

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish Parliament is now in dissolution until after the elections which will take place on 5 May 2011. During dissolution there are no MSPs and therefore no parliamentary business takes place.

The UK Parliament is now in recess and will return on 26 April 2011.

Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Migrant Workers

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many visas in the category of (a) temporary worker (creative and sporting), (b) temporary worker (charity worker), (c) temporary worker (religious worker), (d) temporary worker (government authorised exchange), (e) temporary worker (international agreement) and (f) Youth Mobility scheme Tier 5 were issued in 2010. [50484]

Reply from Damian Green: The following table gives the requested figures.

Category	Issued
Tier 5 (creative and sporting)	7,760
Tier 5 (charity worker)	2,260
Tier 5 (religious worker)	1,550

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Tier 5 (government authorised exchange)	3,235
Tier 5 (international agreement)	455
Tier 5 (youth mobility scheme)	20,720
Total	35,980

These figures are published by the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics and are available online at:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110401/text/110401w0002.htm#11040184000105>

Human Trafficking

Jeremy Lefroy: What steps he is taking to ensure that people recognised as trafficked under the national referral mechanism procedure are not prosecuted for criminal offences related to their trafficking. [50793]

Reply from the Solicitor-General: Guidance has been issued to prosecutors on the prosecution of defendants charged with criminal offences who might be trafficking victims. It advises prosecutors on the steps that should be taken when reviewing such a case. Similar guidance has also been issued to the police.

Jeremy Lefroy: What steps is the Solicitor-General taking to ensure that the victims of trafficking are better protected, so that they are more likely to give evidence?

Reply from the Solicitor-General: The national referral mechanism has improved the identification of trafficked victims and their subsequent referral into appropriate support and protection. As part of the wider strategy to combat human trafficking, the Government are introducing a new model for funding specialist support for all adult victims of trafficking in England and Wales that will provide support tailored to the individual needs of the victims. There is guaranteed funding of up to £2 million a year to support this. If the victim agrees to assist in criminal proceedings, a number of steps can be taken by prosecutors to ensure their safety and improve their ability to give evidence, including special measures in court, applying for reporting restrictions to protect their identity or applying for the victim to give evidence from their home country, if they wish to return there.

David Hanson: The newly appointed chief officer in the Welsh Assembly responsible for human trafficking issues in Wales said yesterday:

"Victims have no faith in the police and the public sector in their own countries because they are corrupt and traffickers will tell them it is the same here."

We know that that is not the case, but will the Minister indicate what he can do to ensure that people who do not have faith in their own countries can have confidence that we will deal with this issue seriously in ours?

Reply from the Solicitor-General: The right hon. Gentleman raises a very important point, which is that many of the victims come from jurisdictions in which the police are seen as oppressors rather than assistants. As he appreciates—having been a Home Office Minister and through his constituency experience—in this country, the situation is rather different. As I said in answer to an earlier question, both the police and the Crown Prosecution Service are acutely sensitive to the difficulties that the victims of trafficking face, whether of sexual or labour exploitation, or of immigration offences.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110405/debtext/110405-0001.htm#11040574000039>

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Human Trafficking

Jack Dromey: When he expects the Crown Prosecution Service to publish its public policy statement on the prosecution of cases involving human trafficking. [50788]

Reply from the Attorney-General (Mr Dominic Grieve): The Crown Prosecution Service expects to publish its public policy statement on the prosecution of cases involving human trafficking later this spring.

Jack Dromey: The Attorney-General will be aware of the heartbreaking case of the young woman from Moldova who was trafficked for the purposes of prostitution, deported, gang raped and tortured, and who is now taking legal action as a consequence. Will he impress upon both the CPS and the United Kingdom Border Agency that they have to act sensitively and in a determined fashion designed to end modern-day slavery?

Reply from the Attorney-General: I can assure the hon. Gentleman that the CPS fully understands those points and takes them very seriously indeed. He will be aware that the last Government, with the support of all Opposition parties, supported signing up to the Council of Europe convention to deal with those who are trafficked. As he will know, that provides for a period in which the person in question can recuperate, for which they are given temporary leave to remain in the United Kingdom. He will also be aware that the CPS takes very seriously the need to bring such cases to court. Prosecution is sometimes very difficult and, of course, witnesses reluctant to come forward, but the fact that those difficulties exist does not in any way diminish the seriousness with which the matter is approached.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110405/debtext/110405-0001.htm#11040574000034>

Human Trafficking

Justin Tomlinson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will bring forward proposals for a free multilingual national hotline for the use of (a) victims of human trafficking and (b) individuals reporting possible instances of human trafficking. [50433]

Reply from Damian Green: We have no plans to introduce a human trafficking hotline. Individuals wishing to report suspicions of trafficking can use the widely advertised Crime stoppers helpline or contact the local police force.

Justin Tomlinson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what definition of human trafficking her Department uses. [50434]

Reply from Damian Green: The UK uses the definition of trafficking set out in the United Nations Protocol to Prevent and Punish Trafficking in Persons, which we ratified on 9 February 2006.

Justin Tomlinson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will make it her policy to assess the performance of each police force in (a) tackling and (b) investigating offences of human trafficking; and if she will make a statement. [50435]

Reply from Damian Green: Combating human trafficking is a key priority for the Government, who are committed to tackling organised crime groups who profit from this human misery, and to protecting victims.

Our policy on performance is that police leaders should performance manage policing with minimal central interference or prescriptive targets.

However, as an important check within the new accountability structures Her Majesty's inspectorate of constabulary (HMIC) will continue its vital work. HMIC are close to finalising their new monitoring and risk-based inspection arrangements for 2011-12 and their risk assessment work will allow the

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Inspectorate to examine any human trafficking risks identified by forces and assess how effectively they respond.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110405/text/110405w0003.htm#11040613000020>

Child Trafficking

Steve McCabe: What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to increase the prosecution rate for child trafficking offences. [50789]

Reply from the Solicitor-General (Mr Edward Garnier): The Crown Prosecution Service is working with law enforcement agencies and others in the United Kingdom and in countries of origin to improve the investigation and prosecution of child trafficking cases.

Steve McCabe: Does the Solicitor-General agree that two of the obstacles to improving successful prosecutions are the tendency to focus on prosecuting young victims for crimes committed under duress and, as ECPAT UK and the Body Shop have argued, the lack of a proper system of guardianship to prevent child victims of trafficking from disappearing, especially from local authority care?

Reply from the Solicitor-General: I think I understand the thrust of the hon. Gentleman's question. However, I assure him that the CPS does not prosecute people just for the hell of it. It prosecutes people against whom there is evidence and whose activities require the attention of the criminal courts. Those who are forced here and commit crimes under duress are most unlikely to be prosecuted, but I assure him that the CPS is deeply sensitive to the nature of those people's existence and how they have come into this country. No prosecutions of people who are under duress should take place.

Stephen Phillips: What is the likely effect on rates of prosecution if the United Kingdom signs up to the European Union directive on human trafficking?

Reply from the Solicitor-General: I think that the Prime Minister announced last Wednesday week that we are now signing up to that directive, having considered the matter. I cannot tell him what the effect will be in numerical terms, but it will have some beneficial effects.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110405/debtext/110405-0001.htm#11040574000035>

Press Releases

New immigration fees from 6 April 2011

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/april/04-fees-april>

Changes to settlement from 6 April 2011

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/42-settlement>

Abolition of the Certificate of Approval scheme

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/43-abolition-of-coa>

First annual limit on non-EU workers comes into force to reduce immigration into the UK

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/april/07annual-limit-immigration>

Immigration and Asylum Press Releases (continued)

Changes to the 'knowledge of language and life' requirement for settlement

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/44-kol-skilled>

Asylum: a single EU procedure with higher standards of protection

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/pressroom/content/20110406IPR17100/html/Asylum-a-single-EU-procedure-with-higher-standards-of-protection>

Call for submissions for Scottish PEN on-line magazine

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/get_involved_in_arts_events

New Publications

Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries 2010

<http://www.unhcr.org/4d8c5b109.html>

Social Services Support to People with No Recourse to Public Funds: A National Picture

<http://tinyurl.com/6kdns2w>

News

Annual immigration cap comes into force

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/annual-immigration-cap-comes-into-force-2263869.html>

Migration policy figures missing, say Oxford academics

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-12965519>

Britain is "addicted to immigration" warns minister

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8430001/Britain-is-addicted-to-immigration-warns-minister.html>

75,000 asylum seekers have gone missing in past 20 years

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8431308/75000-asylum-seekers-have-gone-missing-in-past-20-years.html>

Britain's changing ethnic map: how suburbia has been transformed

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/apr/10/britains-changing-ethnic-map>

Going home: the Polish migrants who lost jobs and hope in UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/apr/06/uk-polish-migrants-lost-jobs-and-hope>

Poles apart: stay in the UK or return home?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/money/2011/apr/09/poles-stay-uk-return-home>

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Race Relations

Press Release

European Commission calls on Member States to set national strategies for Roma integration

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/400&format=HTML&age d=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

New Publication

Secularism, racism and the politics of belonging (podcast)

<http://www.uel.ac.uk/cmrb/news.htm>

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Equality

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Community Development: Religion

Graham Allen: To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what legislative and other provisions provide that religious organisations which win contracts to deliver public services under his proposed community right to challenge do not discriminate in the provision of such services. [50900]

Reply from Andrew Stunell: Under the Equality Act 2010 any organisation delivering a service-whether following a procurement exercise under the community right to challenge or otherwise-will need to deliver the service in a way which eliminates discrimination, harassment or victimisation of either the service user or potential service user. Delivering to a person a service which is of less quality or delivering it in a manner or on terms not usually provided to the general public would also constitute an offence.

As public authorities, relevant authorities under the Community Right to Challenge will also need to have regard to this Act and in particular to these considerations in commissioning, procuring and monitoring services-whether this occurs as a result of the right to challenge, or otherwise. They will want to ensure that contracts they enter into for service provision include adequate safeguards to enable them to meet these obligations and others, such as arise under the Human Rights Act.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110405/text/110405w0004.htm#11040613000076>

Press Release

New public sector equality duty comes into force

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2011/april/new-public-sector-equality-duty-comes-into-force/>

New Publications

Religion or Belief

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/briefing_paper_1_religion_or_belief.pdf

Equality

New Publications (continued)

Community consultation on poverty and ethnicity in Scotland

http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/income-ethnicity-Scotland-full_0.pdf

Summary

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/income-ethnicity-Scotland-summary.pdf>

Poverty and ethnicity in Scotland: Review of the literature and datasets

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/poverty-ethnicity-Scotland-full.pdf>

Summary

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/poverty-ethnicity-Scotland-summary.pdf>

News

Black mental health is still suffering

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/apr/05/black-mental-health-count-me-in-census>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Higher Education: Anti-Semitism

David Amess: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills if he will make representations to higher education authorities about invitations to speakers with a history of promoting anti-Semitism to speak on campuses; and if he will make a statement. [50269]

David Willetts: Decisions about external speakers must rest with universities themselves. In this area universities are bound by the law both in protecting freedom of speech on campus, even if that free expression is controversial, and protecting students and staff against harassment or violence. The Government would expect institutions to tackle these issues vigorously when they arise and they have access to guidance from both Government and the sector itself on promoting good campus relations, which draw out the considerations institutions need to give to free expression on campus and to addressing illegal behaviour. Institutions also take advice about external speakers from their local police forces when needed. The Department is active in the wider Government review of the Prevent Strategy which is considering approaches to tackling extremism and supporting integration in universities and elsewhere.

There is no place for racism of any form, such as anti-Semitism, in higher education. Universities have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their students are not subject to threatening or abusive behaviour on campus and have access to a strong legislative framework and guidance to help them deal effectively with instances of intolerance, racism and harassment in their institutions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110404/text/110404w0005.htm#11040437000048>

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) Press Releases

UN envoy on cultural rapprochement in appeal for end of bigotry

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=37991&Cr=civilizations&Cr1=>

Collective action needed to end racial discrimination

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

News

Racist ex-soldier who threatened to behead a Muslim a day is jailed

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Racist-exsoldier-who-threatened-.6747298.jp>

Crieff man behind hate campaign against Muslims jailed for breaching probation

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/12661/crieff-man-behind-hate-campaign-against-muslims-jailed-for-breaching-probation.html>

City football fans 'guilty of bigotry'

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/City-football-fans-39guilty-of.6746239.jp>

Sectarian singing has become worse, admits Ibrox hero Willie Henderson

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/sport/Sectarian-singing-has-become-worse.6748007.jp>

It's Rangers' fans who have to stamp out sectarianism

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/sport/spl/rangers/it-s-rangers-fans-who-have-to-stamp-out-sectarianism-1.1095274>

Racism row over Spurs fans' Adebayor song

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/sport/Racism-row-over-Spurs-fans39.6748005.jp>

'Anti-Irish' teacher apology

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/anti-irish-teacher-apology-1.1095247>

BNP candidate 'burnt Koran'

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/Politics/article601247.ece>

Lecturer says flight 'security' was racist

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Lecturer-says-flight-39security39-was.6749106.jp>

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Scottish Parliament Election

Political Party Manifestos

(Note that some parties have still not issued their manifesto)

Labour Party Manifesto

<http://www.scottishlabour.org.uk/uploads/84613091-e7ae-5ce4-7dff-39f1789cf681.pdf>

Conservative Party Manifesto

<http://www.scottishconservatives.com/downloads/scottish-conservative-manifesto-2011.pdf>

Scottish Parliament Elections Political Party Manifestos (continued)

Liberal Democrat Party Manifesto

<http://www.scotlibdems.org.uk/files/SLD2011manifesto.pdf>

Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party

<http://www.sscup.org/manifesto/>

UKIP

<http://www.ukip.org/scotland/manifesto>

New Publications

Voting in the Scottish Parliament Election and the UK Parliament Referendum

http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2011/11iv_election_and_referendum.pdf

The Electoral Register

http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2010/10ix_electoral_register.pdf

News

Homelessness does not stop people from voting

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2011/04/homelessness-does-not-stop-people-from-voting/>

Devolved Scotland and Wales slow to embrace ethnic minorities

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/apr/04/devolution-ethnic-minorities-scotland-wales>

Steep decline in number of women candidates in Scotland and Wales

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/04/devolved-parliaments-lacking-women-campaigners>

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Other Westminster

Early Day Motion

Andrew George (1729) Gypsy and Traveller evictions - That this House considers that there is no justification for the forced eviction of Gypsies and Travellers where no alternative lawful sites are available and residents seek to live in harmony; acknowledges that evictions leave many Gypsy and Traveller families with no secure accommodation and that the Office of the Children's Commissioner has recently expressed concern that the eviction of Gypsy and Traveller families poses a significant danger to the health, welfare and education rights of children; notes that 20 per cent. of Gypsies and Travellers living in caravans in England are legally categorised as homeless as they have no legal place to park their caravans and that, at the present rate of site provision, it will take up to 27 years to meet the current assessed need for Gypsy and Traveller accommodation; further notes that eviction is likely only to increase the incidence of unlawful encampments at a cost of £18 million each year for councils in England; and calls on the Government to encourage councils not to proceed with evictions until

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satisfactory and culturally appropriate alternative accommodation is identified and secured for Gypsy and Traveller families.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2010-11/1729>

Other Westminster (continued) Press Release

Baroness Warsi announces cross-Whitehall internship programme

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/baroness-warsi-announces-cross-whitehall-internship-programme>

Alternative Vote Referendum: New Publications

Scottish Parliamentary election and Referendum on the voting system used to elect MPs to the House of Commons

http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/referendum_2011/PDF/Scotland-accessible.pdf

Victor the Vote Counter

http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/5_may/referendum_2011.aspx

Alternative Vote Referendum: Campaign websites

“Yes” to the Alternative Vote

<http://www.yestofairervotes.org/>

“No” to the Alternative Vote

<http://www.no2av.org/>

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Other News

Celebrating Roma culture in Scotland on International Roma Day

http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/arts/roma_day2011.shtml

Charity communications 'are unappealing to ethnic minorities'

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/1064416/Charity-communications-are-unappealing-ethnic-minorities/A98B5CE37550E825B4A40A9B84D30B5E/?DCMP=EMC-CONDailyBulletin>

BT launches charitable giving website

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/1064227/BT-launches-charitable-giving-website/EEF80AC32EC13F385947C352E00643E3/?DCMP=EMC-CONDailyBulletin>

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Bills in Progress

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Bills in Progress Westminster

**Draft Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 (Remedial)
Order 2010**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110404-0002.htm#11040415001121>

Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

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

Scotland Bill

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

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Consultations

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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>

Reform of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (15 June 2011)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/what_we_do/ehrc_reform.aspx

Forced Marriage Statutory Guidance Consultation (1 July 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/347416/0115668.pdf>

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**** this week!**

Community Policing: Finding Common Ground with Immigrant Communities

13 April 2011 'webinar' (4.00 – 5.00)

Cities of Migration webinar to learn about successful outreach strategies in community policing from Cardiff and Newport (US) that build confidence and promote public safety within diverse communities. For information see <http://citiesofmigration.ca/integration-learning-exchange/calendar/lang/en/>

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

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

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.

**** BEMIS AGM**

4 May 2011 in Glasgow (5.30 – 8.00)

The BEMIS AGM will be held at the GO Business and Training Centre, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow, G1 2AD. For information contact Sue Barnes 0141 548 8047 / mail@bemis.org.uk

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

**** Resource or Roadblock? Faith Community Responses to Violence Against Women**

19 May 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Women's Aid seminar to explore the role that faith communities have in preventative measures to abuse and effective responses to disclosures of abuse. For information contact info@scottishwomensaid.org.uk / 0131 226 6606

**** BA in Community Development programme**

Applications accepted until mid August 2011, Course begins September 2011

The University of Glasgow's BA in Community Development is sponsored by BEMIS as part of its programme for capacity building strategy for the ethnic minority's voluntary sector. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis.pdf and http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis2.pdf or contact Tanveer Parnez 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

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

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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/>