



# Re:locate

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## Re:locate Extra

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In lieu of Christmas cards this year, we'll be making a donation to the charity LightForce, as featured in the Winter 2006/7 edition of *Re:locate* – and we very much hope you'll want to join us. Well-known education consultant Gill Bowker helped at the charity's base in Uganda for a month in the summer – and we were impressed by what she told us of the organisation's focus on child development and education. For more information on how you can help LightForce, click [here](#).

Wishing You a Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year!

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### Top Stories This Month

#### **Big shift of Brits abroad**

More than 198,000 British nationals moved overseas last year, bringing the total number of Brits abroad to more than 5.5 million, according to new research from the Institute for Public Policy Research. The report says that a strong economy at home has encouraged emigration and that very few Britons leave because they think 'the country has gone to the dogs'.

The IPPR's report shows that almost one in ten Britons now lives abroad, and that a British national emigrates every three minutes. It predicts that another one million Brits will move abroad over the next five years.

In fact, according to the report, Britain has more people living abroad than almost any other country. The top 10 countries where Brits live, together accounting for around 75 per cent of all Brits living abroad, are:

- Australia 1.3 million, equivalent to 2 per cent of UK population
- Spain 760,000
- USA 680,000
- Canada 600,000
- Ireland 290,000
- New Zealand 215,000
- South Africa 212,000
- France 200,000
- Germany 115,000
- Cyprus 59,000

For more information, see [www.ippr.org.uk](http://www.ippr.org.uk)

## **New language standards for immigrants**

From 2 April 2007, all adults applying for settlement in the UK (also known as 'indefinite leave to remain' or 'permanent residence') will need to pass a 'Life in the UK' test or an English language course, reports immigration experts at Smith Stone Walters. The Government has announced that this new condition will be in addition to the usual requirements for settlement and will affect applicants aged 18 to 65. The requirement aims to ensure residents have the requisite language skills and citizenship knowledge to integrate successfully into British society. It also forms part of the Government's managed migration five-year strategy.

To meet the new requirement, from 2nd April 2007, applicants must either:

- Pass a 'Life in the UK' test, if they already possess a good standard of English (ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) Entry 3 standard or above); **or**
- Pass an ESOL with citizenship course, if their standard of English is below ESOL Entry 3 standard.

This change will not affect any applicants applying for settlement prior to the 2nd April 2007.

*For more information, see [www.smithstonewalters.com](http://www.smithstonewalters.com)*

## **London property: the low-down**

Says Liam Bailey, Knight Frank's Head of Residential Research. 'The big story over the past 18 months in central London has been sharp demand growth, met with an equally sharp downturn in supply. The tight market conditions have helped push prices forward by the highest rate of growth seen for 18 years, with prices 26.6% higher compared to November last year. The impact of demand from the City [with predicted heavy Christmas bonuses likely to add to this demand] has meant that the traditional end-of-year slowdown is increasingly becoming a thing of the past in London.'

## **CMS Cameron McKenna launches new system**

International law firm CMS Cameron McKenna LLP recently announced the launch of a global immigration IT system to manage its clients' immigration needs. Anticipating radical change to the UK's managed migration laws and processes over the next year, the IT tool is the first immigration case management and client reporting systems of its kind to be used by a top-tier law firm in Europe. It will provide a single, online application process for users, providing real-time tracking and significantly faster processing times overall.

*For further information, call Julia Onslow-Cole on 020 7367 3000 or see [www.law-now.com](http://www.law-now.com)*

## **Accolade for The Apartment Service**

The Apartment Service was recently named Best Serviced Apartment Company at the prestigious 2007 Buying Business Travel Diamond Awards. Founded in 1981 as a department within hotel booking agency, Expotel, The Apartment Service became an independent company in 1991. The company formed the UK's first branded serviced apartment product, Executive Roomspace for stays of 28 days plus in 1997, followed by Roomspace Serviced Apartments, for 7-day-plus business, in 2006.

## **Deloitte scoops Personnel Today award**

Deloitte, the business advisory firm and one of the largest recruiters of graduates in the UK, has won the Personnel Today award for Excellence in Graduate Recruitment. The award, judged by a panel of industry experts, recognises best practice in the human resources profession. The firm was also runner up for a Talent Management award, which recognises an organisation's ability to recruit and retain staff. John Connolly, Deloitte's Chief Executive and Senior Partner, commented: 'This is an excellent achievement and follows Deloitte's earlier success this year, when we were ranked second in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers 2006.'

*For further information, see [www.deloitte.com](http://www.deloitte.com)*

## IB take-up growing

In a recent speech to the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust annual conference in Birmingham, the Prime Minister announced plans to reform A-level examinations and to encourage more state schools to offer the International Baccalaureate (IB) together with new, specialised vocational diplomas as an alternative to them. He also unveiled a new A-level 'supergrade', the A\* - billed as 'the upper hurdle for brighter pupils to jump' – which should be introduced as soon as 2008 for exams to be taken in 2010, plus plans to double the number of academies from 200 to 400, meaning greater variety in the kinds of schools open to children.

## Job Opportunities

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<b>Senior Immigration Consultant \ Immigration Consultant</b>	Bromley	£26-35K depending on experience	<a href="#">Read More</a>
<b>International Assignments Specialist</b>	West Sussex	c. £25-30,000 + Benefits	<a href="#">Read More</a>
<b>In-house Global Mobility Specialist</b>	Berkshire	c. £30-35,000 (Pro Rata) + Benefits	<a href="#">Read More</a>
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