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## Scottish Government Consultation event for young people

**28 April 2008 in Glasgow (9.30 – 5.00)**

The Scottish Government has organised an innovative consultation event for young people to give their views on faith and belief as the first step towards the development of a strategic framework to promote positive relations among and between faith and belief communities in Scotland.

The event will provide young people with a unique opportunity to directly influence Government policy. It will take place at the Scottish Youth Theatre in Glasgow on Monday 28 April from 9:30-5:00 and is open to anyone aged 16-25 with an interest in faith and belief. It is not necessary to be a member of a religious community in order to participate as the Scottish Government is keen to have representation from those who hold a variety of different viewpoints, including belief systems such as humanism and secularism.

For information see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/18934/events> or contact Barbara Schuler [Barbara.Schuler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.Schuler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) / 0131 244 0560

# Immigration and Asylum

## Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11560): To ask the Scottish Executive what progress has been made with further integrating refugees and asylum seekers into their local communities.

**Reply from Stewart Maxwell:** Since 2001 the Scottish Government has invested over £10 million to aid the integration of refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland. A wide range of projects have provided opportunities such as volunteering, work shadowing, English language classes and cultural activities aimed at integrating refugees and asylum seekers into their local communities. In 2007-08, financial support totalling over £6 million has been made available including £5 million to support the English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) strategy.

Earlier this year the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning announced further funding for ESOL of £3 million per annum for the period 2008-11. Funding of around £2 million per year will be made available through the race, religion and refugee integration funding stream covering the period 2008-11. This Scottish Government programme is designed to improve the lives of minority ethnic and faith communities in Scotland, including refugees and asylum seekers as well as migrant workers and gypsies/travellers.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-08/wa0417.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11558) : To ask the Scottish Executive what discussions it has had with UK Ministers regarding the new points-based immigration system.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**(Bashir Ahmad)** S3W-11552 : To ask the Scottish Executive how many overseas students are studying at universities in Glasgow.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11553) : To ask the Scottish Executive how many overseas students studying at Scottish universities and colleges come from (a) India, (b) Pakistan, (c) China and (d) Bangladesh.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11554) : To ask the Scottish Executive how many overseas students studying at Scottish universities and colleges come from within the EU, broken down by country.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**George Foulkes** (S3W-12112): To ask the Scottish Executive what provisions there are for free English language teaching for migrants and what plans it has to develop such teaching.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-22e.htm>

## European Parliament Resolution

### European Migration Network

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P6-TA-2008-0110+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

## **Immigration and Asylum** (continued) **Press Releases**

**Points-based system: arrangements for migrants already in the United Kingdom**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/pbstemporaryarrangements>

**Not A River of Blood, But A Tide of Hope - Managed Immigration, Active Integration**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/newsandcomment/speeches/Pages/powellspeech.aspx>

**The plight of children stuck in the asylum system**

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story\\_page/008-26637-168-06-25-901-20080415STO26614-2008-16-06-2008/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/008-26637-168-06-25-901-20080415STO26614-2008-16-06-2008/default_en.htm)

**MEPs hear about life as an asylum seeker: Zina Rasam's story**

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story\\_page/018-26633-168-06-25-902-20080415STO26611-2008-16-06-2008/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/018-26633-168-06-25-902-20080415STO26611-2008-16-06-2008/default_en.htm)

## **New publications**

**Home Office Circular: Implementation Of Sections 27-28 And Sections 44-47 Of The Uk Borders Act 2007, And Implementation Of Sections 21-26 Of The Immigration, Asylum And Nationality Act 2006**

<http://www.knowledgenetwork.gov.uk/HO/circular.nsf/79755433dd36a66980256d4f004d1514/da17a03b8d2b46dd802574180048062d?OpenDocument>

**Sharing Responsibility for Refugee Protection in Europe: Dublin Reconsidered**

[http://www.ecre.org/files/Sharing%20Responsibility\\_Dublin%20Reconsidered.pdf](http://www.ecre.org/files/Sharing%20Responsibility_Dublin%20Reconsidered.pdf)

## **News**

**Integration must be encouraged**

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/576826>

**Immigration rules declared unlawful**

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latest-national-news/Immigration-rules-declared-unlawful.3958862.jp>

**Judge rules immigration policy 'unfair and unlawful'**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/news/display.var.2181995.0.Judge\\_rules\\_immigration\\_policy\\_unfair\\_and\\_unlawful.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/news/display.var.2181995.0.Judge_rules_immigration_policy_unfair_and_unlawful.php)

**Court win for migrant workers fighting new rules**

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk/Court-win-for-migrant-workers.3960709.jp>

**Tales of belonging**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/apr/07/britishidentity.immigration>

**NHS migrant rules face legal bid**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/7339161.stm>

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### News (continued)

#### **Boy, 2, locked in Dungavel with his mum**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2189424.0.boy\\_2\\_locked\\_in\\_dungavel\\_with\\_his\\_mum.php](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2189424.0.boy_2_locked_in_dungavel_with_his_mum.php)

#### **Visa row as pianist forced to cancel UK show**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2192109.0.Visa\\_row\\_as\\_pianist\\_forced\\_to\\_cancel\\_UK\\_show.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2192109.0.Visa_row_as_pianist_forced_to_cancel_UK_show.php)

#### **Advisers 'told migrants to lie'**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7344493.stm>

#### **NHS ban for failed asylum seekers is 'unlawful'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nhs-ban-for-failed-asylum-seekers-is-unlawful-808155.html>

#### **Speaking from experience**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/features/display.var.2196287.0.Speaking\\_from\\_experience\\_Bob\\_Holman\\_on\\_asylum\\_seekers.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/features/display.var.2196287.0.Speaking_from_experience_Bob_Holman_on_asylum_seekers.php)

#### **Bilingual staff 'can halt Polish exodus'**

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Bilingual-staff-39can-halt-Polish.3980691.jp>

#### **Anger as Edinburgh refugee centre closes after funds axed**

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latestnews/Anger-as-Edinburgh-refugee-centre.3981234.jp>

#### **Migrant crime fears 'unfounded'**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7349777.stm>

#### **'Blind spot' on migrant suspects**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7351225.stm>

#### **Police chief firm on migrant claims**

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latest-national-news/Police-chief-firm-on-migrant.3985062.jp>

#### **Relieve for family facing deportation**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2199714.0.relief\\_for\\_family\\_facing\\_deportation.php](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2199714.0.relief_for_family_facing_deportation.php)

#### **Migrant curbs may be threat to fruit harvest**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/output/2008/04/17/newsstory11221476t0.asp>

#### **Why immigration is no longer a taboo**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7353601.stm>

#### **Police to get immigration funds aid**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/national\\_news/index.var.209532.0.police\\_to\\_get\\_immigration\\_funds\\_aid.php?](http://www.theherald.co.uk/national_news/index.var.209532.0.police_to_get_immigration_funds_aid.php?)

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### News (continued)

#### **Why immigration is such a hot issue**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/comment/columnists/lifestyle-columnists/george-galloway/2008/04/21/why-immigration-is-such-a-hot-issue-86908-20389946/>

#### **Race watchdog warns against 'uncontrolled immigration'**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2211165.0.race\\_watchdog\\_warns\\_against\\_uncontrolled\\_immigration.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2211165.0.race_watchdog_warns_against_uncontrolled_immigration.php)

#### **Fraudster fined for providing asylum seekers with illegal advice**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2208531.0.fraudster\\_fined\\_for\\_providing\\_asylum\\_seekers\\_with\\_illegal\\_advice.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2208531.0.fraudster_fined_for_providing_asylum_seekers_with_illegal_advice.php)

#### **Chief Constable to take up role with Border Agency**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/Chief-Constable-to--take.4005006.jp>

#### **UK's immigration policy 'is creating an ethnic cold war'**

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk/UK39s-immigration-policy-39is-creating.4001460.jp>

#### **Margo MacDonald hits out over snub for migrant centre**

<http://news.scotsman.com/politics/Margo-MacDonald-hits-out-over.3996859.jp>

#### **Thrust of Powell's words still resonates 40 years on**

<http://news.scotsman.com/opinion/Thrust-of-Powell39s-words-still.4001366.jp>

#### **Alleged jumping of housing queues by new arrivals is a myth, research reveals**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/apr/21/immigration.housing>

#### **Detention centres attacked as figures reveal self-harm by asylum-seekers**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/detention-centres-attacked-as-figures-reveal-selfharm-by-asylumseekers-811778.html>

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## Race Relations

### Press Releases

**International Roma Day: an opportunity to celebrate, but also to recall the urgent need for action against the exclusion of Roma**

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2008-04-07%20International%20Roma%20Day.pdf>

**Our Voices Heard: Report of a European Conference on Romani Women's Rights**

[http://fra.europa.eu/fra/material/pub/general/report\\_romaconf\\_sweden\\_031207\\_en.pdf](http://fra.europa.eu/fra/material/pub/general/report_romaconf_sweden_031207_en.pdf)

## **Race Relations** (continued) **News**

**Rivers of blood? No. Just a divided idea of what Britishness means**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/apr/07/britishidentity.communities>

**Mother slams multiculturalism as cause of Asian bullying of her son**

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article3736237.ece>

**Association for Muslim police to be set up in Strathclyde**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2214143.0.Association\\_for\\_Muslim\\_police\\_to\\_be\\_set\\_up\\_in\\_Strathclyde.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2214143.0.Association_for_Muslim_police_to_be_set_up_in_Strathclyde.php)

**Race tensions growing in immigrant communities**

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk/Race-tensions-growing-in-.3999602.jp>

**Race chief warns of 'cold war'**

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/599067>

**Tension between communities**

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/598637>

**Equality chief warns of race 'cold war'**

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article3779977.ece>

**Ethnic middle classes join the 'white flight'**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/apr/20/race.communities>

**Muslim moderates 'face hate campaign'**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/apr/20/islam.religion>

**Report urges recognition of British Muslim diversity**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/apr/16/communities1?gusrc=rss&feed=uknews>

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## **Equality**

### **Holyrood Parliamentary Question**

**Sandra White** (S3W-11334): To ask the Scottish Executive how it ensures that people from ethnic minorities are made aware of available health screening services.

**Reply from Shona Robison:** All patients registered with a GP will receive information about relevant screening services at the appropriate time. Information leaflets on the screening programmes are produced in a number of languages to encourage uptake.

In addition, many health boards have local initiatives in place to encourage uptake amongst excluded groups including ethnic minorities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-08/wa0417.htm>

## **Equality** (continued)

### **New publication**

**The business case for Equal Opportunities: An econometric investigation**

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rports2007-2008/rrep483.pdf>

### **News**

**Race employment gap gets smaller**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7353738.stm>

**'Too white, too male'**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/39Too-white-too-male39.3996011.jp>

**Equality obsession puts vulnerable at risk**

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/minette\\_marrin/article3779862.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/minette_marrin/article3779862.ece)

**Police miss target for mirroring communities**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/apr/21/ukcrime.race>

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## **Racism and Religious Hatred**

### **Press Releases**

**Press reporting of violent crime fuels racism**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/35/30.html>

**Preparatory Committee meeting on racism starts**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/PreparatoryCommitteeRacism.aspx>

**UN Anti-Racism Review Conference: HRF Calls on Governments to Prevent Repeat of Problems that Plagued 2001 Conference**

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/media/disc/2008/alert/444/index.htm>

### **New publications**

**A Tale of Two Englands - 'Race' and Violent Crime in the Press**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/ATaleOfTwoEnglands-2008.pdf>

**UN anti-Racism Review Conference**

Papers <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/racism/DurbanReview/session1-documentation.htm>

Webcast: Conference proceedings 21 April 2008

<http://www.un.org/webcast/unhrc/archive.asp>

## **Racism** (continued) **News**

### **Racism rife in Commons, says MP**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/apr/13/race.houseofcommons>

### **Man in unprovoked racist assault**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh\\_and\\_east/7350036.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/7350036.stm)

### **Race attackers hunted after assault on Pole**

<http://news.scotsman.com/edinburgh/Race-attackers-hunted-after-assault.3985882.jp>

### **Thugs beat up man for being Polish**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2008/04/17/thugs-beat-up-man-for-being-polish-86908-20385290/>

### **Britons fear race violence - poll**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7352125.stm>

### **Son with Down's accused of racism**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow\\_and\\_west/7352244.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/7352244.stm)

### **Family's 'hell' over son's assault charge**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2206476.0.Familys\\_hell\\_over\\_sons\\_a\\_ssault\\_charge.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/news/display.var.2206476.0.Familys_hell_over_sons_a_ssault_charge.php)

### **Our hell, by family of Down's Syndrome boy accused of racist attack**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2008/04/18/our-hell-by-family-of-down-s-syndrome-boy-accused-of-racist-attack-86908-20386534/>

### **Pole subjected to 'racist attack'**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/north\\_east/7358197.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/north_east/7358197.stm)

### **Speaking from experience: Bob Holman on racism**

[http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/features/display.var.2213991.0.Speaking\\_from\\_experience\\_Bob\\_Holman\\_on\\_racism.php](http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/features/display.var.2213991.0.Speaking_from_experience_Bob_Holman_on_racism.php)

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## Other Holyrood

### Debate

#### Voluntary Sector

**Elaine Murray:** According to Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations statistics, there are 45,000 voluntary organisations in Scotland, 1.2 million people are involved in volunteering, and the sector employs 130,000 paid staff, three quarters of whom are women. The sector's annual income amounted to £3.87 billion in 2007. Its value to Scottish society and the economy cannot be denied.

The third sector relies significantly on the public sector for income. In a report that was published in February last year for the previous Executive, half the organisations that were surveyed stated that they relied on public sector contracts for over 80 per cent of their income. Of those contracts, 53 per cent were with local authorities and 23 per cent were with central Government.

The historic concordat that the Government is so proud of has changed the mechanism by which funding is allocated to the voluntary sector. In the main, ministers have relinquished responsibility to local authorities and, in doing so, have passed to them the blame for cuts. Labour members warned that there was a danger that if councils were under financial pressures, funding to external organisations would be hit first as local authorities protected their statutory obligations. Funding streams that provide services to vulnerable or disadvantaged individuals may therefore be at risk. The Government said that we are scaremongering, but let us consider some of the evidence so far.

**To continue reading the debate see**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-08/sor0417-02.htm#Col7650>

### Parliamentary Questions

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11546): To ask the Scottish Executive whether the Scottish Executive has considered the use of local anaesthetic during male circumcision procedures.

**Reply from Shona Robison:** The potential use of local anaesthetic to carry out circumcision was considered at a seminar in Glasgow on 16 November 2006 attended by representatives of the Muslim community, the Jewish community, paediatric surgeons, and other clinical interests. The clinicians present explained that it was not considered clinically appropriate to carry out circumcision using only local anaesthetic.

To reach a consensus between safe and acceptable medical practice and the religious needs of the communities, the seminar concluded that NHS circumcision for religious reasons should be carried out in hospital, under general anaesthetic as soon as possible after a male child reached six months old. Following further joint work, a letter issued to NHS Board Medical and Nursing Directors on 12 February 2008 outlining arrangements for the provision of this service and enclosed information leaflets for staff and parents.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/pqa/wa-08/wa0414.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11547) : To ask the Scottish Executive whether it plans to address the issue of forced marriage.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

## Other Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11548): To ask the Scottish Executive how many cases of forced marriages have been reported since 2000.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11549) : To ask the Scottish Executive whether it monitors heart disease figures in terms of ethnic breakdown.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11551) : To ask the Scottish Executive how many ethnic minority prisoners there are.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11557) : To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has any plans to criminalise forced marriages.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

**Bashir Ahmad** (S3W-11562) : To ask the Scottish Executive what is being done to tackle domestic violence among ethnic minority communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-08/bb-04-07e.htm>

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## Other Westminster

### Ministerial Statement

**Vaisakhi greeting from Hazel Blears**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/statements/corporate/vaisakhigreeting2008>

### Press Releases

**UK leads the way in first review by UN Human Rights Council**

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease080408a.htm>

**Forced marriage helpline launches**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/forced-marriage-help>

### New publication

**Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights: UK National Report**

[http://lib.ohchr.org/HRBodies/UPR/Documents/Session1/GB/A\\_HRC\\_WG6\\_1\\_GRB\\_1\\_E.pdf](http://lib.ohchr.org/HRBodies/UPR/Documents/Session1/GB/A_HRC_WG6_1_GRB_1_E.pdf)

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## New Publications

### **What are today's social evils?**

Report <http://www.socialevils.org.uk/documents/social-evils-report.pdf>

Summary <http://www.socialevils.org.uk/documents/social-evils-summary.pdf>

### **Modern-day social evils: the voices of unheard groups**

<http://www.socialevils.org.uk/documents/social-evils-natcen-report.pdf>

### **Social capital in the North East: How do we measure up?**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2Fsocial%5Fcapital%2Epdf>

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## Other News

### **Asian theme for fashion show**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/output/2008/04/18/newsstory11227445t0.asp>

### **Bigger event for Edinburgh Mela**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh\\_and\\_east/7358990.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/7358990.stm)

### **Muslim's new deal on cemetery**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2206788.0.muslims\\_new\\_deal\\_on\\_cemetery.php](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2206788.0.muslims_new_deal_on_cemetery.php)

### **Consultation on today's social evils reveals deep unease about greed, individualism and decline of community**

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/releases/200408.asp>

### **Updating anti-terror laws: how can we protect fundamental rights?**

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story\\_page/019-25884-098-04-15-902-20080407STO25855-2008-07-04-2008/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/story_page/019-25884-098-04-15-902-20080407STO25855-2008-07-04-2008/default_en.htm)

### **Muslims in EU cities**

[http://www.eumap.org/journal/news\\_apr08.pdf](http://www.eumap.org/journal/news_apr08.pdf)

### **UNHCR and Google unveil new map programme for humanitarian operations**

<http://www.unhcr.org/news/NEWS/47f5e7e02.html>

### **UN human rights body begins first-ever examination of all countries' records**

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=26234&Cr=rights&Cr1=council>

### **Ethnic clothes mental health link**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/7347092.stm>

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## **Bills in Progress**

\*\* New or updated this week

### **Holyrood**

#### **Creative Scotland Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/07-CreativeScotland/index.htm>

#### **Judiciary and Courts Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/06-JudiciaryCourts/index.htm>

#### **\*\* Glasgow Commonwealth Games Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/04-GlasgowCommGames/index.htm>

Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/04-GlasgowCommGames/b4s3-stage2-DPM.pdf>

#### **\*\* Public Health Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/03-PublicHealth/index.htm>

Stage 1 debate

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-08/sor0417-02.htm#Col7724>

## **Bills in Progress**

### **Westminster**

#### **\*\* Counter-Terrorism Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2007-08/counterterrorism.html>

proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmbills/063/amend/pb0632204m.31-37.html>

#### **\*\* Criminal Justice and Immigration Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2007-08/criminaljusticeandimmigration.html>

proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldbills/041/amend/ml041-iii.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldbills/041/amend/ml041-iv.htm>

#### ***Draft Bill***

#### **The Governance of Britain - Constitutional Renewal**

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/docs/draft-constitutional-renewal-bill.pdf>

#### **Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2007-08/humanfertilisationandembryology.html>

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## Consultations (closing date)

\*\* New or updated this week

\*\* *closes this week!*

**Border and Immigration Agency: Code of practice - Keeping children safe from harm** (25 April 2008)

[http://bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/keepingchildrensafe/uasc\\_codeofpractice.pdf?view=Binary](http://bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/keepingchildrensafe/uasc_codeofpractice.pdf?view=Binary)

**Community Policing Inquiry** (5 May 2008)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/justice/Communitypolicinginquiryforallforevidence.htm>

**The Role of Further Education Providers in Promoting Community Cohesion, Fostering Shared Values and Preventing Violent Extremism** (6 May 2008)

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/downloadableDocs/Community%20Cohesion%20PDF.pdf>

**Glasgow 2014 - Delivering a lasting legacy for Scotland** (9 May 2008)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/212495/0056525.pdf>

**The Path to Citizenship: Next Steps in Reforming the Immigration System**

(14 May 2008)

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/pathtocitizenship/pathtocitizenship?view=Binary>

**Cohesion Guidance for Funders** (26 May 2008)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/681891>

**Decoupling the Scottish Parliamentary and Local Government Elections**

(12 June 2008)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/216422/0058059.pdf>

\*\* **Equality and Human Rights Commission Call for help with Human Rights Inquiry**

(21 June 2008)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/newsandcomment/Pages/Inquiryforallforevidence.aspx>

\*\* **Safeguarding Children in Scotland who may have been Trafficked** (3 July 2008)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/219212/0058832.pdf>

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## Funding Opportunity

### **Volunteering Scotland Grant Scheme**

Closing date for applications: 16 May 2008

Scottish Government programme to improve the lives of individuals and their communities through volunteering. The grant aims to increased volunteers' access to employment, education, training and other volunteering opportunities, improve social and support networks, provide new and improved services to support vulnerable people and communities, and increase participation in community processes such as planning.

For information see <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/vsgs>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

\*\* New or updated this week

### **\*\* Faith and Belief in Scotland - Young People's Consultation Event**

28 April 2008 in Glasgow (9.30 – 5.00)

Scottish Government innovative consultation event to provide young people (16–25) with a unique opportunity to directly influence Government policy. The event is the first step towards the development of a strategic framework to promote positive relations among and between faith and belief communities in Scotland. The event is aimed at anyone with an interest in faith and belief. It is not necessary to be a member of a religious community in order to participate as we are keen to have representation from those who hold a variety of different viewpoints, including belief systems such as humanism and secularism. For information contact Barbara Schuler [Barbara.Schuler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.Schuler@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) / 0131 244 0560 or see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/18934/events>

### **\*\* Equality and Human Rights in Scotland a new horizon?**

1 May 2008 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

(£150.00 / SDLA members £100)

Equality and Human Rights Commission to consider the future for equality and Human Rights in Scotland. For information contact Angela Barclay [angela.barclay@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:angela.barclay@equalityhumanrights.com) or see [http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/Documents/Scotland/SDLA\\_ELA\\_Conference\\_Leaflet.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/Documents/Scotland/SDLA_ELA_Conference_Leaflet.pdf)

### **Understanding Constitutions and charitable Status**

6 May 2008 in Inverness (10.00 – 12.00)

SCVO seminar to enable people to make an informed choice regarding the type of legal structure best suited to their organisation and the advantages of charitable status. For information contact [enquiries@fairwayshouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@fairwayshouse.org.uk) / 01463 258 800.

### **\*\* It's good to go for a test: evaluation report on the Glasgow 2007 HIV awareness campaign for African communities living with & affected by HIV/aids**

9 May 2008 in Glasgow (10.00 – 1.00)

For information contact Tarsisio Nyatsanza 0141 211 0192 / [africanhealthproject@waverleycare.org](mailto:africanhealthproject@waverleycare.org)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **The impact of immigration and asylum on children and young people living with HIV**

13 May 2008 in Glasgow

Children in Scotland seminar to explore issues surrounding working with children and families who have unsure immigration status and are living with HIV. For information contact Megan Rodgers 0131 222 2426 / [training@childreninscotland.org.uk](mailto:training@childreninscotland.org.uk)

### **An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees**

22 May 2008 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course is for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland; particularly relevant to people working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. For information contact the Scottish Refugee Council 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=67>

### **\*\* Diversity in the UK / Diversity in Scotland**

1 – 7 July 2008 in Aberdovey (Wales)

13 – 20 October 2008 at Loch Eil (Scotland)

Encompass programmes for young people aged 17-23 from religiously, ethnically, economically, socially and geographically diverse backgrounds. These include challenging outdoor team-building activities, and controversial, hard-hitting discussions focusing on issues such as identity, and stereotypes. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/MEMO/Files/08iv\\_Encompass.doc](http://www.scojec.org/MEMO/Files/08iv_Encompass.doc) or contact Erika 020 7493 9739 / [erika@encompasstrust.org](mailto:erika@encompasstrust.org)

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## Useful Links

**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

**Westminster Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw](http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw)

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

**One Scotland Many Cultures** <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/Pages/default.aspx>

## Useful Links (continued)

ACAS [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Index.stm>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc\\_parliament/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. <http://www.scojec.org/>



**BEMIS** is the umbrella body for ethnic minority organisations in Scotland. It aims to strengthen the capacity of the ethnic minority voluntary sector; raise the profile and coordinate the voice of this sector; and take a lead on policy issues to ensure that issues of concern are raised with government and other relevant bodies. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>