

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Press Releases

**UK must take action on refugees**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/UK-must-take-action-on-refugees-191a.aspx>

**Prime Minister speech on immigration**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-speech-on-immigration>

**Scottish Migration Figures**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scottish-Migration-Figures-1911.aspx>

**Prime Minister pledges to control and reduce immigration**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-pledges-to-control-and-reduce-immigration>

**Opening Statement by Commissioner Avramopoulos at the European Parliament Plenary Debate on the European Agenda on Migration**

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-15-5008\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-15-5008_en.htm?locale=en)

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### New Publications

#### **Migration statistics, quarterly report: May 2015**

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/migration-statistics-quarterly-report/may-2015/index.html>

#### **Immigration statistics, January to March 2015: data tables**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2015-data-tables>

#### **Monthly asylum application tables: March 2015**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/428757/asylum-mar2015.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/428757/asylum-mar2015.ods)

#### **Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers: April 2015**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/428773/children-detention-apr2015.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/428773/children-detention-apr2015.ods)

#### **Refugee Peer Education for Health and Well-Being: Evaluation Report**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/9614/Peer\\_Education\\_Evaluation\\_Report\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/9614/Peer_Education_Evaluation_Report_FINAL.pdf)

### News

#### **David Cameron announces plans to set up Immigration Taskforce to cut migration**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-announces-plans-to-set-up-immigration-taskforce-to-cut-migration-10267048.html>

#### **Net migration reaches 318,000 – up 100,000 in the past 12 months**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/net-migration-reaches-318000--up-100000-in-the-past-12-months-10265983.html>

#### **PM sticks to target as immigration soars**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4446981.ece>

#### **Cameron under fire for refusing to ditch 'stupid' promise to cut net migration to the tens of thousands as annual figure rockets to record high of 318,000**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3090684/Immigration-figures-released-Cameron-promises-crackdown.html>

#### **David Cameron won't 'cave in' on migration target despite new figures**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-32816454>

#### **I won't give up, vows Cameron as immigration figures soar**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4447776.ece>

#### **David Cameron unveils immigration crackdown**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/david-cameron-unveils-immigration-crackdown.126844214>

#### **PM vows to cut UK net migration to under 100,000**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/pm-vows-to-cut-uk-net-migration-to-under-100-000-1-3780394>

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

**Cameron announces fresh crackdown on immigration with new criminal offence of illegal working**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/cameron-announces-fresh-crackdown-on-immigration-with-new-criminal-off.126706584>

**David Cameron reiterates commitment to cutting net migration**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/may/19/david-cameron-reiterates-commitment-to-cutting-net-migration>

**Cameron's immigration bill to include crackdown on illegal workers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/may/20/immigration-bill-to-include-crackdown-on-illegal-foreign-workers>

**Figures show immigration surge as Cameron unveils illegal working bill**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/may/21/figures-show-migration-surge-as-david-cameron-unveils-illegal-working-bill>

**Cameron to set out tough new rules for immigrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4446659.ece>

**Illegal migrant workers will have wages seized, vows David Cameron**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11619065/Illegal-migrant-workers-will-have-wages-seized-vows-David-Cameron.html>

**Illegal immigrants' pay will be seized, pledges David Cameron**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/wages-paid-to-illegal-immigrants-will-be-confiscated-by-the-police-says-david-cameron-10265383.html?origin=internalSearch>

**David Cameron will never hit his immigration target. Here's why**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/politics-blog/11602078/Immigration-how-will-the-Conservatives-tackle-it.html>

**Yet more promises and new laws won't solve Britain's problem with immigration**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/politics-blog/11619276/Yet-more-promises-and-new-laws-wont-solve-Britains-problem-with-immigration.html>

**East Europeans in low-skill jobs 'add little to economy'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/economics/article4445248.ece>

**The UK has a tradition of providing safety to those fleeing persecution — yet half of them will end up in detention**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/the-uk-has-a-tradition-of-providing-safety-to-those-fleeing-persecution--yet-half-of-them-will-end-up-in-detention-10258702.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Legal migrants in UK 'too scared of arrest to seek medical treatment', says charity**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/legal-migrants-in-uk-too-scared-of-arrest-to-seek-medical-treatment-says-charity-10256685.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Immigration has never been higher – and that's no reason to panic**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/may/22/uk-immigration-never-higher-good-news>

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### News (continued)

#### **Communities need help coping with immigrants**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11621369/Communities-need-help-coping-with-immigrants.html>

#### **The unsayable truth about immigration: it's been a stunning success for Britain**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11622192/The-unsayable-truth-about-immigration-its-been-a-stunning-success-for-Britain.html>

#### **Immigration nation: where are Britain's migrants coming from, and why?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/politics-blog/11622718/Immigration-nation-where-are-the-Britains-migrants-coming-from-and-why.html>

#### **Refugee boss: 'UK must do more to save lives of people in Mediterranean migrant crisis'**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/refugee-boss-uk-must-do-more-to-save-lives-of-people-in-mediterranean-207099n.125187235>

#### **Let's eat together: how immigration made British food great**

<http://www.theguardian.com/global/2015/may/24/lets-eat-together-cooking-immigration-britain-food>

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## Community Relations

### News

#### **Children believe Muslims are taking over**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4445408.ece>

#### **Cardinal: Muslims are on the periphery just as Catholics used to be**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/hay-festival/11626061/Cardinal-Muslims-are-on-the-periphery-just-as-Catholics-used-to-be.html>

#### **Is it time to ditch the term 'black, Asian and minority ethnic' (BAME)?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/may/22/black-asian-minority-ethnic-bame-bme-trevor-phillips-racial-minorities>

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## Equality

### Press Release

#### **Partnership launched during Scottish Apprenticeship Week to increase participation**

A new partnership aimed at encouraging more ethnic minority groups to undertake Modern Apprenticeships has been launched by Skills Development Scotland and BEMIS have joined forces in a bid to raise awareness of Modern Apprenticeships among ethnic

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minority communities and increase their participation in the programme. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/pos7cgu> or contact Frances Ridge 0141 285 6131 / [frances.ridge@sds.co.uk](mailto:frances.ridge@sds.co.uk) or Danny Boyle 0141 548 8047 / [danny.boyle@bemis.org.uk](mailto:danny.boyle@bemis.org.uk)

## New Publications

### **Gathered Together: Experiences of Parental Involvement Among Families From Ethnic Minorities**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Experiences-of-Parents-from-Ethnic-Minorities-Report.pdf>

### **Gathered Together: Ethnic Minority Parental Involvement within Parent Groups**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ethnic-Minority-Parental-Involvement-within-Parent-Groups.pdf>

### **Gathered Together: Scotland, People and Language Forum**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Scotland-People-and-Language-Forum-report.pdf>

### **Review of Gathered Together training with Parent Councils 2014**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Involving-All-Parents-Report-on-Work-with-Parent-Councils.pdf>

### **Gathered Together: Good Practice Guide for Schools**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Involving-All-Parents-Good-Practice-for-Schools.pdf>

### **Gathered Together: Good Practice Guide for Parent Councils**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Involving-All-Parents-Good-Practice-for-PCs.pdf>

### **Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla) Mission Statement**

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Gathered-Together-Strategy-Inf-Document.pdf>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Press Release

#### **Further £3 million announced to tackle sectarianism**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Further-3-million-announced-to-tackle-sectarianism-1915.aspx>

### New Publication

#### **Attitudes of Young People**

<http://www.theredcard.org/uploaded/The%20Attitudes%20of%20Young%20People%20-%20SRtRC%20study.pdf>

## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination** (continued) **News**

**Study into attitudes of young people reveals widespread misconceptions about immigration**

<http://www.srtrc.org/news/news-and-events?news=5776>

**Perception vs. Reality: Young people's perceptions of society lead to concerns about the potential development of prejudice**

<http://www.srtrc.org/news/news-and-events?news=5778>

**Racist and anti-immigration views held by children revealed in schools study**

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/may/19/most-children-think-immigrants-are-stealing-jobs-schools-study-shows>

**England's young people aren't racist – but they need better education**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/may/20/england-young-people-racist-education>

**Almost a third of school pupils believe 'Muslims are taking over our country', study claims**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/almost-a-third-of-school-pupils-believe-muslims-are-taking-over-our-country-study-claims-10261565.html>

**JD Wetherspoon ordered to pay £24,000 in damages after judge rules staff denied Gypsies and Travellers entry**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/jd-wetherspoon-ordered-to-pay-24000-in-damages-after-judge-rules-staff-denied-gypsies-and-travellers-entry-10258848.html>

**Gay marriage 'Bert and Ernie' cake bakery found guilty of discrimination in Northern Ireland**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/gay-marriage-bert-and-ernie-cake-row-to-hear-ruling-of-judge-in-northern-ireland-10259865.html>

**'Bert and Ernie' cake case in Northern Ireland sparks debate over human rights and religion**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/bert-and-ernie-cake-case-in-northern-ireland-sparks-debate-over-human-rights-and-religion-10261274.html>

**Christian-owned bakery which refused to make 'Bert and Ernie' gay marriage cake found guilty of discrimination**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3087624/Christian-owned-bakery-refused-make-Bert-Ernie-gay-marriage-cake-GUILTY-discrimination.html>

**Christian bakery guilty of discrimination over 'gay cake'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4444878.ece>

**Christian bakery guilty of discrimination over gay marriage cake refusal**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11614694/Christian-bakery-guilty-of-discrimination-over-gay-marriage-cake-refusal.html>

**Bert and Ernie gay marriage cake ruling 'banishes religion from commercial world'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11616193/Bert-and-Ernie-gay-marriage-cake-ruling-banishes-religion-from-commercial-world.html>

## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### News (continued)

**The 'gay cake' ruling against a Christian bakery could lead to even more discrimination**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/general-election-2015/politics-blog/11615045/The-gay-cake-ruling-against-a-Christian-bakery-could-lead-to-even-more-discrimination.html>

**Business boost for anti-sectarian charity**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/business-boost-for-anti-sectarian-charity-207649n.126559949>

**How Scottish women really feel about sectarianism**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/revealed-how-scottish-women-really-feel-about-sectarianism.126971507>

**Black academic claims he was denied university job over his plans to 'put white hegemony under the microscope'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/black-academic-claims-he-was-denied-university-job-over-his-plans-to-put-white-hegemony-under-the-microscope-10270949.html>

**Group of students refused entry to Leicester nightclub 'because they are black'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/group-of-students-refused-entry-to-leicester-nightclub-because-they-are-black-10270145.html?origin=internalSearch>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Press Release

**Scotland Office memorandum leak: Cabinet Office inquiry statement**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/scotland-office-memorandum-leak-cabinet-office-inquiry-statement>

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## New Publications

**Race and the 2015 General Election Part 1: Black and Minority Ethnic Voters**

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/equality/race-and-the-2015-general-election-black-and-minority-ethnic-voters/>

**Race and the 2015 General Election Part 2: Voting patterns by ethnic group**

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/uncategorized/race-and-the-2015-general-election-part-2-voting-patterns-by-ethnic-group/>

**Race and the General Election Part 3: Black and minority ethnic MPs**

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/equality/race-and-the-general-election-part-3-black-and-minority-ethnic-mps/>

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## Other News

### **Campaigners provide support to Muslims who suffer diabetes during Ramadan**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/campaigners-provide-support-to-muslims-who-suffer-diabetes-during-ramadan.127013966>

### **Ayrshire black pudding producer apologises for Halal label**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/ayrshire-black-pudding-producer-apologises-for-halal-label-1-3776950>

### **Aldi apologises after selling pork products as 'halal'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/aldi-apologises-after-selling-pork-products-as-halal-10257087.html?origin=internalSearch>

### **White children are less likely to enjoy reading than other ethnic groups, study finds**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/white-children-are-less-likely-to-enjoy-reading-than-other-ethnic-groups-study-finds-10261239.html>

### **A class action against FGM**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/newsreview/education/article1559573.ece>

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## Bills in Progress

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### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **\*\* Assisted Suicide Bill**

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

Patrick Harvie MSP: Response to the Stage 1 report

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_HealthandSportCommittee/Assisted%20Suicide%20Bill%20submissions/Member in Charge of the Bill response to Stage 1 Report.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_HealthandSportCommittee/Assisted%20Suicide%20Bill%20submissions/Member%20in%20Charge%20of%20the%20Bill%20response%20to%20Stage%201%20Report.pdf)

#### **Community Empowerment Bill**

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

#### **\*\* Community Justice Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/88702.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Community%20Justice%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b68s4-introd.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Community%20Justice%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b68s4-introd.pdf)

Explanatory Notes

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Community%20Justice%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b68s4-introd-en.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Community%20Justice%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b68s4-introd-en.pdf)

Policy Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Community%20Justice%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b68s4-introd-pm.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Community%20Justice%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b68s4-introd-pm.pdf)

Delegated Powers Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/DPM\\_-\\_Final\\_version.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/DPM_-_Final_version.pdf)



## Bills in Progress

### Scottish Parliament (continued)

#### **\*\* Criminal Justice Bill**

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

Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB\\_15-27\\_Criminal\\_Justice\\_Scotland\\_Bill\\_Update.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_15-27_Criminal_Justice_Scotland_Bill_Update.pdf)

#### **Education Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/87330.aspx>

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

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

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## Consultations

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

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

**The economic impact of the Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) route** (closing date 12 June 2015)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/416129/Call\\_for\\_Evidence\\_Tier\\_1\\_Entrepreneurs.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/416129/Call_for_Evidence_Tier_1_Entrepreneurs.pdf)

**Race, ethnicity and employment** (closing date 1 July 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89097.aspx>

**\*\* Community Justice Bill** (closing date 12 August 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89658.aspx>

**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/>

**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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## Events/Conferences/Training

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

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>

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### **CRER Community Ambassadors training day**

28 May 2015 in Glasgow

CRER training day to support the Scottish Government's development of a new framework on race equality for Scotland. The Community Ambassadors Programme aims to ensure minority ethnic communities' voices are at the forefront of this process.

For information see <http://tinyurl.com/modkjl> or contact Carol Yong [carol@crer.org.uk](mailto:carol@crer.org.uk)

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### **Health and Happy in Glasgow**

29 May 2015 in Glasgow (10.00 – 2.00)

Advice and information day for women refugees and asylum seekers. For information see

[http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/15v\\_healthy\\_and\\_happy.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/15v_healthy_and_happy.pdf) or contact Claire

Fuller 0141 3552 3201 / [CFuller@rapecrisiscentre-glasgow.co.uk](mailto:CFuller@rapecrisiscentre-glasgow.co.uk)

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### **Launch of Minority Ethnic Employment Training Support (MEETS) project**

29 May 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council project to support people from minority ethnic communities entering employment or education. For information see

<http://www.wsrec.co.uk/index.php/projects/meets> or contact [meets@wsrec.co.uk](mailto:meets@wsrec.co.uk)

### **Refugee Festival Scotland**

3 to 21 June 2015, Scotland-wide

The theme for Refugee Festival Scotland 2015 is 'Celebrate'. The festival celebrates not only the contribution refugees make to the vibrancy of our communities and cultural life, but also Scotland as a place that offers protection to people fleeing conflict and persecution where can rebuild their lives in safety: something we can all be proud of. For information about events during the festival see the full programme

<http://tinyurl.com/qbr26t9> or contact the Scottish Refugee Council 0141 248 9799 / [info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**\*\* Educator training – Equalities and Parental Involvement**

9 June 2015 in Leith (4.30 – 6.30)

Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla) training for education professionals to enable them to improve engagement with all parents, particularly those from ethnic minorities. For information see

<http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/event/equalities-and-parental-involvement/> or contact [mail@bemis.org.uk](mailto:mail@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* Parent Council training - Equalities and Engagement**

9 June 2015 in Leith (7.00 – 9.00)

11 June 2015 in Glenrothes (6.00 – 8.00)

16 June 2015 in Glasgow (6.00 – 8.00)

Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla) training for Parent Councils to enable them to engage with all the parents in their school, particularly parents from ethnic minorities. We will explore in detail equalities practice and practical steps that Parent Councils can take to promote greater participation. For information contact [mail@bemis.org.uk](mailto:mail@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047 or see <http://tinyurl.com/qzd4x7a> (Leith), <http://tinyurl.com/o99sg5j> (Glenrothes), or <http://tinyurl.com/ozbjqok> (Glasgow)

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

16th (9.30-4.30) & 17th (9.30-12.30) June 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: <http://shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/events-training/> or contact Ola or Mridul 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **Clore Social Fellowship Programme**

Closing date for applications 25 June 2015

12 month full time or 24 month part time programme including, amongst other things, residential courses, coaching and mentoring, and a practice-based research project. General fellowships and specialist fellowships in migrant communities, gender equality, youth work, older people, and other areas. For information see <http://cloresocialleadership.org.uk/Fellowship-Programme>

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**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/>

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

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

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

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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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