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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Questions

#### **Post-study Work Visa (Discussions with the United Kingdom Government)**

**Chic Brodie:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding reintroducing the post-study work visa in Scotland. (S4O-04131)

**Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning (Angela Constance):** The Scottish Government is committed to working with the UK Government, as the Smith report recommended, to ensure that a post-study work route is put in place to allow talented international students to remain in Scotland after graduation to gain further experience and contribute to our economy and society.

Scottish Government and UK Government officials met on 23 January, and again on 13 March, to discuss a potential post-study work route that would allow international students to remain in Scotland for a defined period of time after graduation.

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**Chic Brodie:** Recent evidence to the Economy, Energy and Tourism Committee suggested that Scotland has a significant global presence in the software games industry, but that its growth is hampered partly by an inability to retain foreign information technology students who have qualified here as a result of the current visa application regime.

On that basis, does the cabinet secretary agree that the sooner visa management and approval are devolved fully to Scotland, the better?

**Reply from Angela Constance:** Yes, I agree with Chic Brodie, and I agree that the immigration system needs to respond to Scotland's specific needs. That means supporting economic growth by enabling our industries to attract and retain the best and the brightest global talent. It is time that the UK immigration system delivered that for Scotland.

There is cross-sectoral support for the reintroduction of post-study work visas. As a country, our higher education sector and our economy need to be connected to new and emerging economies in particular.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9859&i=90306#ScotParlOR>

### Immigration Policy

**James Dornan:** To ask the Scottish Government how the UK Government's immigration policy impacts on Scottish universities. (S4O-4142)

**Reply from Angela Constance:** The immigration measures brought in by successive UK governments undermine the efforts of Scottish universities to compete in a global marketplace and attract the brightest and best international student talent. They impact on the international competitiveness of Scottish education, create additional burdens for institutions and students and are being negatively perceived overseas, deterring prospective students from applying to study in the UK.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advantage&ReferenceNumbers=S4O-04142&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Scottish Parliament Motions

**S4M-12677 Jean Urquhart: Celebrating Scotland's Diverse Communities**—That the Parliament believes that Scotland's diversity should be celebrated and rejects the negative attitudes expressed in the media and politics toward immigration and immigrants; also notes with concern the impact of these attitudes in the context of the approaching general election; believes that there should be recognition of the very real and positive contribution made by immigrants from all over the world to Scottish society, culture and history; also notes that the Scottish population is comprised of a rich mix of peoples and cultures from all over the world and believes that all immigrants and their descendants are an integral part of the Scottish identity; calls on politicians and the media to stop the demonisation of immigrants, and calls on media outlets to take a more responsible approach toward their reporting of immigration to Scotland and the UK.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advantage&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12677&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-12677.1 Liz Smith:** Celebrating Scotland's Diverse Communities—As an amendment to motion S4M-12677 in the name of Jean Urquhart (Celebrating Scotland's Diverse Communities), leave out from "in the media" to end and insert "within some quarters of the media and politics toward immigration and immigrants; is concerned

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about the divisive impact of such attitudes, especially during election campaigns; notes that the Scottish population is comprised of a rich mix of peoples and cultures from all over the world who are an integral part of the Scottish identity, and therefore believes that there should be recognition of the very real and positive contribution made by immigrants from all over the world to Scottish society, culture and history.”

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12677.1&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-12677.2 Alex Neil: Celebrating Scotland’s Diverse Communities**—As an amendment to motion S4M-12677 in the name of Jean Urquhart (Celebrating Scotland’s Diverse Communities), insert at end “, and unites in condemning the recent comments by David Coburn MEP”.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12677.2&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-12677.3 Ken Macintosh: Celebrating Scotland’s Diverse Communities**—As an amendment to motion S4M-12677 in the name of Jean Urquhart (Celebrating Scotland’s Diverse Communities), after "Scottish identity" insert "; believes that more can be done to prevent immigrants being exploited or treated unfairly”.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12677.3&ResultsPerPage=10>

## UK Parliament Questions

### Population: International Migration

**Lord Green of Deddington:** To ask Her Majesty’s Government what is their latest assessment of the impact of international migration on the population of the United Kingdom, taking into account the children of immigrants already in the United Kingdom.

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bates):** My Lords, the Office for National Statistics publishes results from the Annual Population Survey. In the year ending December 2013, an estimated 7.8 million people were born outside the UK, while 4.9 million were non-UK citizens. For the calendar year of 2013, births in the UK to non-UK born mothers accounted for 25% of all live births. That is why we need to reduce immigration.

**Lord Green of Deddington:** ... Does the Minister agree with me that a sensible level of immigration is a natural and valuable part of an open society and economy? Indeed, there are a number of Members of this House whose very presence attests to that. Is the Minister aware that of the increase in the UK population over the past 10 years, at least two-thirds was due to immigration, and that if you include the natural increase in the number of migrants who are already here, that percentage becomes 80%? Will he therefore instruct his officials to clarify the position so that the public finally and fully understand the impact of immigration on our society? Lastly, is he aware that if net migration is allowed to continue at present levels, in the next 10 years we will have to build the equivalent of the city of Birmingham every two years, with the schools, hospitals, et cetera, that will be necessary?

**Reply from Lord Bates:** ... The noble Lord, Lord Green, referred to a figure of two-thirds and suggested that that could rise to 80%. The figure that we have to hand on this is 53%. However, we are absolutely at one on needing a firm but fair immigration policy to protect the public services of this country and provide opportunities for those who want to come here to work. ...

**Baroness Hussein-Ece:** My Lords, is it not the case that Her Majesty’s Government,

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political leaders and civic leaders need to make a case for the positive impact that immigration has had on this country? Of all doctors in the NHS, 26% were foreign-born and 85,000 nurses were born abroad. The care system would collapse without immigrant labour. Does the Minister think that the constant negative narrative of immigration, without the positive, is detrimental to British society—a society that has always been one of tolerance which values and upholds democracy in building better institutions? Do the Government not really need to take the lead on this?

**Reply from Lord Bates:** That is true, but that sensible and rational view was drowned out when the lid was taken off immigration and the controls taken away so that under the previous Government we had net migration of 2.5 million. That fed into a change in the narrative away from the fact that most people who come to this country make an absolutely outstanding contribution to it and we are blessed to have them.

**Baroness Afshar:** My Lords, is the Minister aware that, if we did not have immigrants or the children of immigrants, we would not have buildings, schools, a vibrant food industry or vibrant markets? They contribute and their contribution creates a multiplier effect, which means that they create money that goes around. They should not be underestimated.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** I certainly assure the noble Baroness that that contribution is not underestimated and that it is not going to stop. We want people who want to come here to study, to work, to invest and to visit. We want all those people to come. What we are doing is drawing a line to say that we must get much tougher with those who want to come here and abuse our openness. ...

**Lord Tomlinson:** My Lords, will the Minister explain to the House how the Prime Minister got immigration figures so stunningly wrong when looking at this country's need for overseas students? He promised us that immigration would be controlled at tens of thousands rather than hundreds of thousands. His words in emphasising that were, "No ifs, no buts". If he can get those figures so stunningly wrong, why should we believe any of the statistics that are coming from the Government on immigration?

**Reply from Lord Bates:** It could well be that when the Prime Minister made those remarks the country was in the depths of despair in 2010. Since then, we have had a jobs miracle. We are creating more jobs than the rest of Europe put together. As a result of that, not surprisingly, the place where people want to come to find work is the only place where the jobs are being created. That is in the UK.

**Lord Skelmersdale:** My Lords, would my noble friend accept that the real problem is not immigration but integration?

**Reply from Lord Bates:** That is a more philosophical point—and a good one. It is one reason why we need to work on those other programmes of integration through the education system and through ensuring that people have a sense of what British values are and feel part of this country.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/150316-0001.htm#1503166000476>

### Immigration Controls

**Lord Stoddart of Swindon [HL5411]** To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the latest net migration figures, what is their assessment of the United Kingdom's ability to control immigration numbers in the context of European Union and international rules and interventions.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The immigration system we inherited was open to abuse and gave little consideration to whether migrants could support themselves or contribute to the UK when they arrived. This Government has reformed the

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immigration system by tackling abuse of student visas, cutting access to benefits and closing visa routes for those coming to the UK without a job.

In addition this Government has tightened up access to benefits, clamped down on more than 850 bogus colleges and increased the level of English required to come and stay here. The Immigration Act 2014 is making made it much tougher for illegal immigrants to remain in the UK by restricting their access to work, housing, benefits, healthcare, bank accounts and driving licences.

As a result of these changes, family visas granted are down by a third compared to the year ending September 2010 and student visas granted are down by over a quarter. Since July we have revoked over 5,000 driving licences and removed more than 500 foreign criminals since July 2014 under the new non-suspensive powers. These changes have demonstrated that it is possible to reform and reduce immigration.

Net migration from within the EU has doubled since 2010. That is why, as the Prime Minister has said, we will continue the reforms this Government has introduced to crack down on the abuse of free movement, continue the reforms this Government has introduced on access to benefits, and insist that there are new arrangements in place for future Member States to prevent a repeat of the mass migration that resulted from the previous Government's failure to impose robust transitional controls in 2004.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-03-03/HL5411/>

#### Immigration

**Andrew Smith** [226568] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of leave to remain applications have been treated as falling outside normal service standards in each six-month period in the last four years.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** New service standards have applied to leave to remain applications submitted to UK Visas and Immigration on or after 1 January 2014. Comparing the performance against new service standards to the performance against previous service standards is not possible given the change in methodology at that time.

However, reporting on UK Visas and Immigration's performance against service standards is now more detailed than prior to 1 January 2014 and can be found in the temporary and permanent migration section of the quarterly migration transparency data release, available at:

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data)

Information about what UK Visas and Immigration's published service standards are and how applications that have been excluded from service standards are categorised is available in the 'Notes' tab of the temporary and permanent migration data.

Information on how many applications were concluded within service standards is available at tab 'InC2'.

Information on how many applications did not meet the service standard and how many applications were excluded from the service standard is available at tab 'InC5'.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-06/226568/>

#### Asylum

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Richard Burden** [226793] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what

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assessment she has made of the relative effectiveness of (a) the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme and (b) comparable schemes being implemented by other EU member states.

**Richard Burden** [226794] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have (a) applied and (b) successfully resettled in the UK under the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme (i) in total and (ii) in each month since September 2014.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Government is deeply concerned about the crisis in Syria, the suffering and hardship it is causing for millions of displaced Syrians in the region, and the strain it is placing on their host countries. That is why we launched the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR) scheme, offering protection in the UK to some of the most vulnerable refugees, who cannot be supported effectively in the region. The scheme is based on need rather than fulfilling a quota, but we have said that we expect it to help several hundred people over three years, and we remain on track to deliver that commitment. We therefore have no current plans to change the way the scheme operates. However, we continue to monitor the situation in Syria and the surrounding region and work closely with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to identify the most vulnerable people displaced by the conflict to ensure that the scheme remains responsive to need.

However given the scale of the crisis, we believe the most effective way to ensure the UK's help has the greatest impact for displaced people and their host countries is through substantial humanitarian aid and actively seeking an end to the conflict so that refugees can return to their homes and livelihoods safely. We have committed £800 million in response to the crisis, making us the second largest bilateral donor in the world, and UK funding is helping to support hundreds of thousands of displaced people in the region, providing food, healthcare and essential supplies. Compared with aid, resettlement can only ever help a minority of those in need.

The VPR scheme does not form part of the UN quota but runs in parallel with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees' (UNHCR) own Syria Humanitarian Admission Programme. The Government has been clear that this is a crisis of international proportions and needs a fitting response from the international community.

EU member states have responded to the Syrian crisis in different ways and it is for each state to decide how they help those displaced by the crisis. The UNHCR is best placed to comment on the policies of other countries regarding Syrian refugees.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-09/226793/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-09/226794/>

#### Asylum: Children

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL5788] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether the needs and rights of refugee and asylum-seeking children, as set out in Article 22 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, are being met in the United Kingdom.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** In line with its international obligations, the UK grants protection to those who need it. Our domestic law provisions apply to children from overseas when they are in the UK. These, and our own policies, ensure that

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they receive the same protection and access to services as any other child permanently or temporarily deprived of his or her family environment for whatever reason, as set out in Article 22 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. When it is in the best interests of the child concerned, the UK endeavours to trace the families of unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The UK would comply, where appropriate, with any request from the United Nations, or from an organization affiliated to the United Nations, on these matters.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-03-17/HL5788/>

### Asylum: Housing

**Sarah Teather** [227673] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of the adequacy of support provided under sections 4 and 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Asylum seekers are supported under section 95 if they would otherwise be destitute. Failed asylum seekers are supported under section 4 if they would otherwise be destitute and there is a temporary barrier that prevents their departure from the UK.

The assistance available to both groups consists of accommodation (with gas, electricity and water provided free) and a weekly allowance to buy food and other essential items. They are also able to access healthcare and education.

The Home Office keeps these arrangements under regular review and is satisfied they are an effective way of ensuring people are not left destitute.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-16/227673/>

### Asylum: Finance

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL5545] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people received support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 in the last year for which they have records, broken down by nationality.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** At the end of 2014, there were 4,994 failed asylum seekers and their dependants receiving support under Section 4.

The figures provided in the table are a subset of latest statistics published in the Immigration Statistics Release by the Home Office, in Table as\_18\_q "Asylum seekers in receipt of Section 4 or Section 98 support, and decisions to grant Section 4 support as at the end of the quarter", available from the link below.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on people receiving support within the Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics October – December 2014 is available from

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release> and will be placed in the Library of the House

**To read the lengthy table see**

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-03-09/HL5545/>

### Asylum: Finance

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno** [HL5546] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many people are currently in receipt of support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 because they are unable to leave the United Kingdom by reason of a physical impediment.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** There are 1188 people who are currently in receipt of section 4 support that are recorded as having a physical impediment.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-03-09/HL5546/>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**John McDonnell (900) Protests in detention centres** – That this House notes with serious concern that protests, demonstrations and hunger strikes by detainees have taken place in detention centres around the country, including Harmondsworth Detention Centre; and calls on the Home Secretary to launch an independent public inquiry into the grievances of the detainees which have sparked these protests and to bring forward a report on the use of detention overall.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/900>

## Press Releases

### **Attracting world-class talent**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Attracting-world-class-talent-178d.aspx>

### **Call to reinstate post study work visas**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Call-to-reinstate-post-study-work-visas-178c.aspx>

### **Lord Advocates visits refugee and asylum seeker support group**

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1014-lord-advocates-visits-refugee-and-asylum-seeker-support-group>

**Court of Justice of the European Union: According to Advocate General Kokott, family reunification in the case of married couples who are third-country nationals may in principle be made contingent on the spouse who is intending to join the family passing an examination that tests knowledge of the country and of its language**

<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2015-03/cp150034en.pdf>

**The number of asylum applicants in the EU jumped to more than 625 000 in 2014**

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/6751779/3-20032015-BP-EN.pdf/35e04263-2db5-4e75-b3d3-6b086b23ef2b>

## New Publications

### **Asylum support: policy bulletins instructions**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/413994/Asylum\\_Support\\_Policy\\_Bulletin\\_Instructions\\_v5.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413994/Asylum_Support_Policy_Bulletin_Instructions_v5.pdf)

### **Fol release: Number of EU migrants claiming benefits in the UK**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/412829/586-2015.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/412829/586-2015.pdf)

### **Protecting undocumented children: Promising policies and practices from governments**

<http://picum.org/picum.org/uploads/publication/Protecting%20undocumented%20children-Promising%20policies%20and%20practices%20from%20governments.pdf>

## **Immigration and Asylum** (continued) **News**

### **Call for overseas graduate work visa for Scotland**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-31998769>

### **STUC and Scottish churches concerned at reports of hunger strikes at Dungavel, call for urgent meeting with detainees**

<http://www.stuc.org.uk/news/1143/stuc-and-scottish-churches-concerned-at-reports-of-hunger-strikes-at-dungavel-call-for-urgent-meeting-with-detainees>

### **Growing army of foreign workers forces rethink on future numbers**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4386361.ece>

### **Too many babies born to migrants — minister**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4384100.ece>

### **Migrants must pay for lessons, insists Farage**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4383176.ece>

### **Official forecaster: David Cameron's immigration target is unrealistic**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11481154/Official-forecaster-David-Camerons-immigration-target-is-unrealistic.html>

### **The migration fuelling George Osborne's 'comeback country'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/19/the-migration-fuelling-george-osbornes-comeback-country>

### **Ukip's 'ban' of migrants from state schools sounds like segregation**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/mar/16/ukip-ban-migrants-state-schools-tantamount-segregation>

### **Children of immigrants should not be allowed state education for five years, says Nigel Farage**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/children-of-immigrants-should-not-be-allowed-state-education-for-five-years-says-nigel-farage-10110076.html?origin=internalSearch>

### **New genetic map of Britain shows successive waves of immigration going back 10,000 years**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/new-genetic-map-of-britain-shows-successive-waves-of-immigration-going-back-10000-years-10117361.html>

### **The migration fuelling George Osborne's 'comeback country'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/19/the-migration-fuelling-george-osbornes-comeback-country>

### **Home Office will force Scots asylum seekers to travel to England for appeals**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/home-office-will-force-scots-asylum-seekers-to-travel-to-england-for-appeals.121254369>

### **Dungavel's refugee hunger strikers claim Home Office is misleading public over severity of protest**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/dungavels-refugee-hunger-strikers-claim-home-office-is-misleading-public-over-severit.121207799>

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### News (continued)

**New racket to smuggle migrants out of the UK... so they get better chance of coming back here legally after gaining asylum elsewhere in Europe**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3003269/New-racket-smuggle-migrants-UK-better-chance-coming-legally-gaining-asylum-Europe.html>

**Japanese academic forced to leave Britain due to visa rules**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11485419/Japanese-academic-forced-to-leave-Britain-due-to-visa-rules.html>

**Attracting and retaining talented immigrants in Europe is essential condition for demographic and economic growth**

<https://eu2015.lv/news/media-releases/1034-attracting-and-retaining-talented-immigrants-in-europe-is-essential-condition-for-demographic-and-economic-growth>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Debate

#### Diversity

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9859&i=90317#ScotParlOR>

### UK Parliament Question

#### Faith Schools

**Andrew Rosindell** [226930] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps her Department is taking to ensure that faith schools do not divide local communities.

**Reply from David Laws:** All schools, including faith schools, have a legal duty to promote community cohesion. All schools are expected to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-10/226930/>

### Press Release

#### MOD recognises Islam Awareness Week

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mod-recognises-islam-awareness-week>

### News

**The UK must talk about race, no matter how uncomfortable or complicated it may be**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/the-uk-must-talk-about-race-no-matter-how-uncomfortable-or-complicated-it-may-be-10123889.html>

## Community Relations

### News (continued)

**Race should be discussed, Trevor Phillips says**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-31904118>

**Trevor Phillips says the unsayable about race and multiculturalism**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/mar/16/trevor-phillips-race-multiculturalism-blog>

**This is why there are things we don't say about race (even when they are true)**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/mar/20/race-trevor-phillips-racist-facts-criminalisation-communities>

**Trevor Phillips and political correctness: right question, wrong answer**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/mar/16/guardian-view-trevor-phillips-political-correctness>

**Polite silence won't overcome our differences**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4383948.ece>

**We must listen to Trevor Phillips and his inconvenient truths about race**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11479761/We-must-listen-to-Trevor-Phillips-and-his-inconvenient-truths-about-race.html>

**Trevor Phillips condemned by anti-racism groups**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/trevor-phillips-condemned-by-antiracism-groups-10111759.html>

**Why we should question the term 'institutional racism'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/why-we-should-question-the-term-institutional-racism-10119000.html>

**Explosive truths about race we're not allowed to talk about: The political class's failure to confront unpalatable facts has had appalling consequences, says ex-head of equality watchdog**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2996269/Explosive-truths-race-not-allowed-talk-political-class-s-failure-confront-unpalatable-facts-appalling-consequences-says-ex-head-equality-watchdog-TREVOR-PHILLIPS.html>

**At last! A man who dares to tell the truth about race: Ex-race tsar says silencing of debate has done devastating harm to Britain**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2996235/At-man-dares-tell-truth-race-Ex-race-tsar-says-silencing-debate-devastating-harm-Britain.html>

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## Equality

### Press Release

**Equality Budget announced for 2015-16**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Equality-Budget-announced-for-2015-16-1780.aspx>

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# Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

## Scottish Parliament Questions

### Racial Discrimination

**Christina McKelvie:** To ask the First Minister what action the Scottish Government is taking to tackle racial discrimination. (S4F-02671)

**Reply from the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon):** There is absolutely no place for racism or, indeed, any discrimination in a civilised society. The Scottish Government is strongly committed to equality, including race equality, which is reflected in our key strategies and in our continued support for organisations that promote race equality, tackle racial discrimination and challenge racism. More than £800 million from the equality budget from 2012 to 2015 has supported activity to promote race equality and to address racial discrimination through a range of projects at local and national levels. As part of the work to shift attitudes and provide a strong message about the Scotland in which we want to live, we launched last November the latest phase of the one Scotland campaign, entitled “Scotland believes in equality”. That includes a focus on race. In addition, along with our race equality partners and Scotland’s minority ethnic communities, we are working towards producing a race equality framework by spring 2016.

**Christina McKelvie:** I thank the First Minister for all the work that has been done. I direct her to article 14 of the European convention on human rights, which provides that “The enjoyment of the rights and freedoms set forth in this Convention shall be secured without discrimination on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status.”

Given that that is the highest standard of anti-discrimination policy in the European Union, does the First Minister join me in condemning the disgusting and downright discriminatory words of David Coburn MEP directed to the Minister for Europe and International Development, Humza Yousaf, and in reasserting that there is no place in Scotland or Europe for sexist, racist or homophobic discrimination?

**Reply from the First Minister:** I know that I speak on behalf of the entire Parliament when I condemn David Coburn’s utterly reprehensible comments. Yesterday, the Scottish Parliament stood in solidarity with our friend and colleague Humza Yousaf and voted unanimously to censure Mr Coburn. My clear view is that he is not fit to represent the people of Scotland in the European Parliament or anywhere else.

I also take the opportunity to condemn unreservedly the vile homophobic abuse that was directed at Ruth Davidson on Twitter last night and this morning. The individual in question has been identified and, this morning, their membership of the Scottish National Party was suspended pending a full disciplinary process.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9860&i=90335#ScotParlOR>

## Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-12754 Hanzala Malik:** UKIP MEP Apologises for Abu Hamza Comment—That the Parliament calls on the European Parliament to take the strongest possible action against a Scottish UKIP MEP in light of what it considers his totally inappropriate comments about Humza Yousaf MSP; notes that the MEP has now apologised, but believes that the European Parliament should send a strong message that behaviour such as this will not be tolerated from anyone, let alone an elected member.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12754&ResultsPerPage=10>

## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination** (continued) **Press Releases**

### **Say NO to racism**

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/say-no-to-racism>

### **Values threatened by hate speech must be reinforced**

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/press-release/2015/values-threatened-hate-speech-must-be-reinforced>

### **Learning from historical tragedies is key to strengthen the global fight against racism International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true&LangID=E>

### **International Day Against Racial Discrimination: Recognise past abuses against minority groups**

<http://www.enar-eu.org/International-Day-Against-Racial>

### **Education Ministers adopt a declaration to tackle intolerance, discrimination and radicalisation**

<https://eu2015.lv/news/media-releases/964-education-ministers-release-declaration-to-tackle-intolerance-discrimination-and-radicalisation>

## **New Publication**

### **Prejudice-based bullying in Scottish schools**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication\\_pdf/Prejudice-based%20bullying%20in%20Scottish%20schools%20research%20report.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/sites/default/files/publication_pdf/Prejudice-based%20bullying%20in%20Scottish%20schools%20research%20report.pdf)

## **News**

### **Politicians are human - every Islamophobic slur or racist chant hurts. But it's not just me they harm, they affect every Scot from an ethnic minority background as well**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/politicians-are-human-every-islamophobic-slur-or-racist-chant-hurts-but-its-not-just-.121245618>

### **MSPs condemn UKIP MEP David Coburn's Abu Hamza comment**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-31952219>

### **'It was a joke': Farage defends Ukip MEP who called Muslim Scottish minister 'Abu Hamza'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2997195/It-joke-Farage-defends-Ukip-MEP-called-Muslim-Scottish-minister-Abu-Hamza.html>

### **Coburn branded racist**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/coburn-branded-racist-200663n.121023770>

### **Anti-racism march against Pegida in Edinburgh**

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/anti-racism-march-against-pegida-in-edinburgh-1-3722850>

### **Edinburgh Pegida march had only 'four participants'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/edinburgh-pegida-march-had-only-four-participants-1-3724963>

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### News (continued)

#### Anti-racism campaigners hail no-show of supporters of far-right at rally

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/anti-racism-campaigners-hail-no-show-of-supporters-of-far-right-at-rally.1426959155>

#### Far-right rally 'no-show' in Edinburgh welcomed

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/far-right-rally-no-show-in-edinburgh-welcomed-1.854520>

#### Anti-racist activists welcome no-show by supporters of German far-right movement in Edinburgh today

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/anti-racist-activists-welcome-no-show-supporters-5377502>

#### Pegida chickens out of staging right-wing demo in Scotland

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/pegida-chickens-out-of-staging-right-wing-demo-in-scotland.121251857>

#### Ten things you actually can't say about racism

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11474917/Ten-things-you-actually-cant-say-about-racism.html>

#### European parliament urged to act over Ukip MEP's 'Islamophobic insult'

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/mar/17/european-parliament-urged-to-act-over-ukip-meps-islamophobic-insult>

#### No convictions over 500 black and Asian deaths in custody

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/mar/21/500-black-asian-deaths-custody-no-prosecutions>

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## Scottish Devolution

### New Publications

#### Further Devolution for Scotland: The Draft Clauses

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB\\_15-16\\_Further\\_Devolution\\_for\\_Scotland- The\\_Draft\\_Clauses.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_15-16_Further_Devolution_for_Scotland- The_Draft_Clauses.pdf)

#### Constitutional implications of the Government's draft Scotland clauses

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmselect/cmpolcon/1022/1022.pdf>

#### Social Security for Scotland: Benefits being devolved to the Scottish Parliament

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00473452.pdf>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Scottish Cuisine

**Hanzala Malik:** To ask the Scottish Government what it will do in Glasgow to promote the contributions of ethnic minority communities to Scottish cuisine for the Year of Food and Drink Scotland 2015, such as the reported creation of Chicken Tikka Masala by the Shish Mahal restaurant. [S4W-24662]

**Reply from Fergus Ewing:** Scotland's natural larder will be showcased over the next 12 months at events the length and breadth of the country to raise awareness of the role food and drink plays in the country's cultural identity and in shaping the nation's economic success.

The Scottish Government is also currently working with BEMIS (a national umbrella body supporting minority ethnic community organisations in Scotland) to develop their plans to engage a multi-cultural Scotland in the Year of Food and Drink. This builds on the success of the multi-cultural Homecoming celebration in 2014 led by BEMIS, supported by a £40k funding contribution from the Scottish Government, which attracted over 6000 participants to 43 diverse events across the country designed by communities themselves. For 90% of the communities involved in the multi-cultural Homecoming celebration this was the first time they had participated in a national celebratory event of this scale and all of the organisations involved expressed a willingness to participate in the future.

Further announcements on partner plans to specifically engage Scotland's multi-cultural communities in the celebration of the 2015 Year of Food and Drink will follow in due course.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-24662&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Press Release

**Legislation process should be improved, says Committee**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/87924.aspx>

### New Publication

**Legislation and the Scottish Parliament**

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Reports/stpr-15-03w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Reports/stpr-15-03w.pdf)

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Religious Buildings: Security

**Greg Mulholland** [226670] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans her Department has to fund increased security costs for synagogues and mosques.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The police have increased their operational response to possible threats to the British Jews and Muslims following recent attacks in Europe, and arrangements to ensure the safety and security of citizens

## Other UK Parliament and Government Parliamentary Questions (continued)

from all backgrounds remain under regular review. Together with the police we are carefully considering what more can and should be done to protect people of different faiths and their institutions in the current climate.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-03-09/226670/>

### **Female Genital Mutilation/Early Forced Marriage**

**Mark Pawsey** What recent progress [has the] Department [for International Development] made on its policies and programmes to tackle female genital mutilation and early forced marriage. [908142]

**Reply from the Secretary of State for International Development (Justine Greening):** Last year's girl summit achieved unprecedented international commitments to end both practices. We are now tracking to ensure that those commitments and deliverables are delivered, and supporting national efforts in more than 25 countries. The UK is the largest donor on female genital mutilation and we are implementing major new programmes to end child and forced marriage.

**Mark Pawsey:** Violence against women is always unacceptable, but female genital mutilation is child abuse and illegal. In the UK, there is increasing awareness of this repugnant practice as a result of the work of agencies such as the Kaiza project in my constituency. What efforts are the Government making to improve international awareness of efforts to combat FGM and to bring the perpetrators to justice in courts across the world?

**Reply from Justine Greening:** I commend the work of the Kaiza project in my hon. Friend's constituency. It does absolutely vital work locally. Internationally, we are working closely with national Governments in the affected countries to support the development and implementation of legislation and policy to end FGM. When a case reaches prosecution, it means that there has been a failure to prevent a girl from being cut, so our programme is focusing particularly on prevention.

**Ann Clwyd:** As the Minister knows, I have a particular interest in this subject, as I changed and tightened up the law in 2003. The Easter holidays are coming up, and many young girls will be taken out of the UK to their countries of origin in the school holidays to have FGM practised on them. What are we doing across Departments to protect those girls from that awful fate?

**Reply from Justine Greening:** There are two things. First, there is improved guidance from the Department for Education and, secondly, the right hon. Lady will know that at the girl summit last year we broadened the ability to prosecute people who are taking girls abroad to be cut.

**Malcolm Bruce:** I commend the Secretary of State, her Department and her Ministers for their campaigning work on this issue on behalf of women and girls. May I ask her not to hold back in countries such as Sierra Leone, where secret societies perpetrate female genital mutilation? The girls do not even know what is happening to them and they do not discuss it. Will she work with campaigners in that country to ensure that the matter is addressed?

**Reply from Justine Greening:** My right hon. Friend is right to address that point. In spite of the challenges that Sierra Leone faces with Ebola, FGM has, ironically, stopped. This is because it was one of the main ways in which the disease could spread. The key now is to prevent those practices from coming back, and I am already having discussions on that. ...

**To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm150318/debtext/150318-0001.htm#15031840000013>

## Other UK Parliament and Government (continued) Press Releases

### Nowruz 2015: Prime Minister's message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nowruz-2015-prime-ministers-message>

### Foreign Secretary offers best wishes for Nowruz

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-offers-best-wishes-for-nowruz>

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## New Publications

### Targeted Regulation of Scottish Charities: progressive, preventative and proportionate

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/1851/2015-03-17-targeted-regulation-report-final-published.pdf>

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

### Scottish Parliament

#### Assisted Suicide Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/69604.aspx>

#### \*\* Community Empowerment Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/77926.aspx>

Proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Community%20Empowerment%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b52s4-stage2-ml3-LG.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Community%20Empowerment%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b52s4-stage2-ml3-LG.pdf)

Stage 2 consideration of amendments, Local Government and Regeneration Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9861&i=90339#ScotParlOR>

#### Criminal Justice Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/65155.aspx>

#### \*\* Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/84356.aspx>

Stage 1 evidence session, Justice Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9857&i=90288#ScotParlOR>

Stage 1 evidence session on the financial memorandum, Finance Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9864&i=90367#ScotParlOR>

## **Bills in Progress** (continued) **UK Parliament**

### **Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/arbitrationandmediationservicesequality.html>

### **Assisted Dying Bill** (England and Wales only)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

### **Asylum (Time Limit) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/asylumtimelimit.html>

### **Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

### **\*\* Modern Slavery Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/modernslavery.html>

House of Commons consideration of House of Lords amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm150317/debtext/150317-0001.htm#15031750000002>

House of Commons Disagreements and Amendments in Lieu

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2014-2015/0104/150104.htm>

### **UK Borders Control Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/ukborderscontrol.html>

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## **Consultations**

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### **Modern Slavery and Supply Chains Consultation** (closing date 7 May 2015)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/403575/2015-02-12\\_TISC\\_Consultation\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/403575/2015-02-12_TISC_Consultation_FINAL.pdf)

### **Draft Charity Test Guidance Consultation** (closing date 26 May 2015)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/about/our-work/consultations/draft-charity-test-guidance-consultation>

### **What's Changed about Being Jewish in Scotland?** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JewishinScotland2015>

### **Discrimination in Football Survey** (no closing date given)

[http://efemico.eu/main\\_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html](http://efemico.eu/main_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html)

### **Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK** (no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

### **Advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe** (no closing date given)

<http://www.amase.eu/wp/be-part-of-amase/>

## Consultations (continued)

### **Inquiry into the recruitment and appointment practices on company boards**

(no closing date given)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/our-legal-work/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-recruitment-and-appointment-practices-company-boards>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Faith in Scotland Community Action Fund: major grant**

*Closing date for applications: 30 April 2015*

Grants of up to £15,000 over three years for locally based faith groups in Scotland to undertake practical action in response to community need, particularly in the economically poorest urban and rural communities. For information see

<http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/how-to-apply/>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **Women in Employment: Advancing Equal Opportunities**

24 March 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

BEMIS conference in partnership with STUC, Scottish Refugee Council, Scottish Women's Convention and GRAMNet. For more information see [http://bemis.org.uk/events-files/wie\\_programme\\_web.pdf](http://bemis.org.uk/events-files/wie_programme_web.pdf) or contact [events@bemis.org.uk](mailto:events@bemis.org.uk)

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### **Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children, and Young People**

25 (9.30-4.30pm) & 26 (9.30-12.30pm) March 2015 in Edinburgh

15 (9.30-4.30pm) & 16 (9.30-12.30pm) April 2015 in Edinburgh

Shakti Women's Aid course to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing minority ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <https://shaktibmetraining.eventbrite.co.uk/> or contact Ola or Mridul 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

**\*\* this week!**

### **Tackling Sectarianism**

26 March 2015 in Glasgow (4.00 – 8.00)

Performances of three specially commissioned productions aimed at tackling sectarianism and raising awareness of this complex issue. For information and to book tickets see <http://tinyurl.com/ml8afax>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

15 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

20 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 May 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

2 June 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Supporting Refugee Women**

28 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of the issues and legal systems impact specifically on refugee women. This includes discussing issues of FGM and sexual violence. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Essentials of Asylum**

6 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide information about the UK asylum process, including the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee, asylum support, and rights and entitlements. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

### **Working with Interpreters**

14 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate clearly and effectively with people when working with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

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## Useful Links

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

**Scottish Government** <http://www.gov.scot/>

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

**GovUK (links to UK Government Departments)** <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

**One Scotland** <http://onescotland.org/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

**Interfaith Scotland** <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

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**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

**Equality Advisory Support Service** <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

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

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

**SCVO** <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

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

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

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

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

**BBC News** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

**BBC Democracy Live** [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 Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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/>



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://onescotland.org/>

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