

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament returns from recess today.

Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Debate

Migration and Trafficking

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6129&mode=html#job_55030

Holyrood Equal Opportunities Committee

Migration and Trafficking Inquiry

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-11/eo11-0302.htm#Col2371>

New publications

21 Months Later

<http://www.rst.org.uk/pdfs/21DaysLater.pdf>

Immigration and Asylum (continued)

New publications

Mass Immigration: Labour's enduring legacy to Britain

http://www.migrationwatchuk.org/pdfs/MWK001-Migration-UK-report_Print.pdf

Statistical News Release: Control of Immigration

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/control-immigration-q4-2010snr.pdf>

Control Of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom Quarter 4 2010 (October – December)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/control-immigration-q4-2010.pdf>

Monthly Asylum Statistics - December 2010

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/asylum-dec2010.xls>

Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age and place of initial detention, (excluding Harwich), January 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/child-detention-jan2011.xls>

Migration Statistics Briefing

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2Fmigration+stats+briefing+Feb2011%2Epdf>

Student migration in the UK

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2Fstudent+migration+Feb2011%2Epdf>

News

Charities call for end to 400-mile trek for asylum seekers

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/922_charities_call_for_end_to_400-mile_trek_for_asylum_seekers

Net migration rises by 36%, official figures show

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12535437>

Immigration rises by a fifth after Britain gains 650 new citizens a day

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Immigration-rises-by-a-fifth.6724101.jp>

More than three million migrants under Labour

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8339075/More-than-three-million-migrants-under-Labour.html>

Easier births for migrant mothers

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/ireland/News/Irish_News/article563279.ece

Why it's time to stop hand-wringing over immigration

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/blog/2011/feb/22/immigration-policy-figures-government-conspiracy>

Caps are no basis for migration policy

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/feb/22/uk-immigration-policy-arbitrary-caps>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

What Britons really think about immigration

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/26/britons-immigration-multiculturalism-study>

The ins and outs of student immigration

<http://blogs.independent.co.uk/2011/02/21/the-ins-and-outs-of-student-immigration/>

Cap on skilled non-EU migrants 'will leave holes in public sector'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/cap-on-skilled-noneu-migrants-will-leave-holes-in-public-sector-2225122.html>

Immigration poll 'disturbing' say anti-racism campaigners

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/immigration-poll-disturbing-say-antiracism-campaigners-2227052.html>

Campaigners claim 'Labour let in 3m immigrants'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/campaigners-claim-labour-let-in-3m-immigrants-2222068.html>

Number of UK immigrants up by 22%

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/number-of-uk-immigrants-up-by-22-2224314.html>

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Race Relations

News

Lost in translation: The mystery behind Scotland's travelling community

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/opinion/Lost-in-translation-The-mystery.6725127.jp>

New advice issued on inter-racial adoption

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/new-advice-issued-on-interracial-adoption-2222067.html>

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Equality

New publication

Public Sector Equality Duty Consultation on Draft Regulations and Order: Overview of consultation findings and action taken

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/342777/0114102.pdf>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Press Release

Council Conclusions on intolerance, discrimination and violence on the basis of religion or belief

http://www.consilium.europa.eu//uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/genaff/119404.pdf

New publication

European Anti-discrimination Law Review Issue No. 11

http://www.migpolgroup.com/public/docs/188.European_Anti-discrimination_Law_Review_11_18.02.2011_EN.pdf ß

News

Make anti-Catholicism as unacceptable as drink driving, says campaigner

<http://thes Scotsman.scotsman.com/news/Make-antiCatholicism-as-unacceptable-as.6721565.jp>

Searchlight poll finds huge support for far right 'if they gave up violence'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/feb/27/support-poll-support-far-right>

Scotland's big fat gypsy apology

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/02/21/scotland-s-big-fat-gypsy-apology-86908-22938850/>

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Other Holyrood

New publications

Census 2011: Shaping Scotland's Future

www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_census.pdf

Shaping the nations future – the history of Scotland's Census

[www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_census\(2\).doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ii_census(2).doc)

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Other Westminster

Press Release

Government determined to put an end to Female Genital Mutilation

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/FGM-guidelines>

Other Westminster (continued) New publication

Multi-Agency Practice Guidelines: Female Genital Mutilation

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/resources/en/pdf/travel-living-abroad/when-things-go-wrong/multi-agency-fgm-guidelines.pdf>

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New Publications

The Opportunities and Challenges of the Changing Public Services Landscape for the Third Sector in Scotland: A Longitudinal Study Year One Report: Baseline Findings

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/342449/0113940.pdf>

Summary report

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/341566/0113603.pdf>

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme – guidance and other information

<http://charityemail.org.uk/t/7XU-DII3-321KHY42A2/cr.aspx>

Shaping Bereavement Care – a framework for action

http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/mels/CEL2011_09.pdf

'Madrassas' in the British media

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/members/download.asp?f=%2Fecomm%2Ffiles%2FMadrassas+in+the+media+Feb2011.pdf>

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Other News

Scottish Census Day 2011 preparations under way

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-12518958>

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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>

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

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

Committee consideration of the Scottish Government response to the Stage 1 Report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-11/eo11-0302.htm#Col2375>

Bills in Progress

Holyrood (continued)

Local Electoral Administration Bill

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

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>

** Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill

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

Act as passed

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/1/contents/enacted/data.htm#printLegislationModPdf>

Scotland Bill

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

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Consultations

(closing date)

** new or updated this week

Inquiry into Human Trafficking in Scotland (25 March 2011)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/projects-and-campaigns-in-scotland/inquiry-into-human-trafficking-in-scotland/call-for-evidence/>

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/>

** Strathclyde Police Equality and Diversity Strategy (30 April 2011)

<http://www.strathclyde.police.uk/index.asp?locID=1596&docID=-1>

** Changes to Immigration-Related Home Office Statistical Outputs (4 May 2011)

[http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.immigration-consultation-2011-pdf&ns_type=pdf&ns_url=\[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/immigration-consultation-2011.pdf](http://uk.sitestat.com/homeoffice/rds/s?rds.immigration-consultation-2011-pdf&ns_type=pdf&ns_url=[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs11/immigration-consultation-2011.pdf)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Corporate Plan (24 May 2011)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/NewsItem.aspx?ID=e66c5cf8-36b4-421c-93e1-f4aceffa7ec>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

European Refugee Fund and European Integration Fund

Closing date for applications: 7 April 2011

Eligible applicants include non-governmental organisations, charities, academic institutions, local government, inter-governmental organisations, limited companies and any partnership made up of these organisations. Under EU funding rules, the amount applied for must be matched with funds from other non-European Union sources.

To assist bidders in preparing their applications, a 1-day workshop will be held in March 2011. For information and application forms see

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/39-erf-eif>

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Events/Conferences/Training

** New or updated this week

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

Better Community Engagement

9 March 2011 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Government conference to launch a resource to enable better engagement between faith communities and public agencies. For information contact Gina Thomson 01324 489666 / gthomson@lwt.org.uk or see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/engage/better/BCENationalConference>

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/>

Muslimah of Scotland Conference

12 March 2011 in Dundee

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre conference to celebrate the contribution of Muslim women to Scotland as well as challenge negative stereotypes and barriers that exist to having a fair for all Scotland. For information contact 0141 585 8026 / info@mwrc.org.uk

Supporting Resilient Communities

17 March 2011 in Edinburgh

SURF conference to discuss how best to support community resilience and creativity necessary to survive the present crisis and thrive independently in future. For information see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/events/default.asp?ItemID=1254> or contact Derek Rankine Derek@scotregen.co.uk

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Hijab - The Light Behind the Veil

23 March 2011 in Glasgow

Amina launch of a short film about Scottish Muslim women. For information contact info@mwrc.org.uk / 0141 585 8026.

Advancing Scotland as a Learning Society: a Community Learning and Development perspective

25 March 2011 in Inverness (9.30 – 5.00)

28 April 2011 in Dundee (meeting focusing on faith issues) (9.30 – 5.00)

16 May 2011 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 5.00)

Series of seminars to explore views on advancing of Scotland as a Learning Society. We hope that you will all be part of this national conversation. For information see http://www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk/CLD_Standards_Council/The_Standards_Council_Conversations or contact Kirsty Horne k.horne@ltsotland.org.uk.

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

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 and registration form http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11iv_bemis.doc or contact Tanveer Parnez Tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047.

OSCR Outreach Programme: Completing OSCR Returns

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

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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/>*