

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigrants: Employment

Kris Hopkins: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what research her Department has (a) commissioned and (b) published on the performance of immigrants in the UK labour market in the last five years. [56661]

Reply from Damian Green: In the last five years the Home Office has not specifically commissioned research on the performance of migrants in the UK labour market.

However, the Government have asked the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to advise it on policy frameworks. As a part of its work the MAC has published reports that describe the performance of migrants in the UK labour market in recent years. These reports are available on their website at:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/indbodies/mac/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110524/text/110524w0001.htm#11052477000056>

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Visas

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Jones on 16 February (WA 201), what are the relevant statutory guidelines that enable time spent in the United Kingdom on a student visa to count towards the residence requirements for naturalisation as a British citizen.[HL9210]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The residence requirements for naturalisation as a British citizen are in Schedule 1 to the British Nationality Act 1981. These provide that a person should have been in the United Kingdom for a qualifying period of three or five years, with a limit on the number of days that should have been spent outside the UK. That schedule provides that presence in the United Kingdom should have been legal, but does not specify that a person should have been here in a particular capacity.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110524w0001.htm#11052466000615>

Entry Clearances: Appeals

Nicholas Soames: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many appeals there have been against refusal for family visitor visas in each year since 2002. [56676]

Reply from Damian Green: There have been the following number of appeals against the refusal of visit visas for family members in each year since 2002:

	<i>Number of appeals</i>
2002-03	9,856
2003-04	16,884
2004-05	30,643
2005-06	58,495
2006-07	50,065
2007-08	64,669
2008-09	62,050
2009-10	63,405

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110524/text/110524w0001.htm#11052477000051>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Jonathan Lord: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what representations her Department has received on its decision to introduce a temporary limit on confirmations of acceptance for studies allocations for colleges which do not meet accreditation and inspection criteria prior to finalising the definition of those criteria; and if she will make a statement. [57049]

Reply from Damian Green: The UK Border Agency has received nine pre-action protocols in relation to the Tier 4 interim limit. The agency does not centrally record all forms of representations received. To provide the information requested against the criteria required could be obtained only at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110524/text/110524w0001.htm#11052477000052>

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Overseas Students

Gareth Thomas: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether she plans to allow universities to accept students from outside the EU for the 2011-12 academic year on the basis of the English language criteria advertised prior to 20 March 2011; and if she will make a statement. [57269]

Reply from Damian Green: Changes to the student route were announced on 22 March following a public consultation. Amendments to the Immigration Rules were laid on 31 March, coming into force on 21 April. These amendments introduced some changes to the requirements in English language proficiency needed to obtain a student visa. The new rules do not apply to Certificates of Acceptance of Studies issued before 21 April. The new rules contain a number of important flexibilities for students at universities.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110524/text/110524w0001.htm#11052477000060>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Wallace of Saltaire on 10 May (WA 198-200), how many of the 11,400 Indians and 4,690 Jamaicans who have applied for political asylum in the past 10 years have had their applications turned down; and what are the most frequent reasons given for their asylum application. [HL9316]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The information is not available as cohort information on asylum covering the time period of 2001 to 2010 is not available. However, the total number of initial decisions which were refusals of asylum, humanitarian protection, discretionary leave or exceptional leave to remain between 2001 and 2010 were 11,365 for nationals of India and 4,175 for nationals of Jamaicans. These initial decisions do not reflect applications made in the same period.

Information relating to asylum cases is recorded on the UK Border Agency (UKBA) case information database (CID). Information concerning the grounds for asylum claims is not routinely captured on CID. It is therefore not possible to identify the basis for asylum claims without undertaking a manual case by case search of individual case files.

Further information on asylum is available from the Control of Immigration publications available in the Library of the House and the Home Office Science website at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics>.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110524w0001.htm#11052466000561>

Westminster Early Day Motion

Mark Hendrick (1846) Slavery and Human Trafficking - That this House commemorates the first meeting of the Society for Effecting the Abolition of the Slave Trade, which took place on 22 May 1787; notes the invaluable work of members of the Society, in particular Thomas Clarkson, who were instrumental in raising the public's awareness of the inhumane practice of slavery; recognises the extraordinary work of the Society in campaigning to end the slave trade within the British Empire, which culminated in the Slave Trade Act 1807; further notes with regret that over two centuries since the Act was passed, at least 12 million people around the world remain enslaved today according to the United Nations' estimate; further notes that sexual exploitation and forced prostitution, bonded labour and domestic servitude are key features of

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contemporary slavery; further recognises that human trafficking is the modern version of the slave trade; and calls on the Government to use every tool at its disposal to fight the root causes of slavery and to prosecute those who participate in enslaving or trafficking vulnerable individuals into the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-11/1846>

Press Releases

EU migration and asylum policies: main achievements and the way ahead

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/329&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

A credible, fair and effective EU migration policy: the way forward

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/629&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

EU Visa policy: ensuring legal certainty and preventing abuse

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/11/328&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

Scottish Refugee Council calls for more support for refugees to contribute to life in Scotland

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/media/press_releases/1141_scottish_refugee_council_calls_for_more_support_for_refugees_to_contribute_to_life_in_scotland

New Publications

Refugee Integration in Scotland

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/2100/Briefing_ScottishRefugeeCouncil_IntegrationStudy_May2011.pdf

Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers April 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-apr2011?view=Binary>

Asylum Improvement Project: Report on Progress

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/reports/asylum-improvement-project/aip.pdf?view=Binary>

Control Of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom Quarter 1 2011 (January – March)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/control-immigration-q1-2011-t/control-immigration-q1-2011?view=Binary>

Statistical News Release: Control of Immigration

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/control-immigration-q1-2011-t/immigration-control-q1-2011snr?view=Binary>

Immigration and Asylum New Publications (continued)

Pre-Release Access To The Control Of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, Q1 2011 (January To March)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/control-immigration-q1-2011-t/pre-release-list-imm-q1-2011?view=Binary>

Monthly asylum application tables - March 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-app-mar-2011?view=Binary>

Refugees, migrants and the equality agenda

http://www.edf.org.uk/blog/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/EDF-Report_Whos-Still-Missing_May-2011_Web-2-2.pdf

The Relationship between Immigration Status and Rights in the UK: Exploring the Rationale

http://www.compas.ox.ac.uk/fileadmin/files/pdfs/Working_Papers/WP1186%20Spencer-Pobjoy.pdf

Living in limbo: migrants' experiences of applying for naturalization In Ireland

http://www.immigrantcouncil.ie/images/stories/documents/Living_in_Limbo_-_full_document_pdf.pdf

News

Migrants hold fifth of low-skilled UK jobs says ONS

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-13561094>

Net migration to UK reaches highest level for the last five years

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/26/net-migration-uk-immigration>

Anti-immigration rhetoric could deter overseas students, says NUS

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/may/26/government-anti-immigration-overseas-students>

The UK's foreign-born population: see where people live and where they're from

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2011/may/26/foreign-born-uk-population>

Trafficked children: what they need is justice and someone they can trust

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/may/29/comment-child-trafficking>

Can the UK afford to tighten immigration rules?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/may/27/uk-immigration-rules>

Immigration case study: Staying on From the Philippines to Wales

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/27/immigration-wales-philippines>

Poland: Immigration to UK is back for good life despite economic crisis

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/may/27/poland-immigration-uk-economic-crisis>

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Refugees optimistic despite discrimination

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2011/05/refugees-optimistic-despite-discrimination/>

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Race Relations

New Publications

Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland: One Scotland, Many Cultures

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/5891/ga11_churchsociety_one_scotland.pdf

Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland: A Report on the Churches' attitude to the Travelling Community in Scotland

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/5892/ga11_churchsociety_travellers.pdf

Kirk finally apologises to travellers

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2011/05/kirk-finally-apologises-to-travellers/>

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Equality

News

14,000 British professors – but only 50 are black

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/may/27/only-50-black-british-professors>

Shortage of black professors: a failure to nurture talent

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/mortarboard/2011/may/27/black-professor-shortage-failure-to-nurture-talent>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

News

Scottish cabinet backs sectarian proposals

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-13520683>

Hate-crime laws ready for season's big kick-off

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Hatecrime-laws-ready-for-season39s.6774498.jp>

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News (continued)

Football bigotry in Scotland to be tackled by five-year jail sentences

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/25/football-bigotry-scotland-five-years-jail>

Tayside's religious hate record revealed as anti-sectarian legislation prepared

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/article/14275/tayside-s-religious-hate-record-revealed-as-anti-sectarian-legislation-prepared.html>

Reports of religious hate crimes triple in Fife

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Fife/article/14402/reports-of-religious-hate-crimes-triple-in-fife.html>

Beat bigotry by docking clubs points - top officer

<http://thescotzman.scotzman.com/news/Beat-bigotry-by-docking-clubs.6773309.jp>

Far-right attacks escalate after BNP election defeats

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/may/27/far-right-attacks-rise>

Teenager gets two years for racial assault

<http://edinburghnews.scotzman.com/news/Teenager-gets-two-years-for.6774098.jp>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Public invited to take part in opening of Parliament (Friday 1 July 2011)

Tickets are available for the public gallery of the Debating Chamber, where Her Majesty The Queen will address the newly elected members of the Scottish Parliament and invited guests.

Following the departure of The Queen, a riding of the Royal Mile will take place, marking the centuries-old Scots tradition of Parliament and people working in public partnership. The Session Four Riding will involve around 1,500 people selected to highlight achievements across every constituency and region of Scotland. ... In the afternoon, the Scottish Parliament will open its doors to guests and members of the public with an Open Day, free tours and musical performances to showcase young Scottish talent.

There are a limited number of tickets available to the public.

Applications, which must reach the Parliament by 8 June, can be made by

- e-mail: sp.bookings@scottish.parliament.uk
- telephone: 0131 348 5200
- text: 07786 209 888 tarding the message with "Session 4"
- letter addressed to: Opening of the Parliament, Visitor Services, The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh, EH99 1SP.

For more detailed information see

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-11/pa11-016.htm>

First Minister sets out priorities

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/05/26110705>

Other Holyrood Press Releases (continued)

New Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body elected

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-11/pa11-017.htm>

New Publication

MEMO+ The New Scottish Parliament and Government

http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2011/11v_new_sp_and_sq.pdf

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Other Westminster

Parliamentary Questions

Female Genital Mutilation

Lord Jones of Cheltenham: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many countries permit female genital mutilation; and what initiatives are planned by (a) the United Kingdom, (b) the European Union, and (c) the United Nations to encourage those countries to outlaw the practice. [HL8978]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The Home Office does not hold this information centrally and cannot comment on behalf of the EU or UN.

The Government regard female genital mutilation (FGM) as an unacceptable form of child abuse and violence against girls and women that the Government are committed to eradicating.

FGM has been a criminal offence in this country since 1985. The FGM Act 2003 replaced the 1985 Act in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and made it an offence for the first time for UK nationals or permanent UK residents to carry out FGM abroad, or to aid, abet, counsel or procure the carrying out of FGM abroad.

Legislation alone cannot eliminate the practice so our resources will be aimed at raising awareness of the law on FGM and the health implications with communities and front-line practitioners.

Prevention is at the heart of the Government's approach. In February 2011 we launched multi-agency practice guidelines for front-line professionals such as teachers, GPs and nurses. The guidelines aim to raise awareness of FGM, highlight the risks that people should be aware of and set out clearly the steps that should be taken to safeguard children and women from this abuse.

Communications about FGM are key to bringing the issue to more people's attention. More than 40,000 leaflets and 40,000 posters have been circulated to schools, health services, charities and community groups around the United Kingdom.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110524w0001.htm#11052466000580>

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Other News

OSCR's Chief Executive announces departure

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=fc4b807a-7f59-45e6-a85b-8c10d68614dd>

Can halal speed-dating work?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2011/may/23/halal-speed-dating-muslims-islam>

Guide dogs could change your life

http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11v_guide_dogs.pdf

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Bills in Progress

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Bills in Progress Westminster

**** Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

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

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2010-2012/0069/amend/am069-a.htm>

Third Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110524-0001.htm#11052476000601>

Lords amendments to the Bill

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2010-2012/0195/2012195.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2010-2012/0195/en/12192en.pdf>

Scotland Bill

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

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Consultations

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Reform of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (15 June 2011)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/ehrc_reform.aspx

Practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (21 June 2011)

The UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Mr. Githu Muigai, will receive contributions for a forthcoming report to the General Assembly. Contributions should be sent to racism@ohchr.org

Forced Marriage Statutory Guidance Consultation (1 July 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/347416/0115668.pdf>

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Planning for traveller sites (England and Wales) (6 July 2011)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1886164.pdf>

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Funding Opportunities

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UK Government Equalities Office: Progress Funding

Closing date for applications: 8 June 2011

The European Commission is inviting proposals from Member States for funding for national awareness-raising activities in support of the Community's anti-discrimination agenda. National authorities can nominate non-profit making organisations, e.g. an NGO or an equality body, to carry out activities on their behalf. In the UK the Government Equalities Office is the "national authority".

The PROGRESS programme is concerned with:

"Raising awareness, disseminating information and promoting the debate about the key challenges and policy issues in relation to discrimination and the mainstreaming of anti-discrimination in all Community policies, including among the social partners, NGOs and other stakeholders."

Each national authority can present one or two projects. Activities must start in 2011, and can have up to 80% of total eligible costs financed. The remainder of the costs are to be found from other sources.

For more information see

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/news/progress_funding.aspx

**** 50th Anniversary Robertson Trust Awards**

Closing date for applications: 31 July 2011

Organisations that have ever received a grant from the Robertson Trust are invited to apply for grants between £10,000 and £100,000 for projects that will enhance, expand or develop their core activities, and make a difference to life in Scotland: locally, regionally or Scotland-wide. For information and application forms see

<http://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/index.php/50th-anniversary-awards/>

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**** this week!**

Refugee Stories at the Kelvingrove

28 May – 2 July 2011 in Glasgow

Exhibition to illustrate the stories of three refugees who rebuilt their lives in Scotland, from the 1940s to the present day, including film, newspaper articles, photographs and objects illustrating the lives of Henry Wuga from Germany, Carlos Arredondo from Chile and Patience Tsungu from Zimbabwe. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3spddpb>

Network on Migration Action Group

8 June 2011 in Glasgow (2.00 – 4.30)

Migrants Rights Scotland meeting to consider the development of a rights-based network on migration in Scotland and take leadership in bringing about change. For information contact Hyo Eun Shin csp@migrantsrightsscotland.org.uk

Working with Interpreters

9 June 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of best practice when working with interpreters, learn about service providers' responsibilities, and how to develop or improve existing practice. Participants will also learn how to communicate effectively with their service-users when using interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3qt2h8b> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Find out more about your child's education

10 June 2011 in Glasgow (11.00 – 1.00)

BEMIS in partnership with Learning and Teaching Scotland are holding a meeting to enable ethnic and cultural minority communities to have a say in their child's education. For information contact Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk

Ethnic Minority Workplaces Event

10 June 2011 in Glasgow (9.45 – 2.00)

NHS event to create awareness of Workplace Health Improvement Initiatives in addition to Healthy Working Lives Awards amongst ethnic minority workplaces in Glasgow. For information contact Mariam Abbas at mariam.abbas@ggc.scot.nhs.uk.

1951 UN Refugee Convention - 60 Years On

13 June 2011 in Glasgow (9.30 – 5.30)

GRAMNET colloquium to discuss how changing socio-political contexts have affected refugees and asylum seekers in the UK, and throughout Europe. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1007_gram_net_postgraduate_colloquium

Celebrate 60 Years of Sanctuary

16 June 2011 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 8.00)

Refugee Survival Trust networking evening to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the right to asylum as set out in the UN Refugee Convention. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3v9sn2m>

Glasgow Mela

18 - 19 June 2011 in Glasgow

A weekend of live music, dance, entertainment and arts. For information see <http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/events/mela/Pages/default.aspx>

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Refugee Week

20 – 26 June 2011

A wide range of events to celebrate the contributions refugees have made to Scotland in the 60 years since the signing of the UN Refugee Convention. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/445whqu>

Sixty Years of the Refugee Convention

20 – 28 June 2011 in Glasgow

A short film produced by the Scottish Refugee Council and Media Co-op depicting some of the extraordinary stories of those forced to flee their home countries who forge new lives in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3w3s6nn>

The Past, Present and Future of Sanctuary and Asylum

21 June 2011 in Glasgow (6.00pm)

Anthropologist and human rights activist, Linda Rabben, discusses the history of sanctuary and asylum, present-day asylum policies and the future of both institutions. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1013_the_past_present_and_future_of_sanctuary_and_asylum

Some Words for Home

21 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.45pm)

The story of two Jewish refugees who escaped the atrocities of World War II to make a home for themselves in Scotland. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1088_some_words_for_home_by_oliver_emanuel

Scottish Refugee Council's Women's Morning

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 12.30)

Information and advice on asylum support, housing, volunteering, opportunities for children and young people. Female interpreters will be available. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1080_scottish_refugee_council_s_women_s_morning

Personal Stories

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

Glasgow Integration Network launch of a booklet containing personal accounts of asylum seekers and refugees living in North Glasgow. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1081_personal_stories_booklet_launch

Human Rights and Wrongs

23 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.00pm)

Talk by journalist Billy Briggs about the themes illustrated in the Human Rights and Wrongs Exhibition. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1002_human_rights_and_wrongs_exhibition_talk_by_billy_briggs

One Scotland Many Voices Film Festival

24 June 2011 in Glasgow (7.00 – 9.00)

Interactive evening of short films, discussions and live entertainment. For information see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1035_one_scotland_many_voices_film_festival

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Refugees and Employment in Scotland

25 June 2011 in Glasgow (3.00 – 6.00)

Opportunity to meet representatives from a variety of employment support agencies to learn what employment and volunteering opportunities. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1054_refugees_and_employment_in_scotland

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

30 June 2011 in Glasgow

2 August 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training providing a comprehensive understanding of core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. It is particularly relevant for those working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3gnyvmm> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

The needs and experiences of refugee women

5 July 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide a thorough understanding of fundamental issues affecting women seeking asylum in Scotland. It is appropriate for those working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/4x62hfa> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Youth Interfaith Conference

21 June 2011 in East Kilbride (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference in partnership with the Scottish Inter Faith Council for 16 to 26 year olds to explore interfaith in Scotland including the role of the media in portraying faith, faith and identity in Scotland, and hate crime. For information contact Anton Stephenson Anton.Stephenson@centralscotland.pnn.police.uk / 01786 456 993.

OSCR Outreach Programme: Supporting Charities in Financial Difficulties

21 June 2011 in Inverness (2.00 – 4.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors only. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=e7fa2654-8add-46f3-b8c5-2694d484ff50>

BA in Community Development programme

Applications accepted until mid August 2011, Course begins September 2011

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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/>

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

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

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