



What are the impacts of restrictions on participation in the labour market and civic life on young migrants?

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THE EUMARGINS PROJECT

A collaborative project financed by The Seventh Framework Programme for research and technological development (FP7) of the European Union. The research focus is on *inclusion and exclusion of young adult immigrants in seven European countries.*

- 250 detailed biographical case studies
- Seven European cities
- London, Tallinn, Oslo, Genoa, Barcelona, Gothenburg, Nancy
- Young migrants active observers in their own lives through the use of photography, poetry, art, scrapbooks

Mobile Lives and Tighter Regulation

- Humankind is more mobile than at any other moment in human history
- Vitality of globalised London confounds the rhetoric of protectionism and control
- Unrealistic promises
- Micro-borders and internal policing
- The case for a pragmatic and humane turn in immigration policy

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Home Office

**UK Border
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APPLICATION FOR
BIOMETRIC IMM
UNDER TIER 4
MAIN

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“We have to write our life”

Katrin

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Lessons from the young lives

- Control and monitoring seeps into every aspect of everyday life
- Young migrants experience the immigration service as an inefficient bureaucracy
- These young lives are fragmented and disorganised as a result
- The limits on work and access to welfare results in institutionalised marginalisation

The Social Production of Suffering

A Different Vision

- Harnessing migrants' desire for civic involvement
- Building communities of diversity
- A moral and welfare case for less regulation
- Facilitating greater social inclusion



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A Pragmatic Approach: Recommendations

On *work*, we suggest:

- Declaring a London-wide amnesty allowing those who are defined as as overstayers, or who are otherwise undocumented the right to work
- Allowing all those with temporary leave to remain the right to work and the opportunity to support themselves
- Automatically granting National Insurance Numbers to young migrants over 16 whose cases are currently being processed by The Home office

On *immigration processes*, we suggest:

- Offering young migrants better access to legal advice and providing greater public investment in welfare organizations dedicated to supporting them.
- Addressing the inadequacies and failures within the immigration bureaucracy particularly in relation to the loss of documents, inaccuracies and delays in progressing cases.
- A working group into streamlining the documents needed to support immigration claims for students and asylum seekers.
- Formal acknowledgement to solicitors and Applicants of documents submitted in support of immigration claims.
- Provision within the UK Border Agency of dedicated and responsive consultants and a more open tracking system to allow young migrants to be updated on the current state of their cases.

On *education*, we suggest:

- Asylum seekers should be charged home fees rather than international student fees.
- Greater flexibility in the amount of hours overseas students are allowed to conduct paid work.