
London Destitution Advice Network (LDAN)
Wednesday 18 September 2013 3-5pm
British Red Cross office
Aztec Row, 5 Berners Road, London N1 0PW

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

3. Agency news roundup

Members to give updates about their organisation and any changes to their services.

4. Destitution during the transition from asylum support to mainstream benefits

Speaker: Mike Spencer (Solicitor, Child Poverty Action Group)

5. Asylum Support news

- The Deregulation Bill 2013 - an attempt to repeal S4 (1) (a) & (b) support
- Update on Refugee Action's asylum support rates litigation
- Update on ASAP's earlier access to S4 during pregnancy litigation
- Asylum Support Tribunal User Group Meeting: 1 October 2013
- Same day appointments at Further Submissions Unit
- Iranian embassy rumours

6. Home Office news

- National Audit Office investigation into COMPASS contracts for accommodation and transportation of asylum seekers
- New Home Office contracts for asylum support advice work (CAGS & CASAS)
- The 'Go Home' campaign
- Customer Service Week 7-13 October 2013

7. Next LDAN meeting: TBC

8. AOB