

[Far-right terror group proscribed](#)

News story

Terrorist organisation, Feuerkrieg Division, is banned in the UK.



The far-right terrorist group Feuerkrieg Division has today become a proscribed terrorist organisation in the UK, after an order laid in Parliament on Monday (13 July) came into force.

This means that members or individuals who invite support for Feuerkrieg Division could face up to 10 years in prison.

The group has been added to the [list of proscribed organisations](#).

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[Judge Korner steps up campaigning as UK candidate for the ICC](#)

Press release

Judge Korner, the UK's candidate to join the International Criminal Court (ICC), has started a campaign to be elected to the Court in December



The UK's candidate to join the International Criminal Court (ICC), Judge Joanna Korner, has started a campaign to be elected to the world renowned Court in December.

Judge Joanna Korner has over 26 years judicial experience, sitting on the Crown Court of England and Wales. She has expertise in the field of international criminal law and personal experience of high profile prosecutions of war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. Judge Korner played a decisive role in bringing to justice those who bore the most responsibility for the atrocities committed in the Bosnian conflict, including in one trial that lasted nearly three years, with over 190 witnesses and over 4000 pieces of evidence.

Judge Korner has now launched a series of webinars on international law and events to inspire the next generation of lawyers and judges. Joining online panels from Geneva to New York, she has given talks on a woman's perspective on a career in international law, and the challenges and opportunities for women on the international stage.

As part of her campaign, she also shared her expertise with legal students and the wider legal community in a series of online webinars throughout June and July, including on her experience at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the art of improvisation as an advocate, case management in long and complex trials, and the intricacies of trying international crimes in domestic courts.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab, said:

The UK has always been a staunch advocate of the International Criminal Court. British lawyers and Judges have always boldly spoken up for those without voices, and led the charge on righting the most grievous of wrongs.

I've known Judge Korner since she was an advocate at the Yugoslavia Tribunal. A formidable judge and one of our finest international lawyers, she would strengthen the ICC at this pivotal moment in its history.

Further information

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[Kitchenware specialist pays £12,000 over missed recycling fees](#)

Windsor based Groupe SEB UK Ltd, a large global importer and holder of well known cookware and small kitchen appliances, has paid £12,000 to two water charities for failing to meet its recycling responsibilities.

The money was split equally between charities, Thames Rivers Trust and The Marine Conservation Society, to help pay for projects including litter picking and removal at London Rivers Week and The Great British Beach Clean. Both projects are aimed at dealing with the impact of packaging waste on the environment and local communities.

Any company producing more than 50 tonnes of packaging a year with a turnover of above £2 million must register with the Environment Agency or a packaging compliance scheme, and meet their responsibilities for recycling waste packaging.

Groupe SEB of Riverside House, Windsor, failed to recover and recycle the weight of packaging it added to the UK waste stream in 2017, and a total of 1,183 tonnes of packaging waste may not have been diverted from landfill, which impedes the UK's ability to meet its recycling targets.

The original proactive enforcement undertaking offer was made in 2018 to the Environment Agency and was for Groupe SEB's failure to register as a producer and recover or recycle packaging waste in 2017. The company had previously been compliant but mistakenly believed it was registered when it moved from one compliance scheme to another.

For its enforcement undertaking, the company offered £12,000, more than double the calculated amount of avoided costs (£5,950.17).

Follow up work by the Environment Agency confirmed these charities received and have used their donations in their projects.

Manna Wan, a Regulatory Officer with the Environment Agency in Berkshire, said:

Enforcement undertakings are a type of civil sanction that allow us to secure regulatory compliance from organisations. They also ensure businesses don't profit from non compliance and provide an

opportunity for them to react responsibly to any offending.

While agreeing to enforcement undertakings, the Environment Agency continues to prosecute organisations and individuals where evidence shows high levels of culpability and serious environmental harm.

Civil news: digital billing changes for revised immigration fees

News story

New immigration and asylum 'stage 2c' civil contract work fees can now be claimed through Contracted Work and Administration (CWA).



Changes have been made to the CWA digital billing service to enable you to start claiming for the revised immigration and asylum 'stage 2c fee'.

What is a 'stage 2c fee'?

The new fee applies where appeal skeleton arguments (ASA) or written submissions have been needed.

It applies to controlled legal representation (CLR) work under the 2018 civil contract. The stage 2a and 2b fees will still apply in certain circumstances.

The revised fees were introduced on 8 June 2020 and will last for one year. They are as follows:

The updated version of the immigration and asylum specification for the 2018 civil contract is now available on GOV.UK.

Further information

[Standard civil contract 2018](#) – for updated version of immigration and asylum

specification

[Regulatory amendments](#) – for confirmation of stage 2c fee rates

[Submit a contracted work and administration \(CWA\) claim online](#)

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Opportunity Areas programme to support young people hit hardest by pandemic

Thousands of young people in the most disadvantaged parts of England are to benefit from a new focus on making up lost learning time due to the pandemic, as well as levelling up their education outcomes and tackling barriers to skills and employment.

Michelle Donelan, Minister for the Opportunity Areas, today announced how the expanded programme will address the impact of coronavirus, building on the successes across each of the 12 areas by ‘twinning’ them with places facing similar challenges to help unleash the potential among young people in other parts of the country.

The fourth year of the flagship programme, announced last year, will raise the bar for young people boosting social mobility by raising educational outcomes and addressing inequality in skills and employment.

Funding allocations for each area have also been confirmed today, following the announcement of an £18 million expansion for an additional year in November. Within each allocation is a share of £1 million specifically to support the new ‘twinning’ work.

As part of the renewed focus for Year 4 of the programme, Minister Donelan will bring together ministers responsible for employment, youth services, public health, business and industry and policing to help chart a course to recovery from the pandemic and get Britain moving.

Opportunity Areas have already made a difference by improving the quality of careers advice, work experience, digital and other skills for employment as well as providing opportunities to develop confidence, leadership and resilience. The programme will now build on these successes by giving young people the skills they need for the jobs they want.

Universities Minister Michelle Donelan said:

Throughout the coronavirus outbreak, the Government’s focus has

been on making sure the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in our society get the support they deserve.

Around the country, the response to the pandemic has been heroic, and each of the 12 Opportunity Areas has co-ordinated its approach to help those who need it most respond to immediate challenges.

Now as we chart a course to recovery, we will build on the programme's success so far to benefit young people in new areas and level up their life chances.

We know that we can tackle these barriers more effectively when we come together across our different policy areas and by harnessing the expertise and experience of these dedicated professionals.

Year 4 priorities across the 12 Opportunity Areas include early speech and language development because, for too long, pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds start school already behind their peers elsewhere in the country. Other areas will learn from the rapid rise in the Good Level of Development at age 5 – a key indicator of school readiness – already seen in West Somerset, Oldham and Derby OAs.

The programme will also help pupils catch up on lost learning time while schools were closed to many pupils during the pandemic, and to help narrow the attainment gap. Many of the Opportunity Areas (OAs) have already put in place important support programmes, including:

- Funding for holiday clubs, helping thousands of children learn new skills and develop essential life skills like resilience, leadership and confidence. 'Ay Up Duck' in Stoke-on-Trent is supporting families during school holidays and since summer 2018 it has delivered over 26,000 meals for 18,260 attendees (including 15,700 children) in schools and community centres, alongside sport, music and art sessions and is also helping rebuild the community.
- Online maths and English tutoring for pupils in Ipswich and Norwich OAs. 'What a difference a day makes' provided 24 hours of tuition in English and maths to pupils in need of extra support and has already helped over 200 pupils in Ipswich increase their predicted GCSE maths grades by at least one grade. The programme has been adapted due to Covid-19 and around 60 pupils in both OAs will get support to get back into the swing of learning with English and maths online tutoring as well as study skills and wellbeing sessions to get them ready to start college or sixth form in September.
- Career and work opportunities for secondary pupils in all 12 Opportunity Areas. Pupils have had the chance to experience the world of work to motivate and inspire their career ambitions, working with the Careers and Enterprise Company to offer nearly 1.3 million meaningful encounters

with employers for secondary pupils, more than four per pupil.

- Support for pupils at risk of exclusion. In Blackpool, 'Team around the school' has supported around 200 secondary pupils at risk of being excluded from school since it started in April 2019. Inclusion and parental engagement workers have been delivering free school meals, vouchers and work packages during lockdown, supporting around 130 vulnerable children during the pandemic through texts, calls or online contact to keep them engaged with schoolwork and other key services.

The programme is already having an impact in a wide range of areas from early years education to employment, following an initial £72 million boost for interventions across literacy, maths, attendance, teacher training and recruitment, post-16 options and careers advice since its launch in 2017.

Teacher recruitment and training is another focus for Year 4 to help raise standards – one of the best ways to support disadvantaged pupils. North Yorkshire Coast OA will share its innovative recruitment campaign which attracted 24 teachers from outside the area to take up posts and filled over 100 teaching vacancies across 28 schools.

Bradford OA is already taking a joined up approach between education and health with its 'glasses in classes' project to make sure children who fail an eye test are provided glasses in school to learn, and its early identification of autism so children get the support they need when they need it.