

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament is now in recess until 5 September 2011.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Entry Clearances: English Language

**Simon Hart:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many entry clearance applications were rejected as a result of the applicant having taken an English language test through a provider not approved by the her Department in the latest period for which figures are available. [64399]

**Reply from Damian Green:** A breakdown of the number of rejections based on non-approved test providers is not available. Only the total number of rejections is available. Between November 2010 and May 2011 there have been 113 'Refusals—English language Requirement Not Met' events recorded on the Proviso case working system.

These data are based on management information. It is provisional and subject to change.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110707/text/110707w0001.htm#11070755000033>

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### Immigration

**James Clappison:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people have immigrated to the UK who were not UK citizens or citizens of another EU member state in (a) each year since 2009 and (b) each of the last eight quarters for which figures are available. [63715]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Stephen Penneck, dated July 2011:*

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics, I have been asked to reply to your Parliamentary Question asking how many people have immigrated to the UK who were not UK citizens or citizens of another EU member state in (a) Each year since 2009; and (b) Each of the last eight quarters for which figures are available (63715).

The number of non EU citizens who immigrated long term to the UK in 2009 is estimated to be 303,000. Provisional estimates for 2010 will be published on 25 August 2011.

The attached table shows estimates of long-term migration by non-EU citizens for each quarter from Dec 08 to Sept 10. These data are based upon the International Passenger Survey. These estimates are of numbers of moves each year rather than numbers of people. For instance, an individual could enter in one year, leave just over a year later and then enter again a year after that. They would appear three times in this table. Short-term migrants (i.e. those entering or leaving the UK for less than twelve months) are not included in the long-term migration estimates.

*Long-term international migration estimates from International Passenger Survey: immigration of non EU citizens to the UK 2008 q4 to 2010 q3, United Kingdom*

<i>thousand</i>		
	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>SE (%)</i>
2008 Q4	55	8
2009 Q1	48	8
2009 Q2	46	8
2009 Q3	124	5
2009 Q4	74	6
2010 Q1 <sup>(1)</sup>	65	5
2010 Q2 <sup>(1)</sup>	40	6
2010 Q3 <sup>(1)</sup>	121	1

<sup>(1)</sup> Data for 2010 are provisional. *Note:* Standard error percentages (SE%) indicate the robustness of each estimate. A migration figure with a standard error of >25% is not considered to be reliable. For any given estimate there is a 95% probability that the true figure lies in the range; estimate +/- 0.0196 x estimate x standard error %.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110705/text/110705w0002.htm#11070589000016>

### Immigration: Children in Detention

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children were detained for immigration purposes in each month of 2011. [HL10595]

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning):** Monthly

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figures are not available. Information on the number of children in detention is collected on the last day of each quarter. The latest published information shows that as at the 31 March 2011 there were no children recorded as being in detention. The table below shows the number of children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers, by month, January to May 2011.

<b>Children entering detention <sup>(M)(1)</sup> held solely under Immigration Act powers, by place of initial detention, January to May 2011 <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup></b>						
United Kingdom						Number of children
Place of initial detention	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total
UK Border Agency Removal Centres						
Brook House	0	0	1	0	0	1
Campsfield House	0	2	0	0	1	3
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dungavel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harmondsworth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haslar	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindholme	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morton Hall (5)	:	:	:	:	0	0
Tinsley House	2	0	4	0	7	13
Yarl's Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities						
Colnbrook Short Term	0	0	1	0	0	1
Pennine House	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>

(1) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been redetained.

(2) Figures exclude persons recorded as entering police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

(3) Figures include dependants.

(4) May include persons detained for less than 24 hours.

(5) Morton Hall opened on 16 May 2011.

(M) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for national statistics. They are provisional and subject to change. These figures may alter when produced for the national statistics publication following more detailed checking.

: Not applicable.

Information on numbers of children entering detention is published monthly and is available from the Home Office Science, research and statistics website at: <http://homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>.

A copy of the latest month will be placed in the House Library. June 2011 figures will be available on 28 July 2011. Information on children detained as at the last

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day of each quarter, solely under Immigration Act powers, is published quarterly in the *Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary*, which is available from the same website and from the Library of the House. Figures for those detained as at 30 June 2011 will be published on 25 August 2011.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110706w0001.htm#11070686001027>

### Asylum: Deportation

**Julie Elliott:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department pursuant to the answer of 28 June 2011, *Official Report*, column 676W, on asylum: deportation, what the ages were of those people who were removed; how many were part of a family unit; and how many were removed under force. [63679]

**Reply from Damian Green:** Of the 14 removals previously identified the ages of these individuals at time of removal were five, 21, 27, 29, 31, 31, 32, 32, 34, 36, 40, 43, 46, 48.

Two of the above individuals are part of the same family unit i.e. a parent and child under 16, who chose to return voluntarily.

Eight of the above individuals were enforced removals from the United Kingdom.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110705/text/110705w0002.htm#11070589000003>

### Prosecutions: Human Trafficking

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Attorney-General how many prosecutions were brought by the Crown Prosecution Service for human trafficking in the last year for which figures are available; and how many such cases resulted in a conviction. [63714]

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) records show that in the last year 96 prosecutions have been brought on charges under sections 57, 58 and 59 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003, alleging trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation, and 20 prosecutions under section 4 of the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants) Act 2004, alleging trafficking for other exploitative purposes. The CPS records indicate the volume of offences, not defendants, prosecuted by the CPS under each Act. This data is not held by defendant or by outcome; therefore we are unable to provide information on how many of these prosecutions resulted in a conviction.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110705/text/110705w0004.htm#1107063000005>

## Press Releases

### Changes to student visa rules are now in force

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/july/05-student-visas>

### Parliament against reintroduction of border controls

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/en/headlines/content/20110627FCS22686/16/html/Parliament-against-reintroduction-of-border-controls>

## New Publications

### Scottish Refugee Council: Strategic Plan 2010 – 2013 (updated 2011)

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/0415/Strategic\\_plan\\_2010\\_2013.pdf](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/0415/Strategic_plan_2010_2013.pdf)

## Immigration and Asylum

### New Publications (continued)

**Out of Control: The case for a complete overhaul of enforced removals by private contractors**

[http://www.amnesty.org.uk/uploads/documents/doc\\_21634.pdf](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/uploads/documents/doc_21634.pdf)

**Migrants in an irregular situation employed in domestic work: Fundamental rights challenges for the European Union and its Member States**

[http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA-report-domestic-workers-2011\\_EN.pdf](http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/FRA-report-domestic-workers-2011_EN.pdf)

## News

**Rules on immigrants' families to be reviewed**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Rules-on-immigrants39-families-to.6795367.jp>

**Review of immigrants' 'right to family life'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-14005486>

**Amnesty presents damning report on security firms' treatment of deportees**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jul/07/amnesty-security-treatment-deportees-overhaul>

**Illegal migrants can enter UK without a passport**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/8620975/Illegal-migrants-can-enter-UK-without-a-passport.html>

**Overseas artists boycott Britain in protest at visa clampdown**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jul/10/visa-immigration-boycott-poet>

**Bureaucracy is turning Britain into a cultural backwater**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jul/10/musicians-immigration-britain-cultural-backwater>

**'You're a big boy now,' custody officer told five-year-old boy before search**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/jul/06/detention-children-border-agency-heathrow>

**Migrants can put the Great back in Britain**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/commentators/sean-ogrady-migrants-can-put-the-great-back-in-britain-2306303.html>

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## Race Relations

### New Publications

**Diversity and Solidarity: Crisis, What Crisis?**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/DiversityandSolidarity-2011.pdf>

## Race Relations (continued) News

**A decade after the riots, Bradford is still uneasy about race relations**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/jul/07/bradford-riots-race-relations>

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## Equality

### Press Releases

**European Commission and Council of Europe step up work for Roma with mediators' agreement**

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/841&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

### New Publications

**The equality duties and schools**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/rr70\\_equality\\_duties\\_and\\_schools.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/rr70_equality_duties_and_schools.pdf)

**The equality duties and schools: Lessons for the future**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/EqualityAct/PSED/equality\\_duties\\_and\\_schools\\_policy\\_paper.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/EqualityAct/PSED/equality_duties_and_schools_policy_paper.pdf)

**The equality duties and schools: Twelve case studies - examples of implementing the equality duties to improve pupil outcomes**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/PSD/equality\\_duty\\_and\\_schools\\_case\\_studies.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/PSD/equality_duty_and_schools_case_studies.pdf)

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

#### Justice

**Alison McInnes** (North East Scotland) (Scottish Liberal Democrats): To ask the Scottish Executive what progress has been made on developing proposals for further research into the religious context of religiously aggravated offences, as committed to following the Cabinet meeting of 15 March 2011. (S4W-420)

**Reply from Roseanna Cunningham:** The Scottish Government is reviewing the existing analysis on religiously aggravated offences (under Section 74 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003), and what additional information could usefully be captured in future analyses. Progress is being made and this work will be completed by the end of 2011.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/MAQASearch/QAndMSearch.aspx?referencenumber=S4W-00420&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

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### Crown Office

**James Kelly (Rutherglen) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Executive how many cases were reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service with a religious aggravation as set out in the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 in (a) 2003-04, (b) 2004-05, (c) 2005-06, (d) 2006-07, (e) 2007-08, (f) 2008-09, (g) 2009-10 and (h) 2010-11, broken down by police force area. (S4W-378)

**Reply from Frank Mulholland:** The following table shows the number of charges reported to procurators fiscal which included a Religious Aggravation element.

Charges: Religious Aggravation Included Police Force Area	2003 - 04	2004 - 05	2005 - 06	2006 - 07	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10	2010 - 11
Central	6	12	23	21	46	25	29	42
Dumfries & Galloway	1	4	3	15	12	14	10	5
Fife	3	5	7	11	7	18	4	9
Grampian	5	4	4	6	6	19	9	10
Lothian & Borders	14	24	25	51	36	39	38	66
Northern	-	4	1	10	9	19	6	5
Strathclyde	219	416	626	569	485	522	521	548
Tayside	23	10	15	13	8	11	15	8
Total	271	479	704	696	609	667	632	693

Notes: The information in this table has been extracted from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service's case management database. The database is a live, operational database used to manage the processing of reports submitted to procurators fiscal by the police and other reporting agencies. If a Procurator Fiscal amends the aggravation in a charge submitted by a reporting agency the database will record details only of the amended charge.

The database is charge-based. The figures quoted therefore relate to the number of charges rather than the number of individuals charged or the number of incidents that gave rise to such charges.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/MAQASearch/QAndMSearch.aspx?referencenumber=S4W-00378&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

## Westminster Parliamentary Questions

### Anti-Semitism

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government pursuant to the answer of 21 June 2011, *Official Report*, column 156W, on anti-Semitism, for what reasons the UK Government uses the Macpherson definition of a racist incident; when the decision was taken to use this definition; who took the decision; whether representatives of the Jewish community were consulted on the definition to be used; and if he will make a statement. [63112]

**Andrew Stunell:** Sir William Macpherson's definition of a racist incident was developed during the Inquiry into the murder of Stephen Lawrence, which reported in 1999. The Secretary of State for the Home Department's Action Plan in that same year accepted the definition.

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A cross Government hate crime programme was established by Mr Justice Fulford following on from the Macpherson report. During 2007 the programme established a universal definition of hate crime adopted by all criminal justice agencies and Government Departments. This common definition built on the principles of the Macpherson definition and was developed with the oversight of the standing Independent Advisory Group, which includes representation from Jewish Community groups.

The full definition of 'Monitored Hate Crime' can be viewed on the police owned website True Vision at: [http://www.report-it.org.uk/hate\\_crime\\_data1](http://www.report-it.org.uk/hate_crime_data1)

**David Amess:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government pursuant to the answer of 21 June 2011, *Official Report*, column 156W, on anti-Semitism, which agencies use the working definition of anti-Semitism adopted by the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights; and if he will make a statement. [R] [63113]

**Andrew Stunell:** We do not keep central records on which agencies use the working definition. Criminal justice agencies adopted the common definition of 'Monitored Hate Crime' in 2007 and the Association of Chief Police Officers intend to include the working definition in their Hate Crime Manual.

The full definition of 'Monitored Hate Crime' can be viewed on the police owned website, True Vision, at: [http://www.report-it.org.uk/hate\\_crime\\_data1](http://www.report-it.org.uk/hate_crime_data1)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110704/text/110704w0002.htm#11070435000037>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110621/text/110621w0001.htm#11062168000012>

## Press Release

### European media and anti-Gypsy stereotypes

[https://wcd.coe.int/wcd/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1811857&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=\\_self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE](https://wcd.coe.int/wcd/ViewDoc.jsp?id=1811857&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=_self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE)

## News

### New police unit targets bigots

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/new-police-unit-targets-bigots-1.1111218>

### Almost 2,000 children are reported for 'hate crimes'

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Almost-2000-children-are-reported.6795347.jp>

### Pupils and teachers 'show racism'

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/local-national/uk/pupils-and-teachers-show-racism-16019112.html>

### Scuffles as English Defence League march clashes with anti-fascists

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3089387.ece>

### 'Racist' stop-and-search powers to be challenged

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/law/2011/jul/08/racist-stop-search-powers-challenge>

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## Other Holyrood

### New Publication

**Holyrood and Westminster – Who Does What?**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/vli/publicInfo/haw/documents/HAW.pdf>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Questions

#### **Forced Marriage Unit**

**Fiona Mactaggart:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs how many cases have been dealt with by the Forced Marriage Unit in (a) 2010 and (b) the last 12 months. [63345]

**Reply from Jeremy Browne:** The information is as follows:

(a) In 2010, the Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) gave advice or support in 1,735 cases involving a possible forced marriage. Of that number, there were 469 cases where the FMU provided active assistance.

(b) From January to June 2011, the FMU gave advice or support in 738 cases involving a possible forced marriage. Of that number, there have been 126 cases where the FMU provided active assistance.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110705/text/110705w0001.htm#11070586000006>

#### **Travellers: Caravan Sites**

**Caroline Lucas:** To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government if he will make it his policy to (a) ensure regional cooperation between local authorities in planning for Gypsy and Traveller caravan sites and (b) reinstate the obligation on local authorities to provide such sites. [62755]

**Reply from Robert Neill:** We are introducing a duty to co-operate through the Localism Bill to ensure that local authorities continue to work together after regional strategies are abolished. This will require local planning authorities, county councils and other public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in the planning process.

The majority of new Traveller sites are small private ones provided by Travellers themselves. This meets community aspirations on tenure and their small size can aid integration with the settled community. Delivery of such sites is most appropriately managed through planning system. The Government published their proposed new planning policy for Traveller sites for consultation on 13 April. Members are welcome to submit their views.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110706/text/110706w0001.htm#110706112000037>

### Press Release

**Teachers urged to be alert to students who may be at risk of forced marriage**

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=627172482>

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## Other News

### **Model Waris Dirie helps to fight child mutilation rite**

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Model-Waris-Dirie-helps-to.6795349.jp>

### **UK girls at risk of mutilation abroad**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-girls-at-risk-of-mutilation-abroad-2306288.html>

### **Make forced marriages illegal say survivors**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/make-forced-marriages-illegal-say-survivors-2306919.html>

### **The new Muslim marriage contract should empower women**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/belief/2011/jul/08/muslim-marriage-contract-women>

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## Bills in Progress

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### **Holyrood**

#### **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s4/bills/01-offbehfoot/index.htm>

### **Bills in Progress Westminster**

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

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

Scottish Parliament call for evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-comm-11/scotbill11-s4-003.htm>

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## Consultations

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#### **Equality and Human Rights Commission consultation on strategic plan 2009-12**

(22 July 2011)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/vision-and-mission/our-strategic-plan/consultation-on-our-strategic-plan-2009-12/>

Scotland-specific sections of the consultation

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/Scotland/The\\_Commission\\_in\\_Scotland/scotland-specific\\_consultation\\_areas\\_for\\_focus\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/The_Commission_in_Scotland/scotland-specific_consultation_areas_for_focus_pdf.pdf)

**\*\* Scotland Bill** (9 September 2011)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/nmCentre/news/news-comm-11/scotbill11-s4-003.htm>

## Consultations (continued)

### Employment related settlement, Tier 5 and overseas domestic workers

(9 September 2011)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/employment-related-settlement/>

### VAT: Cost Sharing Exemption (30 September 2011)

[http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/downloadFile?contentID=HMCE\\_P ROD1\\_031398](http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/downloadFile?contentID=HMCE_P ROD1_031398)

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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#### Airport security – stop and search

12 July 2011 in Glasgow (6.30pm)

Meeting to discuss information about the way “stop and search” impacts on minority communities. Speakers include the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Kenny MacAskill, Aamer Anwar, and senior police and counter terror officials. For information contact Humza Yousaf MSP [humza.yousaf.msp@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:humza.yousaf.msp@scottish.parliament.uk) or see <http://on.fb.me/qMwtgS>.

#### Race Equality and the Big Society

20 July 2011 Webinar (11.30 – 12.30)

Runnymede webinar including the premiere of their short film 'Fair's Fair – Equality and Justice in the Big Society' documenting their investigations into how ethnicity effects people views on taking local control. For information contact Kamaljeet Gill [kam@runnymedetrust.org](mailto:kam@runnymedetrust.org) or see <http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/332/273/Webinar-Race-Equality-and-the-Big-Society.html>

#### Jashn-e Melal (Festival of Nations)

24 July 2011 in Glasgow Concert Hall

Glasgow Inter-Cultural Arts Group festival in partnership with Awards for All, Strathclyde Police, Glasgow City Council and Glasgow Life. Featuring poetry, music, dance, film, arts, crafts with the best of international and local performers, and artists. For information contact Tom Harrigan 07778 745 630 / [tommbe@googlemail.com](mailto:tommbe@googlemail.com).

#### Forced Marriage Road Show

29 July 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.30)

Shakti Women's Aid and Karma Nirvana event for all professionals in the voluntary or statutory sectors to provide information about the Forced Marriage Act, Lothian and Border's Police response to Forced Marriage, and specialist services provided by the organisers. For information contact Ola 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk). Or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11vii\\_shakti.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11vii_shakti.pdf)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

2 August 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training providing a comprehensive understanding of core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. It is particularly relevant for those working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3gnyvmm> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **\*\* Festival of Politics**

20-27 August 2011 in Edinburgh

Series of events at the Scottish Parliament with a theme of *Re-newing Politics in the Age of New Media*. It will feature a number of events looking at how politics, and the wider world, is progressing with social media, new technologies and interaction with each other. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/index.htm>

### **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](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis.pdf) and [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv\\_bemis2.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/adds/11iv_bemis2.pdf) or contact Tanveer Parnez [tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **\*\* Access to Universal Healthcare in the Age of Migration**

23 September 2011 in London

Migrants' Rights Network conference to highlight experiences from NHS services in working to provide migrant communities with health services, and discuss country-wide initiatives. For information see <http://health4migrants.info/>

### **Scotland's People – Past, Present & Future**

26 October 2011 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.00)

National Records of Scotland conference to discuss how population and household statistics are increasingly important to help inform policies and planning in central and local government, and the third sector. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11x\\_nrs\\_conference.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11x_nrs_conference.doc)

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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](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/>

## Useful Links (continued)

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>

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>



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/>

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