

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish Parliament is now in recess until 5 September 2010, and the UK Parliament until 6 September 2010.

During the summer recess MEMO will be issued fortnightly on 30 August, and 13 September, when weekly bulletins will resume.

Immigration and Asylum

Press Releases

Europe's largest immigration removal centre

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/europes-largest-removal>

Settlement protection route

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/27settlement-protection>

New publications

Monthly Asylum Statistics

[http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.asylum-may2010xls&ns_type=clickout&ns_url=\[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/asylum-may2010.xls\]](http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.asylum-may2010xls&ns_type=clickout&ns_url=[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs10/asylum-may2010.xls])

Immigration and Asylum New publications (continued)

International Migration Outlook

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/12/9/45612617.pdf>

News

Research into the integration of people seeking asylum and refugees in Scotland

The Scottish Refugee Council is conducting a study about the integration of refugees and people seeking asylum in Scotland. The research will look at what works and what doesn't in terms of allowing asylum seekers and refugees to become full members of Scottish society. It will examine integration as a series of developments including health, housing, employment and education. It will also look at integration as a two-way process between the refugee community and the host community. The project started this summer, and will last for around 30 months, using questionnaires and interviews with as many refugees and people seeking asylum as possible, and will gather one-off responses as well as tracking some individuals through the process of integration. For information, or to offer to distribute questionnaires, contact Gareth Mulvey gareth.mulvey@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7994.

Student visas policy reviewed to minimise abuse

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-10834526>

First step to a new life

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/first-step-to-a-new-life-1.1045807>

Detaining children of failed asylum seekers 'must end'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-10889362>

Fund to ease impact of immigration scrapped by stealth

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/aug/06/fund-impact-immigration-scrapped>

Children in immigration centres face deportation within weeks

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/aug/05/children-immigration-centres-deportation-scheme>

Don't deprive refugees of access to justice

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/libertycentral/2010/aug/05/refugee-migrant-justice-closure>

Hundreds of fitness trainers, PR executives and IT workers allow to work in UK

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/7931185/Hundreds-of-fitness-trainers-PR-executives-and-IT-workers-allow-to-work-in-UK.html>

Revealed: how asylum detention centres damage children

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/revealed-how-asylum-detention-centres-damage-children-2045897.html>

Migrant limits hit child protection department

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/migrant-limits-hit-child-protection-department-2053208.html>

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Race Relations

Holyrood e-petition

Apology from Scottish Government to Scottish Gypsy traveller community

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to formally and publicly apologise for the ill treatment by governments and public bodies of the Scottish Gypsy traveller community, with evidence clearly showing it to be one of the most marginalised and discriminated communities.

http://epetitions.scottish.parliament.uk/view_backgroundinfo.asp?PetitionID=407

New publication

Perceptions on Islam and Muslims

http://www.iera.org.uk/downloads/iERA_NonMuslimPerceptionsOnIslam_and_Muslims_ResearchReport.pdf

News

Frontline Bradistan

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/Review/article364627.ece>

Birth rates reveal ethnic fault lines

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Society/article365170.ece

Three-quarters of non-Muslims believe Islam negative for Britain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/aug/02/poll-islam-negative-britain>

Muslim integration 'easier in Scotland than England'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-10920747>

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Equality

New publications

Equality Act Guidance for employers, workers, service providers, and service users

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/equality-act-guidance/equality-act-2010-guidance/>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

New publication

European Anti-discrimination Law Review

http://www.migpolgroup.com/public/docs/178.European_Anti-discrimination_Law_Review_10_30.07.2010_EN.pdf

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) News

Nazi backing for thug who ripped hijab off terrified woman

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2010/08/08/nazi-backing-for-thug-who-ripped-hijab-off-terrified-woman-86908-22473577/>

English Defence League targets Bradford march as the 'big one'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/aug/07/english-defence-league-bradford-march>

Racial violence laid bare

<http://www.irr.org.uk/2010/august/ms000008.html>

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Other Holyrood

New publications

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme

Full Guidance

http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/pvg/316289_v6_20100628.pdf

Information for Individuals

http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/guidance/infoforindivid/chap1_intro/1_0_introducing.html

Information for Organisations

http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/guidance/infofororg/chap1_intro/1_0_introducing.html

Sample application forms

<http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/guidance/index.html>

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New Publications

Scotland's Population 2009

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/files2/stats/annual-review-09/rgar2009.pdf>

The Future Ageing of the Ethnic Minority Population of England and Wales

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/TheFutureAgeingOfTheEthnicMinorityPopulation-ForWebJuly2010.pdf>

Third Sector Research Centre

'Below the radar' activities and organisations in the third sector: a summary review of the literature

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=80XsXI6tHkc%3d&tabid=648>

Northern Rock Foundation

Beyond 'flat-earth' maps of the third sector <http://www.northernrockfoundation.org.uk/thirdsectortrends/downloads/NRF%20TST%20Report%20Beyond%20Flat%20Earth.pdf>

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Other News

An 'MBE' for radio station

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/>

Ramadan in an Orkney summer

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherhowse/7931106/Ramadan-in-an-Orkney-summer.html>

Ramadan and me: A month in the life of British Muslims

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/faith/ramadan-and-me-a-month-in-the-life-of-british-muslims-2046507.html>

Town hall rules halal meat must be served in schools despite parental anger

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article2674200.ece>

Muslim leaders criticise council's halal-only meat for secondary schools

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article2676066.ece>

Mentoring support for Third Sector organisations in Scotland

<http://www.realisementoring.org.uk/mnt/content/>

Voluntary placements with the Scottish Human Rights Commission

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/content/resources/documents/voluntary%20placement%20autumn%202010.doc>

Glasgow City Council Annual Canvass of Electors

Enquiry forms for the Annual Canvass of Electors will be issued to every household in the city in August. In order to ensure that no one in their household loses their right to vote, names of all new residents should be added to the form and those of anyone no longer resident deleted. Parents should add details of all 16 and 17 year olds in their household to ensure that they can vote when they attain 18 years of age. If there are no changes to details pre-printed on the form, a return can be made by telephone or by internet. For information see www.glasgow.gov.uk or contact 0141 287.

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Consultations

(closing date)

** new or updated this week

Palliative Care Bill (1 September 2010)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/inquiries/PalliativeCareBill/PallCareC allforevid.htm>

Migration Advisory Committee: level of an annual limit on economic migration to the UK (7 September 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/mac-consultation-annual-limit/0610/mac-consultation-annual-limit?view=Binary>

Draft National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (17 September 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/313390/0099355.pdf>

Limits on non-EU economic migration (17 September 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/limits-on-non-eu-migration/>

Consultations (continued)

Taking action on rights, support and protection of victims of crime and violence
(30 September 2010)

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/news/consulting_public/news_consulting_0053_en.htm

Single Equality Scheme: NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (30 September 2010)

<http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/8098.html>

Data protection legislative framework (6 October 2010)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/dpa-call-evidence-02-07-2010.pdf>

**** Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund**

(29 October 2010)

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Legal seminar on fresh claims and further leave applications

20 August 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council information seminar on writing fresh asylum claims and lodging applications for further leave to remain. The seminar will outline the basic legal framework and procedures for fresh claims and further leave applications, cover some of the more recent legal , and discuss some areas of current controversy. For information see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=100> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

**** next week!**

The Housing Rights of Refugees: Supporting those with Leave To Remain into appropriate housing

24 August 2010 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with refugees who need a comprehensive knowledge of their rights to housing in Scotland. For information see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=99> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

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An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

26 August 2010 in Glasgow

30 September 2010 in Glasgow

2 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people whose work involves asylum seekers and refugees and who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=89> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

Working with Interpreters

7 September 2010 in Glasgow

25 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. For information see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=94> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

Making services more inclusive for ME/LGBT people

10 September 2010 in Glasgow (9.00 – 2.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

**** Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator**

5 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 2.30)

Annual conference providing an overview of OSCR's work during the past year and priorities for the future. For information see

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=fd67b6a2-18b0-4fd0-98a1-c046ecff5732>

**** 10th International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions, and Non Governmental Organisations Forum**

7-10 October 2010 in Edinburgh

For information see <http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/ngoforum> (closing date for applications: 22 August 2010)

Gender and Gender Identity

12 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin

sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

Third Sector Research Conference

15 October 2010 in Edinburgh

For information contact Helen Swatton 01412258019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org

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The needs and experiences of refugee women

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency. 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 Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

Scottish Refugee Council annual conference

29 October 2010 in Glasgow

The conference will focus primarily on the new Coalition Government's stated agenda for asylum seekers and refugees - including: speeding up the asylum process; ending child detention and treatment of LGBT people seeking asylum. For information contact Graeme Corbett events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Judge a book by its cover? Not me!

3 November 2010 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.30)

SCVO training course to find out more about the processes of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements can lead to prejudice and discrimination. For more information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019.

LGBT Asylum Seekers and Refugees

5 November 2010 in Glasgow (9.00 – 2.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

Youth Interfaith Connect Conference

2 December 2010 (10.00 – 3.00)

Conference for young people organised by ACPOS to discuss issues such as the impact of faith in Scotland today, the impact of religious and sectarian hate crime on our communities, the role of the media in representing faith communities, religious education in schools, identity faith and belief, and faith and social action. An associated discussion forum has been set up at <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/forum/>. For information see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/> or contact Fiach OBroin-Molloy 01786 456000 / 07769920462.

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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

Useful Links (continued)

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>

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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*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 Charity SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>*



***BEMIS** is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/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/>*