This one day seminar on immigration to Ireland focuses mainly on women. Through personal experiences it will explore the impact of immigrant policies on individuals, communities and Ireland as a country. The Museum is delighted to have Blessing Moyo facilitate this seminar. Organised as part of the Museum’s temporary exhibition Migrant Women - Shared Experiences in partnership with Mayo Intercultural Action and the Mary Robinson Centre.

Immigration and Ireland

National Museum of Ireland – Country Life
Saturday 18th June, 9:30am – 3pm

9.30am – 9.45am Rosa Meehan, Curator, National Museum
Rosa will introduce the exhibition, Migrant Women: Shared Experiences on display in the Museum Galleries.

9.45am -10.15am Natalya Pestova, Mayo Intercultural Action - MIA
Natalya will talk about MIA’s role as a community organisation working to promote integration and give voice to migrant communities in County Mayo.

10.15am – 10.45am Kany Kanyeba Kazadi: What it is like to be an Asylum seeker in Ireland
Kany will talk about her own personal experience as an asylum seeker in County Mayo, and her journey of integrating into Irish society.

10.45am – 11.15am Discussion

11.15am – 11.30am Short break

11.30am – 12.00pm Keynote Speaker: Prof. Jane Freedman, University of Paris - Women’s Experiences in New and Ongoing Refugee Crises
Jane will examine women’s experiences of forced migration, the insecurities they face and the obstacles that exist to providing full protection of women.

12.00pm -12.30pm Discussion

12.30pm – 1.30pm Lunch

1.30pm – 2pm Vukasin Nedelikovic: Asylum Archive: an archive of asylum and Direct Provision in Ireland
How can asylum seekers be less than strangers in a profit-making direct provision establishment? Can ‘slow activism’ be of value in Irish debates about transforming direct provision, where the activist potential for change is, according to Wallace Heim, ‘listened’ into existence?

2pm – 2.30pm Mairead Finn: Exiting Direct Provision for the Private Rented Sector
What are the processes around accessing and making a home in the private rented sector upon leaving direct provision? Mairead’s talk draws on fieldwork carried out in the west of Ireland in 2011/2012.

2.30pm – 3pm Discussion and wrap up

Spaces Limited!
Please contact the Bookings Office to book a place: Email: educationtph@museum.ie; Phone: 094 9031751. Find out more about this exhibition on museum.ie.