

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120202-0001.htm#12020238000531>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigration Controls

Julian Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what recent progress her Department has made on simplifying the administrative load on small businesses relating to immigration rules. [92882]

Reply from Damian Green: This Government's target is to reduce net migration, and they are committed to making the immigration system easier to use. Biometric Residence Permits (BRPs), issued to demonstrate immigration status, will make

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identity, immigration status and 'Right to Work' (RTW) by employers simpler and more secure. We have issued 600,000 to date, and will complete the roll-out to new in-country applicants from February 2012. In addition, from spring 2012, we plan to launch an automated online checking service, in order to ensure employers are able to make quick and easy real time checks on the validity of the permit.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120131/text/120131w0002.htm#120131143000051>

Visas

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 11 January (WA 104), and given that 275,000 visas were issued to students from India and Pakistan between 2007 and 2011 while the total estimated number of citizens of India and Pakistan who left the United Kingdom between 2006 and 2010 was 80,000, what was the net figure for students who migrated permanently to the United Kingdom.[HL14997]

Reply from Lord Wallace of Saltaire: The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

Letter from Stephen Penneck, Director General for ONS, to Lord Laird, dated January 2012.

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics. I have been asked to reply to your Parliamentary Question, further to the Written Answer by Lord Henley on 11 January (WA 104), and given that 275,000 visas were issued to students from India and Pakistan between 2007 and 2011 while the total estimated number of citizens of India and Pakistan who left the United Kingdom between 2006 and 2010 was 80,000, what was the net figure for students who migrated permanently to the United Kingdom (HL 14997).

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) produces estimates of long-term international migration which are based on the UN definition of a migrant, that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least a year.

ONS does not currently collect specific information on the net migration of people who have been studying in the United Kingdom. This is primarily because the International Passenger Survey (IPS) does not capture an emigrant's original reason for migrating to the UK. From January 2012, additional questions have been added to the IPS so that an emigrant's original reason for immigrating is captured. This information will enable net flows by original reason for migrating to be produced.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120130w0001.htm#12013017000701>

Immigration

Andrew Turner: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many spouses of the (a) sons and (b) daughters of applicants were allowed entry into the UK in the most recent year for which information is available; [92264]

(2) how many people entered the UK because they were the unmarried partner of an applicant in the most recent year for which information is available; [92265]

(3) how many (a) fathers, (b) mothers, (c) brothers and (d) sisters of an applicant's spouse were allowed entry into the UK in the most recent year for which information is available; [92266]

(4) how many (a) spouses, (b) fathers, (c) mothers, (d) sons, (e) daughters, (f) grandfathers, (g) grandmothers, (h) grandsons, (i) granddaughters, (j) brothers, (k) sisters, (l) uncles, (m) aunts, (n) nephews, (o) nieces and (p) first cousins of applicants for entry

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into the UK were allowed entry in the most recent year for which information is available; [92267]

(5) how many (a) stepfathers (b) stepmothers, (c) stepsons, (d) stepdaughters, (e) stepbrothers and (f) stepsisters of applicants were allowed entry into the UK in the most recent year for which information is available. [92268]

Reply from Damian Green: The data shown are available on the Home Office website. A breakdown of the specific family categories asked for is not available beyond that in the following. The data provided are for entry clearance visas issued in the Family Route category (to settlement) in each of the four quarters from October 2010 to September 2011.

The data does not include figures for those dependants issued with visas through other available entry clearance routes to the UK.

The figures represent those granted entry clearance, not the number entering the UK. Figures for the last four quarters are as follows:

	Q4 2010	Q1 2011	Q2 2011	Q3 2011
Partner	10,831	8,562	7,036	9,856
Partner for settlement (ILE ⁽¹⁾)	354	309	380	397
Child	25	21	33	26
Child for settlement (ILE ⁽¹⁾)	1,318	1,340	1,081	1,214
Other	1,354	1,324	925	1,134
Other for settlement (ILE ⁽¹⁾)	563	474	526	520

⁽¹⁾ ILE: Indefinite Leave to Enter. *Note:* Other is defined as not children or the partners of the main applicant, but dependants of the main applicant. *Source:* <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-tabs-q3-2011/?view=Standard&pubID=962325>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120130/text/120130w0001.htm#12013039000060>

Asylum Seekers

Baroness Goudie: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many unaccompanied children applied for asylum in each year between 2005 and 2010.[HL15135]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Henley): The following table contains the number of unaccompanied children who applied for asylum in each year between 2005 and 2010.

Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Applications Received.	
Year	Total applications
2005	2,964
2006	3,451
2007	3,645
2008	4,285
2009	3,174
2010	1,717

Data for 2010 are provisional figures.

Figures exclude cases that were age disputed at the time of extract.

An unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) is a person under 18, or who, in the absence of documentary evidence establishing age, appears to be under that age, is applying for asylum on his or her own right and has no relative or guardian in the United Kingdom.

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Data exclude dependants

Source: 2005: Table 2.3, Asylum Statistics United Kingdom 2007; 2006-2010: Table as 08, Immigration Statistics July-September 2011

Data on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children are available in the asylum tables of the quarterly Immigration Statistics. The latest-release Immigration Statistics July-September 2011 are available in the Library of the House and the Home Office Science website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>.

Baroness Goudie: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children who applied for asylum between 2005 and 2010 were (1) granted refugee status, (2) granted humanitarian protection, (3) granted discretionary leave to remain, and (4) refused.[HL15136]

Reply from Lord Henley: The following table contains the number of children who applied for asylum as main applicants in each year between 2008 and 2010 and the initial decision on their application. Analyses by age for earlier years are not available.

Extract of Table as 06: Outcome analysis of asylum applications, as at May 2011, aged under 18 at time of application

Year of application	Total Main applicants aged under 18	(1) Granted asylum at initial decision	(2) Granted HP at initial decision	(3) Granted DL at initial decision	(4) Refused asylum, HP or DL at initial decision	Applications withdrawn or decision not known as at May 2011
2008	3,842	409	19	2,088	874	452
2009	2,800	292	20	1,661	520	307
2010	1,535	222	11	777	336	189

Data exclude dependants. Data for dependants are not available as the data have not been extracted from the Case Information Database in the appropriate format. Data are not available for years prior to 2008 as the age of the applicant at the time of the application is not available for all main applicants.

Year relates to the period in which the application was made; the initial decisions within a 'year of application' may have been made in a later year.

Data relating to applications or decisions in 2010 are provisional figures.

'Decision not known' reflect that no confirmation of an initial decision on the case had been received when the statistics were compiled on 9 May 2011.

Data on asylum applications are available in the asylum tables of the quarterly Immigration Statistics. The latest-release Immigration Statistics July-September 2011 are available in the Library of the House and the Home Office Science website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120201w0001.htm#12020158000271>

Illegal Immigrants

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many (a) illegal immigrants, (b) asylum seekers, (c) foreign nationals in breach of visa requirements and (d) foreign nationals with no right to remain in the UK were deported in each of the last five years; and to which countries such people were deported. [92036]

Reply from Damian Green: Deportations are a specific subset of removals which

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are enforced either following a criminal conviction or when it is judged that a person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The deportation order prohibits the person returning to the UK until such time as it may be revoked. Most illegal immigrants are removed under administrative or illegal entry powers from the UK rather than being deported.

It has therefore been assumed that the question refers to the number of removals and voluntary departures from the UK as opposed to the number of deportations. Information on (a) illegal immigrants and (c) foreign nationals in breach of visa requirements who were removed from the UK is not separately identifiable from published sources.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK within Immigration Statistics. The data on removals and voluntary departures of (b) asylum seekers and (d) non-asylum seekers by country of destination are available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: July to September 2011.

Due to the size of the tables involved for each year, annual data showing the asylum/non-asylum breakdown by country of destination removed to, are available from table rv.06 and quarterly data from table rv.06.q within the Immigration Statistics releases from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science, Research and Statistics web pages at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/science-research/research-statistics/migration/migration-statistics1/>

Data for October 2011 onwards are not yet available, but quarterly data for October to December 2011 will be published as part of the regular Home Office publication scheme on 23 February 2012.

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many immigrants subject to removal proceedings left the UK without contesting the decision in each of the last five years; how many such immigrants appealed and were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful in their appeal; and how many such immigrants remain in the UK awaiting deportation. [92038]

Reply from Damian Green: Appellants do not have the right to appeal against removal. They are only able to exercise their right of appeal against their immigration application decision.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120131/text/120131w0002.htm#12013114300049>

People Trafficking

Lord McColl of Dulwich: To ask Her Majesty's Government from which local authorities children suspected of being trafficked have gone missing in each of the last five years; whether voluntary sector guardians were working with the children suspected of being trafficked in any of those local authorities; and what follow-up inspections or other actions have taken place in local authorities where children suspected of being trafficked have gone missing. [HL15090]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Hill of Oareford): While information on the number of children who go missing from their care placements for more than 24 hours is collected, information on whether a looked-after child has been the victim of human trafficking and gone missing from care is not collected centrally.

Local authorities have an overall statutory duty for the safeguarding of children. This includes preventing and mitigating the risk of them going missing from care. Local authorities work in close co-operation with the police and the UK Border Agency to support, and provide protection for, potentially trafficked children. This

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will involve assessing their needs and putting in place support packages. Where a child does become looked after, local authorities must allocate that child a social worker. They will then draw up a care plan which sets out how the authority intends to respond to the full range of the child's needs, including the need to safeguard them from contact with traffickers.

The plan will also include arrangements to be followed if the young person goes missing. The National Minimum Standards for Children's Homes and Fostering Services require all homes and fostering services to have explicit procedures to be followed when looked after children are missing or absent. *Statutory Guidance on Children who Runaway and Go Missing from Home and Care* issued in July 2009 requires local authorities to collect information on missing from care incidents. Local authorities should make regular reports to council members with responsibility for corporate parenting on patterns of children going missing from care.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120131w0001.htm#120131141000445>

Human Trafficking: Victims

Peter Bone: To ask the Secretary of State for International Development what funding his Department provides to victims of human trafficking who are returned to their home country. [93138]

Reply from Stephen O'Brien: The Department for International Development (DFID) does not currently provide direct support to victims of human trafficking who are returned from the UK to their home country. DFID officials are discussing this issue with Home Office officials. DFID does support a range of projects which are tackling human trafficking in developing countries. For example, we are supporting a new regional anti-trafficking project in South Asia, focusing especially on labour migration of women and girls in the garment and domestic sectors in India, Bangladesh and Nepal. The programme aims to reduce trafficking of 60,000 women and girls in these sectors over four years.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120202/text/120202w0002.htm#12020244000149>

Press Releases

Making immigration work for Britain

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/february/09immigration-work>

Postal biometric appointments and residence permit reporting move online

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/february/01-online-services>

New interpreter services [in England and Wales] to provide more efficient and effective justice

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/press-releases/moj/newsrelease010212a.htm>

New Publications

Tier 4 tears: how government student visa controls are destroying the private HE sector

<http://centreforum.org/assets/pubs/tier-4-tears.pdf>

Immigration and Asylum New Publications (continued)

“I feel like as a woman I’m not welcome”: A gender analysis of UK asylum law, policy and practice

http://www.asylumaid.org.uk/data/files/ifeelasawoman_reportv2.pdf

News

‘Best’ foreigners given priority to settle in UK

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/best-foreigners-given-priority-to-settle-in-uk-1-2085607>

Immigrants 'must add to quality of life in Britain'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-16850563>

UK ‘only wants rich immigrants or those with business savvy’

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/uk-only-wants-rich-immigrants-or-those-with-business-savvy-1-2094329>

Damian Green: migrants must add to quality of life in Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9055072/Damian-Green-migrants-must-add-to-quality-of-life-in-Britain.html>

Immigration is not just a numbers game – it’s about culture, too

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9057279/Immigration-is-not-just-a-numbers-game-its-about-culture-too.html>

Migrants must be the right people, says minister

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrants-must-be-the-right-people-says-minister-6298301.html>

New immigration policy favours the wealthy, say critics

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/feb/02/selective-immigration-policy-wealthy>

Immigration: dubious means to an uncertain end

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/feb/02/immigration-dubious-means-editorial>

Slavery is real – we must protect its victims

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/feb/02/rethink-attitudes-to-slavery-trafficking>

1,500 die in bid to reach Europe’s shores

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/international/1-500-die-in-bid-to-reach-europe-s-shores-1-2088717>

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Gypsies and Travellers

Baroness Whitaker: To ask Her Majesty's Government what consultations they are carrying out on their Roma integration strategy.[HL15078]

To ask Her Majesty's Government why they did not submit their Roma integration strategy to the European Commission by the deadline of 31 December 2011; and when they plan to submit the strategy.[HL15079]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government (Baroness Hanham): I refer the noble Baroness to the Answers I gave to Lord Avebury on 14 June 2011 ([Official Report, col. WA 177](#)) and 24 October 2011 ([Official Report, col. WA 116](#)), where I explained that the Council conclusions agreed by member states on 19 May 2011 provide latitude to member states to tailor their approaches to national needs by developing sets of policy measures within broader social inclusion policies, as an alternative to producing national Roma integration strategies. There is no obligation on the UK to produce a national Roma integration strategy.

The noble Baroness may be interested to know that the European Commission has been publishing responses from member states, including the UK, to their request for information about their Roma inclusion policies. These can be found on their website at:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma/national-strategies/index_en.htm.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120201w0001.htm#12020158000287>

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Equality and Human Rights Commission

Lord Ouseley: To ask Her Majesty's Government how they monitor the performance of the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC); and to what extent the EHRC has achieved its remit of promoting and monitoring human rights and protecting, enforcing and promoting equality.[HL15086]

Baroness Verma: Ministers and officials have regular discussions with the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) about its performance. My officials receive monthly performance reports, and hold formal quarterly performance review meetings to assess EHRC's performance against its business plan.

The EHRC has carried out some important work that has deepened our knowledge and understanding of equality and human rights. But, as we said in March 2011 when we published our consultation on reform of the EHRC, the sheer breadth of the EHRC's remit, combined with errors made in the process of setting it up, have contributed to the underperformance of the EHRC. That is why we set out our plans to reform the EHRC to focus it on its core functions, and we will respond to the consultation on reform of the EHRC shortly.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120130w0001.htm#12013017000680>

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Sports: Racial Discrimination

Jim Shannon: To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport what steps he is taking to tackle racism in sport; and whether he has set any targets. [92335]

Hugh Robertson: Sport England ensures that all national governing bodies that receive public funding must sign up to the Equality Standard for Sport and they have produced guidelines on how governing bodies of sport should deal with incidents of racial abuse in competitive sport settings. Sport England also continues to invest in the work that Sporting Equals does to promote ethnic diversity across all sport.

We have also welcomed the Select Committee's decision to hold an inquiry on racism in football and we will support it in any way we can. The findings from this inquiry should offer lessons that can be applied across all sport.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120130/text/120130w0001.htm#12013039000021>

Press Release

Committee of Ministers expresses “deep concern” over rise in violent attacks against Roma

<http://tinyurl.com/8ygbzd9>

New Publication

Antisemitic Incidents Report 2011

<http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Incidents%20Report%202011.pdf>

News

Blairgowrie mum admits subjecting workers to racial abuse after son's car accident

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Perthshire/article/20583/blairgowrie-mum-admits-subjecting-workers-to-racial-abuse-after-son-s-car-accident.html>

Manchester has highest Anti-Semitism crime rate in UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-16844472>

More antisemitic crimes recorded in Manchester than London last year

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/feb/02/more-antisemitic-crimes-manchester-than-london?newsfeed=true>

Surge in attacks on Jews linked to better reporting

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/surge-in-attacks-on-jews-linked-to-better-reporting-6298183.html>

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Other Holyrood

Independence Referendum: News

Scottish independence: Group calls for shift in referendum debate

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-16799063>

Press Release

New Scottish Information Commissioner to be approved by Parliament

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/46469.aspx>

New Publication

Mapping the Third Sector in Rural Scotland: An Initial Review of the Literature

Report <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00386850.pdf>

Summary <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00386772.pdf>

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Scottish Independence Referendum: Parliamentary Question

Scotland: Referendum

Lord Inglewood: To ask Her Majesty's Government who they consider should be eligible to vote in any referendum on Scottish independence.[HL14867]

Reply from the Advocate-General for Scotland (Lord Wallace of Tankerness): As set out in the Government's consultation paper, *Scotland's Constitutional Future*, published on 10 January 2012, the Government's view is that the devolved legislature and local government franchise would be most suitable in any referendum on Scottish independence.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120131w0001.htm#120131141000447>

Press Release

Campaigning against forced marriage

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=722636782>

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Other News

Kirk minister demands ban on 'sacrificial' Hindu worship

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/kirk-minister-demands-ban-on-sacrificial-hindu-worship-1-2091135>

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Bills in Progress

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Holyrood

Budget Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/45791.aspx>

Police and Fire Reform Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/45701.aspx>

Bills in Progress Westminster

Human Trafficking (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill

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

**** Scotland Bill**

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

Committee Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120202-0001.htm#12020238000530>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201212/ldhansrd/text/120202-0002.htm#12020239000215>

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Right to family reunification of third-country nationals living in the EU

(closing date 1 March 2012)

http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/news/consulting_public/consulting_0023_en.htm

DirectScot - Scotland's public services and information portal

(closing date 1 March 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/01/DirectScot>

Police and Fire Reform Bill (closing date 6 March 2012)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/46080.aspx>

Proposals for A Freedom Of Information (Amendment) Bill

(closing date 8 March 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/365157/0124123.pdf>

Scotland's constitutional future (closing date 9 March 2012)

<http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/files/17779-Cm-8203.pdf>

Forced marriage (closing date 30 March 2012)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/forced-marriage/>

Consultations (continued)

Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill (closing date 30 April 2012)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/Final_version_as_lodged.pdf

Your Scotland – Your Referendum (closing date 11 May 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00386122.pdf>

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**** closing date for applications this week!**

European Training Programme for Roma Mediators

Closing date for applications 6 February 2012

ROMED joint Council of Europe/European Commission programme to enhance the quality and the effectiveness of mediators, assistants and facilitators. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/7423cgx>

**** this week!**

Advocacy, the media and monitoring

9 February 2012 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.30)

Runnymede Trust seminar to provide information and advice on the implementation and promotion of policies on equality and non-discrimination with a particular focus on advocacy, the media and monitoring. For information see

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/333/273/Glasgow-capacity-building-training-for-NGOs.html>

Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children & Young People

13th (9.30-4.30pm) & 14th(9.30-12.30pm) February 2012in Edinburgh

19th(9.30-4.30pm) & 20th(9.30-12.30pm) March 2012in 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

Towards Guidelines for Ethical Research Practice

Week of 13 February – date still to be confirmed – in Edinburgh

BEMIS and GRAMNet consultation on the subject of guidelines for ethical research practice in social sciences and humanities. For information contact

seminar@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047 or see

http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12ii_bemis.pdf

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Promoting Youth Employability and Rights

21 February 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.30)

Conference jointly organised by BEMIS, the Scottish Refugee Council, STUC, CEMVO, and the Scottish Inter Faith Council to address gaps in support for youth employment, present new opportunities to help break barriers and discrimination in the job market, and seek to develop a charter on supporting youth employment. For information see http://bemis.org.uk/conference/yer/YER_Conference_Flyer.pdf or contact Tanveer Parnez conference@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047 or Sandra Walker swalker@stuc.org.uk / 0141 337 8100.

Goals training

Last week of February 2012-01-15(dates to be confirmed from 23/24, 27/28, or 28/29)

BEMIS training for Ethnic Minority Third Sector organisations and Volunteers to empower, motivate and build capacity of new community groups and organisations to be more active in decision-making processes and provide them with leadership skills. For information contact Tanveer Parnez 0141 548 8047 / tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk.

Tackling the exploitation of migrant workers: using employment and equality law

27 February 2012 in Aberdeen (10.30 – 3.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission Migrant event to re-enforce advisor's knowledge of how to use the law to protect workers who are often vulnerable to exploitation at work. For information contact David Reilly equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5967.

UKBA Asylum Support - The Essentials

28 February 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the support arrangements available to asylum seekers from the beginning to the end of the asylum process. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/77beqc7> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Equality in employment

29 February 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training that includes recruitment, monitoring and dignity at work, and also examines issues around equality in volunteering. For information contact Stacey Anderson Stacey.anderson@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 332 2444.

The Gathering

29 February – 1 March 2012 in Glasgow

SCVO seminars, exhibition, and marketplace with over 100 exhibitors. For the full programme see <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/programme-of-events/attend-an-event/>

Working with Interpreters

6 March 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/6vjcbt8> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Tackling racism and promoting race equality for youth and community workers

9 March 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.45)

20 March 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.45)

Show Racism the Red Card training to raise awareness of issues of racism and its impact on young people, examine how race equality can be promoted, empower delegates to challenge racism and respond to racist incidents, and equip delegates with knowledge and resources to educate young people against racism. For information contact Ruth McGeoch support@theredcardscotland.org / 0141 222 2058.

Open Your Mind - Speak Out Against Racism

17–25 March 2012

European-wide Action Week Against Racism. For information and materials see http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/pages/infoARW_12.htm

Collecting and using Equalities information

20 March 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training to equalities monitoring including best practice examples, ideas on how to use the information you collect and practical tips for implementing successful monitoring systems. For information contact Stacey Anderson Stacey.anderson@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 332 2444.

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

22 March 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

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. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/7rl85rl> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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/>

Useful Links (continued)

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Index.stm>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

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