

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish and UK Parliaments are now in recess until 5 September 2011. During the summer MEMO will be issued fortnightly on 1, 15, and 29 August, and 12 September.

Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Question

Helen Eadie (Cowdenbeath) (Scottish Labour): To ask the Scottish Executive how many (a) UK nationals, (b) people born in the UK, (c) other EU nationals and (d) non-EU nationals were in employment in the (i) public and (ii) private sector in Scotland in each of the last four quarters for which figures are available, also expressed as a proportion. (S4W-1660)

Reply from John Swinney: The preferred data source information on employment in the public sector is the Quarterly Public Sector Employment (QPSE) publication. However, this does not include the level of detail required to answer this question. Data from the Labour Force Survey cannot be used either as some of the estimates required are below the reliability threshold. The Annual Population Survey (APS) can be used to estimate the number and proportion of people in employment within the public and private sectors by nationality and country of birth. As the APS is not seasonally adjusted, comparisons can only be made on an annual basis. Data for the latest three years (from the January to December datasets) is shown in the following table.

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Question (continued)

Table 1: Nationality and Country of Birth for People Aged 16 and Above in Employment in Scotland, 2008 to 2010

		2008		2009		2010	
Sector	Measure	level (000)	proportion of sector1	level (000)	proportion of sector1	level (000)	proportion of sector1
Nationality of all aged 16+ in employment							
Public	UK Nationals	682.9	97.4%	701.8	96.9%	678.7	96.6%
	Other EU Nationals	7.6	1.1%	10	1.4%	13.1	1.9%
	Non-EU Nationals	10.7	1.5%	12.3	1.7%	10.8	1.5%
Private	UK Nationals	1,715.2	94.7%	1,647.2	94.0%	1,629.8	93.4%
	Other EU Nationals	57.1	3.2%	60.1	3.4%	66.2	3.8%
	Non-EU Nationals	39.1	2.2%	45.7	2.6%	48.5	2.8%
Country of birth of all aged 16+ in employment							
Public	UK born	669.2	95.4%	690.1	95.3%	664.6	94.6%
Private	UK born	1,675	92.5%	1,608.4	91.7%	1,596.5	91.5%

Source: Annual Population Survey, January – December, Office for National Statistics.

Notes:

1. Proportions of all working in relevant sector.
2. Proportions may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
3. Proportions are of all aged 16 and over, excluding non-respondents.
4. Levels rounded to nearest hundred.
5. The APS over-estimates the level of public sector employment due to respondent self-classification. Estimates from the APS for January to December 2010 indicate that over the year the number of people aged 16 and over employed in the public sector in Scotland was 702,700. Estimates from the Quarterly Public Sector Employment (QPSE) publication indicates that over the calendar year 2010 the average number of people employed in the public sector in Scotland was 618,800. This divergence is due to private sector employee's being classified in the public sector when they actually work for private sector organisations providing a service to the public sector.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s4/bills/documents/WA20110824.pdf>

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-00680 Christina McKelvie: Management of Dungavel Detention Centre—That the Parliament expresses its deep concern at the awarding by the UK Border Agency of the contract to manage the Dungavel Immigration Detention Centre in South Lanarkshire to the GEO Group; notes that a series of allegations have been made in the USA and elsewhere about incidents of human rights abuses, sexual assault, racism, negligence and assault in facilities managed by the GEO Group; understands that the GEO Group lost a contract to run detention centres in Australia following reported incidences of abuse and mismanagement; considers that the awarding of a £25 million public contract to an organisation with such a history is wholly inappropriate; further considers that the UK

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Border Agency is putting at risk the welfare of people detained in Dungavel by placing them in the hands of an organisation with a reported record of abuse and substandard care; believes that protecting the human rights and welfare of people detained there should be the first priority of Dungavel's managers, and calls upon the Home Office to urgently review the decision to award the Dungavel contract to the GEO Group.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/MAQASearch/QAndMSearch.aspx?referencenumber=S4M-00680&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

Press Release

Information for students with International Baccalaureate qualifications

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/august/57-tier-4>

New Publications

Population by Country of Birth and Nationality

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/special-populations/country-nationality.html>

Monthly asylum application tables - June 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-jun-2011?view=Binary>

Immigration Statistics April-June 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2011/>

Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers July 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-jul2011?view=Binary>

Migrant Journey: Second Report

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/horr57/horr57-report?view=Binary>

Marriage-related migration to the UK

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/occ96?view=Binary>

UK migration:the leadership role of housing providers

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/migration-housing-policy-summary.pdf>

News

Net migration total up by a fifth

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14663354>

Can the net migration target be met

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14668726>

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Large increase in migrant workers but UK unemployment rises

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/jobs/8706926/Large-increase-in-migrant-workers-but-UK-unemployment-rises.html>

£12m paid in asylum seeker claims

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/12m-paid-in-asylum-seeker-claims-2338008.html>

Glasgow schools attract a class of nations

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/education/glasgow-schools-attract-a-class-of-nations-1.1118963>

Majority of UK asylum seekers stay illegally

<http://thescotzman.scotsman.com/news/Majority-of--UK-asylum.6823948.jp>

UN warning over 12 million stateless people

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-14654066>

Number of migrants to Scotland doubles

<http://thescotzman.scotsman.com/news/Number-of-migrants-to-Scotland.6825396.jp>

Net migration to UK up 20% — with eight-fold increase from Eastern Europe

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/National/article/16805/net-migration-to-uk-up-20-with-eight-fold-increase-from-eastern-europe.html>

Migration to the UK rose 20 per cent to 239,000 last year, figures show

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/8721800/Migration-to-the-UK-rose-20-per-cent-to-239000-last-year-figures-show.html>

Migration to UK rises by 21% despite coalition clampdown

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/aug/25/uk-migration-rise-poland-eurozone>

UK net migration rises 21%

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/aug/25/uk-net-migration-rises-21>

Net immigration up by more than 20%

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/net-immigration-up-by-more-than-20-2343603.html>

Illegal immigration fears at Stranraer and Cairnryan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-south-scotland-14662764>

Guantanamo Bay firm to run Dungavel detention centre

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/08/15/guantanamo-bay-firm-to-run-dungavel-detention-centre-86908-23346246/>

Warsaw or coleslaw? Polish migrants adapt to life in Britain

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/aug/25/polish-migrants-britain-jobs>

One in eight British residents born abroad

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3145098.ece>

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266,000 asylum seekers stay in Britain illegally

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8718611/266000-asylum-seekers-stay-in-Britain-illegally.html>

Tate: tough visa rules harm UK's cultural life

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/news/tate-tough-visa-rules-harm-uks-cultural-life-2341666.html>

Government facing lawsuit over e-borders project

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-14679290>

Immigration is no longer taboo – but tackling it still is

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8727247/Immigration-is-no-longer-taboo-but-tackling-it-still-is.html>

Locked-up asylum seeker in line for damages despite series of crimes

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8723365/Locked-up-asylum-seeker-in-line-for-damages-despite-series-of-crimes.html>

Europeans overwhelmingly against immigration

http://www.euractiv.com/en/socialeurope/europeans-overwhelmingly-immigration-poll-news-507074?utm_source=EurActiv%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=3a51ee6f5f-my_google_analytics_key&utm_medium=email

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Race Relations

News

Ground Zero imam gives Scotland his recipe for successful multiculturalism

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/ground-zero-imam-gives-scotland-his-recipe-for-successful-multiculturalism-1.1120227>

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Equality

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Equality watchdog drops plan to protect religious rights

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/8709828/Equality-watchdog-drops-plan-to-protect-religious-rights.html>

Poor whites lose race for degrees

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Education/article763235.ece

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Press Releases

St Andrews Student Convicted for Racially Aggravated Attack on Jewish Student

http://www.scojec.org/news/2011/11viii_st_andrews/st_andrews.html

Call for authors: ENAR publication on “far right discourses”

http://www.enar-eu.org/Page_Generale.asp?DocID=27856&langue=EN

Call for authors: ENAR European Shadow Report 2010/11

http://www.enar-eu.org/Page_Generale.asp?DocID=27845&langue=EN

Call for tender: Survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jews

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/about_fra/procurement/open_calls/cft-dse-11-t05_en.htm

New Publications

European Anti-discrimination Law Review

http://www.migpolgroup.com/public/docs/194.European_Anti-discrimination_Law_Review_12_29.07.2011_EN.pdf

Joint submission by UK NGOs Against Racism to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) with regard to the UK Government's 18th and 19th Periodic Reports

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/pdfs/UK%20NGOs%20Against%20Racism%20CERD%20Report.pdf>

News

Police admit letting down family of man killed in race hate attack

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Police-admit-letting-down-family.6823772.jp>

Police 'sorry' and admit that killing was racially driven

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Police-39sorry39-and-admit-that.6824025.jp>

Report highlights 'significant failings' in investigation of racist killing

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Report-highlights-39significant-failings39-in.6824024.jp>

Police admit race blunder over killing

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/police-admit-race-blunder-over-killing-1.1119422>

Agony of family destroyed by senseless killing of son

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/agonny-of-family-destroyed-by-senseless-killing-of-son-1.1119431>

Deficiencies stir memories of Surjit Chhokar's death

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/deficiencies-stir-memories-of-surjit-chhokar-s-death-1.1119426>

Police admit failure to treat Chinese man's murder as racist

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/aug/23/police-admit-failures-murder-racist>

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Taunted for being a "Chinky" and killed by a baying gang of white neds..but cops refused to treat Simon San's death as a racist crime

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/08/24/taunted-for-being-a-chinky-and-killed-by-a-baying-gang-of-white-neds-but-cops-refused-to-treat-simon-san-s-death-as-a-racist-crime-86908-23367495/>

Police apologise for botched probe into Simon San's murder

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Police-apologise-for-botched-probe.6824243.jp>

Calls grow for Crown probe into racist death case error

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/calls-grow-for-crown-probe-into-racist-death-case-error-1.1119644>

Race hate lessons ignored

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/politics/Dani-Garavelli-Race-hate-lessons.6826605.jp>

St Andrews student guilty of Israel flag racism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14638515>

St Andrews student who accused Jewish undergraduate of terrorism found guilty of racism

<http://news.stv.tv/scotland/tayside/267424-st-andrews-student-who-accused-jewish-undergraduate-of-terrorism-found-guilty-of-racism/>

Sheriff booed after finding Israeli flag insult student guilty of racism

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Sheriff-booed-after-finding-Israeli.6823992.jp>

Jewish exchange student 'was racially abused at St Andrews'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3142349.ece>

St Andrews University expels man found guilty of racially abusing Jewish student

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Fife/article/16726/st-andrews-university-expels-man-found-guilty-of-racially-abusing-jewish-student.html>

'They attacked my beliefs' — former St Andrews student thanks authorities for helping to secure conviction

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Fife/article/16740/they-attacked-my-beliefs-former-st-andrews-student-thanks-authorities-for-helping-to-secure-conviction.html>

St Andrews student expelled over anti-Jewish racial abuse

<http://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/53562/st-andrews-student-expelled-over-anti-jewish-racial-abuse>

Paul Donnachie, Scottish Student, Found Guilty Of Racism After Abusing Israeli Flag

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2011/08/24/student-found-guilty-of-racism_n_934918.html

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Fascist group plans 'static' rally to beat parade ban

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Fascist-group-plans-39static39-rally.6824258.jp>

Far right group rally banned in Edinburgh

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14591243>

Far-right march is banned on safety grounds

[\]http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/far-right-march-is-banned-on-safety-grounds-1.1118811](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/far-right-march-is-banned-on-safety-grounds-1.1118811)

City hailed for blocking bid to stage far-right parade

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/City-hailed-for-blocking-bid.6822034.jp>

We'll march against the far right, vow anti-racism campaigners

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/We39ll-march-against-the-far.6823993.jp>

English Defence League march in London is blocked

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-14684704>

Big business targeted in anti-sectarianism drive

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/big-business-targeted-in-anti-sectarianism-drive-1.1118805>

Web-hate fan gets two-year football ban and community service

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/web-hate-fan-gets-two-year-football-ban-and-community-service-1.1119469?66465>

Former city MSP Bill to fight racism

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/editor-s-picks/former-city-msp-bill-to-fight-racism-1.1119780>

Polish engineer nicknamed Borat by 'racist' colleagues wins £2,250 compensation

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2029425/Polish-engineer-Adrian-Ruda-nicknamed-Borat-racist-colleagues-wins-2k-compensation.html>

Far-right activists unlikely to fade away

<http://www.tntmagazine.com/tnt-today/archive/2011/08/24/far-right-activists-unlikely-to-fade-away.aspx>

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-00694 Hanzala Malik: Action against Female Genital Mutilation—That the Parliament notes with concern that, despite the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 and the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 being in place for several years, they have had, what it considers to have been, a limited effect in reducing the controversial practice of female genital mutilation (FGM); understands that, each year, up

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to 22,000 girls in the United Kingdom are at risk of being physically and emotionally traumatised by FGM; expresses concern that there has yet to have been a conviction of anyone carrying out this practice nor have there been any prosecutions of British citizens who breach the provisions of these Acts by performing FGM abroad; notes that this in contrast to a reported 100 successful prosecutions by the French authorities, and supports more robust enforcement of the law to punish those who inflict this procedure on children and relatives.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/MAQASearch/QAndMSearch.aspx?referencenumber=S4M-00694&isinanything=true&resultsperpage=10>

Press Release

Household survey 2009/2010

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/08/17105013>

New Publication

Scotland's People Annual report: results from 2009/2010 Scottish Household Survey

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/355935/0120253.pdf>

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New Publications

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Interim Equality Strategy 2011-12

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/36268/interim_equality_strategy_in_pdf.pdf

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Cross Border constitution briefing note

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/28277/cb_constitutions_briefing_note.pdf

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Working with SCIOs

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/273741/working_wth_scios.pdf

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Other News

Take part in the Universal Periodic Review process

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/uprnews>

Crime to be reported to police on Facebook

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14528354>

60,000 attend British Hindu festival

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/60000-attend-British-Hindu-festival.6822736.jp>

African slavery must not be forgotten

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/aug/23/african-slavery-abolition-slave-trade>

Other News (continued)

Faith in Scotland's Communities

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2011/08/faith-in-scotlands-communities/>

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Consultations

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Equality and Human Rights Commission: Legal intervention on religion or belief rights: seeking your views (closes 5 September 2011)

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/legal/ecthr_consultation_11_aug_11.doc

** *closes next week*

Scotland Bill (9 September 2011)

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

** *closes next week*

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/>

** **Runnymede and Stonewall interviews with BME lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals on their views on the public services** (no closing date given)

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/events/RunnymedeStonewallFlyer.pdf>

VAT: Cost Sharing Exemption (30 September 2011)

http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/downloadFile?contentID=HMCE_P ROD1_031398

Do we need a UK Bill of Rights? (11 November 2011)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/about/cbr/cbr-discussion-paper.pdf>

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Making Freedom of Information Work for You

30 August 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 12.00 and 2.00 – 4.00)

Office of The Scottish Information Commissioner workshops for voluntary sector organisations to explain the skills you need to make effective use of Scotland's freedom of information (FOI) rights. For information contact enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info / 01334 464610 or see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11viii_foi.pdf

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Asylum Support – the essentials

2 September 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people supporting those going through the asylum process. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. Special offer - two delegate places for the cost of one on all Scottish Refugee Council training courses throughout September and October. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/934_ukba_asylum_support - the essentials](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/934_ukba_asylum_support_-_the_essentials)

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Using the Public Sector Equality Duty – a tool for the voluntary sector

8 September 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 3.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to discuss the new Public Sector Equality Duty, and help voluntary and community organisations plan how to use the duty to ensure that public services meet the diverse needs of communities. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11ix_ehrc.pdf or contact David Reilly

equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5967

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Working with Interpreters

8 September 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to address practical, professional, and ethical issues about working with interpreters. Includes a briefing on legal obligations and the client's entitlement to communication support. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. Special offer - two delegate places for the cost of one on all Scottish Refugee Council training courses throughout September and October. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/1011_working_with_interpreters

**** Refugee Survival Trust AGM**

13 September 2011 in Glasgow (2.30 – 4.30)

Following the business meeting there will be presentations on the benefits of Access to Education and Employment Grant and destitution. For information see <http://www.rst.org.uk/news/events/> or contact infor@rst.org.uk.

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

15 September 2011 in Glasgow

7 October 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to identify fundamental issues facing asylum seekers and refugees today, and highlighting current legislation and entitlements. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. Special offer - two delegate places for the cost of one on all Scottish Refugee Council training courses throughout September and October. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/3gnyvmm> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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An Introduction to working with separated children

20 September 2011 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training for those who work with separated children and need to know about the process of seeking international protection in Scotland. Covering the impact of the asylum process on children, trafficking, and age assessment. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. Special offer - two delegate places for the cost of one on all Scottish Refugee Council training courses throughout September and October. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/3wuqhup>

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/>

Domestic abuse – together we can stop it

29 September 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Faith communities networking event to build and add to the capacity of faith groups to address and respond to domestic abuse through connecting people, providing resources, and building activism. For information contact Fiona Buchanan 0131 226 6606 / fiona.buchanan@scottishwomensaid.org.uk.

**** Equality Act 2010: one year on**

5 October 2011 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to discuss how the Equality Act has worked, what discrimination means and who is protected. For information contact David Reilly equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5967 or see http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/Events/ehrc_ea_one_year_on_event_5th_oct_2011_e-flyer.pdf.

**** Children's Interfaith Event**

23 October 2011 in Glasgow (2.00 – 5.00)

Maccabi Scotland event to bring together children aged 9-12 from different faith communities for an afternoon of activities. For information contact Sue Faber 0141 638 6177 / info@maccabibscotland.org.

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

New Muslim Cool

22 March 2012 in Glasgow (all day)

Faith Matters event about the work of Hamza Perez a Muslim Hispanic American whose multi-faith work has seen Christians and Jews support him during difficult times post 9/11. For information contact pa@faith-matters.co.uk / 0207 554 8847 or see <http://faith-matters.org/images/stories/Faith%20Matters%20New%20Muslim%20Cool%20UK%20To%20ur%20March%202010.pdf>

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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>

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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