

LAUNCH EVENT

Irregular Migrants: the urgent need for a new approach

Tuesday 2nd June 2009, from 11am to 1pm
Grimond Room, Portcullis House,
Westminster Palace, London

Chair: Jon Cruddas MP

Dr Kavita Datta – Senior Lecturer, Queen Mary University

Jamima Faghta – Project Officer, Kanlungan Filipino Consortium

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A recent report by the London School of Economics estimates that there are around 725,000 irregular migrants living in the UK. MRN's new publication: '*Irregular migrants: the urgent need for a new approach*' draws together research findings to present concise, evidenced information about pathways to irregularity, the impacts of UK enforcement policy and the available evidence on regularisation programmes.

This event will be an opportunity to debate the economic and social implications of a new policy approach – in particular within the context of the recession when it is likely that larger numbers of people in the UK will fall into irregular status.

As well as contributions from the platform speakers there will be opportunities for members of the audience to contribute their views and experiences around this issue. All are welcome.

To register for the event, please e-mail info@migrantsrights.org.uk