

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament has been dissolved, and will not meet again until after the General Election that will take place on 8 June. Parliamentary questions that have not already been answered will not now receive any response. The Speaker will be elected on 13 June, after which new MPs will be sworn in, and the State Opening of Parliament will take place on 19 June.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-05802 Christina McKelvie on Behalf of Equalities and Human Rights Committee: Hidden Lives New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland – That the Parliament recognises that destitution has a detrimental impact on people, affecting their mental health, their ability to access health care, and also increases their risk of exploitation and abuse; thanks those who shared their personal experience of being destitute with the Equalities and Human Rights Committee; notes that destitution can also impact on families, communities and on the provision of

support from non-governmental organisations and public authorities, and notes the findings and recommendations of the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's 3rd Report 2017 (Session 5), *Hidden Lives New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland* (SP Paper 147).

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-05802>

Press Releases

MSPs call for new anti-destitution strategy

<http://www.parliament.scot/newsandmediacentre/104990.aspx>

OM, EU Aid Victims of Human Trafficking through New Online Platform

<https://www.iom.int/news/iom-eu-aid-victims-human-trafficking-through-new-online-platform>

New Publications

Hidden Lives - New Beginnings: Destitution, asylum and insecure immigration status in Scotland

http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Reports/EHRiC_3rd_Report_2017.pdf

User Guide to Home Office Immigration Statistics

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/614862/user-guide-immigration-statistics.pdf

Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: May 2017

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/may2017/pdf>

Short-Term International Migration for England and Wales: year ending June 2015

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/shortterminternationalmigrationannualreport/mid2015estimates/pdf>

National Insurance Numbers Allocated to Adult Overseas Nationals

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615712/nino-registrations-adult-overseas-nationals-march-2017.pdf

Overview of the immigration system

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/overview-of-the-immigration-system>

Summary of latest immigration statistics

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/summary-of-latest-statistics>

How many people come to the UK each year?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-come-to-the-uk-each-year>

Why do people come to the UK? (1) To visit

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-1-to-visit>

Why do people come to the UK? (2) To work

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-2-to-work>

Why do people come to the UK? (3) To study

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-3-to-study>

Why do people come to the UK? (4) For family reasons

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/why-do-people-come-to-the-uk-4-for-family-reasons>

How many people do we grant asylum or protection to?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-do-we-grant-asylum-or-protection-to>

How many people continue their stay in the UK?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-continue-their-stay-in-the-uk>

How many people are detained or returned?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/how-many-people-are-detained-or-returned>

International migration and the changing nature of housing in England – what does the available evidence show?

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/articles/internationalmigrationandthechangingnatureofhousinginenglandwhatoestheavailableevidenceshow/2017-05-25/pdf>

News

Net migration falls by a quarter as EU citizens leave UK

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/net-migration-falls-by-a-quarter-as-eu-citizens-leave-uk-1-4457666>

Net long-term migration fell below 250,000 in 2016

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/434440/significant-fall-in-net-long-term-migration-to-uk/>

Net migration from Eastern Europe to Britain slows to a trickle after Brexit vote

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/25/net-migration-eastern-europe-slows-trickle/>

Net migration falls by a quarter as eastern Europeans return home

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/net-migration-falls-by-a-quarter-as-eastern-europeans-return-home-3m572zk8x>

Net migration success is a hollow victory

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/net-migration-success-is-a-hollow-victory-6mrl6lj2d>

Number of asylum seekers waiting more than six months for decision rises more than 70% in a year

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-seekers-wait-six-months-more-decision-rise-80-per-cent-figures-home-office-refugee-council-a7755626.html>

Destitution 'built in' to asylum process

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-39999922>

MSPs demand more support for asylum seekers

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15300194.MSPs_demand_more_support_for_asylum_seekers/

Tories distance themselves from report over 'destitution built in asylum system'

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/431605/tories-distance-themselves-from-report-over-destitution-built-in-asylum-system/>

Migrants stop working harder than Brits after two years, study finds

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/24/migrants-stop-working-harder-brits-two-years-study-finds/>

East Europeans work harder then become lazy like the British

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/east-europeans-work-harder-then-become-lazy-like-the-british-5qzpcmk3c>

Migrants lose their 'strong work ethic' after just two years in Britain

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4539962/Proof-British-toil-just-hard-Eastern-Europeans.html>

Surge in Poles leaving UK since Brexit vote fuels immigration drop

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/may/25/surge-in-poles-leaving-uk-since-brexit-vote-fuels-net-migration-drop>

The way asylum seekers are treated in the UK is a silent scandal

<https://www.theguardian.com/public-leaders-network/2017/may/27/asylum-seekers-silent-scandal-home-office-legal-aid-cuts-refugees>

Lynn Barber: I took an asylum seeker into my home. It didn't end well

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/magazine/the-sunday-times-magazine/lynn-barber-i-took-an-asylum-seeker-into-my-home-it-didn-t-end-well-xtzn7gw99>

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Community Relations

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Muslim man comforts elderly Jewish woman in symbol of Manchester's unity

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/manchester-muslim-man-jewish-woman-picture-photo-image-elderly-unity-terror-bombing-a7754161.html>

Muslim man seen comforting elderly Jewish woman at Manchester memorial

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/24/muslim-man-seen-comforting-elderly-jewish-woman-manchester-memorial/>

It was the photo that touched Britain, a Jewish woman and a Muslim man united in grief. The story of their 10-year friendship will restore your faith in humanity

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4546604/Ten-year-friendship-Jewish-woman-Muslim-man.html>

Manchester attack: Islamic community organises 'peace walk'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-40076591>

Majority of Britons think minorities threaten UK culture, report says

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/25/majority-of-britons-think-minorities-threaten-uk-culture-report-says>

Most Britons 'believe UK culture is threatened by ethnic minorities'

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/434111/most-britons-believe-uk-culture-is-threatened-by-ethnic-minorities/>

Britons fear culture is under threat from minorities

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/britons-fear-culture-is-under-threat-from-minorities-78kpdpwng>

Propaganda will make Muslims more hated, says Muslim scholar

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/propaganda-will-make-muslims-more-hated-says-muslim-scholar-1-4456070>

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Equality

News

Leading charities unite for greater political diversity

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/leading-charities-unite-for-greater-political-diversity>

Oxford bows to demand for black history

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/oxford-bows-to-demand-for-black-history-cecil-rhodes-must-fall-oriel-martin-luther-king-rwfl7tqql>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News

Glasgow Muslims fear hate crime backlash

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15308199.Glasgow_Muslims_fear_hate_crime_backlash/

Manchester attack: Hate crime 'doubles' after incident

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-40064424>

Rise in hate crime reports since attack

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rise-in-hate-crime-reports-since-attack-nc6hgfkm>

'When are you going to stop bombing people?' 14-year-old Muslim girl taunted in Manchester

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/24/going-stop-bombing-people-14-year-old-muslim-girl-taunted-manchester/>

Manchester attack: Head of Muslim anti-extremism charity spat on and told 'you killed children'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/manchester-attack-mohammed-shafiq-ramadhan-foundation-anti-extremist-charity-spat-at-killed-children-a7753861.html>

Boy, 16, attacked with knife in Manchester 'hate crime'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-40076243>

Mosque attacked by arsonists in Oldham in suspected revenge attack for Manchester bombing

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/oldham-mosque-attack-manchester-bombing-arson-revenge-suspected-police-a7751866.html>

Muslim leaders in Manchester report rise in Islamophobic incidents

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/may/24/muslim-leaders-in-manchester-report-rise-in-islamophobic-incidents>

'Shabby racist' jailed after kicking pregnant Muslim woman in stomach 'causing her to lose baby'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/muslim-pregnant-woman-kick-david-gallacher-racist-stomach-lose-baby-samsam-haji-ali-bletchley-a7753591.html>

Racist kicked woman so hard she lost her baby

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-23/news/racist-kicked-woman-so-hard-she-lost-her-baby-nnz9962nj>

Man jailed for pregnant woman attack at Bletchley Co-op

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-40002497>

When algorithms are racist

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/may/28/joy-buolamwini-when-algorithms-are-racist-facial-recognition-bias>

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General Election

New Publications

Labour Party Manifesto (Scotland)

<http://www.scottishlabour.org.uk/page/-/Manifesto%202017.pdf>

Green Party Manifesto (UK)

<https://www.greenparty.org.uk/assets/files/gp2017/greenguaranteepdf.pdf>

News

Guide to the parties taking part in general election 2017

<http://www.bbc.com/news/election-2017-40011386>

The Greens' manifesto at-a-glance: Summary of key points

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2017-40003019>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Statements

First Minister: Security

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10965&i=100239#ScotParlOR>

Party Leaders: Attack on Manchester

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10963&i=100217#ScotParlOR>

Press Releases

Manchester Incident

<https://news.gov.scot/news/manchester-incident>

First Minister addresses parliament on Manchester attack

<https://news.gov.scot/news/first-minister-addresses-parliament-on-manchester-attack>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Releases

PM statement following terrorist attack in Manchester: 23 May 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-following-terrorist-attack-in-manchester-23-may-2017>

Home Secretary's statement on the Manchester attack

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretarys-statement-on-the-manchester-attack>

Generous public should make sure donations go to genuine charities supporting the victims in Manchester

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/generous-public-should-make-sure-donations-go-to-genuine-charities-supporting-the-victims-in-manchester-says-charity-regulator>

Ramadan 2017: Prime Minister's message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ramadan-2017-prime-ministers-message>

Ramadan statement

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ramadan-statement>

Check before you give to genuine registered charities this Ramadan

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/check-before-you-give-to-genuine-registered-charities-this-ramadan>

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New Publication

Your right to social security in Scotland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChPfGgNr6n4>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Domestic Abuse Bill

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 July 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

Recommendation on Promoting social inclusion and shared values through formal and non-formal learning (closing date 11 August 2017)

http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/social-inclusion-shared-values-learning_en#documents

Social Enterprise Census 2017 (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>

Here to Stay? Young Eastern Europeans' experiences of life in the UK (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/heretostayproject>

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017

No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated
BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is delighted to continue the themed years programme and invite multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the 2017/18 Scottish Winter Festivals.

This programme will enable Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations which are taking place across Scotland.

Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to stage an event to tell the story of their community's history and heritage in Scotland using 'intangible cultural heritage' – for example: language, music, song, dance or storytelling.

For more information see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-grant-guidelines.pdf>

For an application form see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-application-form.docx>

**** Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowships: Migration – Living Well Together Closing date: 19 September 2017**

Applications are welcome for projects focused on strengthening cohesion and communication, tackling isolation and supporting communities to live harmoniously together and realise their economic potential. For information see

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/categories/migration-living-well-together>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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**** This week!**

BBC Ask the Leaders debates

Willie Rennie 29 May 2017 (5.30–7.30 at Pacific Quay, Glasgow,)

Kezia Dugdale 30 May 2017 (5.30–7.30 at Pacific Quay, Glasgow,)

Ruth Davidson 1 June 2017 (5.30–7.30 at Pacific Quay, Glasgow,)

Nicola Sturgeon 2 June 2017 (5.30–7.30 at Pacific Quay, Glasgow,)

BBC Scotland will be hosting a series of 'Ask the Leader' debates before the general election on the 8th of June. For more information and to apply to join the audience see

<https://ssl.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/w6GTzVbzTzyVpQDTySqVZ2/ask-the-leaders-be-in-the-audience>

**** This week!**

Equality Hustings for the 2017 General Election

30 May 2017 in Edinburgh (6.00-8.30)

Equalities and human rights hustings providing an opportunity to consider the manifesto commitments of the political parties within the context of prevailing equality and human rights issues. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/m6rmjs3>

**** This week!**

Working with Interpreters

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and

their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** This week!**

Integration and Working with Syrian Families

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** This week!**

Making change happen: Using the courts to make rights a reality

1 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Human Rights Consortium Scotland workshop to discuss how organisations can use the law and the courts to bring about social change. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/l8hfxsm>

**** Unaccompanied Minors: Law, Policy and Practice: Protection**

6 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10-4.30)

Royal Society of Edinburgh workshop to explore the needs and concerns of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9g4z9of>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

7 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

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

12 June 2017 in Edinburgh (9.00-4.30) and

13 June 2017 in Edinburgh 9.00-12.00)

Shakti training to include definitions of domestic abuse; how domestic abuse affects women and families from BME communities, and BME children and young people; the concept of 'honour' and how it affects BME women experiencing domestic abuse; forced marriage; and immigration issues including entitlement to support. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/yb69e4h2>

Working together to end FGM in Scotland

15 June 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.00)

Waverley Care seminar to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Scotland and hear from community campaigners and local service providers about what progress has been made in tackling FGM, and what needs to happen to positively move forward. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/lmhke3u>

**** Unaccompanied Minors: Law, Policy and Practice: Integration**

23 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10-4.00)

Royal Society of Edinburgh workshop to explore the needs and concerns of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9gcvq38>

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

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

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

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

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

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

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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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <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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