

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

Press Release

Europe must make migration policies more humane

<https://wcd.coe.int/wcd/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1775481&Site=DC&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE>

News

Almost one in eight people living in UK are born abroad

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8451615/Almost-one-in-eight-people-living-in-UK-are-born-abroad.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

UK tells foreign students: 'Speak English or stay out'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/apr/12/tefl-internationalstudents>

Anger over English lesson funding cuts

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/apr/14/english-lessons-funding-immigrants>

David Cameron on immigration: full text of the speech

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/14/david-cameron-immigration-speech-full-text>

Cameron promises to cut immigration to '1980s' levels'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-13072509>

PM claims immigration is wrecking communities

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/pm-claims-immigration-is-wrecking-communities-2267455.html>

Immigrants who fail to integrate have created 'discomfort', says Cameron

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/14/immigrants-fail-integrate-discomfort-cameron>

David Cameron says that immigrants should learn English

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2011/apr/14/david-cameron-immigrants-learn-english>

Cameron risks playing into hands of far-right extremists, warns Cable

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Cameron-risks-playing-into-hands.6752078.jp>

David Cameron is risking race hate, says Vince Cable

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron/8452499/David-Cameron-is-risking-race-hate-says-Vince-Cable.html>

Cable leads attack on PM's immigration stance

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/cable-leads-attack-on-pms-immigration-stance-2268137.html>

David Cameron rejects Cable immigration criticism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-13072509>

Q&A: UK immigration cap

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10436228>

Immigration: The bigger picture

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/immigration-the-bigger-picture-2269074.html>

There is an immigration problem – but Cameron won't dare tackle it

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/mary-dejevsky/mary-dejevsky-there-is-an-immigration-problem-ndash-but-cameron-wont-dare-tackle-it-2267906.html>

Breaking the migration taboo

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/focus/article606199.ece>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Don't blame outsiders. Look closer to home

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/hugorifkind/article2986871.ece>

Church of England in 'sham marriage' crackdown

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-13044322>

UK lags in fight against trafficking

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/politics/UK-lags-in-fight-against.6752084.jp>

Ukip attracts anti-immigrant vote as polite alternative to BNP

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ukip-attracts-antiimmigrant-vote-as-polite-alternative-to-bnp-2268617.html>

Why do migrants leave Scotland?

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/migration-pulse/2011/why-do-migrants-leave-scotland>

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Race Relations

New Publication

Number Games: Does race have a place in the Big Society

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/resources/video/number-games.html>

News

As I pass through a corridor, I overhear a member of staff asking: 'Is that not banned?' Faiza Amjid wears a veil for the first time

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/as-i-pass-through-a-corridor-i-overhear-a-member-of-staff-asking-is-that-not-banned-faiza-amjid-wears-a-veil-for-the-first-time-1.1096694>

May rules out burka ban in Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/may-rules-out-burka-ban-in-britain-2266055.html>

Damian Green rules out ban on burkas in Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8451707/Damian-Green-rules-out-ban-on-burkas-in-Britain.html>

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Equality

News

Oxford University: PM incorrect on black student intake

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-13041885>

Equality

News (continued)

Issue not so black and white

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Dani-Garavelli-Issue-not-so.6753053.jp>

Black students and the class ceiling

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/8446571/Black-students-and-the-class-ceiling.html>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Press Release

Commission launches rehabilitation of hate crime offenders study

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/scottish-news/press-releases-2011/commission-launches-rehabilitation-of-hate-crime-offenders-study/>

New Publication

Rehabilitation of hate crime offenders

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/Research/rehabilitation_of_hate_crime_offenders_report_word_for_web_2_.doc

News

Scotland and the veil: 'I was attacked by a racist gang ... It was because of what I was wearing'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/scotland-and-the-veil-i-was-attacked-by-a-racist-gang-it-was-because-of-what-i-was-wearing-1.1096732>

Sectarian chants could cost Rangers £2million

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/editor-s-picks/sectarian-chants-could-cost-rangers-2million-1.1096541>

Lennon: 'We can't cure sectarianism'

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Lennon-39We-can39t-cure-sectarianism39.6752696.jp>

Electrician faces sack for displaying Christian cross in his van

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/8456637/Electrician-faces-sack-for-displaying-Christian-cross-in-his-van.html>

The Y word goes from amusing to abusing

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/matthew-norman/8454572/The-Y-word-goes-from-amusing-to-abusing.html>

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Scottish Parliament Elections

News

Scottish election: What do 'new Scots' voters want?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-12996201>

Scottish election: Smaller party profiles

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-12984367>

BNP reported over Scots leaflets

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/bnp-reported-over-scots-leaflets-1.1096736>

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Other Westminster

New Publication

Applying the Mobile Homes Act 1983 to local authority traveller sites: Guidance
(England and Wales)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1885648.pdf>

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Other News

Charities under pressure as Scots reluctant to volunteer

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Charities-under-pressure-as-Scots.6749496.jp>

Muslim Council: women cannot debate wearing veil

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/8455955/Muslim-Council-women-cannot-debate-wearing-veil.html>

Why banning the veil would only cover up the real problems for British Muslims

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/journalists/andrew-gilligan/8455884/Why-banning-the-veil-would-only-cover-up-the-real-problems-for-British-Muslims.html>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Bills in Progress Westminster

Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

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

Bills in Progress

Westminster (continued)

Scotland Bill

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

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

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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>

** **Planning for traveller sites** (England and Wales) (6 July 2011)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1886164.pdf>

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

** new or updated this week

** *this week!*

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

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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](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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Useful Links

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

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

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

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

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

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

Useful Links (continued)

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/>