

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Doctors: Foreign Workers

Shabana Mahmood: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what assessment he has made on the effect of Tier 2 visa changes on doctors undertaking specialty training. [70485]

Reply from Simon Burns: The Department has worked closely with the Home Office to mitigate the effects of changes to Tier 2 on speciality doctors and other health care professionals.

Currently, students completing the foundation programme switch to Tier 1 Post-Study work to undertake the required speciality training. Following the closure of this category in April 2012, students will be able to switch to Tier 2 and will not be subject to the Resident Labour Market Test.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110908/text/110908w0003.htm#11090947000008>

NHS: Foreign Workers

Shabana Mahmood: To ask the Secretary of State for Health what factors he took into account in respect of workforce planning in the NHS in determining his proposed changes to immigration rules. [70484]

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Reply from Simon Burns: The Home Office is the lead Government Department on immigration and any changes to the immigration rules are ultimately made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, my right hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May).

The Home Office reviewed Tier 1, 2 and the student route (Tier 4) of the Points Based System. The Department worked closely with the Home Office to mitigate the effects of the proposals on health care professionals.

To improve the effectiveness of workforce planning the Department of Health has developed a Centre for Workforce Intelligence. They will provide a single, authoritative and expert resource on workforce development planning for all parts of the national health service and social care system.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110908/text/110908w0004.htm#11090947000015>

Human Trafficking

Peter Bone: What recent discussions [The Minister for Sport and the Olympics] has had with the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Government's policy on human trafficking in respect of major sporting events. [70600]

Reply from the Minister for Sport and the Olympics (Hugh Robertson): Regular Olympic briefings take place between my right hon. Friend the Secretary of State, me, Home Office Ministers and the Olympic intelligence centre to discuss threats to the games, including human trafficking. Although there is currently no evidence of an increase in human trafficking linked to the games, the Government are aware of the threat, which is real, and will remain vigilant.

Peter Bone: ... The danger of modern-day slavery at the Olympics is great. I appreciate that the Government have recognised that in their new strategy on human trafficking, which talks about the intelligence leading up to the games, but can he tell us a little more about how that works?

Reply from Hugh Robertson: ... We have a bespoke Olympics intelligence centre, which looks specifically at intelligence leads surrounding information of all sorts feeding into the Olympics. As my hon. Friend correctly says, there is evidence that hosting world-class sports competitions can, in certain circumstances, lead to an increase in human trafficking. As yet there is no hard evidence that that is happening, but the threat remains and we will remain vigilant.

Tessa Jowell: ... The Minister will have seen the March 2010 report published by London Councils which examined the potential impact of the games on trafficking. I know that he shares my long-standing concern that the games should be safe for women and that London should be a no-go area for evil exploitation by traffickers. The London Councils report suggested that there was a particular risk that the number of Roma people trafficked for begging would increase. Have there been discussions with the Romanian Government and others to ensure that this risk does not materialise?

Reply from Hugh Robertson: That is a good question. I have not myself had discussions with the Romanian Government because the information I receive is channelled through the Olympic intelligence centre. I can give the right hon. Lady my absolute assurance—I believe she will get a security briefing within the next couple of weeks, so she will have the opportunity to ask that question herself—that I, too, will ask that specific question. As I say, there is no hard evidence to date that anything of this sort is occurring. As I said earlier, the threat is there and we will remain vigilant.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110908/debtext/110908-0001.htm#11090852000040>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **Press Releases**

New family returns accommodation opens today

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/september/02-new-accommodation-opens>

1st September for Undocumented Children

<http://picum.org/en/news/picum-news/29198/>

New Publications

Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings: first General Report

http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/trafficking/Docs/Gen_Report/GRETA_2011_11_Gen_Rpt_en.pdf

News

'Promises broken' over new asylum centre for children

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/39Promises-broken39-over-new-asylum.6827081.jp>

Red Cross 'Garden of Hope' set up in Glasgow to reunite families torn apart by conflict

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/real-life/2011/08/31/red-cross-garden-of-hope-set-up-in-glasgow-to-reunite-families-torn-apart-by-conflict-86908-23385286/>

Language unit report row

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/language-unit-report-row-1.1121558>

Migrant workers are better educated and harder working than their British counterparts, says commerce chief

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2032998/Migrant-workers-better-educated-harder-working-British-counterparts-says-commerce-chief.html>

Domestic workers to demonstrate over visa changes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14778107>

'Deportation abuse' alarm

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/39Deportation-abuse39-alarm.6831333.jp>

Concerns raised over removal of detainees

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14798402>

Wanted, Britons who want to work: Mail survey reveals why new jobs are going to migrant workers

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2032406/UK-unemployment-Wanted-BRITONS-want-work-new-jobs-migrants.html>

UK Border Contractors Criticised For 'Racist' Comments

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2011/09/06/racist-deportation-staff- n_949816.html

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Forced repatriation staff 'racist and unprofessional'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/sep/06/security-firms-detainees-jimmy-mubenga-racist-violent>

Exploited migrant domestic workers are at risk yet again

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/sep/10/domestic-migrant-workers-visa>

Ukip welcomes European anti-immigration parties

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/ukip-welcomes-european-antiimmigration-parties-2351482.html>

Dungavel detainees cost taxpayers £0.5m

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/news/Dungavel-detainees-cost-taxpayers-05m.6834131.jp>

Migrants and financial inclusion: setting the framework

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article101&lang=en>

EU commission wants nations to give up border control decisions

<http://euobserver.com/22/113532>

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Race Relations

Westminster Debate

Multiculturalism: Interfaith Dialogue

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110908-0002.htm#11090855000830>

Press Release

Celebrating Scotland's cultural diversity

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/02152945>

New Publications

The Mosques in the Community Project: Understanding the role of mosques in relation to their local communities

<http://faith-matters.org/images/stories/fm-publications/the-mosques-in-communities-project.pdf>

News

How can society accommodate gypsy travellers?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14715777>

Race Relations

News (continued)

Ethnic groups with history of exclusion and distrust

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article3149873.ece>

How the fear of being criminalised has forced Muslims into silence

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/sep/08/fear-criminalisation-forces-muslim-silence>

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Equality

Westminster Debate

Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110906-0001.htm#11090651001087>

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Westminster Parliamentary Question

Religious Intolerance

Lord Maginnis of Drumglass: To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the treatment of Christians, specifically Colin Atkinson, by the Wakefield and District Housing Association; which department has oversight for this area; and what steps are being taken to ensure basic human rights for Christians.[HL11491]

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Baroness Hanham): The issues of social housing and of cohesion and integration are the responsibility of the Department for Communities and Local Government. The Home Office oversees equality law.

The Government are committed to ensuring people of all faiths, including Christianity, do not suffer any unlawful discrimination. There has been no assessment of Wakefield District Housing's treatment of any religious groups. However, the Minister for Housing and Local Government publicly supported the right of Mr Atkinson to display his palm cross and subsequently welcomed the housing association's decision to change its stance.

As the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government remarked in a press notice on 19 July 2010: "Some see religion as a problem that needs to be solved. The new Government see it as part of the solution. I want to send an important signal that we value the role of religion and faith in public life".

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/29082011.htm#hdg-ReligiousIntolerance>

Press Releases

Scots back stronger action on sectarianism

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/02162002>

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Press Releases (continued)

Racist Incidents in England and Wales fall by seven per cent in 2010/11

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosf0111/hosf0111snr?view=Binary>

EU Journalist Award – Together against discrimination!

Closing date for applications 10 November 2011

<http://journalistaward.stop-discrimination.info/>

New Publication

Racist incidents, England and Wales, 2010/11

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosf0111/hosf0111-xls?view=Binary>

News

Minister says Scots back new law on sectarianism

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/minister-says-scots-back-new-law-on-sectarianism-1.1121602>

Backing for tougher action on 'offensive' sectarianism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-14774977>

The jury's verdict was inexplicable ... but the fight against sectarianism must go on

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/the-jury-s-verdict-was-inexplicable-but-the-fight-against-sectarianism-must-go-on-1.1121633>

What was once Scotland's secret shame has now become an ugly stain on our reputation ... and it can turn violent

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/what-was-once-scotland-s-secret-shame-has-now-become-an-ugly-stain-on-our-reputation-and-it-can-turn-violent-1.1121632>

Old Firm in backlash over sectarianism law

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/old-firm-in-backlash-over-sectarianism-law-1.1120817>

Old Firm raise fears on new sectarianism laws

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/editor-s-picks/old-firm-raise-fears-on-new-sectarianism-laws-1.1120920>

Lord advocate says Lennon case prosecution was 'right'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14748152>

Lord Advocate Frank Mulholland QC: We were right to prosecute John Wilson for alleged sectarian remarks aimed at Celtic boss Neil Lennon

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/09/01/lord-advocate-frank-mulholland-qc-we-were-right-to-prosecute-john-wilson-for-sectarian-remarks-allegedly-aimed-at-celtic-boss-neil-lennon-86908-23388643/>

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News (continued)

Not proven verdict in John Wilson case won't stop the fight against bigots

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Not-proven-verdict-in-John.6829559.jp>

John Wilson case undermines plan for new anti-sectarianism legislation

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/John-Wilson-case-undermines-plan.6829560.jp>

Aggravation charge harder to prove than breach of the peace

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/scotland/Analysis-Aggravation-charge-harder-to.6829557.jp>

Celtic manager Neil Lennon 'disheartened and confused' by verdict in assault case

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/2011/09/01/celtic-manager-neil-lennon-disheartened-and-confused-by-verdict-in-assault-case-86908-23389072/>

Hate crime prosecutions will continue, says Lord Advocate

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3152509.ece>

Scuffles at EDL 'static' protest in London

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3153764.ece>

EDL protest in east London sees 60 arrested

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-14778429>

Sixty arrests as EDL members clash with police including 44 pulled off a coach that had stopped outside a mosque

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2033322/The-chilling-pictures-English-Defence-League-members-posing-arsenal-deadly-weapons.html>

Fascist group vows to tear 'Red scum' limb from limb

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Fascist-group-vows-to-tear.6832713.jp>

SDL and Unite Against Fascism stage Edinburgh rallies

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14861594>

Police give go-ahead for far-right protest in Edinburgh amid fear of clashes

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Police-give-goahead-for-farright.6833739.jp>

Man injured in racist attack

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Man-injured-in-racist-attack.6827187.jp>

Catholic QC warns of bigotry after split from UK

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Catholic-QC-warns-of-bigotry.6828205.jp>

John Galliano found guilty of anti-Semitic Paris rants

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-14833259>

John Galliano found guilty of anti-Semitic abuse

<http://fashion.telegraph.co.uk/article/TMG8750600/John-Galliano-found-guilty-of-anti-Semitic-abuse.html>

John Galliano found guilty of racist and antisemitic abuse

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/sep/08/john-galliano-guilty-racism-antisemitism>

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John Galliano found guilty of racial abuse but escapes jail and fines

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/john-galliano-found-guilty-of-racial-abuse-but-escapes-jail-and-fines-2351642.html>

Let me put it in black and white: racism has no place in football

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/football/blog/2011/sep/09/england-bulgaria-racist-chanting>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Programme for Government

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/07120559>

Crime figures at 35 year low

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/06121620>

Recorded Crime in Scotland 2010-11

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/06091156>

Views sought on same sex marriage

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/02114626>

Eid-UI-Fitr

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/08/30121201>

New Publications

Renewing Scotland: The Government's Programme for Scotland 2011-2012

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357452/0120728.pdf>

Recorded Crime in Scotland 2010-11

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/933/0120682.pdf>

Police Reform Programme: Outline Business Case

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357534/0120783.pdf>

News

Scottish Labour set for 'biggest overhaul in 90 years'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-14865745>

Scottish Conservatives approve new constitution

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-14865454>

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Parliamentary Questions

Female Genital Mutilation

Baroness Tonge: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have plans to prepare a strategy on female genital mutilation; and, if so, what arrangements they will put in place to fund such a strategy and to co-ordinate it across government.[HL11505]

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to reinstate the role of female genital mutilation co-ordinator; and, if so, when.[HL11506]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what they are doing to encourage awareness of and debate on female genital mutilation.[HL11507]

To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to promote outreach in communities regarding female genital mutilation.[HL11510]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Browning): The Government are absolutely committed to tackling and preventing female genital mutilation (FGM). There are no plans for a separate government strategy, as tackling FGM is a key part of the Government's integrated approach to ending violence against women and girls. The *Call to End Violence Against Women and Girls: Action Plan*, which was published earlier this year, includes commitments to:

develop learning programmes for the police on FGM; support community engagement work to tackle FGM; develop guidelines on FGM for prosecutors; and review the multi-agency guidelines on FGM.

To meet these commitments, the work of the FGM co-ordinator is being continued by a steering group made up of the relevant departments, including the Home Office, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education, Department for International Development and Department of Health. As a result, we have made significant progress in raising awareness of FGM and supporting professionals to intervene. For example, more than 40,000 leaflets and 40,000 posters have been circulated to schools, health services, charities and community groups around the country, and we have established a regular forum for the voluntary and community sector to raise concerns with the Government.

This forum is also used to map community engagement work and identify best practice. In addition, the new multi-agency practice guidelines are helping to ensure that professionals are able and confident to intervene to protect girls at risk.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110908w0001.htm#11090840000074>

Meat: Labelling

Tim Farron: To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs if she will bring forward proposals to introduce meat labelling that indicates whether the animal slaughtered has been stunned or non-stunned. [70316]

Reply from James Paice: While the Government remain of the view that it would prefer to see all animals stunned before slaughter it has, over the last few months, made it clear that it has no plans to ban the slaughter of animals without a pre cut stun where this is done for religious purposes to meet the needs of a particular religious community. However, Ministers have made it clear that they will wish to discuss options for improving the welfare of animals slaughtered without stunning with the Jewish and Muslim communities. This will be done in the context of work to implement the new EU Regulation (No 1099/2009) on the protection of animals at the time of killing, which comes into effect on 1 January 2013. There will be full consultation with all interested parties before any final decisions are taken.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110908/text/110908w0001.htm#11090917000015>

Other Westminster (continued) Press Releases

PM's Message for Eid ul Ftr

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/pms-message-for-eid-ul-fitr/>

Foreign Secretary's Eid ul fitr message

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=648453582>

Baroness Warsi's message for Eid ul Fitr

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/baroness-warsis-message-eid-ul-fitr>

Eid Mubarak! Andrew Stunell wishes Muslims a joyous and blessed Eid

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/communities/1973963>

News

Ennobled Sikh will be the first to wear turban in Parliament

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3155090.ece>

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New Publications

Improving ethnic data collection for equality and diversity monitoring

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Equality-and-Diversity/Publications/2011-08-30/2011-08-30-Ethnicity-Report.pdf?5427187682>

Annual Report and Accounts

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/publications-and-guidance/annual-report-and-accounts-2010-11/>

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Other News

Ten years after 9/11: Time to move away from the politics of fear

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2011-09-08%209-11%20anniversary.pdf>

'Parents want the values that come with religion'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3153151.ece>

University staff asked to inform on 'vulnerable' Muslim students

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/aug/29/university-inform-vulnerable-muslim-students>

Islamic finance in Europe: the missing link

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article104&lang=en>

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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>

Justice Committee evidence session

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/apps2/business/orsearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6370&m ode=html#iob_58039

Bills in Progress Westminster

**** Scotland Bill**

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

Second Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/110906-0001.htm#11090664000080>

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Consultations

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**** Biometric residence permits** (no closing date given)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/biometric-resident-permit>

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

**** Reforming Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland** (2 November 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357525/0120778.pdf>

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

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

**** Public Sector Equality Duty** (25 November 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357629/0120853.pdf>

**** Rights of Children and Young People Bill** (1 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357438/0120726.pdf>

**** The Registration of Civil Partnerships Same Sex Marriage** (9 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/254430/0120640.pdf>

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Funding Opportunities

Call for tender: Study on mobility, migration and destitution in the European Union

Closing date for applications: 18 October 2011

<http://www.enar-eu.org/Page.asp?docid=27987&langue=EN>

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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.

** *this week*

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

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/>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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.

**** Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children & Young People**

6 (9.30-4.30) and 7 (9.30-12.30) October 2011 in Edinburgh

10 (9.30-4.30) and 11(9.30-12.30) November 2011 in Edinburgh

1 (9.30-4.30) and 2 (9.30-12.30) December 2011 in Edinburgh

Shakti training to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information contact Mridul, Lisa or Aleksandra 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk.

**** Migrants and the Cuts; Supporting Migrants' Contributions in Scotland**

13 October 2011 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 5.00)

Scottish Migrants Network Conference to identify good practice for cross-sectoral working that supports migrants as they contribute and participate in Scottish society through the current economic climate. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11x_smn.pdf or contact Jason Bergen: smnconference2011@gmail.com /07876 527 597.

**** International Literacy Day: Women's Morning**

16 October 2011 in Glasgow (10.00)

Scottish Refugee Council event women's morning for asylum-seeking and refugee women. For information contact Carol Anne 0141 248 9799/ carolanne.nehme@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/1322_celebrate_international_literacy_day_at_our_women_s_morning_16_september

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

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

**** International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism**

9 November 2011

After the Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933, Jews were subjected to increasingly discriminatory treatment accompanied by organised violence. On November 9th 1938, the Nazis started a pogrom against the Jews. Synagogues were set on fire. Jewish shops had their windows smashed across the country, which gave rise to the name "Kristallnacht", which freely translated means the Night of Broken Glass. Many Jews were physically attacked too. The "Kristallnacht" pogrom is usually seen as the symbolic beginning of the Holocaust. On 9 November each year the UNITED network organises a European-wide campaign to commemorate the past and to protest against contemporary forms of fascism and antisemitism. For information see

<http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/pages/underframeInternationalDayAgainstFascism.htm>

**** Making Human Rights Happen**

30 November 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

1 Decemer 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 4.00)

British Institute of Human Rights workshops to discuss the role of human rights in a period of cut backs to public services, the role of human rights in protecting the vulnerable, whether human rights offer an effective tool for people wishing to challenge the impact of service cuts or changes, and how to make sure one person's rights are balanced against the interests of society as a whole. For information see

<http://www.bihar.org.uk/events/bihar-national-human-rights-tour-information-page>

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%20Tour%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/>

Useful Links (continued)

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/>



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