

# Digital Media and Video Training for Refugee Groups

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## A new project: Climate Change, Migration and Asylum

by **Virtual Migrants, RICC and MRSN** with support from Exodus by CAN



- Do you want to promote your campaign, your community, or your cultural identity?
- Do you want to learn simple and effective ways of using video and the internet?
- Do you come from a country affected by environmental damage?
- Are you interested in how asylum problems and discrimination against refugees could increase in Manchester as a result of climate change?
- Did you know that the knowledge that refugees have about their mother countries could be used by scientists and researchers to help think about our environment and climate?

A set of FREE training days in video and digital media are on offer for refugees where you will:

- Film interviews and creative footage, learn how to get good shots, sound and interviews
- Edit the footage and then put it on to YouTube
- Create a simple, free website as a 'blog' or facebook page in which to place your video

If you already have video and media skills or you are generally interested in this project, please also get in touch – more creative and advanced opportunities may develop during this project.

As well as this creative training, we will also look at how climate change is affecting our future and this will be a part of a new project using arts and media together with discussion.

In this century, most of the world's population is predicted to die as a result of climate change. Most will be in poor countries and this will lead to a huge increase in migration. We will discuss how we, as migrants, communities and people who want change, can begin to work together and build on our own experience and knowledge about what is happening.

This project is being supported by academics and researchers from Manchester University as well as artists from Virtual Migrants. It is also going to be a part of the Manchester Science Festival and this is a good opportunity for refugee support and rights campaigns, because refugee issues can enter a new arena which is vital for widening debate and understanding among new sections of the public. It will link refugee issues with climate change - a topic everyone is talking about, in a highly positive way and one in which refugee contributions are properly valued.

Please contact either:

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### Registration Form

All training sessions run from **10.00am – 4pm**.

All sessions take place at **Community Arts North West (CAN), Green Fish Resource Centre, 46-50 Oldham Street, Manchester M4 1LE**.

Dates of training sessions:

**Session 1: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** – Camera training and interviewing

**Session 2: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – Creative techniques, editing and YouTube

**Session 3: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Creative techniques, editing and YouTube

**Session 4: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Creating a simple blog-based website

Sessions 1 and 4 are essential for everyone.

You then must choose one of either Session 2 or Session 3.

The training and creative work will be led by Kooj Chuhan from Virtual Migrants, who also organised the recent digital training programme and other media projects for Exodus.

#### **TO REGISTER FOR THIS PROJECT, PLEASE EITHER:**

- **FILL IN & SEND THIS FORM TO MAX, MRSN, 20 Piercy Street, M4 7HY**
- **OR EMAIL YOUR DETAILS TO: [max@mrsn.org.uk](mailto:max@mrsn.org.uk)**

**by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.**

I would like to attend the Digital Media Training and Climate Change project.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Tel: .....

Email: .....

Why are you interested in this project: .....

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