home Office on the day of their introduction, 9 July 2012.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2012

It is my great pleasure to present JCWI's audited accounts for the financial year 2011/12 which show a small surplus of £6,773. During the year we adopted strategies to increase income, cut costs and gradually build a reserve fund for the organisation. I am pleased to report that our efforts have been progressing well as, it will be noted from the accounts, we have been able to save a modest amount into a reserve fund from our savings.

We remain reliant on a diverse income base from grants and donations and our self-generated income streams. Our self-generated income, from advice and casework including publicly aided work, training delivery, publications and membership now stands at £402,481 which represents 76% of our total income. Grants and donations from charitable sources amount to £123,482 which is 24% of our total income.

Our fundraising efforts during the year have proved to be successful as we were able to renew our partnerships with our existing funders such as the, Hilden Charitable Trust and the Trust for London. We also established new relationship with corporate funders such as Vodafone. We are constantly looking to

raise funds from new sources to increase our financial resources. I am therefore indebted to our funders and donors for their support without which we would not be able to deliver our important work in the interest of migrants and refugees.

Finally, I would like to thank the management and staff of JCWI for their hard work throughout the year and extend my gratitude to my fellow officers and colleagues in the Executive Committee and the Trustees of The Immigrants' Aid Trust for all their support.

Ramesh Desai MBE
Treasurer

OUR FUNDERS

JCWI gratefully acknowledges the grants and donations of its major funders without which we could not do the work that we do.

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Trust for London
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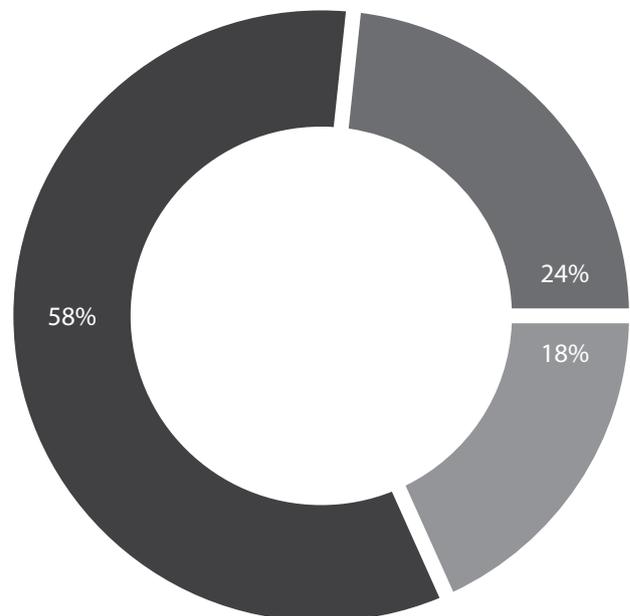
MEMBERSHIP

JCWI's strength lies in its diverse membership. The revenue generated from membership enables us to continue our policy and campaigns work. Without the support of our members, our influence is limited.

The benefits of membership of JCWI include discounted rates for training and for publications, a (soon to be regularised on a weekly basis) media round up from UK newspapers and websites of relevant articles and features, email alerts of new content published in our blog, and news of training and other services provided by JCWI. However, perhaps the most important benefit of membership is the knowledge that your money is being put to the best possible use of fighting for justice in the field of immigration in the UK.

Since the last Annual Review, we have welcomed over 100 new members to the organisation, including Liverpool John Moores, Edinburgh, Strathclyde and Teeside Universities, Glasgow School of Art, The College of Law, Swansea City of Sanctuary and Swindon and Southwark Citizens Advice Bureaux. A very warm welcome to you all!

With the new campaign starting up on Divided Families, and sustained attacks on immigration from the Coalition Government, there has never been a more important time to support the work of JCWI.



Membership
as of September 2012

- Individuals: 447
- Voluntary & non-governmental org.: 141
- Commercial organisations: 178

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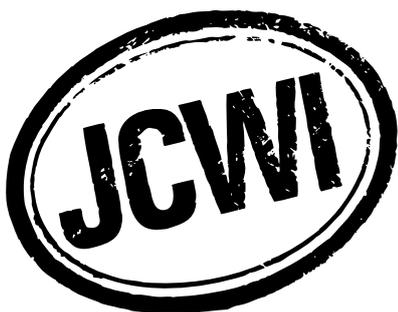
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JCWI was established in 1967 to provide immediate and direct support to immigrants and to respond to the injustice and unfairness of UK immigration controls. Since its inception the organisation has been instrumental in creating a partnership amongst voluntary and other service providers and acting as a vital resource to them. JCWI is now a principal organisation providing legal advice and representation to individuals, training and legal handbooks to others working in the field of immigration law. It produces excellent written materials, both printed and online, and plays a leading role in striving for a better deal for immigrants in today's society.



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