

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 25 October.
The UK Parliament returns from recess on 11 October 2010.**

Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

People Trafficking

Malcolm Chisholm (Edinburgh North and Leith) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive what action it will take to ensure that people traffickers are prosecuted and that their victims are protected and supported. (S3O-11583)

Reply from the Lord Advocate (Elish Angiolini): The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is committed to disrupting human trafficking through the investigation and prosecution of these offences, including confiscation of assets and profits. As I explained to the Equal Opportunities Committee earlier this week, only a small number of offences of human trafficking have been reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service by the police. Of those reported, two cases were unable to proceed due to a lack of sufficient admissible evidence, and the other cases are currently under consideration.

There have been a number of successful prosecutions for criminal offences against a background of people trafficking, such as identity offences, trading in

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

prostitution, managing an immoral house, knowingly permitting premises to be used as a brothel and knowingly living on the earnings of prostitution.

The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service is working with the Scottish Government and other relevant agencies to ensure that the victims of human trafficking are identified as such at an early stage and are provided with the appropriate support and protection at the beginning of the investigative process.

Malcolm Chisholm: I take this opportunity to thank the Lord Advocate for all the superb work that she has done over the past few years and to say how sorry we are that she is leaving her post.

Will the Lord Advocate confirm that, in the new trafficking guidance, which I believe is to be issued soon, there will be a presumption against prosecuting the victims of trafficking? Can she say why there have been several successful prosecutions of people trafficking in England but none in Scotland? Is there anything that the prosecution service or other public services could do to help to rectify that situation?

Reply from the Lord Advocate: ... On the identification and support of victims, the guidance that we will issue to prosecutors this week will contain a presumption against prosecution where there are credible factors and criteria identifying an individual as a victim of trafficking in the context of these offences. That will be an important part of ensuring that we encourage victims of trafficking to come forward and co-operate with the authorities. As I mentioned on Tuesday, many of the victims have grave suspicion of authorities and might not come from a culture in which co-operation with the police and other authorities is something that they would do. Therefore, we have to overcome barriers that, although they also exist with some victims in other contexts, are considerable in this context. The issue of support is also important.

On the number of prosecutions, only four reports have been made to prosecutors, and we can do no more than consider the cases that come to us. Certainly, there is evidence that an organised crime element is involved in trafficking in Scotland. I think that 3 per cent of those who were identified as being part of a hierarchy of organised crime are involved in human trafficking. There is certainly no complacency, but the reality is that the vast bulk of trafficking activity takes place south of the border, which is why significantly more prosecutions occur down south.

Nonetheless, along with the police and the other relevant agencies, we are alert to the activity that is taking place. The guidance to prosecutors will ensure that they are alert to the need to recognise victims of trafficking not only in the context of trafficking or prosecution but also in the context of crimes such as domestic abuse or crimes that the victims themselves might have committed. Prosecutors should be aware of the criteria and the indicators that people with whom they deal might be victims of trafficking.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-10/sor1007-02.htm#Col29436>

Press Releases

New settlement checking service launches today

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/oct/13-scs-launch>

FRAN Quarterly update

http://www.frontex.europa.eu/download/Z2Z4L2Zyb250ZXgvZW4vZGVmYXVsdF9ha3R1YWxub3NjaS8xMDYvMTcvMQ/fran_q2_2010_public_en.pdf

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **New publication**

European Council on Refugees and Exiles: NGO involvement in resettlement: Good Practices

http://www.ecre.org/files/ECRE_NGO_involvement_in_resettlement_September_2010.pdf

News

Angiolini defends lack of trafficking prosecutions

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-11475702>

'Significant' trafficking of people

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/39Significant39-trafficking-of-people.6567229.jp>

Nobel prize winners warn against immigration cap

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11490403>

Amnesty for asylum seekers

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article415621.ece

First Minister Alex Salmond explains why he's backing campaign to keep Gamu Nhengu in Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2010/10/10/first-minister-alex-salmond-explains-why-he-s-backing-campaign-to-keep-gamu-nhengu-in-scotland-86908-22623287/>

The price of cheap labour

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/oct/07/cost-of-cheap-migrant-labour>

Pregnant woman at Yarl's Wood denied hospital scan despite baby scare

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/oct/08/yarls-wood-pregnant-woman>

When an "illegal immigrant" has the X Factor

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/afua-hirsch-law-blog/2010/oct/08/gamu-immigration-injustice>

The injustice of indefinite detention

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2010/oct/05/british-immigration-removal-centres-injustice>

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Race Relations

Press Release

Thorbjørn Jagland and Joschka Fischer launch expert group on "Multicultural Europe"

<http://www.coe.int/NewsSearch/Default.asp?p=nwz&id=13444&lmLangue=2>

Race Relations (continued)

New publication

The Place of Religion in European Union Law and Policy: Competing Approaches and Actors inside the European Commission

<http://www.ceps.eu/ceps/download/3750>

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Equality

Press Release

Commission launches landmark report: 'How fair is Britain?'

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2010/october/commission-launches-landmark-report-how-fair-is-britain/>

Commission launches guidance to help officials make fair financial decisions

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2010/october/commission-launches-guidance-to-help-officials-make-fair-financial-decisions/>

New publications

How fair is Britain? The first triennial review (Equalities and Human Rights Commission)

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/how_fair_is_britain_-_complete_report.pdf

Summary Report

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/how_fair_is_britain_-_executive_summary.pdf

Significant Challenges for the next three years

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/online-summary/significant-challenges/>

Associated Case Reviews

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/case-studies/>

Supporting reports:

Review of access to essential services: Financial inclusion and utilities

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_access_to_essential_services.doc

Developing the Employment Evidence Base

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_employment_evidence_base.pdf

Education (Lifelong Learning): Participating in Adult Learning

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_adult_learning.pdf

Education (Lifelong Learning): Equality Groups and Apprenticeship

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_apprenticeship.pdf

Education (Lifelong Learning): Internet Access and Use

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_internet_access.pdf

Equality

New publications (continued)

Equality and human rights in schools

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_nfer_teachervoice_omnibus.doc

Physical and legal security and the criminal justice system: a review of inequalities

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_cjs_review.doc

Wellbeing

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_wellbeing.doc

Life and Health

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/triennial_review_life_health_omnibus.pdf

Access to Housing and Standard of Living *not yet available online but will be available from*

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/full-report-and-evidence-downloads/research-reports/>

Civic Life *not yet available online but will be available from*

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/full-report-and-evidence-downloads/research-reports/>

Using the equality duties to make fair financial decisions

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/public-sector-duties/guidance-and-codes-of-practice/using-the-equality-duties-to-make-fair-financial-decisions/>

News

Race, pay, crime and sexism: the barriers to a fairer Scotland

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/home-news/race-pay-crime-and-sexism-the-barriers-to-a-fairer-scotland-1.1060528>

Equality report slams divided Britain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/oct/10/equality-report-britain-divided>

Britain's divided schools: a disturbing portrait of inequality

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/oct/10/britains-divided-school-system-report>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Holyrood Petition

Petition by Ken MacLennan calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to formally and publicly apologise for the ill treatment by governments and public bodies of the Scottish Gypsy traveller community, with evidence clearly showing it to be one of the most marginalised and discriminated communities.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/petitions/pdfs/PE1363.pdf>

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Anti-Semitism

Lord Patten: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have made, or intend to make, an assessment of the incidence of anti-Semitism in the United Kingdom.[HL2030]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) National Community Tension Team (NCTT) monitors anti-Semitic incidents and provides information to local police forces if there is anything that they need to be aware of. In addition, the Community Security Trust (CST) runs its own reporting centre for victims of anti-Semitism who are not comfortable with reporting to the police. The CST has a good relationship with the NCTT and other police forces.

The combined work of the NCTT and the CST provides a comprehensive breakdown of the anti-Semitic incidents that have taken place across the country.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101006w0001.htm#10100613001000>

Schools: Anti-Semitism

Mr Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for Education what progress has been made by his Department since July 2010 on preventing the bullying and intimidation of Jewish children in schools; what conclusions were reached with the meeting he had with representatives of the Jewish community on this matter; and if he will make a statement. [14349]

Reply from Nick Gibb: The coalition Government have made it a priority to tackle bullying, particularly bullying motivated by prejudice. It is not acceptable for a child to be victimised because of their race or religion. The Government will empower schools so that they can take a zero-tolerance approach to tackling bad behaviour and bullying. We will issue clearer guidance to schools on these issues and work with Ofsted to ensure that tackling bad behaviour and bullying is given more prominence in planned changes to school inspection.

The Secretary of State has met with representatives of the Jewish community on a range of issues, including school security, but not specifically on bullying.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm101004/text/101004w0002.htm#1010044000050>

Press Releases

English Defence League march in Leicester banned

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/edl-march-ban>

Ten charged after English Defence League protest

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/oct/10/leicester-english-defence-league-protests>

English Defence League forges links with America's Tea Party

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/oct/10/english-defence-league-tea-party>

News

City gives verdict on Leicester EDL protest

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-11508515>

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Other Holyrood

Petition

Petition by Phyllis McBain calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review all guidelines relating to trespass and encampments for Gypsies and Travellers to ensure their intent is clear and that they are being applied.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/petitions/pdfs/PE1364.pdf>

Press Release

Certification of Death (Scotland) Bill

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/10/08112926>

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Other Westminster

Press Release

New savings measures for listed places of worship

http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/7469.aspx

New publication

The training and development of Muslim Faith Leaders: Current practice and future possibilities

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/1734121.pdf>

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New Publication

Influencing Scottish health policy: a third sector perspective

http://www.vhscotland.org.uk/library/vhs/Health%20Policy%20-%20influence%20of%20voluntary%20sector.pdf?dm_i=2V4,9I6O,SKL3N,PB7Q,1

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Other News

UN human rights conference opens in Scotland

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/UN-human-rights-conference-opens.6572804.jp>

Edinburgh Declaration adopted

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/eddec>

European Court human rights law now a bit more accessible

<http://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2010/10/04/european-court-human-rights-law-now-a-bit-more-accessible/>

Other News (continued)

New mission for SCVO

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-news/new-mission-for-scvo/>

Forced marriage, honour violence and secret justice

<http://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2010/10/08/forced-marriage-honour-violence-and-secret%C2%A0justice/>

French veil ban clears last legal hurdle

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-11496459>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

Holyrood

**** Certification of Death Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

Bill as introduced

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/b58s3-introd.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/b58s3-introd-en.pdf>

Policy Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/b58s3-introd-pm.pdf>

Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/46-ComVic/index.htm>

**** End of Life Assistance Bill**

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

Stage 1 oral evidence to Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/or-10/ela10-0802.htm#Col229>

Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/index.htm>

**** Local Electoral Administration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/index.htm>

Bill as introduced

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/b57s3-introd.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/b57s3-introd-en.pdf>

Policy Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/b57s3-introd-pm.pdf>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/b57s3-introd-dpm.pdf>

Palliative Care Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/index.htm>

Bills in Progress

Holyrood (continued)

**** Public Records Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/index.htm>

Bill as introduced

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/b56s3-introd.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/b56s3-introd-en.pdf>

Policy Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/b56s3-introd-pm.pdf>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/b56s3-introd-dpm.pdf>

Bills in Progress

Westminster

Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>

Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

House of Lords Reform Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/houseoflordsreformhl.html>

Human Trafficking (Border Control) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/humantraffickingbordercontrol.html>

**** Identity Documents Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

First Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101005-0001.htm#10100520000476>

**** Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/063/amend/pbc0631007a.205-211.html>

Return of Asylum Seekers (Applications from Certain Countries) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/returnofasylumseekersapplicationsfromcertaincountries.html>

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Consultations (closing date)

** new or updated this week

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Administration of Future Elections in Scotland (15 October 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323358/0104134.pdf>

**** closes this week!**

General Medical Council (GMC) Equality Scheme 2011 – 2014 (15 October 2010)

https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_Id=140&status=2&criteria=1

Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund

(29 October 2010)

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency (10 November 2010)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461_GEO_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty_acc.pdf

**** The Forced Marriage (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Bill**

(25 November 2010)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/inquiries/Call.htm>

Equality Duty: Detailed Proposals - Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Draft Regulations and Order (26 November 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324431/0104438.pdf>

**** Equality and Human Rights Commission: Draft Code of Practice on Further and Higher Education** (closes 31 December 2010)

http://live.ehrc.precedenthost.co.uk/cgi-bin/generate.pl?page_id= sx0666i4b&save=screen

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

Voluntary Action Fund: Community Chest

Closing date for applications: 7 January 2011

Small grant programme providing grants of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities, including, for example: training for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations or conferences; professional support or consultancy. For information see

http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/communt_y_chest/

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**** this week!**

Black History Month

29 September -31 October 2010

For the programme of events see <http://www.gara.org.uk/attachments/BHM2010web.pdf>

**** this week!**

Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival

1-24 October 2010

<http://www.mhfestival.com/>

**** this week!**

Gender and Gender Identity

12 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

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 / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

Localism and the Third Sector

25 October 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference on the future for localism with speakers from all the Holyrood parties, Local Government, and leading third sector organisations. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk or see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1276&from=EventHome>

How do services acknowledge LGBT identities in BME communities?

25 October 2010 in Glasgow (9.30-1.30)

EveryoneIN discussion on improving access to services for people from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355.

Scottish Refugee Council annual conference

29 October 2010 in Glasgow

The conference will focus primarily on the new Coalition Government's stated agenda for asylum seekers and refugees - including: speeding up the asylum process; ending child detention and treatment of LGBT people seeking asylum. For information contact Graeme Corbett events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Make a Difference Day

30 October 2010

Make a difference to your community by participating in a volunteer activity on CSV "Make a Difference Day". For information see <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day> or contact 0800 284 533/ difference@csv.org.uk

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

2 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people whose work involves asylum seekers and refugees and who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those 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=89>

Judge a book by its cover? Not me!

3 November 2010 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.30)

SCVO training course to find out more about the processes of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements can lead to prejudice and discrimination. For more information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019.

LGBT Asylum Seekers and Refugees

5 November 2010 in Glasgow (9.00 – 2.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

**** An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees**

9 November 2010 in Glasgow

17 December 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore immigration terminology, main refugee nationalities, why people flee and factors affecting migration, the Refugee Convention - its history and interpretation, the UK asylum process and current implementation in Scotland, how to develop culturally sensitive services, and issues facing practitioners and possible solutions; best practice for support and advocacy. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/553_an_introduction_to_working_with_asylum_seekers_and_refugees

**** Asylum law, beyond the first tier tribunal**

23 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to look at the representation of asylum claims to the Upper Tribunal and Court of Session. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/745_asylum_law_beyond_the_first_tier_tribunal

Working with Interpreters

25 November 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 see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=94> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Scottish Interfaith Week

28 November – 5 December 2010

The theme for Scottish Interfaith Week 2010 is *Faith in Action*. Details of events will be posted at <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/22.html> as they become available.

** UKBA (formerly NASS) asylum support - the essentials

30 November 2010 in Glasgow

3 February 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people supporting those going through the asylum process. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/325_ukba_formerly_nass_asylum_support_-_the_essentials

Youth Interfaith Connect Conference

2 December 2010 (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference for young people to discuss issues such as the impact of faith in Scotland today, the impact of religious and sectarian hate crime on our communities, the role of the media in representing faith communities, religious education in schools, identity faith and belief, and faith and social action. For information contact Fiach OBroin-Molloy 01786 456000 / 07769 920 462 or see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/> and discussion forum <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/forum/>

Third Sector Research Conference

3 December 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference to bring together Scottish Government, local government, third sector and academic researchers, to showcase their work and discuss a range of findings of relevance to public policy in Scotland. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.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

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/>

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

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/>*