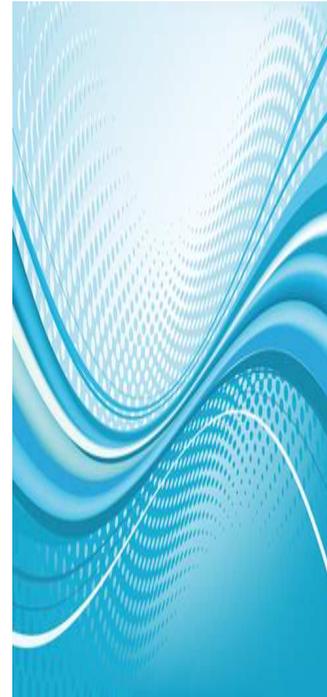


Introduction

Despite increasing interest in Vietnamese migration patterns to the UK, there is a gap in knowledge about migrants' pathways and experience. Existing evidence suggests human trafficking is the main route for migrants' arrival in the UK; and that as a result Vietnamese migrants are forced into bonded labour and slavery. However, it is suspected that there are more complex routes and reasons for migration. By collaborating with scholars and practitioners both in Vietnam and the UK, this project seeks to develop a deeper understanding of why Vietnamese migrants come to the UK, and what they hope to achieve through migration as well as their experiences once in the UK and/or on return to Vietnam.



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New labour migrations between Vietnam and the UK:

Motivations, journeys and
reflections





The Project

New Labour Migrations between Vietnam and the UK is a one-year Newton Mobility Fund project (May 2017- May 2018). The study will:

1. Explore how societal perceptions of migration are formed in Vietnam and how they change during migration.
2. Identify the full range routes for Vietnamese migrants coming to the UK.
3. Understand the overall experiences of migrating to the UK and evaluate whether migration contributes to an improvement of migrants' lives and those of their family on their return.

Research Design

The research will take place in Vietnam and the UK using a mixed methods approach:

- a social survey designed to measure the extent and nature of Vietnamese migration to the UK.
- in-depth interviews with Vietnamese migrants across the migration process (before, during and after migration).
- expert interviews with key agencies working with Vietnamese migrants (labour agencies, NGOs, charities, migration officers and social services).



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