

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The State Opening of the UK Parliament will take place on 25 May**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Holyrood Committee

**Equal Opportunities Committee Inquiry into Migration and Trafficking: Evidence from BEMIS, the Scottish Refugee Council, the Ethnic Minorities Law Centre, UNITE, and Citizens Advice Scotland**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-10/eo10-0902.htm#Col1693>

### European Parliament Texts adopted

**Establishment of a European Asylum Support Office**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2010-0158+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

**European Refugee Fund for the period 2008 to 2013 (amendment of Decision No 573/2007/EC)**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2010-0160+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

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

### **Detention of children in Dungavel ends**

[http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/may/04detention\\_of\\_children](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/may/04detention_of_children)

### **Secretary of State welcomes an end to the overnight detention of children in Dungavel**

<http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/13907.html>

### **Resettling refugees: financial incentives for volunteer host countries**

[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/focus\\_page/008-74291-127-05-19-901-20100507FCS74267-07-05-2010-2010/default\\_p001c008\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/public/focus_page/008-74291-127-05-19-901-20100507FCS74267-07-05-2010-2010/default_p001c008_en.htm)

### **Secretary-General Calls for Renewed Commitment to Support Migrant Families around the World, in Message for International Day**

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sgsm12883.doc.htm>

### **International Day of Migrant Families: EU to up Stakes for Better Integration through Education**

<http://coface-eu.org/en/upload/PRESS/JOINTPR15052010-intdayoffamilies-en.pdf>

### **Major international report shows that migration delivers substantial benefits to developing countries**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/pressreleases/?id=3998>

## **New publications**

### **Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimising Migration's Economic and Social Impacts**

#### **Executive summary**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=/ecomm/files/DOTM%20final%20report%20summary.pdf&a=skip>

### **Migrants' Lives 1**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/articles/?id=4001>

### **Migrants' Lives 2**

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/articles/?id=4002>

### **Migrants' Rights News**

[http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/downloads/newsletters/MRN\\_Newsletter\\_May\\_2010.pdf](http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/downloads/newsletters/MRN_Newsletter_May_2010.pdf)

## **News**

### **Baby girl, 8 months, held at Dungavel detention centre**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Baby-girl-8-months-held.6300541.jp>

### **Minister announces end to Dungavel child detention**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Minister-announces-end-to-Dungavel.6303223.jp>

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### News (continued)

#### **Now asylum children face 'even worse prison than Dungavel'**

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Now-asylum-children-face-39even.6306713.jp>

#### **The last child at Dungavel**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/the-last-child-at-dungavel-1.1029812>

#### **Border agency breaking rules over detention of children in Yarl's Wood**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/may/20/yarls-wood-childrens-detention>

#### **Politicians 'spread fear on immigration'**

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk/Politicians-39spread-fear-on-immigration39.6302731.jp>

#### **Autism link with migrant parents, study finds**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8690683.stm>

#### **Islamists, their victims, and hypocrisy**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/johann-hari/johann-hari-islamists-their-victims-and-hypocrisy-1977424.html>

#### **No room for secret evidence in British justice system**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/2010/may/21/secret-evident-british-justice-system>

#### **The revival of sanctuary**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2010/may/18/end-to-child-detention-coalition-pledge>

#### **Immigration beats aid in reducing world poverty**

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article7133847.ece>

#### **Immigration minister: our policy was right, we just didn't tell people**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/may/18/phil-woolas-labour-immigration-plans>

#### **How welcome are Poles in Northern Ireland?**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern\\_ireland/8673012.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/8673012.stm)

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## Race Relations

### News

#### **Kirk and Catholic Church strengthen ties**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Kirk-and-Catholic-Church-strengthen.6310196.jp>

#### **A funny thing happened on the way to the mosque**

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/faith/article7127223.ece>

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## Equality

### New publication

**Ethnic Profiling The Use of 'Race' in UK Law Enforcement**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/EthnicProfiling-2010.pdf>

### News

**Deportation and Human Rights**

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest\\_contributors/article7134148.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article7134148.ece)

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### News

**Judge & Jewry: How can Scotland's Jewish community maintain its vibrancy when its links with the past are dying?**

<http://www.scotsman.com/features/Judge-amp-Jewry-How-can.6296327.jp>

**Does hate crime rise where the BNP has councillors?**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2010/may/19/hate-crime-bnp-data>

**'Racist' book is best loved by older Scots**

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/scotland/article7134052.ece>

**Diane Abbott in race row after calling Cameron and Clegg 'two posh white boys'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1280358/Diane-Abbott-race-row-calling-Cameron-Clegg-posh-white-boys.html>

**Nude: is the hot fashion colour racist?**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2010/may/20/fashion-colour-nude-racist>

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## Other Westminster

### Press Releases

**New Politics and New Deal for Scotland**

<http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/13908.html>

### New publications

**The Coalition: our programme for government**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod\\_consum\\_dg/groups/dg\\_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg\\_187876.pdf](http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg_187876.pdf)

## Other Westminster New publications (continued)

### Building the Big Society

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/407789/building-big-society.pdf>

## News

### Policy-by-policy: The coalition government's plans

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/8693832.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8693832.stm)

### Leaked Queen's Speech outlines 21 bills

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Leaked-Queen39s-Speech-outlines-21.6313685.jp>

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## General Election

### Press Release

#### Electoral Commission publishes review into polling station queues

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/news-and-media/news-releases/electoral-commission-media-centre/news-releases-corporate/electoral-commission-publishes-review-into-polling-station-queues>

### New publication

#### 2010 UK Parliamentary General Election Interim report: review of problems at polling stations at close of poll on 6 May 2010

[http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/99091/Interim-Report-Polling-Station-Queues-complete.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/99091/Interim-Report-Polling-Station-Queues-complete.pdf)

## News

### Queuing voters 'let down', says election night report

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk\\_politics/8693593.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8693593.stm)

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## New Publication

### Treatment and care towards the end of life: good practice in decision making

[http://www.gmc-uk.org/End\\_of\\_life.pdf\\_32486688.pdf](http://www.gmc-uk.org/End_of_life.pdf_32486688.pdf)

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## Other News

**Muslim leader: find wives in Britain not Pakistan and India**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/muslim-leader-find-wives-in-britain-not-pakistan-and-india-1.1029860>

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## Bills in Progress \*\* New or updated this week

### Holyrood

**End of Life Assistance Bill**

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

**Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Bill**

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

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## Consultations (closing date)

\*\* new or updated this week

**\*\* closes this week!**

**Refusing entry or stay to NHS debtors (28 May 2010)**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/nhs-debtors/>

**Taking Talent to the Top: online survey for professionals (no closing date given)**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/183/272/Survey-for-professionals.html>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

**\*\* closes this week!**

**Community Chest**

Deadline for applications 30 June 2010

The Community Chest small grant programme provides grants of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities.

For information see [http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/communt\\_y\\_chest/](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/communt_y_chest/)

## Funding Opportunities (continued)

**\*\* closes this week!**

**Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**, one of Scotland's leading charitable organisations, has announced the reopening of its grant-making programme and is inviting charities to apply for funding from the £2 million available for 2010. This year's main grant programme will be named 'The Henry Duncan Awards' in honour of the Reverend Henry Duncan who founded the first Trustee Savings Bank – which ultimately led to the establishment of the Foundation – 200 years ago this year.

There will be three application rounds in 2010 closing on 24 May, 19 July, and 13 September.

### **Henry Duncan Awards**

For information see <http://www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=31>

### **Capacity Building Grants**

For information see <http://www.itsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=27>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **The Housing Rights of Refugees**

25 May 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Mark Willis, Welfare Rights Worker, Child Poverty Action Group in Scotland

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 those assisting refugees to access homelessness and housing services and to those assisting refugees to apply for benefits. For information contact Jamie Spurway

0141 248 9799 / [jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=66>

### **\*\* Representing victims of trafficking**

4 June 2010 in Glasgow (12.30 – 5.00)

Scottish Refugee Council and Murray Stable seminar aimed at those working to represent adults and children who have been trafficked into the UK for sexual exploitation, domestic servitude or forced labour. Academics and those working to support victims of trafficking are also invited to attend. For information see

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/Trafficking\\_Seminar](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/Trafficking_Seminar) or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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

8 June 2010 in Glasgow

22 July 2010 in Glasgow

26 August 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](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) /

0141 248 9799 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=87>



## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* Refugee Week 14 - 20 June 2010**

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity to discover and celebrate the contributions refugees bring to the UK. During Refugee Week events take place all across the UK, all of which explore refugee experiences. This year, everyone is being asked to do a Simple Act - one small, everyday action that can change perceptions of refugees and help create a society we all want to live in. For information see <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/>. [Click here](#) for a calendar of events.

### **\*\* Rural Diversity Uncorked... Putting the fizz back into community action**

16 June 2010: central event in Inverness linking with events throughout Scotland (9.30 – 4.30) Scottish Rural Equality Network national networking conference using internet technology to link people from across rural Scotland to share experiences and ideas about how to involve communities in making life better for everyone in their own local areas. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/SRENOnline/showthread.php?t=241> or contact [srenadmin@scvo.org.uk](mailto:srenadmin@scvo.org.uk) / 01463 251 734

### **Third Sector Research Conference**

15 October 2010 in Edinburgh

For information contact Helen Swatton 01412258019 / [helen.swatton@scvo.org](mailto:helen.swatton@scvo.org)

### **\*\* The needs and experiences of refugee women**

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency.

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](mailto:jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

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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/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** [www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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



## Useful Links (continued)

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](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 (SCoJeC)** 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. (Scottish Charity SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



**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/>