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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-07076 Bob Doris (SNP): Migrant Voice, Glasgow – That the Parliament congratulates the charity, Migrant Voice, on being awarded £9,992 by the Big Lottery Fund to support its work in providing a platform for members of migrant communities by offering training and capacity building sessions, support with media skills and producing a free newspaper; notes that the award will be used to explore migrants' experiences of integration through photography and creative writing, which will culminate with an exhibition of photography and text; recognises the creative and innovative work of the charity, which was established in 2014, in helping to raise awareness and understanding of the migrant experience in Glasgow, and is delighted at the great news of it being given this award to continue its good work.

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Asylum: Accommodation Centres

Stuart McDonald (SNP) [3765] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her target is for the maximum amount of time asylum seekers spend in initial accommodation; and in what proportion of cases that target has been met since May 2015.

Reply from Brandon Lewis: The Home Office aims to move asylum seekers from Initial Accommodation to Dispersed Accommodation within 19 days. However, some asylum seekers stay in Initial Accommodation for shorter or longer periods depending on their individual needs. The Home Office closely monitors the length of stay in Initial Accommodation, however historic statistics on the proportion of people who have remained in initial accommodation for longer periods could only be provided at disproportionate cost by examination of individual records.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3765/>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Asylum seekers

Lord Hylton (Crossbench) [HL981] Her Majesty's Government how many failed asylum applicants in the UK are stateless; how many lack the necessary documents to leave the UK; and what action they are taking to enable those who can safely leave to do so.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: I am sorry but the data required to answer the question is not recorded in a way that can be reported on accurately. However, the Home Office publishes figures on the outcome of asylum claims made during each calendar year in the table 01q of the Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics January to March 2017, is available from;

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2017/list-of-tables#asylum>

The UK is a signatory to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. In April 2013, the UK introduced Immigration Rules to allow stateless persons to be formally recognised as stateless and granted leave to remain where they do not otherwise qualify under any other provisions and cannot be removed to the country of their former habitual residence because they are not admissible for purposes of residence there. Those who have committed serious crimes or are considered to be a danger to the security or the public order of the UK are not eligible for stateless leave. Those who qualify under the Immigration Rules are normally granted 30 months limited leave to remain and can apply for further leave when that expires. They are eligible to apply for settlement after completing 5 years limited leave.

Stateless persons and their dependent children, who believe that they have a fear of return to their home country, can also make an application for asylum under the 1951 Refugee Convention. Those who qualify under the Immigration Rules are normally granted limited leave to remain for a 5 year period, with the option to

apply for settlement when that leave expires.

A stateless person may also make an application to register as a British citizen, if they are not recognised as a citizen of any country, providing they meet the qualifying criteria.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-07-18/HL981/>

Detainees

Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL668] Her Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 4 July (HL Deb, col 789) regarding rates of pay for work undertaken by immigration removal centre detainees, how much was paid to detainees in aggregate, and for how many hours' work, in the last year for which figures are available; whether the savings in the running costs of immigration removal centres represented by detainees undertaking work which would otherwise have been paid at commercial rates accrue to (1) HM Treasury, (2) to the immigration removal centre providers, or (3) other bodies or agencies.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Rule 17 of the Detention Centre Rules 2001 permits detainees to engage in paid activities while in detention and is provided as a means to occupy detainees and alleviate boredom.

It is not permitted contractually for private service providers to use the detainee paid work scheme to replace staffing obligations and there are no savings or efficiencies realised by the private service providers or the Home Office from the option for detainees to work in this voluntary scheme.

Management information shows that for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 detainees in immigration removal centres undertook a total of 887,073 hours of paid work, with payments made to detainees totalling £887,565. This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-07-11/HL668/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-04/debates/401FC5D3-ED0D-4EDB-B850-370FE376412B/ImmigrationCentreDetaineesPay>

Immigration Removal Centres

Lord Rosser (Labour) [HL731] Her Majesty's Government, further to the reply by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 4 July (HL Deb, col 789) stating that immigration removal centre providers must make a minimum number of opportunities available for detainees to participate voluntarily in paid activity, whether contracts with immigration removal centre providers assume that detainees will volunteer for a certain number of hours of paid work; and if so, (1) what is the total number of hours of such paid work assumed for each immigration removal centre, and (2) how many hours of paid work were undertaken by detainees in each immigration removal centre, for each of the last five years.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Immigration removal centre (IRC) private service providers are contracted to offer a minimum number of voluntary paid work opportunities for detainees, in accordance with the Detention Centre Rules 2001. There is no contractual assumption that detainees will volunteer for a certain number of hours of paid work.

Management information on the number of hours of paid work undertaken by detainees in each IRC is only available from November 2014 as set out in the table below. This is provisional management information that is subject to change. It has not been assured to the standard of Official Statistics.

Immigration Removal Centre	2014 (Nov to Dec)	2015	2016	2017 (Jan to Apr)	Total hours
Brook House	14,617	86,352	93,467	33,012	227,448
Campsfield House	10,098	63,957	68,302	29,418	171,775
Colnbrook	10,002	73,073	81,876	26,413	191,364
Dungavel	11,166	56,024	47,424	14,128	128,742
Harmondsworth	27,112	135,186	124,439	43,038	329,775
Morton Hall	28,560	160,080	161,192	58,920	408,752
Tinsley House	4,265	26,827	20,347*	Centre closed	51,439
The Verne	39,650	283,771	244,506	78,025	645,952
Yarl's Wood	5,413	35,327	39,524	14,236	94,500
Total	150,883	920,597	881,077	297,190	2,249,747

*Tinsley House closed for refurbishment after September 2016. The total hours worked for Tinsley House for 2016 are therefore only available for January to September 2016.

**Data provided is for a full calendar year unless otherwise stated.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-07-12/HL731/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-07-04/debates/401FC5D3-ED0D-4EDB-B850-370FE376412B/ImmigrationCentreDetaineesPay>

Press Releases

“A child is foremost a child before he or she is a refugee”: Court of Appeal provides new guidance to tribunals to ensure children and vulnerable persons have their voices heard in asylum proceedings

<https://www.gardencourtchambers.co.uk/a-child-is-foremost-a-child-before-he-or-she-is-a-refugee-court-of-appeal-offers-new-guidance-to-tribunals-to-ensure-children-and-vulnerable-persons-can-have-their-voices-heard/>

Strengthen child protection to guard against trafficking

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2017/strengthen-child-protection-guard-against-trafficking>

New Publications

Migrant population of the UK

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8070/CBP-8070.pdf>

Migrants and Housing

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/POST-PN-0560/POST-PN-0560.pdf>

News

Ruth Davidson questions net migration target

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-40865701>

Davidson calls for rethink of Tory immigration target

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15461431.Davidson_calls_for_rethink_of_Tory_immigration_target/

Tories in 'open warfare' over UK's immigration, say opponents

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/tories-in-open-warfare-over-uk-s-immigration-say-opponents-1-4525529>

Ruth Davidson questions UK Government's net migration goal

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/486551/ruth-davidson-questions-uk-governments-net-migration-goal/>

Ruth Davidson calls for government to review immigration target

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/aug/08/ruth-davidson-government-review-immigration-target-scottish-conservative>

Migration clampdown to stay as Davidson's plea is ignored

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/migration-clampdown-to-stay-as-davidson-s-plea-is-ignored-q2xc0qqnn>

The PM's deputy slaps down Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson over her call to scrap the tens of thousands immigration target

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4779264/Damian-Green-slaps-Ruth-Davidson-immigration.html>

No 10 says free movement ends when UK leaves EU

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-40774251>

Free EU movement to end in 2019, says Downing Street

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/free-eu-movement-to-end-in-2019-says-downing-street-1-4518841>

Scotland's population grows to 5.4 million due to migration rise

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland-s-population-grows-to-5-4-million-due-to-migration-rise-1-4520351>

Scotland's population increases to 5.4 million as migration rises again

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15448793.Scotland_s_population_increases_to_5_4_million_as_migration_rises_again/?ref=mrb&lp=15

Immigration behind increase in Scotland's population

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/politics/scottish-politics/482364/population-increase-270-words/>

UN urges UK to double number of refugees to 10,000 a year

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/un-urges-uk-to-double-number-of-refugees-to-10-000-a-year-1-4522946>

UK Government urged to take in more refugees

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15455383.UK_Government_urged_to_take_in_more_refugees/

UK should double number of refugees resettled – UN

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/483362/uk-should-double-number-of-refugees-resettled-un/>

UN tells Britain to double the amount of refugees it takes in to 10,000 per year

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/un-uk-refugees-take-in-10000-per-year-immigration-pledge-government-theresa-may-crisis-a7876196.html>

Britain should accept twice as many refugees, says UN

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-04/news/britain-should-accept-twice-as-many-refugees-says-un-dmhs9b6h8>

Refugee children 'could be separated from their families after Brexit'

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/04/refugee-children-could-be-separated-from-their-families-after-brexit>

US surgeon may be forced to quit UK because of visa nightmare

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/04/us-surgeon-may-be-forced-to-quit-uk-because-of-visa-nightmare>

Hiring refugees: 'we have an amazing wealth of talent on our hands'

<https://www.theguardian.com/small-business-network/2017/aug/11/hiring-refugees-amazing-wealth-talent-barriers-entrepreneurs>

Bread and Roses: Meet the refugee women finding employment through floristry

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/bread-roses-refugee-women-florists-london-hackney-flower-selling-arranging-a7882276.html>

Nigerian gay rights activist wins 13-year legal battle to be granted asylum in the UK

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigeria-gay-rights-activist-aderonke-apata-uk-asylum-granted-high-court-fake-sexuality-lesbian-lgbt-a7888931.html>

News: Human Trafficking

EU blamed for rise in trafficking and slaves

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/eu-blamed-for-rise-in-trafficking-and-slaves-fd3dwp7s3>

Law enforcement steps up response to modern slavery

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/1171-law-enforcement-steps-up-response-to-modern-slavery>

The shocking official rise in number of human trafficking victims in Scotland

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15466918.The_shocking_official_rise_in_number_of_human_trafficking_victims_in_Scotland/

Modern slavery and human trafficking victims 'in every large town and city in the UK'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/10/modern-slavery-victims-every-large-town-city-uk/>

Modern slavery 'widespread' in UK

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/modern-slavery-widespread-in-uk-9z5ftsplq>

Roma girl, 12, was sold by father to work for British family

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/roma-girl-12-was-sold-by-father-to-work-for-british-family-bm0v57pgw>

Slaves subjected to rat-infested lodgings, beatings — and death

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/slaves-subjected-to-rat-infested-lodgings-beatings-and-death-jk6sbh6wb>

Modern slaves are everywhere: car washes, factories and farms

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/modern-slaves-are-everywhere-car-washes-factories-and-farms-l5s7dxw8x>

Of Human Bondage

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/of-human-bondage-50cwvkdi9>

Traveller family members convicted of slavery after keeping vulnerable people captives for years

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15469791.Traveller_family_members_convicted_of_slavery_after_keeping_vulnerable_people_captives_for_years/?ref=mrb&lp=19

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-07049 John Mason (SNP): Church, Religion and the State – That the Parliament notes what it considers the important traditional separation of church, and religion, and state in Scotland; believes that this important principle is one of the main building blocks of society, in practice meaning that churches should not interfere in the running of the state and that the state should limit its intervention in religion only to what is absolutely necessary; notes the reported suggestions that the law should be changed to force Catholic and Muslim leaders to allow female priests and mullahs; considers that this would represent unreasonable interference in the operation of religious life in Scotland, and hopes that the separation of state and religion will continue to be respected.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-07049>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Ethnicity Pay Gap

S5W-10397 Jackie Baillie (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-08107 by Keith Brown on 28 March 2017, whether it will request that the Office for National Statistics produces pay gap data on personal characteristics such as ethnicity and nationality.

Reply from Jamie Hepburn: A request has been sent to ONS on the 28th of July requesting Labour Force Survey (LFS) earnings and pay gap tables. We have requested:

1. Information on the ethnicity (white/Non-white) pay gap and the nationality (UK

national/Non-UK national) pay gap for Scotland.

2. Pay estimates for white/non-white by gender and UK national/non-UK national by gender, so that the gender pay gap can also be calculated for these 2 groups. Once the analysis has been performed, it will be made available on the Scottish Government website at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Labour-Market/Earnings>

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10397>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-08107>

Ethnicity Pay Gap

S5W-10398 Jackie Baillie (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-08107 by Keith Brown on 28 March 2017, whether there is sufficient data (a) collected and (b) available on the ethnicity pay gap.

Reply from Jamie Hepburn: The official source of information on the ethnicity pay gap is the Labour Force Survey, collected and published by the Office for National Statistics. ONS have previously published information on the ethnicity pay gap for the UK at:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/earningsandworkinghours/adhocs/006860lfsearningsandpaygaptableswithnotes>

The Scottish Government continues to monitor the relevance of Labour Market Statistical outputs against customer needs through various mechanisms including engagement with external stakeholders through SCOTSTAT

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/scotstat> and we will produce and develop new statistical outputs where possible in response to customer need.

We are aware that witnesses, at the recent Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, on the Gender Pay Gap, raised questions of intersectionality of data and the need to consider issues like age, race and disability in conjunction with existing pay gap data and we will look to develop dissemination of Official sources, where possible in this area.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10398>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-08107>

Police Recruitment

S5W-10297 John Finnie (Green): To ask the Scottish Government what positive action measures Police Scotland has taken to assist the recruitment of black and minority ethnic (BME) police (a) officers and (b) staff.

Reply from Michael Matheson: The recruitment of police officers and police staff is a matter for the Chief Constable. Police Scotland published its latest mainstreaming report in April 2017 and this highlights the recruitment of officers and staff from the BME community. A link to the report is attached, please see Part 2 of the report from page 97 onwards.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/138327/243045/equality-and-diversity-mainstreaming-progress-report-april-2017?view=Standard>

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10297>

New Publication

Diverse outcomes: living standards by ethnicity

<http://www.resolutionfoundation.org/app/uploads/2017/08/Diverse-outcomes.pdf>

News

SNP faces call for female priests and mullahs

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/snp-faces-call-for-female-priests-and-mullahs-2m03pdgfj>

Arts chief faces sack demand over call for female mullahs and priests

http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/homenews/15457123.Arts_chief_faces_sack_demand_over_call_for_female_mullahs_and_priests/

'Huge gap' in living standards for ethnic groups

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40845281>

Minority ethnic families earning up to £8,900 less than white Britons

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2017/aug/07/minority-ethnic-families-earning-less-white-britons-uk-pay-gap>

Gaps in ethnic minority incomes 'often ignored'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-07/news/gaps-in-ethnic-minority-incomes-often-ignored-rlr2nbslm>

Race audit will test May's radical instincts

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-10/comment/race-audit-will-test-may-s-radical-instincts-klzsvf0xx>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Islamophobia

S5W-10443 Anas Sarwar (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government how many times the Report of Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion uses the term (a) "Islamophobia" and (b) "anti-Muslim acts".

Reply from Kevin Stewart: On page 6, the report notes that "within the associated report on religiously aggravated crime, the number of charges relating to Islam has increased 89% to 134 charges, from the 71 recorded charges last year. This increase is not attributable to a single event or pattern, and appears to reflect a general rise in the reporting of these types of charges." On page 10, the report notes "the global and media context is a crucial driver shaping the perception of safety for particular communities (such as Muslim or Jewish communities). Experiences of and anxiety about hate crime were both heightened during or following particularly high profile international events...". A copy of the report can be found at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/09/3565>

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10443>

Discrimination against Roman Catholics

S5W-10389 Elaine Smith (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-10012 by Angela Constance on 18 July 2017, whether it will provide a breakdown of what specific action it is taking to address discrimination against Roman Catholics in response to the findings in the report; what outcomes it expects from this, and how it will measure the success of it.

Reply from Kevin Stewart: Our ambition is to create cohesive, supportive and resilience communities where hate crime and prejudice is reduced and community cohesion is strengthened. In June, the Scottish Government set out a range of steps to tackle hate crime and prejudice in our action plan Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities. This is available at

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/06/1336>.

Information on current funded projects to tackle sectarianism in Scotland is available [at https://beta.gov.scot/news/500-000-for-anti-sectarianism-projects/](https://beta.gov.scot/news/500-000-for-anti-sectarianism-projects/).

Wren and Greyhound carried out an evaluation of the community based projects between 2012 and 2016, and a summary of this report is available at

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522251.pdf>.

Alongside regular statistical publications on hate crime, we use measurements such as the Scottish Social Attitudes survey to understand how attitudes to different groups have changed.

The Minister for Community Safety expects to meet with representatives of the Catholic Church following the summer recess to discuss these issues.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10389>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10012>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-06928 Liam Kerr (Conservative): Condemning Vanguard Britannia – That the Parliament condemns the group, Vanguard Britannia, and its actions; understands that it is a so-called “white supremacist” movement, which it believes began in June 2017; considers that Scotland and the UK value a free, open and tolerant society that welcomes people of any background or faith; believes that neither racism nor bigotry are acceptable in Scotland and the UK; recognises the damaging effect that groups such as Vanguard Britannia could have on communities and the fabric of society; notes and condemns its recent activities in Angus, and recognises and supports The Courier newspaper’s report and exposure of the group.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-06928>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Antisemitism

Paul Masterton (Conservative) [3945] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what discussions the Government has had with the Scottish Government about the Government's proposals to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism.

Reply from Marcus Jones: We have had no discussions with the Scottish Government about that Government’s adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism. However, we welcome the recent decision of the Scottish Government to accept the International Holocaust

Remembrance Alliance definition of anti-Semitism, following discussions between them and the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-07-10/3945/>

Press Releases

Commission commemorates Roma Holocaust Memorial Day

http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=126291

Council of Europe honours victims of Roma Holocaust

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/council-of-europe-honours-victims-of-roma-holocaust>

New Publication

Scottish BME Poll

<http://survation.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Final-Strathclyde-Tables-5e0m21.pdf>

News

A third of minority Scots face prejudice

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-03/scotland/a-third-of-minority-scots-face-prejudice-3mxhkbs3r>

Discrimination affects third of black and ethnic minority Scots, study finds

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/482509/discrimination-affects-third-of-black-and-ethnic-minority-scots-study-finds/>

Police figures reveal hate crime levels peaked in wake of terrorist attacks

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/488127/police-figures-reveal-hate-crime-levels-peaked-in-wake-of-terrorist-attacks/>

Hate crime reports did increase after UK terror attacks, police say

<https://tellmamauk.org/hate-crime-reports-did-increase-after-uk-terror-attacks-police-say/>

Jihadist attacks send hate crimes soaring by up to 50%

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/jihadist-attacks-send-hate-crimes-soaring-by-up-to-50-tmhh9g9pf>

Muslims at risk from neo-Nazi plots

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/muslims-at-risk-from-neo-nazi-plots-62zhvc8p2>

Police investigate hate mail sent to UK and US mosques

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/12/police-investigate-hate-mail-sent-to-uk-and-us-mosques>

Counter-terror police investigating far-right hate mail campaign targeting mosques in UK and US

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/hate-crime-muslims-counter-terror-investigation-mail-letters-threats-mosques-uk-america-far-right-a7890301.html>

Police investigate as anti-Pakistani hate mail and suspicious powder is sent to mosques in the UK and US from an address outside Sheffield

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4784606/Police-investigate-anti-Muslim-hate-mail-sent-mosques.html>

Man threatens to blow up Islamic bookshop and 'kill the Muslims' in London

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/islamic-book-shop-bomb-plot-david-moffatt-catholic-kill-all-muslims-london-cricklewood-broadway-a7874506.html>

Muslim couple in Aldi remain calm in face of racist tirade in West London

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-couple-aldi-racist-video-woman-west-london-islamophobia-feltham-a7872126.html>

Husband remains amazingly calm in face of abusive rant in Aldi as screaming woman brands wife's niqab 'disgusting'

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/husband-remains-amazingly-calm-face-10912929>

Hackers use giant billboard adverts in Cardiff to attack Islam

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-03/news/hackers-use-giant-billboard-adverts-in-cardiff-to-attack-islam-svv079lp3>

Young Fathers video questioning depictions of art in National Galleries of Scotland targeted by far right racists

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15447347.Young_Fathers_video_questioning_depictions_of_art_in_National_Galleries_of_Scotland_targeted_by_far_right_racists/

Social media 'fosters Holocaust denial'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-02/news/social-media-fosters-holocaust-denial-sir-peter-bazalgette-social-media-facebook-twitter-heneghan-peng-john-mcaslan-and-partners-allied-works-3g97nlj3s>

Huck Finn film revives the n-word

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/huck-finn-film-revives-the-n-word-dsdzlg2cz>

'I'll pee where I like': Man who was told to stop urinating in public shouts racist abuse

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15458323_39_I_39_II_pee_where_I_like_39_Man_who_was_told_to_stop_urinating_in_public_shouts_racist_abuse/

'I was told that my learning disabled son would have better care than in India'

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/aug/08/midlands-mother-autistic-son-ingrained-minority-ethnic-prejudice>

Sectarian graffiti spray painted outside Rangers' Ibrox Stadium

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/sectarian-graffiti-spray-painted-outside-rangers-ibrox-stadium-1-4525733>

Vile sectarian message scrawled on wall at Rangers' stadium as bigots engage in tit for tat graffiti war

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/vile-sectarian-message-scrawled-wall-10952173>

Father who went on racist rant at children's party is fined

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/our-region/west-lothian/livingston/father-who-went-on-racist-rant-at-children-s-party-is-fined-1-4525751>

Sunday Times apologises over 'anti-Semitic' columnist

<http://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/sunday-times-apologises-over-anti-semitic-columnist-1-4517731>

Columnist in anti-Semitism row 'will not write again' for Sunday Times

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15442828.Columnist_in_anti_Semitism_row_will_not_write_again_for_Sunday_Times/

Sunday Times anti-Semitism row: Vanessa Feltz 'upset' over column

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-40773710>

Kevin Myers sparks outrage for apology over 'anti-Semitic' remarks

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/kevin-myers-anti-semitic-sunday-times-apology-jewish-bbc-claudia-winkleman-vanessa-feltz-a7873336.html>

I'm not shocked by Kevin Myers' anti-Semitic comment – as a Jew I hear this type of remark all too often

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/kevin-myer-sunday-times-anti-semitism-bbc-pay-row-a7867981.html>

Vanessa Feltz attacks 'anti-Semitic' Sunday Times column: 'How was this printed in the first place?'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/vanessa-feltz-kevin-myers-jewish-bbc-anti-semitic-sunday-times-column-claudia-winkleman-a7868386.html>

Vanessa Feltz 'extremely upset' by 'anti-Semitic' Sunday Times column

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/31/vanessa-feltz-extremely-upset-anti-semitic-sunday-times-column/>

Kevin Myers says 'anti-Semitic' comments were said 'out of respect for the religion'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/01/kevin-myers-says-anti-semitic-comments-said-respect-religion/>

Grooming gangs should get longer sentences 'if abuse is racist'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-40909065>

Cultural sensitivities must not stop sex abuse being uncovered, warns Rudd

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cultural-sensitivities-must-not-stop-sex-abuse-being-uncovered-warns-rudd-xq2pl8rbh>

Asian sex gangs are 'racist criminals'. MPs and campaigners demand tougher sentences for abusers who groomed white girls

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/10/calls-asian-grooming-gangs-treated-racially-aggravated-criminals/>

We are more worried about being called racist than stopping child abuse - enough

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/worried-called-racist-stopping-child-abuse-enough/>

Solicitor General calls for longer sentences for grooming gangs who target white girls

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/grooming-gangs-solicitor-general-increase-sentences-race-asian-muslim-white-british-victims-a7889961.html>

Labour MPs go to war with each other over profiling Pakistani men as sexual abusers of young white girls

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/naz-shah-sarah-champion-child-abuse-pakistani-labour-newcastle-rotherham-bradford-a7890216.html>

We need to dispel the dangerous myth that it's only Asian men who sexually assault young women

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/newcastle-grooming-scandal-exploitation-victims-sarah-champion-race-a7890106.html>

Former race tsar Trevor Phillips says it's time to admit most sex grooming gangs are Muslim amid calls for abusers to be treated as race hate criminals and given tougher sentences

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4781426/Asian-grooming-gangs-treated-race-hate-crimes.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Faith Schools

S5W-10506 Tavish Scott (Liberal Democrat): To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with religious groups that want to set up faith schools.

Reply from John Swinney: The Scottish Government regularly meets with religious groups to discuss the provision of education, however, no discussions have taken place recently regarding the setting up of faith schools.

In accordance with Section 17 of the 1980 Act, local authorities may establish a denominational school for any denomination or faith if they are satisfied that such a school is required, either in response to representations made to them by any church or denominational body acting on behalf of parents, or on their own initiative.

The Scottish Government welcomes the positive contribution that denominational education can make to Scottish education in ensuring successful learners, effective contributors, responsible citizens and confident individuals.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-10506>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

New Publications

Scotland's Population: Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends 2016

Report

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/rGAR/16/16rgar.pdf>

Infographic

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/nrs-visual/rGAR16/16rgar-infographic.pdf>

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Other News

Police Scotland and Crimestoppers (an organisation that enables people to report crimes anonymously) both provide immediate telephone access to translators for a very wide range of languages. All you have to do is to tell the operator which language you speak, and they will connect you to the relevant translation service so that you can make your report in whichever language you find easiest.

In an emergency, always call the police on 999.

To speak to the police when it is not an emergency, call 101.

To speak to Crimestoppers, call 0800 555 111 or see <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/> for more information.

More forced marriage calls than ever to Childline

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/30/forced-marriage-calls-ever-childline/>

More girls living in fear of forced marriage

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-07-31/news/more-girls-living-in-fear-of-forced-marriage-tkhfft2g>

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Bills in Progress

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Scottish Parliament

Domestic Abuse Bill

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

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/105269.aspx>

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/immigrationcontrolgrosshumanrightsabuses.html>

Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html>

EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html>

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/europeanunionwithdrawal.html>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html>

Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html>

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/unaccompaniedasylumseekingchildrenlegaladviceandappeals.html>

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Consultations

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Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill

(closing date 18 August 2017)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105570.aspx>

**** closes this week!**

Implications of the Article 50 withdrawal process: Negotiations for Scotland

(closing date 18 August 2017)

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/bNSXXQq6LIUOr/>

**** closes next week!**

Inquiry into Immigration (closing date 25 August 2017)

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/CLt5v51Fty7eL/>

**** Home Office's immigration statistics – arrivals data** (closing date 2 September 2017)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/635919/Landing_Cards_consultation_letter_Statistics.pdf

The Socio-Economic Duty (closing date 12 September 2017)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522478.pdf>

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

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

European Union's (EU) legislation on the legal migration of non-EU citizens (closing date 18 September 2017)

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/content/consultation-european-unions-eu-legislation-legal-migration-non-eu-citizens-fitness-check-eu_en

**** European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** (closing date 29 September 2017)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105772.aspx>

Evaluation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (closing date 25 October 2017)

http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-evaluation-eu-framework-national-roma-integration-strategies-2020_en

**** EEA-workers in the UK labour market** (closing date 27 October 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/call-for-evidence-and-briefing-note-eea-workers-in-the-uk-labour-market>

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

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

**** Impact of the 2016 EU referendum on EU citizens** (no closing date given)

https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8qflh2MsoQ4agZf&Q_JFE=0

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

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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>

**** Scotland's Winter Festivals 2017/2018**

No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated

BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is once again offering a small grants programme which invites multicultural communities across Scotland to join in with Scotland's Winter Festivals 2017/18 and host events for St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

Community groups, unincorporated associations, charities, and not for profit organisations working in, with, or for Scotland's diverse communities, can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to put on events that engage, inspire, and mobilise communities across Scotland in the celebration of Scotland's national days.

For more information see

<http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/swf-2017-guidelines.pdf>

For an application form see

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

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals

22 August 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

29 August 2017 in Perth (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training to provide information about housing, employment and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals and explore how service users might prepare themselves to avoid possible threats of Brexit. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

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Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

22 August 2017 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

29 August 2017 in Perth (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant, the process involved in making a claim for asylum, the barriers faced in building a new life in Scotland, and entitlement to services. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

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Finding a New Home

22 August 2017 in Edinburgh (7.30-9.00)

Just Festival discussion about the challenges of welcoming people burdened with the weight of experiential and emotional baggage, and ways to make life in Scotland inclusive, productive and happy for anyone who settles here. For information see <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/GJFJJK>

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Big Lottery funding surgery

23 August 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

27 September 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

25 October 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

BEMIS funding surgeries in partnership with the Big Lottery, to develop potential projects and help secure funding. For information contact events@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

**** Meet the Charity Regulator**

29 August 2017 in Glasgow (1.15-4.30)

7 September 2017 in Selkirk (1.15-4.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) event providing an opportunity to meet OSCR staff, hear about latest developments, and ask questions. For information and to book for the Glasgow event see <http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2> and for the Selkirk event see <http://tinyurl.com/ya4nztvct>

Find out about becoming an Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland Committee Member

4 September 2017 in Dundee (11.30-2.00)

6 September 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-6.30)

The EHRC Scotland Committee is a statutory committee which advises the Commission on its work in Scotland. These sessions will provide information about the work of the Committee, what is involved in being a member and how to apply. For information see <https://goodmoves.com/vacancy/32342-scotland-committee-members> or contact Gillian Lawrence Gillian.lawrence@equalityhumanrights.com

Immigration Act 2016 – “The Hostile Environment” basics

5 September 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

PAiH training to ensure that people providing services to or working with immigrants have up to date information to make sure their clients are able to access services without delay and prepare for being excluded when it is inevitable. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/> or contact training@positiveactionh.org

BME Health and Wellbeing Survey Launch

14 September 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-6.00)

Information about the 2016 Black and Minority Ethnic Study which was carried out in Glasgow. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9bcbjt4>

**** Equality Workshop**

27 September 2017 in Kirkcaldy (12.00-1.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities workshop to improve understanding of the Equality Act 2010, and how it applies to you and your organisation. For information contact Elric Elric@centreforequalities.org.uk /01592 645 310.

Festival of Politics

19-21 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

<http://festivalofpolitics.scot/>

Black History Month 2017

19 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (6.00-7.30)

Festival of Politics event to discuss Scotland's role and the legacy of slavery and colonialism in the acknowledgement of an uncomfortable history. For information see <http://festivalofpolitics.scot/events/black-history-month-2017/>

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Workshop

25 October 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-1.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to provide practical help and advice on how to create a meaningful Holocaust Memorial Day activity. Includes information about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides, as well as challenges, such as hate crime, facing the UK today. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ydegrweb> or contact Rhys Prosser enquiries@hmd.org.uk

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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/>

Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

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://www.gov.scot/>

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