

CORI

country of origin research and information



Training Programme

Workshop: Gender and Country of Origin Information: Researching women's asylum and human rights claims

The workshop will explore issues raised in relation to women's cases and country of origin information (COI), including how COI is used within the refugee determination process, types of gender related persecution and their impact on women, research strategies for addressing gender related claims and locating and evaluating sources of credible country of origin information.

- Aims:
- To understand the research needs in substantiating women's asylum claims
 - To be able to identify types of gender related persecution and their impact on women
 - To be able to develop a strategy for researching gender related harm
 - To be able to locate credible sources of information

10.00	Registration and coffee
10.30	Welcome, introductions and expectations
10.45	What is COI and how is it used within the refugee determination process?
11.00	'Gender', 'Persecution' and the Refugee Convention
11.15	Researching women's asylum and human rights cases -Difficulties in researching women's claims
11.45	Gender persecution – types of harm and their impact on women
12.45	Gender Guidelines and COI
13.00	LUNCH
13.45	Research strategy, aims and objectives -Making research specific to client's individual circumstances -Case study: Example research questions -Home Office and Judicial application of COI
14.15	Research questions -Identifying research questions arising from the claim -Risk on return and Internal Flight Alternative
14.45	Identifying and evaluating sources -Types of materials courts may accept as COI -Criteria for assessing the credibility of COI sources -Databases and websites – sources of quality human rights information
15.15	Case Studies: Practical exercises drawing from real life experiences
16.30	CLOSE