

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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BEMIS Conference

**Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe through
Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education**

**4 – 5 March 2010
Glasgow City Chambers**

Keynote speaker

Nicola Sturgeon MSP

Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing

The conference will:

- Highlight the topics of poverty and social exclusion, share experiences from the EU and Scotland, and debate progress since the Lisbon Treaty,
- Assess how Human Rights education can be instrumental in combating poverty,
- Promote enhanced engagement of diverse communities, policy makers and equality strands to tackle poverty and social exclusion.

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S3M-5684 Christina McKelvie: Alleged Discrimination Against Asylum Seekers at UKBA—That the Parliament expresses deep concern at allegations by whistleblower Louise Perrott of a culture at the UK Border Agency (UKBA) of hostility and discrimination towards asylum seekers, openly expressed anti-immigration and anti-asylum seeker views and disbelief and humiliation of asylum applicants; is further concerned that Ms Perrott was able to make legally binding decisions on the granting and refusal of asylum and on detention of individuals and families after only five weeks' training, and endorses the call of Keith Vaz MP, chair of the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee, for an immediate and full investigation into the practices and cultures of management and staff at the UKBA.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=18272>

Holyrood Committee

Equal Opportunities Committee

Roundtable discussion on the Economic Impact of Migration/Trafficking

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-10/eo10-0202.htm#Col1404>

Westminster Debate

Population and Immigration

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100202/halltext/100202h0001.htm#1002024600001>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Asylum: Rape

Harry Cohen: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what (a) national guidelines and (b) international agreements apply to women seeking asylum who have been rape victims; what account is taken of the provisions of such guidelines and agreements in assessing such applications; in what circumstances such women may be deported if their asylum applications fail; and what (i) support and (ii) advice is provided for such women who are held in immigration removal centres. [311434]

Reply from Phil Woolas: All asylum and human rights claims, including those from women who assert they have been, or fear becoming, victims of rape are carefully considered in accordance with the UK's obligations under the 1951 refugee convention and the European convention on human rights (ECHR) and the UK's immigration rules. Every case is considered on its individual merits in the light of country of origin information based upon published and respected sources which are regularly reviewed and updated.

Although gender is not listed as a basis on which asylum can be sought under the 1951 convention, in some cases gender may be a factor in recognising membership of a "particular social group" or an identifying characteristic of such a group and there are forms of harm that are more frequently or only used against women and which may amount to persecution.

The UK Border Agency's case owner foundation training programme covers gender issues in the asylum claim and in addition case owners receive instruction on dealing sensitively with asylum applicants who claim to have been tortured or

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raped. There is specific written guidance for asylum decision makers on gender issues and victims of trafficking.

Where a decision has been made that a person does not require international protection, and there are no remaining rights of appeal or obstacles to their return, we expect unsuccessful asylum seekers to return voluntarily to their country of origin. If they do not return voluntarily we may seek to enforce their return.

All detainees arriving at an immigration removal centre are advised of their right to legal representation and how such representation can be obtained within 24 hours of arrival, and they are able to apply for bail as often as they wish.

Advice and support available to detainees held at Yarl's Wood, the main removal centre for women and families, include:

twice-weekly legal advice surgeries funded by the Legal Services Commission;

two full-time welfare officers;

pastoral care provided by the on-site religious team;

an on-site counsellor; and

weekly focus groups where detainees can raise any concerns/issues/topics.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100201/text/100201w0016.htm#10020143000048>

Human Trafficking

Anthony Steen: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development pursuant to the answer of 20 January 2010, *Official Report*, column 414W, on people trafficking, to what overseas projects and non-governmental organisations tackling human trafficking, forced labour and child labour his department provides support. [314203]

Reply from Michael Foster: The Department for International Development (DFID) is providing the following support to overseas projects and non-governmental organisations tackling human trafficking, forced labour and child labour:

- \$5.8 million to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO's) project on Building a Global Alliance against Forced Labour and Human Trafficking. DFID support has enabled ILO to produce authoritative data on forced and migrant labour, provide training and guidance to labour administration officials and other law enforcement officers, and run projects tackling forced labour and trafficking in many of countries.
- £1.4 million to Anti-Slavery International's Slavery and Child Labour: Governance and Social Responsibility project, which seeks to combat the worst forms of child labour in six countries.
- £388,000 to the Salvation Army's Malawi Anti-Child Trafficking Project which aims to improve knowledge of and access to rights for children in Malawi who have been trafficked or are vulnerable to being trafficked.
- £1.6 million to the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) to improve the incomes, working conditions and respect for the rights of millions of poor workers who are employed by suppliers of ETI member companies. All member companies agree to adopt the 'Base Code of Labour Practice' which prohibits forced labour and child labour.
- In Bangladesh DFID has also supported the establishment of a specialised police unit for combating human trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100129/text/100129w0007.htm#10012984000099>

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People Trafficking (Employment)

Anthony Steen: What training [Department for Work and Pensions] officials receive to enable them effectively to assist victims of human trafficking, migrants and refugees to find work. [314112]

Reply from Helen Goodman: Jobcentre Plus advisers have comprehensive training to equip them with the range of knowledge and skills that they need to support all customers. The training includes modules on how to help the most vulnerable customers and, where appropriate, how to signpost them to other relevant sources of help.

Mr. Steen: Does the Minister agree that, if the many thousands of human trafficking victims who come forward every year in this country were treated more generously, as they are in other countries, and given work permits for, say, a year, while waiting for prosecutions to be brought against their traffickers, they would be more likely to give evidence, which would lead to more successful prosecutions? Has she thought about granting a year's permit to those who come forward after being trafficked?

Helen Goodman: We always listen most carefully to the views of the hon. Gentleman, because, as chair of the all-party group on the trafficking of women and children, he knows a lot about this issue. I should like to bring him up to date. In 2009, a joint communiqué was issued by the Refugee Council and Jobcentre Plus. The operational framework is now being reviewed, and there will be further meetings in February and March. In addition, I think that the hon. Gentleman will be particularly satisfied to hear that the DWP and the Home Office have agreed that victims of trafficking may bypass the residency test.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100201/debtext/100201-0002.htm#10020113000028>

Human Trafficking: Children

Mike Hancock: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many potential victims of trafficking under the age of 18 years have been accommodated by local authorities in each year since 1999. [313616]

Reply from Alan Campbell: Information on the number of potential child trafficking victims accommodated by local authorities in each year since 1999 is not recorded centrally. However since the National Referral Mechanism came into operation on 1 April 2009, and up to 31 December 2009, centrally held data shows that 81 potential victims of trafficking under the age of 18 were accommodated by local authorities.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100201/text/100201w0018.htm#10020143000063>

Press Releases

Call for proposals for the European Refugee Fund and European Return Fund

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/February/45-call-for-proposals-erf>

“Criminalising migration is the wrong answer to a complex social phenomenon” says Commissioner Hammarberg

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?Ref=PR092%282010%29&Language=lanEnglish&Ver=original&Site=COE&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) News

Foreign student visas to be cut by UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8502640.stm>

Britain to slash number of foreign student visas

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/britain-to-slash-number-of-foreign-student-visas-1891927.html>

'The BNP tap into people's frustrations': Margaret Hodge on her plans to introduce a points system for immigrants

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-1248372/Margaret-Hodge-plans-introduce-points-immigrants.html>

Muslim asks court to let in second wife

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/ireland/article7018015.ece>

Jobless migrants living in shanty towns offered free flights home

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/feb/07/shanthy-town-migrants-free-flights>

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Equality

Westminster Early Day Motions

Diane Abbott (761) Black youth unemployment – That this House is alarmed that almost half of young black people aged between 16 and 24 are unemployed; is concerned that ethnic groups have been hardest hit by the recession; notes that the Government's pledge to shield ethnic minorities from the recession has failed; further notes that surveys have revealed that black and Muslim young are disproportionately employed even when they have comparable qualifications; believes institutional racism still exists in the workplace; and calls on the Government to address these issues by doing more to drive local employment in areas like Hackney and other Olympic boroughs where a disproportionately low number of people work on the Olympic site.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40353&SESSION=903>

Diane Abbott (763) Child poverty in ethnic minority communities – That this House recognises that more children in London are in severe poverty than anywhere else in the UK; notes that half of these children are from single parent families or families claiming job seeker's allowance; further notes that ethnic minority children are three times more likely to suffer poverty than their white counterparts; believes this is causing vulnerable communities to become further marginalised; and calls on the Government to concentrate its efforts to target these groups to ensure they do not fall behind in terms of the pledge to end child poverty by 2020.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40355&SESSION=903>

News

Harriet Harman defends equality legislation following Pope's criticism

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/harriet-harman-defends-equality-legislation-following-popes-criticism-1887256.html>

Equality: a two way street

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2010/feb/04/equality-legislation-church-exemption>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Early Day Motion

John Mann (780) Hate speech and university campuses –That this House notes the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism, its section on Antisemitism in Higher Education and its five recommendations; welcomes the establishment of the Higher Education sub-group of the Inter-departmental working group on Antisemitism; further welcomes improved reporting of incidents through the Community Security Trust and Union of Jewish Students; recognises the continued increase in attacks linked to hostilities in the Middle East, the related incidents that have taken place in universities and that 2009 will see the highest number of reported antisemitic incidents since records began in 1984; notes with concern recent reports on the radicalisation and racial incitement caused by speakers on campus; is concerned that little progress has been made on the question of hate speech since the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism; believes that more can and should be done by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, higher education institutions and the sector as a whole on this matter, applauds the decisions that have been taken to cancel events likely to breach the peace, radicalise students or incite hatred; calls for more progress, with greater urgency in the creation of a wide ranging policy to help vice-chancellors and Student Union representatives to deal effectively with speaker invitations and hate speech; and calls for universities to establish good practice guides based on the speaker request processes that exist.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40373&SESSION=903>

News

Anti-Semitic attacks against Jews 'rise in the UK'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8499450.stm>

Record number of anti-Semitic attacks in Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/religion/7156244/Record-number-of-anti-Semitic-attacks-in-Britain.html>

Gaza war saw anti-Semitic attacks rise to record high

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/gaza-war-saw-antisemitic-attacks-rise--to-record-high-1889936.html>

Church of England tells clergy not to invite BNP candidates to hustings

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/politics/7131012/Church-of-England-tells-clergy-not-to-invite-BNP-candidates-to-hustings.html>

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Other Westminster

Debate

Punjabi Community in Britain

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm100203/halltext/100203h0011.htm#10020379000001>

Other Westminster (continued) Early Day Motion

John Leech (756) Honour Network funding – That this House notes with concern that the UK's only national telephone helpline dedicated to providing assistance to victims of forced marriage, the Honour Network, has had to stop taking evening and weekend calls due to a lack of funds; commends the important work carried out by the Honour Network whose staff are all survivors of forced marriages; recognises that the helpline received around 300 calls per month in 2009; further notes that a quarter of these were made on evenings or weekends; is concerned that it has already missed in excess of 70 calls in 2010 as a result of not being open on evenings and weekends; is further concerned that after initial support from the Forced Marriage Unit, Honour Network operations are now completely reliant on donations which cannot support it fully; acknowledges that the charity that oversees the Network, Karma Nirvana, estimates that the cost of keeping the helpline open all year round would only be £80,000 per year; believes that this represents excellent value for money for such a vital service; and calls on the Government to make up for this shortfall in funds in order to keep the helpline open.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=40348&SESSION=903>

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New Publication

Welsh Assembly Government

The Tenth Annual Report on Equality 2008 – 2009: Working for equality in Wales

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/dsjlg/publications/equality/1002030809egreporten.pdf>

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Other News

Mosque plans 'mini-mortuary' to perform sacred burial rites

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Mosque-plans-39minimortuary39-to-perform.6037701.jp>

The DVD helping mentally ill minorities

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8297506.stm>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

Holyrood

**** Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm>

proposed amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-10/bb-02-03g.htm>

Bills in Progress

Holyrood (continued)

End of Life Assistance Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

** Public Services Reform Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/26-PubSerRef/index.htm>

proposed amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-10/bb-02-05g.htm>

Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/39-SPCC/index.htm>

Bills in Progress

Westminster

** Equality Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/equality.html>

proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldbills/020/amend/su020-vra.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldbills/020/amend/su020-vrb.htm>

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Consultations

(closing date)

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Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005: Consultation on Options for the Implementation of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)
(26 February 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/292195/0090094.pdf>

**** Equality Bill: Draft Codes of Conduct** (2 April 2010)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legislative-framework/equality-bill/equality-bill-codes-of-practice-consultation/#1>

Options for future charity appeals route in Scotland (5 April 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/48453/0093191.pdf>

**** Equality Bill: Draft Guidance** (16 April 2010)

<http://ehrc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>

Death Certification, Burial, and Cremation (Scotland) (21 April 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/300112/0093686.pdf>

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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E-conference on Pupil Exclusion and Race

8-9 February 2010

Discussion streams will allow e-conference 'attendees' to respond to comment pieces by leading figures in education and politics, including Diane Abbott MP. To participate register from early February at www.runnymedetrust.org or contact debbie@runnymedetrust.org

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Conference on UK Immigration Control

9 February 2010 in Edinburgh (2.00 – 4.30)

Conference organised by the Council of British Pakistanis (Scotland). For information contact Huma Awan cbp_s@rediffmail.com

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UKBA (formerly NASS) Asylum Support - The Essentials

11 February 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the support arrangements available to asylum seekers from the beginning to the end of the asylum process. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=83>

**** this week!**

Domestic Abuse and BME Women and their Children

11 February 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

4 March 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

10 March 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

Shakti seminars to explore the link between domestic abuse and culture, community and faith, and barriers that minority ethnic women face in accessing services. For information contact Thilini or Mirdul info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk / 0131 475 2399

**** The Gathering**

18 - 19 February in Edinburgh

National voluntary sector fair. For information see

<http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/Home/Home.aspx>

The Housing Rights of Refugees: Supporting those with Leave To Remain into appropriate housing

18 February 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with refugees who need a comprehensive knowledge of their rights to housing in Scotland. It is particularly relevant to professionals assisting refugees to access services or to organisations providing these services directly. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=66>

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**** Human Rights in Scotland: Action Planning on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

19 February 2010 in Edinburgh (11.00 – 12.30)

SCVO seminar to investigate whether the Scottish Government action plan on children's rights can serve as a model for similar action planning in relation to economic, social and cultural rights. For information contact Nancy Fancott nancy.fancott@scvo.org.uk

**** Migrants in the Recession: Supporting Migrant Workers in Scotland**

23 February 2010 in Dundee

Scottish Migrants Network Conference for support organisations in Scotland to share policy and practice on new migrant issues. This will be followed by an evening discussion at which new migrants will be able to discuss their experiences with politicians, and a Health and Safety Executive sponsored advice session for new migrants. For information contact Jason Bergen jbergen@oxfam.org.uk / 0141 285 8850 or Seonad Forbes seonad@paih.org / 0141 353 2220

E-conference on Ethnic Profiling

23-24 February 2010

Runnymede e-conference to mark the publication of a paper on ethnic profiling. To participate register from early February at www.runnymedetrust.org or contact kjartan@runnymedetrust.org

Domestic Abuse and BME Children & Young People

25 February 2010 in West Lothian (9.30 – 12.30)

11 March 2010 in Midlothian (9.30 – 12.30)

25 March 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 12.30)

Shakti training providing an opportunity for staff working with children and young people to gain greater understanding of how domestic and culture-based abuse affects black minority ethnic (BME) children and young people. For information contact info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk / 0131 475 2399.

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

2 March 2010 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. It is particularly relevant to people working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=82>

Faith, Culture & Honour

4 March 2010 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Seminar by Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre in collaboration with Hemat Gryffe Women's Aid to explore domestic abuse, rape, forced marriage, female genital mutilation, honour killing, and the role of faith, culture and honour in understanding them. For information contact Tabassum Sarfraz tabassum@mwrc.org.uk / 0141 585 8026

**** Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe through Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education**

4 -5 March 2010 in Glasgow

BEMIS conference to highlight the topic of tackling poverty and social exclusion, share experiences from EU and Scotland, and debate progress since the Lisbon Treaty. For information contact Tanveer Parnez conference@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

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Judge a Book by its Cover? Not me!

11 March 2010 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.00)

SCVO seminar to discover more about the process of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements may lead to prejudice and discrimination. For information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019

Working with Interpreters

18 March 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=80>

**** Sustaining and Reinventing Community Regeneration**

24 - 25 March 2010 in Edinburgh

SURF annual conference to explore the realities of delivering regeneration in Scotland's most disadvantaged communities. In doing so, we will showcase the assets and resources that are at hand to support and sustain regeneration. For information see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=1099> or contact Derek Rankine derek@scotregen.co.uk / 0141 585 6879.

An Introduction to the Needs and Experiences of Refugee Women

9 April 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

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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

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

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

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Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland 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

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BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>