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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### UK Border Agency

**Lord Avebury:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many "legacy cases" still have to be decided by the UK Border Agency on the latest date for which figures are available; and when the remainder will be cleared if they are dealt with at the same average rate as cases decided in 2010.[HL6223]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The former Chief Executive of the UK Border Agency, Lin Homer, updated the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC) on 1 November 2010. The Case Resolution Directorate (CRD) had concluded 334,500 cases up to the end of September 2010. CRD is nearing the end of its programme to review the backlog of unresolved asylum cases, and remains on track to complete the legacy programme by summer 2011.

A further progress update on the conclusion of these cases will be provided to the HASC in early spring.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110131w0001.htm#11013117000472>

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### Immigration

**David Evennett:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent estimate she has made of the number of people who have been waiting more than six months for a decision on their immigration status; and if she will make a statement. [33587]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The total number of people who have been waiting more than six months for a decision on their immigration status is 20,081. This is broken down into 3,980 waiting for an asylum initial decision (this includes 'legacy' cases), and 16,101 waiting for a non-asylum initial decision.

All figures quoted are internal management information only and are subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110131/text/110131w0006.htm#11013145000071>

### Immigration Controls

**Mark Tami:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) what timescale she has set for reviewing the salary threshold for Tier 2 immigration applications; [37136] (2) what criteria her Department used in setting the salary threshold for Tier 2 migrants. [37137]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Under the changes to Tier 2 announced by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, my right hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May) on 23 November 2010, *Official Report*, columns 169-171, the minimum salary threshold for an intra-company transferee seeking admission to the United Kingdom for more than 12 months will rise to £40,000.

This is considered to be a salary level commensurate with type of worker we are obliged to admit as an intra-company transferee under the terms of the relevant international agreements by which the UK is bound.

**Mark Tami:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what discussions she had with the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills on industry demand to recruit specialists, not available within the EU, prior to setting the new rules in respect of Tier 1 and Tier 2 migrants. [37139]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The Secretary of State for the Home Department has regular discussions with ministerial colleagues, including the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, on a range of issues, and will continue to do so to develop and implement the Government's policies, including the measures set out in the Home Secretary's statement of 23 November 2010, *Official Report*, columns 169-171, on implementing limits on immigration.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110201/text/110201w0001.htm#11020141000057>

### Migration

**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Earl Howe on 29 November (WA 411), whether they will ask the Migration Advisory Committee to review the issue of tier two points-based system work permit visas to medical practitioners from non-European Economic Area countries; and how many such work permits were issued last year. [HL6231]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** We have no plans to ask the Migration Advisory Committee to review tier 2 provision for medical practitioners.

In 2010, 2,366 tier 2 applicants were sponsored to work as medical practitioners, of whom 1,174 were visa applicants and 1,192 were in-country applicants.

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**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government which recommendations of the Migration Advisory Committee they have rejected or not agreed since 11 May 2010. [HL6232]

**Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones:** The Government have not rejected outright any recommendations made by the Migration Advisory Committee since 11 May 2010.

In its report, *Limits on Tier 1 and Tier 2 for 2011-12 and Supporting Policies*, the committee put forward a series of possible options for operating the limit. The report emphasised the importance of identifying and attracting those migrants who have the most to contribute to the UK. The Government's policies are designed with that objective in mind, but the operation of our limit will differ in detail from some of the options set out by the committee, having been adapted in line with the findings of the Government's own consultation on limits.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110201w0001.htm#11020134000289>

### Visas

**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Neville-Jones on 17 January (WA 115-6), why the number of grants of extension of leave to remain in the United Kingdom for students increased from 104,500 from Q3 2008 to Q2 2009 to 112,750 from Q3 2009 to Q2 2010; what are the main reasons for non-European Economic Area students applying for extensions of leave to remain; and for how long and how often such leave can be extended. [HL6189]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The rising numbers of grants of extensions of leave to remain are due to the fact that more applicants applied who met the provisions of tier 4 of the points-based system. The main reason for non-European Economic Area students applying for extensions of leave to remain is to undertake a further course of study; other reasons include changes of sponsor or extensions for re-sitting exams.

At present, a student can spend a maximum of three years studying courses below degree level under tier 4, but there is currently no limit on the amount of time a student can spend studying courses at or above degree level. On 7 December the Government launched a public consultation on reform of the student immigration system; copies are available in the House Library.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110201w0001.htm#11020134000298>

### Entry Clearances: Appeals

**Nicholas Soames:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what reasons her Department has identified for the doubling in the number of appeals against refusals of entry clearance between 2005 and 2006; and for what reasons the number of such appeals has remained broadly constant since 2006. [33737]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The Control of Immigration: Statistics 2006, does not specify a reason for the increase in appeals lodged and there was no change in the immigration rules that could account for the increase. It is possible that a change in the method of recording appeals in 2006 may have been a contributory factor. However, in spite of best endeavours, the Department has been unable to account reliably for this increase.

The number of appeals reduced in 2010 due to the impact of the points-based system which attracts limited rights of appeal, on human rights and race relations grounds only.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110203/text/110203w0003.htm#11020337000123>

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### Asylum Seekers

**Lord Avebury:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum applicants are awaiting decisions (a) six months, (b) one year, (c) 18 months, and (d) two years, after submitting their applications. [HL6180]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** The attached data are published in the monthly asylum application tables available from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html).

This data series on the number of asylum applications lodged since April 2006 that are pending are based on the UK Border Agency's administrative database. Further work is needed to assure the quality of the earlier records before information on earlier years can be published.

**To read the lengthy table see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110201w0001.htm#11020134000268>

### Asylum

**Bridget Phillipson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether gender-related persecution claims are considered as claims unlikely to be accepted into the fast track detention process for asylum seekers. [38149]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Entry to the detained fast track procedure is determined by reference to published policy. The policy lays out categories of claimant who, for reasons of particular vulnerability, are excluded from entry to the process. These reasons include late pregnancy, significant ill-health and where the applicants are accepted as victims of trafficking or torture. For all other claimants, the key factor determining entry to the process is whether a quick, fair and sustainable decision can be taken on the case.

The question of suitability for entering the process is considered on a case-by-case basis, based on what is known about the individual and their claim.

**Bridget Phillipson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers of each country of origin have participated in the detained fast track process in each year for which figures are available. [38150]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The following tables show the number of asylum applicants who have been accepted in a fast track centre by nationality and location, for the years in which data are available.

Further information on asylum fast track detainees is available in Supplementary Tables 2r to 2u of Control of Immigration: Annual Bulletin, United Kingdom 2009 in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

**To read the lengthy tables see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110203/text/110203w0002.htm#11020337000117>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department for what reason there was an increase in the number of persons detained under Immigration Act powers in the third quarter of 2010; what her estimate is of the number of persons who will be detained under Immigration Act powers in each of the next eight quarters; and if she will make a statement. [36214]

**Reply from Damian Green:** While there was an increase in the number of persons detained under Immigration Act powers in the third quarter of 2010 it is worth noting

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that the data are a snapshot. They only show the number detained on the last day of the reporting period, therefore, on any other date during the quarter (or in previous quarters) the number detained could have been higher or lower.

The increase in the detained population may have been, partially, a result of the opening of Harmondsworth Immigration Removal Centre which provided additional detention space for Immigration Group to progress cases through to removal. There were 360 more adult detainees at Harmondsworth comparing Q2 of 2010 to Q3 (from 250 to 610). The population at Oakington dropped from 395 to 100 but the fall was less than the rise of the detained Harmondsworth population.

The increase may have also occurred due to a higher than average number of charter flight removal operations during that period in which individuals would have required detention prior to removal.

There is no specific estimate for the number of persons who will be detained in the next eight quarters. However our aim is to maintain and improve the number of removals over the next two years which will inevitably require detention.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110131/text/110131w0006.htm#11013145000070>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many and what proportion of persons currently detained under Immigration Act powers are (a) appealing against their detention and (b) making applications to remain in the UK. [36215]

**Reply from Damian Green:** The number of people currently detained under Immigration Act powers is 2,893. This is a snap shot taken on 25 January.

Persons detained may apply for bail either from the UK Border Agency or a court. The number of persons who have outstanding applications for bail is 407, which is 14% of those detained.

The number of people who are currently detained and are currently making an application to remain in the UK is 1,016 which represent 35% of those detained.

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110201/text/110201w0001.htm#11020141000056>

### Detention Centres: Children

**Jeremy Corbyn:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children are held in immigration detention; and how many were so held in each month since September 2010. [37736]

**Reply from Damian Green:** As at 30 September 2010, the latest date for which National Statistics have been published, five children were detained solely under Immigration Act powers. This figure is rounded to the nearest five.

The latest published management information for the numbers of children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers were: 15 in October 2010, three in November 2010 and three in December 2010.

These figures may include age disputed cases.

The Home Office publishes National Statistics on the number of persons detained solely under Immigration Act powers on a quarterly and annual basis and management information on the number of children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers, by month, which are available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html)

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On 16 December 2010, the right hon. Member the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr Clegg) announced a new package to deliver the coalition commitment to end the detention of children for immigration purposes and the immediate closure of the family unit to children at the Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre.

The UK Border Agency will now follow a new four stage process focused on engagement with families during the decision making process, giving parents the opportunity to engage in when and how they return, when they have been found to have no legal right to stay in the UK. The new measures will ensure a family's return home is safe and dignified. Most elements of this new approach will be in place in March.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110203/text/110203w003.htm#11020337000122>

### People Trafficking

**Baroness Butler-Sloss:** To ask Her Majesty's Government when they will publish their proposals on human trafficking; and how many non-governmental organisations they have met to discuss the proposals.[HL6286]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones):** We plan to publish a new strategy on human trafficking in the spring.

Home Office officials are in the process of contacting non-government organisations to discuss development of the strategy.

**Baroness Butler-Sloss:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether a Home Office Minister will meet the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking to discuss the Government's proposals on human trafficking before their publication.[HL6287]

**Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones:** My honourable friend the Minister for Immigration will shortly be writing to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Human Trafficking to arrange a meeting to discuss the strategy.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110202w0001.htm#11020256000375>

### Human Trafficking

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department which non-governmental organisations (a) she has met to discuss and (b) were consulted on the formulation and content of the Government's policy on human trafficking between 14 October 2010 and 15 December 2010; and if she will make a statement. [37441]

**Reply from Damian Green:** There were no ministerial discussions or consultations with non-governmental organisations about the forthcoming strategy during the period in question. However, initial discussions between officials and non-governmental organisations about the strategy took place at the UK Human Trafficking Centre Prevention Group.

Internal work has been progressing on the human trafficking strategy and it is now being discussed with non-governmental organisations. I will be meeting them during this phase of developing the strategy.

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what consideration she gave to the consulting non-governmental organisations on the formulation and content of the Government's forthcoming policy on human trafficking between 15 December 2010 and 26 January 2011; and if she will make a statement. [37442]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Internal work has been progressing on the human trafficking strategy and we are now in the process of discussing it with voluntary sector organisations.

**Keith Vaz:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will assess the compatibility of her Department's conduct of the consultation process on its policy on

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human trafficking with the Government's Big Society initiative; and if she will make a statement. [37443]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Internal work has been progressing on the human trafficking strategy and we are now in the process of discussing it with non-governmental organisations.

The voluntary sector plays a key role in the provision of support to victims of human trafficking. We are strongly supportive of this role and will continue to work in partnership with voluntary organisations to reduce the incidence of human trafficking.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110203/text/110203w0003.htm#11020337000126>

## Press Releases

**UK Border Agency publishes revised guidance on ILR - calculating continuous period in UK**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/february/13-revised-ilr>

**Just a single permit to live and work in the EU**

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/pressroom/content/20110131IPR12819/html/Just-a-single-permit-to-live-and-work-in-the-EU>

**Restrictive laws prevent families from reuniting**

<https://wcd.coe.int/wcd/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1740087&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE>

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**University principals plead for exemption on immigration law**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/university-principals-plead-for-exemption-on-immigration-law-1.1083521>

**'Callous' cuts anger**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com:80/life-style/real-lives/callous-cuts-anger-1.1082910>

**Universities 'at risk' over immigrant cap**

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/business/Universities-39at-risk39-over-immigrant.6712029.jp>

**Tougher English rules for immigrants on way - Cameron**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-12344040>

**British people most anxious about immigration - survey**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12362464>

**Failed asylum seekers 'neglected' by system, Oxfam says**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12356617>

**Illegal immigrant mother can stay, rules Supreme Court**

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/britons-have-greater-fear-of-immigration-2204068.html>

#### **New centres 'to detain child asylum seekers'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/new-centres-to-detain-child-asylum-seekers-2203843.html>

#### **Immigration agency breaks Clegg's pledge by detaining child**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-agency-breaks-cleggs-pledge-by-detaining-child-2202597.html>

#### **Immigration Minister Damian Green defends student visa crackdown**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-minister-damian-green-defends-student-visa-crackdown-2200788.html>

#### **Failed asylum seeker allowed to stay because of British children**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8296374/Failed-asylum-seeker-allowed-to-stay-because-of-British-children.html>

#### **Crackdown on student visas will curb 'unpleasant' abuses, says minister**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/01/crackdown-student-visas-unpleasant-abuses>

#### **Universities condemn 'hostile' curbs on foreign student numbers**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/feb/01/universities-foreign-student-immigration-rules>

#### **Landmark human rights ruling allows asylum mother to remain in UK**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/01/asylum-immigration-mother-human-rights>

#### **Refugee services to take a heavy hit due to 62% funding cuts**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/feb/01/refugee-services-heavy-hit-cuts>

#### **Supreme Court bolsters rights of children in deportation cases**

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### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### **Religions for Peace**

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they propose to mark the 40th anniversary of Religions for Peace and its work on war, poverty and the environment.

**Reply from the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Lord Howell of Guildford):** ... The Government welcome the important work Religions for Peace undertakes through its global network of religious leaders to promote peace, end poverty, and protect the environment through religious co-operation and dialogue. The United Kingdom works with a wide range of non-governmental

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and civil society organisations through our international diplomatic and development work. We value their expertise and the contribution they make to our policies.

**Lord Hylton:** My Lords, I thank the Minister for his positive reply. Would the Government consider giving publicity to this 40th anniversary, perhaps by means of a commemorative stamp? Does he agree that religions have come in for a great deal of criticism over their involvement in violence, so would it not therefore be appropriate to give them maximum encouragement when they work constructively for peace?

**Reply from Lord Howell of Guildford:** My Lords, these efforts should of course receive maximum encouragement from all sources, but whether one should necessarily mix up the international relations between Governments with the very valuable work of non-governmental organisations, voluntary organisations, religious organisations and professional groups is a wider question. My own view would be that this organisation, which the noble Lord knows a great deal about, has done and continues to do immensely valuable work, and in a way gains prestige and effect by standing clear of the pattern of intergovernmental relationships which often has to deal with very hard and sometimes violent and difficult issues.

**The Lord Bishop of Guildford:** My Lords, does the noble Lord agree that an appropriate involvement of faith communities in discussions relating to human conflict, poverty and the environment could, under some circumstances, be highly advantageous?

Lord Howell of Guildford: Yes, I certainly agree with that proposition.

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: My Lords, we know that religious disputes often lead to serious conflict. Would the Government consider encouraging the establishment of a global forum of faiths that could meet perhaps on a semi-permanent basis to resolve religious and cultural disputes before they get totally out of hand?

**Reply from Lord Howell of Guildford:** Again, these are movements and inspirations that best come from beneath, as it were—from the bottom up rather than being imposed by government organisation. In a sense, my noble friend is referring to organisations very similar to Religions for Peace, with which this Question is concerned; that is, the desire for the faiths to come together and bring their message of peace to every corner of the world and to every religion and practice throughout the planet. That is exactly what Religions for Peace has done so successfully for many years past.

**Lord Alton of Liverpool:** My Lords, what resources are available within the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to champion the issue of religious liberties? In these turbulent times, is the Minister able to give some thought to the plight of the imprisoned Baha'is in Iran; the minorities in the ancient churches, the Chaldeans and Syrianis in Iraq, who have been facing a campaign of asphyxiation; and the Coptic community in Egypt, especially at present following the terrible attacks launched in Alexandria only a couple of weeks ago?

**Reply from Lord Howell of Guildford:** The noble Lord is quite right to begin the catalogue—sadly, it goes on even further than he mentioned—of the persecution of religious minorities. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Her Majesty's Government are determined, wherever we see such persecution, to make the strongest representations through our posts. The noble Lord mentioned three instances of hideous persecution and I have a list in front of me of four or five more areas of the world where there is direct persecution of religious minorities of a highly intolerant kind. In every instance, personnel in our posts and in the Foreign Office here in London continuously and vigorously pursue our concerns, suggestions and proposals that this intolerance should cease forthwith.

**Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean:** My Lords, the Minister said that there is a reason to separate religious organisations from government—on the whole, I suspect that many of

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us might agree-but, on the Question raised by the noble Lord, Lord Hylton, I point out that Religions for Peace has been working on a code for the holy sites, which will have a particular resonance for those who are interested in Jerusalem. This is a matter where Governments must take a serious role because of the implications for all the parties involved. Have the Government looked at the work done by Religions for Peace on the code for the holy sites and, if so, do they agree with its outcome?

**Reply from Lord Howell of Guildford:** I cannot give a detailed answer to that. I accept the noble Baroness's proposition that religion and politics become intertwined, sometimes disastrously and sometimes to the benefit of those who seek peace, stability and worthwhile aims. I shall look into the matter of the holy sites. It is not a situation with which I am familiar but, obviously, anything to do with Jerusalem and the holy sites has a highly political content and raises all sorts of sensitive issues.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110201-0001.htm#11020130000337>

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### PM's speech at Munich Security Conference

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/speeches-and-transcripts/2011/02/pms-speech-at-munich-security-conference-60293>

### UN launches first World Interfaith Harmony Week

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37431&Cr=faith&Cr1=>

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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/feb/05/gypsies-society-traveller-community>

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### David Cameron: Tolerance on race has failed Britain

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/David-Cameron-Tolerance-on-race.6711746.jp>

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#### **Cameron: My war on multiculturalism**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cameron-my-war-on-multiculturalism-2205074.html>

#### **How monocultural does the Prime Minister want us to be?**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/paul-vallely-how-monocultural-does-the-prime-minister-want-us-to-be-2205077.html>

#### **Labour accuses Cameron of lining up with extremists on multiculturalism**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-accuses-cameron-of-lining-up-with-extremists-on-multiculturalism-2205849.html>

#### **Cameron's confusion over identity**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/leading-articles/leading-article-camerons-confusion-over-identity-2205648.html>

#### **Diversity does not breed terrorists – politics does**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/nafeez-mosaddeq-ahmed-diversity-does-not-breed-terrorists-ndash-politics-does-2205649.html>

#### **Muslims must embrace our British values, David Cameron says**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/david-cameron/8305346/Muslims-must-embrace-our-British-values-David-Cameron-says.html>

#### **David Cameron stands by his attack on Islamism**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/david-cameron/8306162/David-Cameron-stands-by-his-attack-on-Islamism.html>

#### **Multiculturalism has failed us: it's time for muscular liberalism, says Cameron**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article2900522.ece>

#### **David Cameron tells Muslim Britain: stop tolerating extremists**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/feb/05/david-cameron-muslim-extremism>

#### **David Cameron sparks fury from critics who say attack on multiculturalism has boosted English Defence League**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/feb/05/david-cameron-speech-criticised-edl>

#### **Multiculturalism: Mr Cameron's crude caricature solves no problems**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/feb/06/observer-editorial-multiculturalism-david-cameron>

#### **At last, Islam's appeasers may be on the run**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/feb/06/egypt-muslim-brotherhood-islam>

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Equality Duty

**Lord Laird:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many public authorities will be required to monitor their workforces in terms of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and disability, and undertake equality assessments of all new policies, under the draft Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) Regulations 2011; what is the estimated annual cost of that monitoring; how many new jobs are forecast to be created; and what is the forecast cost of publishing annual updates on workforce diversity by all public authorities.[HL6089]

**Reply from Baroness Verma:** The new equality duty will not impose any legal obligations on public authorities to monitor their workforces in terms of gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and disability nor to undertake equality impact assessments of all policies. The duty does however require public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations. To help achieve this, public authorities should seek to understand any unintended consequences of their policies and practices on their employees and to consider action as appropriate.

The consultation document on the draft specific duties regulations includes a regulatory impact assessment which sets out the annual costs in detail. The consultation document, including the regulatory impact assessment, is available on the Government Equalities Office website at [www.equalities.gov.uk](http://www.equalities.gov.uk).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110131w0001.htm#11013117000439>

### News

**Western Isles' Sunday shutdown likely to fall foul of new equality law**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jan/31/western-isles-sunday-laws-equality-act>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Anti-Semitism

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 6 July 2010, *Official Report*, column 195W, on anti-Semitism, if she will make it her policy to collect details of (a) victims and (b) alleged offenders of anti-Semitic crime; and if she will make a statement. [38033]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Coalition programme for government included a commitment to improve the recording of hate crime offences. This has been implemented and the official collection of this data will begin in April 2011. This collection of data will cover the five 'monitored' hate crime strands and, at this time, it will not be possible to disaggregate this data down further. We will continue discussions with the police to see whether it is feasible to break this data down further so that anti-Semitic hate crime can be collected. These discussions will have to include whether the disaggregation of this data will add to the bureaucratic burden on police officers, which is something the Government have committed to reduce.

## Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

The Community Security Trust (CST) and the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) National Community Tension Team (NCTT) collect data on reports of anti-Semitic hate crime and will continue to do so. The ACPO NCTT data, published on 30 November 2010 showed that there were 703 anti-Semitic hate crimes in calendar year 2009. The latest figures from the CST will be released in the near future.

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will commission a report from the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis on allegations of anti-Semitic comments made at the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts protest on 29 January 2011; whether any arrests have been made in consequence of such allegations; and if she will make a statement. [R] [38050]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Government deplore any instances of anti-Semitism and are committed to tackling it. We have no plans to commission a report from the Commissioner of Police for the Metropolis. The police are operationally independent of the Government so any questions on arrests at the National Campaign Against Fees and Cuts, which took place in Manchester, would need to be directed to the chief constable of Greater Manchester police.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110203/text/110203w002.htm#11020337000116>

### Football: Anti-Semitism

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport what recent reports he has received of incidence of anti-Semitism in football; what steps he has (a) taken and (b) plans to take to monitor this issue; what recent (i) meetings and (ii) representations he has received from (A) the Football Association and (B) representatives of the Jewish community on the issue; what response he gave; and if he will make a statement. [36709]

**Reply from Hugh Robertson:** While I have received no recent representations or held any recent meetings on the issue of tackling anti-Semitism in football, I remain fully committed to a sporting landscape free from all forms of discrimination. There is no place in sport for prejudice of any kind and Sport England and the Football Authorities are working together to tackle the problem. If it occurs, anti-Semitic or racist chanting of any kind is an offence under section 3 of the Football (Offences) Act 1991, though this is a matter for the police and courts to determine on each case's merits.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110201/text/110201w001.htm#11020141000020>

## Westminster Early Day Motion

**John Mann (1376) Best practice in tackling antisemitism and hate speech in higher education** - That this House notes the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Antisemitism's 2006 report and the section on Antisemitism in Higher Education and its five recommendations; further notes the recent third Government response to the inquiry report; welcomes the ongoing reviews of academic freedom by Universities UK, the National Union of Students and the work of the Equality Challenge Unit in addressing questions of under-reporting of campus antisemitism; further welcomes improved reporting of incidents through the Community Security Trust and Union of Jewish Students; further notes with concern continuing reports on the radicalisation and racial incitement caused by speakers on campus; is concerned that little progress has been made on the question of hate speech since the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into

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Antisemitism; believes that more can and should be done by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, higher education institutions and the sector as a whole on this matter; applauds the decisions that have been taken to regulate events likely to breach the peace, radicalise students or incite hatred; calls for more progress with greater urgency in the creation of a wide-ranging policy to help university vice chancellors and student union representatives deal effectively with speaker invitations and hate speech; and calls on university authorities to establish practical guides to dealing with speakers on campus based on the best practice demonstrated by Manchester University in its speaker guidelines.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=42401&SESSION=905>

## Press Releases

**First ever EU-wide results on multiple discrimination experienced by minorities**

[http://www.fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/media/pr-020211\\_en.htm](http://www.fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/media/pr-020211_en.htm)

**Photo competition: YES to Diversity, NO to Discrimination!**

(closing date 31 March 2011)

<http://www.fightdiscrimination.eu/news-and-events/picture-europe-without-discrimination-amnesty-international-launches-photo-contest>

## New publications

**Antisemitic Incidents Report 2010**

<http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents%20Report%202010.pdf>

**Data in Focus Report: Multiple Discrimination**

[http://www.fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/EU\\_MIDIS\\_DiF5-multiple-discrimination\\_EN.pdf](http://www.fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/EU_MIDIS_DiF5-multiple-discrimination_EN.pdf)

## News

**Funding crisis hits anti-bigot campaign**

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Funding-crisis-hits-antibigot-campaign.6712178.jp>

**Clashes at English Defence League march in Luton**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/8305744/Clashes-at-English-Defence-League-march-in-Luton.html>

**EDL return to Luton**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12375175>

**Health watchdog chief in racism row over 'jungle drums' phrase**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/politics/8305812/Health-watchdog-chief-in-racism-row-over-jungle-drums-phrase.html>

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## Other Holyrood

### Petition

**Gypsy Traveller Community (Government Apology) (PE1363)**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/petitions/or-11/pu11-0202.htm#Col3367>

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## New Publication

**Living Democracy**

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/edc/3\\_resources/resources\\_for\\_teachers\\_EN.asp#P52\\_1122](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/education/edc/3_resources/resources_for_teachers_EN.asp#P52_1122)

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## Bills in Progress \*\* New or updated this week

### Holyrood

**Certification of Death Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

Stage 1 debate

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6077&m ode=html#iob\\_54543](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6077&m ode=html#iob_54543)

**\*\* Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/index.htm>

Stage 1 debate

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6074&m ode=html#iob\\_54498](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6074&m ode=html#iob_54498)

**\*\* Local Electoral Administration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/57-LocalElecAdmin/index.htm>

Stage 1 debate

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6074&m ode=html#iob\\_54499](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6074&m ode=html#iob_54499)

**Public Records Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/56-PublicRecords/index.htm>

### Bills in Progress Westminster

**Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

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#### **\*\* Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-xv.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/026/amend/ml026-xvi.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/044/amend/ml044-i.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110131-0001.htm#11013110000541>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110131-0002.htm#11013121000080>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110201-0001.htm#11020130000340>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110202-0001.htm#11020244000516>

Bill as amended in Committee

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/044/2011044.pdf>

#### **\*\* Scotland Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/scotland.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/115/amend/psc1150202a.1483-1484.html>

Scottish Parliament Committee evidence session on the Legislative Consent Memoranda

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/scotBill/mop-11/sbmop11-0201.htm>

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## Consultations

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**Department for International Development Match Funding Scheme** (24 February 2011)

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Consultations/Match-Funding-Scheme/>

**International Commission for Aid Impact (scrutiny of UK overseas aid)** (7 April 2011)

<http://icai.independent.gov.uk/>

**\*\* Equality Act: Draft Code of Practice for Schools in Scotland** (22 April 2011)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equality-act/equality-act-consultations/>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees**

10 February 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore immigration terminology, main refugee nationalities, why people flee and factors affecting migration, the Refugee Convention - its history and interpretation, the UK asylum process and current implementation in Scotland, how to develop culturally sensitive services, and issues facing practitioners and possible solutions; best practice for support and advocacy. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/858> [an introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/858)

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### **Becoming British citizens? The experiences and opinions of refugees living in Scotland**

10 February 2011 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.30)

Research findings examining the opinions of refugees living in Scotland towards the UK citizenship process and their views on becoming British citizens. For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/events\\_calendar/892\\_research\\_seminar\\_becoming\\_british\\_citizens](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/892_research_seminar_becoming_british_citizens) or contact 0141 223 7915 / [info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**\*\* Anne Frank: A History for Today**

16 February – 3 March 2011 in Glasgow

Anne Frank Scotland exhibition supported by Sense Over Sectarianism about the life of Anne Frank. By placing complex historical events against the backdrop of the life of one young person, the exhibition enables visitors to gain a greater understanding of the terrible human consequences of persecution and war. For information contact Heather Boyce [heather@annefrank.org.uk](mailto:heather@annefrank.org.uk) / 07525 351803.

### **Equality Act 2010: What does it mean for you?**

17 February 2011 in Inverness

Equality and Human Rights Commission conferences to provide information about how the Act works and how to use it, what discrimination means and who is protected. For information contact David Reilly [David.Reilly@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:David.Reilly@equalityhumanrights.com) / 0141 228 5967 or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_ehrc.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_ehrc.pdf)

### **Justice and Fairness in the Workplace**

18 February 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 3.00)

Conference jointly organised by BEMIS, the Scottish Refugee Council, and the STUC to discuss employment and human rights, migrants and employment, the role of the unions, and active citizenship. For information contact Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / [conference@bemis.org.uk](mailto:conference@bemis.org.uk) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_bemis.pdf)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Tell the World**

21 February 2011 in Glasgow (12.00 – 4.30)

Runnymede consultation event providing an opportunity to give your views to the UN on key issues facing black and minority ethnic communities in the UK, which also includes a training session about the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a United Nations body that monitors compliance by UN countries to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. For information see <http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/278/273/Tell-the-World-Advising-UN-race-committee-Glasgow.html> or contact Katy Schmitz [klara@runnymedetrust.org](mailto:klara@runnymedetrust.org).

### **OSCR Outreach Programme: Completing OSCR Returns**

22 February 2010 in Glasgow (2.00 – 4.30)

10 May 2010 in Aberdeen (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist charities to complete annual and supplementary monitoring returns. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=41d2239c-6e59-4edb-96ea-cfd052854b50> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

### **Violence Against Women Faith, Culture and Practice Training**

23 February 2011 in Stirling (10.00 – 4.00)

Amina training to explore the faith and cultural dimensions associated with the perpetration of violence against women in the Muslim and other Communities. For information contact [pdu@stirling.gov.uk](mailto:pdu@stirling.gov.uk) / 01786 442 562.

### **The Gathering**

23-24 February 2011 in Edinburgh

SCVO voluntary sector fair. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/news/events-2/the-gathering/>

### **An introduction to working with separated children**

24 February 2011 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about children under 18 years of age, in the UK without a parent or other guardian who may be going through the asylum process, have been granted leave to remain, or be victims of trafficking. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/879\\_an\\_introduction\\_to\\_working\\_with\\_separated\\_children](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/879_an_introduction_to_working_with_separated_children)

### **Toward a Registration System for CLD Practitioners**

9 March 2011 in Glasgow

11 March 2011 in Edinburgh

Standards Council for Community Learning and Development for Scotland consultations on establishing a registration system for Community Learning and Development practitioners. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iii\\_cld.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iii_cld.doc) or contact Gail Herrigan 0141 282 5054 / [G.Herrigan@LTScotland.org.uk](mailto:G.Herrigan@LTScotland.org.uk).

### **\*\* Race Equality in Scotland**

8 March 2011 at the Scottish Parliament (6.00 – 7.30)

Runnymede political panel discussion to discuss each party's approach to race equality, as well as on whether race relations have changed in Scotland over the past ten years. For information contact Vicki Butler [vicki@runnymedetrust.org](mailto:vicki@runnymedetrust.org)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Youth Interfaith Conference

10 March 2011 in Jackton (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference and discussion forums to bring young people together to explore faith in our communities. For information see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/>

### OSCR Outreach Programme: Becoming a Charity

19 April 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 12.30)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training for charity advisors to enable them to assist organisations in deciding whether to register as a charity, and, if so, to do so. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=6bb95a2f-165b-4bbc-8f78-25fd07c79e34> or contact [communications@oscr.org.uk](mailto:communications@oscr.org.uk)

### Researching Poverty at Community Level

The second pilot programme will begin in April 2011

BEMIS in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (Scottish Poverty Information Unit) and Faith in Community Scotland are offering a 12 week Certificate Level training programme to empower local community and faith groups with much needed necessary skills in relation to research and tackling poverty. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.pdf) and registration form

[http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv\\_bemis.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.doc) or contact Tanveer Parnez [Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

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**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](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](http://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](http://www.acas.org.uk)

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

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Volunteer Development Scotland [www.vds.org.uk](http://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](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, 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>*



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