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DID you KNOW ? about Migrant Workers.....



- Most migrant workers in the South West are in low-skilled occupations – e.g. as packers, machine operators, shop assistants - but many of these have university degrees including Masters degrees or, experience in higher-skill jobs such as teaching, finance advice or policing.
- The key barrier to finding work to match skills is language – Government expects employers to help, or migrants to pay for coaching
- Difficulty in getting qualifications recognised, discrimination and low pay, plus the current economic downturn, all mean some migrants are returning to their country of origin.
- The decision to leave means real upheaval for families who have settled in the UK.
- Employers in the South West are finding it hard to retain graduates in the South West. At the same time they are now losing the chance to tap the skills of migrant graduates and professionals.

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