

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S3M-4922 Bill Wilson: Suicide Attempts by Female Asylum Seekers—That the Parliament notes the recent report by the Scottish Refugee Council and the Gender Violence Unit of the London School of Tropical Medicine on female asylum seekers that revealed that 70% had suffered physical or sexual violence, some of which they had experienced in the United Kingdom, 57% had suffered post traumatic stress disorder, a condition making it difficult to remember the details of their experiences necessary for their asylum claims to be accepted, and that 22% had attempted suicide; endorses the recommendation by the organisations that produced the report that the UK Border Agency staff and immigration judges undergo training in women's issues and that the Scottish Government reviews all current health and domestic violence services to ensure that they are meeting the needs of female asylum seekers, and calls on the media to report asylum issues in a balanced and responsible way.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/businessBulletin/bb-09/bb-09-24f.htm>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **Press Releases**

Sponsorship management system launches for Tier 4 sponsors in nine days

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/t4-phase3-countdown?area=allNews>

Renewal process for annual allocations of certificates of sponsorship

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/september/annual-cos-allocation-renewals?area=allNews>

Transitional arrangements for earned citizenship

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/september/transitional-arrangements-earned?area=allNews>

Roll-out of foreign national identity cards speeds up

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/september/foreign-nationals-id-cards?area=allNews>

Baroness Scotland - UK Border Agency statement

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2009/september/investigation-baroness-scotland?area=allNews>

Review of the Equality Scheme

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/review-the-equality-scheme?area=allNews>

Immigration control must not compromise human rights

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/MigrationPanel.aspx>

Helping refugees by more efficient resettlement

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/showFocus.aspx?id=1&focusId=403&lang=en>

Migrant children and education: public consultation underlines common challenges across the EU

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1352&type=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

New publications

Education and Political Participation of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities in the EU

<http://www.ceps.be/files/book/2009/09/Includ-ED%20AFA%20Literature%20Review.pdf>

Understanding Irregular Migration in Northern Europe

<http://www.picum.org/data/Clandestino%20Conference%20Report%20London%20March%202009.pdf>

News

Pressure on law chief after fine

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8268101.stm

Immigration and Asylum News (continued)

Brown lets peer keep her job after fine for hiring illegal worker

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latestnews/Brown--lets-peer-keep.5667137.jp>

Attorney General Baroness Scotland fined £5,000 for hiring illegal immigrant as housekeeper

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/attorney-general-baroness-scotland-fined-5-000-for-hiring-illegal-immigrant-as-housekeeper-1.921406>

Baroness: My illegal staff gaffe is like not paying road charge

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/Baroness-My-illegal-staff-gaffe.5670094.jp>

Attorney general's job on the line

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/1408781>

Baroness 'did not see passport'

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8276954.stm

Brown stands by Lady Scotland as immigration row continues

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2009/sep/27/brown-stands-by-lady-scotland>

Baroness forced to issue another denial over former housekeeper

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/sep/27/baroness-scotland-issues-another-denial>

'Schools hamper' migrant children

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/8267623.stm>

Breaking migrant education barriers

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/glasgow_and_west/8268779.stm

Capital's bill for immigrants' services doubles in two years

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latestnews/Capital39s-bill-for-immigrants39-services.5671012.jp>

UK rise in international students

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8271287.stm>

Thousands more immigrants to be issued with ID cards

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/thousands-more-immigrants-to-be-issued-with-id-cards-1.921876>

Widow whose daughters were born in Scotland loses residency appeal

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/latestnews/Widow-whose-daughters-were-born.5681994.jp>

Angry scenes as French move in to clear Jungle refugee camp

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/world-news/angry-scenes-as-french-move-in-to-clear-jungle-refugee-camp-1.921481>

Law restored to 'the Jungle'

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/Law-restored-to-39the-Jungle39.5670098.jp>

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Call for UK to rehome Jungle camp children

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/1408391>

France will not expel illegal minors

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/latestnews/France-will-not-expel-illegal.5674851.jp>

What next for migrants and asylum seekers from the 'Calais Jungle'?

http://assembly.coe.int/ASP/NewsManager/EMB_NewsManagerView.asp?ID=4917&L=2

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Equality

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Lord Ouseley [HL5287]: To ask Her Majesty's Government how they intend to replace the skills and expertise lost from the Equality and Human Rights Commission following the recent resignations of several commissioners.

Reply from Baroness Royall of Blaisdon: The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is entering a new phase, focusing on its role as equality enforcer and delivering the Equality Bill.

The board is being restructured, with the number of commissioners reduced from 16 to 11 with more emphasis on financial management. Commissioner posts will be widely advertised to encourage the widest range of possible candidates. New appointments at key managerial posts are also being advertised, including chief executive officer.

It is right that we take a fresh look at the structure of the board so the EHRC is capable of delivering important work including guidance on the Equality Bill, gender pay reports and the inquiry into the financial services sector.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/21092009.htm#hdg-EqualityandHumanRightsCommission>

News

The right person for the job

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/sep/16/public-service-initiatives-disadvantaged-groups>

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Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

Marches and Parades (Glasgow)

Bill Butler (Glasgow Anniesland) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive when ministers next plan to meet Strathclyde Police Authority and Glasgow City Council to discuss marches and parades. (S3O-7909)

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice (Kenny MacAskill): Although I meet regularly with Strathclyde police authority, I have no plans to meet with it or with Glasgow City Council to discuss marches and parades. I would be happy to discuss the matter with Strathclyde police authority at a future meeting if it wishes to do so.

Bill Butler: The minister will be aware that the Government recently justified a £3.5 million capital city supplement to Edinburgh on the basis that it recognised

"factors that are unique to Edinburgh as Scotland's capital city. These include the marshalling and hosting of events, such as marches and parades".—[Official Report, Written Answers, 27 January 2009; S3W-20053.]

However, in a written parliamentary answer to me it later emerged that Glasgow played host to 357 marches and parades, while Edinburgh hosted 129. Given those statistics, and the fact that Strathclyde police authority informs me that the cost of policing parades over the summer months alone came to £1.7 million, will the Government now commit to acknowledging factors that are unique to Glasgow and address the funding imbalance by providing additional support to the city?

Kenny MacAskill: The member mixes up two distinct matters: events of a cultural nature that occur in Edinburgh and some events that occur in the west of Scotland that are euphemistically described as cultural. I do not view Orange marches as falling into that category.

I acknowledge the extreme pressures on the police as a result of marches and that is why, in opposition, we supported Bill Butler's party when it was in government in giving local authorities powers to exercise greater control. We support the exercise of those powers by local authorities where they see that that is appropriate, and the work that local authorities do with the police to achieve the correct balance in protecting our communities' rights while ensuring that people have the right to march and protest.

Bob Doris (Glasgow) (SNP): I draw the cabinet secretary's attention to a proposed demonstration in Glasgow in November that is unwanted and clearly not cultural. The English defence league plans to come to Glasgow and spread its hate and poison outside mosques. We should say no to that. I have already written to Strathclyde Police and Glasgow City Council. Will the cabinet secretary back me by making representations to both those organisations to ensure that that poison is not spread in our country?

Kenny MacAskill: Such events are, as I said in response to Bill Butler, a matter for the local authority, but our Administration has always said that it will support local authorities when they act in defence of their communities. The defence of the community includes not only the wider community, but specific minority communities that must be protected from those who seek to spread poison and bile. Strathclyde Police will, as always, have our support in taking whatever steps it feels are necessary to protect every citizen and every community in Scotland from those who seek to do them harm.

Jack McConnell (Motherwell and Wishaw) (Lab): The cabinet secretary indicated in his response to Bill Butler that he would be happy to discuss these matters with Strathclyde Police if it wished to do so. I respectfully remind him that his predecessor signed a written agreement with many of the marching organisations and with the police in Scotland on the subject of marches and parades. Will the new Scottish Government continue to support that written agreement? Will the cabinet secretary monitor its implementation proactively, rather than waiting for the police force in Strathclyde or elsewhere to raise the matter with him?

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Kenny MacAskill: We support the Police, Public Order and Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2006 that Mr McConnell and his Government introduced, which gives local authorities powers over such matters. We believe that local authorities are best placed to protect their communities. That may not have been Mr McConnell's view, or he may have forgotten it, but the purpose of the 2006 act was to allow local authorities—which are best placed to do so—to provide a balance in deciding which marches are appropriate and beneficial for a community, and which are inappropriate and unacceptable. We fully support the right of local authorities to make those decisions and to take the advice of our police and work in conjunction with them. It is not a matter for micromanagement—we should support the legislation that Mr McConnell introduced and of which he should be proud.

Jack McConnell: On a point of order, Presiding Officer. My question referred to the written concordat with the marching organisations and the police authorities in Scotland that followed from the 2006 act, rather than the act itself. I would be grateful if you would indicate whether it is appropriate for Mr MacAskill to write to me with a reply to that question, as he misunderstood what I asked.

The Presiding Officer: As I am sure that Mr McConnell knows full well, it is for the minister to decide how he responds.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-09/sor0924-02.htm#Col19957>

New publications

European Network Against Racism Shadow Report 2008: United Kingdom

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/national/UK%20-%20SR%202008.pdf>

to read shadow reports on racism in other countries see

http://www.enar-eu.org/Page_Generale.asp?DocID=15294&langue=EN

News

Student died 'after race taunts'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/sussex/8267140.stm>

Is far-right extremism a threat?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8266933.stm>

Christian woman in BA crusade seeks legal costs guarantee

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/christian-woman-in-ba-crusade-seeks-legal-costs-guarantee-1.921822>

Anti-Muslim demo opposed by police

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/anti-muslim-demo-opposed-by-police-1.922330>

Why we shouldn't vacate our streets for the English Defence League

<http://scottishislamic.wordpress.com/2009/09/23/why-we-shouldn%E2%80%99t-vacate-our-streets-for-the-english-defence-league/>

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News (continued)

Council and police rule out SDL protest

<http://scottishislamic.wordpress.com/2009/09/25/council-and-police-rule-out-sdl-protest/>

Civil servant fined for racist outburst against Jews

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/6226053/Civil-servant-fined-for-racist-outburst-against-Jews.html>

No excuse for diplomat's outburst

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/sep/24/racism-antisemitism>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Choosing Scotland's future

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/09/23113556>

Importance of Third Sector

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/09/24120519>

Breathing new life into rural Scotland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/09/25111137>

New publications

Making the Scottish Parliament work for you

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/vli/publicinfo/mtspwfy/documents/MTSPWFY-ER.pdf>

Gypsies/Travellers in Scotland: The Twice Yearly Count - No. 15: January 2009

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/283752/0085987.pdf>

Rural Scotland Key Facts 2009: People and Communities: Services and Lifestyle: Economy and Enterprise

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/285755/0087036.pdf>

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Other News

Muslims in talks bid to end abuse

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/display.var.2530660.0.muslims_in_talks_bid_to_end_abuse.php

No change on assisted suicide

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/no-change-on-assisted-suicide-1.921678>

Other News (continued)

New Voluntary Sector Journal Launch and Call for Papers

<http://www.vds.org.uk/NewsEvents/News/tabid/145/Default.aspx?newsItemID=4114>

New human rights complaints procedure soon available

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/OPCESCR.aspx>

Pope Benedict XVI to make first ever official papal visit to Britain

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/faith/article6846020.ece>

Archbishop of Canterbury 'delighted' at Pope Benedict XVI visit to Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/religion/6224584/Archbishop-of-Canterbury-delighted-at-Pope-Benedict-XVI-visit-to-Britain.html>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

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Arbitration Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/index.htm>

Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm>

Bills in Progress Westminster

Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/borderscitizenshipandimmigration.html>

Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/crownemploymentnationality.html>

Equality Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2008-09/equality.html>

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Consultations (closing date)

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Equality Bill: Policy Proposals for Specific Duties (30 September)

<http://www.equalities.gov.uk/PDF/Specific%20Duties%20Consultation%20DocumentWEB.pdf>

**** closes this week!**

Freedom of Information: Improving Openness (30 September)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/278119/0083564.pdf>

Consultations (continued)

Scottish Refugee Council Strategic Plan (online survey, no closing date given)

https://eazymultimedia.net/EazySurvey/Questionnaire/EazyQuestionnaire3_home.aspx?proi=5EE31727-0F6C-4EDD-9E7E-E7A75DDCFF9A

Runnymede Trust: Online Survey on Financial Inclusion and Ethnicity

(online survey, no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?CEEA869BC7889C9C>

Reform of the House of Commons (12 October 2009)

<http://news.parliament.uk/2009/09/committee-to-look-at-reform-of-the-commons/>

Earning the right to stay: A new points test for citizenship (26 October)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/earning-the-right-to-stay/earning-the-right-to-stay/earned-citizenship-consultation?view=Binary>

Charging for immigration and visa applications (1 December 2009)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/charging09/>

**** A Road Less Travelled - A Draft Gypsy Traveller Strategy** (Welsh Assembly Government, 5 January 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/housingcommunity/gypsytravellers/?lang=en>

**** UK Border Agency Equality Scheme** (15 January 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/Stakeholder-questionnaire.pdf>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

**** closes this week!**

Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund

Closing date for applications: 30 September 2009

The fund works with local faith groups as they build hope and struggle against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. Applications of up to £15,000 will be considered. This may be spread over a maximum of three years, with no more than £7,500 being awarded in the first year. For information see <http://www.fiscaf.org/index.htm>

Funding Opportunities (continued)

European integration fund call for proposals 2009

Closing date for applications: 13 November 2009

The European Integration Fund is aimed at newly-arrived migrants (that is migrants who have arrived within the last five years) who are not asylum seekers, refugees, European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) nationals (otherwise known as third country nationals) and who have not come to the United Kingdom in a short-term visa category such as students. There are four categories for proposals:

- Provision of English for Speakers of other Languages
- Civic orientation, development of a volunteering program
- Policy development in the area of building intercultural competence
- Research project

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/eif-call-for-proposals-2009?area=allNews>

BT Community Connections

Closing date for postal applications: 5 January 2010

Closing date for online applications: 7 January 2010

Award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology.

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/>

Rural Funding: Opportunities Guide

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/285089/0086564.pdf>

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Black History Month in East Lothian

23 September – 24 October

Events including cinema, music, lecture and theatre. For information contact East Lothian Diversity Network equalities@eastlothian.gov.uk / phone 01620 827134 or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09x_e_lothian_black_history_month.pdf

** *applications close this week!*

Developing Management and Leadership Skills: a positive action course for people from black and minority ethnic communities (November 2009 – June 2010)

Closing date for applications 28 September 2009

Personal development course developed by PATH (Scotland) with funding from the Race Equality and Religion Integration Fund as a positive action measure towards addressing the under-representation of people from black and minority ethnic communities in management roles. It aims to support BME workers currently in employment to fulfil their potential and access management opportunities within and outwith their own organisations. For information contact Najimee Parveen najimee@pathscotland.org.uk / 0141 332 9477 / or see

http://www.pathscotland.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=26&Itemid=57

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Human Rights and Racial Discrimination: A way forward in Scotland

28 September 2009 in Edinburgh (12.30 – 4.30)

5 October 2009 in Glasgow (12.30 – 4.30)

13 October 2009 in Inverness (12.30 – 4.30)

Glasgow Anti-Racist Alliance seminars to discuss and reflect on recent human rights developments and to seize opportunities to influence the human rights agenda at the UN on race discrimination. For information contact Lyndsay Theobald 0141 418 6530 / lyndsay@gara.org.uk

Introduction to Professional Practice in Race Equality

Courses starting 30 September 2009 and 3 February 2010 in Paisley (Wed evenings 6.15 – 9.00pm)

Course jointly organised by the University of the West of Scotland, and West of Scotland Race Equality Council to develop a critical understanding of the concepts 'race', racism and ethnicity, develop a working knowledge of the content and impact of the 1976 Race Relations Act and Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, identify key elements of best practice towards race equality in employment and service delivery, and analyse and evaluate current progress and challenges in managing change towards race equality in his/her own workplace. For information see

<http://www.wsrec.co.uk/newsite/images/PaisleyUni/new%20ippire%20leaflet%20print%2009-10.pdf> or contact Duncan Sim duncan.sim@uws.ac.uk, or WSREC 0141 337 6626

Prof James Hathaway: The Law of Refugee Status

5 October 2009 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.30)

A one day seminar on the law of refugee status from the world expert on the subject, Professor Hathaway of the University of Melbourne. For information contact Sheila Coutts at sheila.coutts@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/noticeboard/Professor_Hathaway

Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

8 October 2009 in Glasgow

8 December 2009 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to identify the issues and concerns participants have in relation to working with asylum seekers and refugees, provide information on legal, political, economic and historical factors in relation to people seeking asylum, share ideas for developing good practice, and to identify strategies and resources for work with refugees. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=73>

FARE Action Week against Racism and Discrimination in European Football

15-27 October 2009

For the 10th successive season the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) network is coordinating action in and around football stadiums across Europe, and large sections of the European football family in 40 countries will stand united against racism and discrimination. For information see

<http://www.farenet.org/default.asp?intPageID=7&intArticleID=1970>

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Islam and Violence Against Women

21 September 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

19 October in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Amina seminar to outline where Islam as a faith stands on the issue of violence against women and highlight some of the misconceptions surrounding issues including domestic abuse, rape, forced marriage, FGM and honour killing. For information contact Tabassum Sarfraz 0141 585 8026 / info@mwrc.org.uk

**** Article 8 case law and practice**

22 October 2009 in Glasgow (2.00 – 5.15)

ILPA Seminar to update practitioners' working knowledge on Article 8 since the four landmark cases from the House of Lords now over 12 months ago, and offer practical advice on the approach in individual appeals. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/noticeboard/ILPA_Seminar_Sep

Asylum in Scotland: The Year Ahead

23 October 2009 in Glasgow (9.00 – 4.40)

Scottish Refugee Council conference to consider developments in the asylum and immigration system and the implications of the General Election. For information see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/Conference09> or contact Graeme Corbett graeme.corbett@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7930

Scottish Third Sector Research Conference

26 October 2009 in Edinburgh (9.45 – 5.00)

Conference organised by SCVO in conjunction with the Centre for Public Services Research, Edinburgh University Business School to connect researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to ensure Scotland's Voluntary Sector has the latest knowledge and research at its fingertips. For information contact Ian Lees ian.lees@scvo.org.uk

To find out how to submit a paper for the conference see

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Information/ViewInformation.aspx?al=t&page=&all=&from=DSR&Info=1946&TCID=30&PageName=Impact>

Equalities: from vertical to horizontal

29 October 2009 in Glasgow (9.45 – 3.30)

Voluntary Action Fund workshop for organisations striving to work across equality strands. For information contact Rhona Morris rhona.morris@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk / 01383 620780.

Judge a Book by its Cover? Not me!

4 November 2009 in Inverness (10.00 – 12.00)

11 March 2010 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.00)

SCVO seminar to discover more about the process of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements may lead to prejudice and discrimination. For information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019

An Introduction to the Needs and Experiences of Refugee Women

12 November 2009 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Participation and Influence with New Communities

18 November 2009 in Glasgow

Voluntary Action Fund workshop for organisations working with refugees, asylum seekers and/or migrant communities, and those who have an interest in community participation and partnerships. The workshop will explore what we know of the barriers to involvement in community planning and civic participation by people in Scotland's new communities. For information contact Rhona Morris 01383 620780 / rhona.morris@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

The Next 20 Years: The Challenge for Social Welfare, Debt, Housing and Asylum Law

18 November 2009 in Glasgow (11.30 – 5.30)

Legal Services Agency conference including presentations on mental health, landlord and tenant, mortgage arrears, asylum and trafficking, debt, health and safety at work, poverty, climate change, human rights and management issues. For information see <http://www.lsa.org.uk/thenext20yearsthechallenge.aspx>

Scottish Charity Accounts and Reporting to OSCR

30 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

SCVO seminar to look at what OSCR expects from charities in terms of compliance. For information contact Jane Baillie 0131 474 8019 / jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk

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Useful Links

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

Scottish Government <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Useful Links (continued)

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

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

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting the development of the Ethnic Minority Third Sector and communities. BEMIS aims: To empower and build the capacity of minority formal and informal community organisations; As a strategic partner with Government, to be proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland; and To help develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



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.scotlandagainstracism.com/>