

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Debate

#### Immigration

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120906/debtext/120906-0002.htm#1209062600001>

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### British Nationality: Assessments

**Chi Onwurah:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) when her Department plans to update its document, Life in the UK: a Journey to Citizenship; [119197]

## Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

(2) what estimate her Department has made of the number of inaccuracies in its document, *Life in the UK: a Journey to Citizenship*; and what assessment her Department has made of the effect of such inaccuracies on applicants. [119198]

**Reply from Damian Green:** A new edition of the handbook 'Life in the United Kingdom: A Journey to Citizenship' is currently being finalised with the aim of publishing it later this year. We are aware that the existing handbook has some out of date information, which will be remedied by the publication of a new edition. In the meantime, questions for the life in the UK test which are no longer valid are in any case removed from the question bank so candidates should not suffer any adverse effects.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120905/text/120905w0001.htm#12090535000068>

### Immigration: Married People

**Ann McKechin:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of UK citizens who will marry abroad and re-enter the UK accompanied by non-EU spouses who have obtained the requisite marriage visa in (a) 2012, (b) 2013 and (c) 2014. [119741]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** When the Government changed the immigration rules concerning migration by families in June 2012, it published an impact assessment. This estimates the numbers coming through the route in future compared with now, as a consequence of the policy changes. In summary it estimates a reduction in family route visa grants by between 13,700-18,500 visa grants per annum. This includes British citizens returning to the UK with a family. As the rules apply equally to partners of British citizens (and persons settled here) regardless of whether they marry in the UK or abroad, the impact assessment does not make a separate estimate of those who marry abroad.

**Ann McKechin:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many UK citizens who had married abroad re-entered the UK accompanied by non-EU spouses who had obtained the requisite marriage visa in (a) 2008, (b) 2009, (c) 2010 and (d) 2011. [119742]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The UK Border Agency does not record the number of UK nationals crossing the border and whose non-EU spouses hold marriage visas.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120906/text/120906w0001.htm#12090632000013>

## Westminster Early Day Motion

**Jeremy Corbyn (437) London Metropolitan University and the UK Border Agency –** That this House calls on the Home Secretary to reverse the decision of the UK Border Agency to suspend London Metropolitan University's right to recruit overseas students; believes it is grossly unfair on those existing overseas students who attend university and will now be forced to move elsewhere or face removal from the UK; further calls on the Home Office and the university to work together to resolve any administrative issues and not threaten the future of the university; and also believes that this decision has very damaging and serious consequences for every university and will further deter overseas students from choosing to study in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/437>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### Press Releases

**Service launched for universities sponsoring foreign students**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/advice-for-universities>

**2,000 illegal migrants return home after UK Border Agency campaign**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/tackling-visa-abuse>

**Changes to applications from overstayers from 1 October 2012**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/september/07-overstayer-1oct2012>

**Guidance for international students sponsored by London Metropolitan University**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/72-LMU-student-page>

**Reduced cost for travel documents for refugees and stateless persons**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/71-travel-doc-convention>

**Assisting integration of women from migrant, minority and Roma and Sinti communities**

<http://www.osce.org/gender/93515>

**UK Border Agency response to Supreme Court judgment in 'Alvi'**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/september/12-alvi>

### New Publications

**Public Accounts Committee Report: Immigration: The Points Based System- Student Route**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cm Pubacc/101/101.pdf>

**Business, Innovation and Skills Committee: Overseas Students and Net Migration**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmbis/425/425.pdf>

**Immigration Statistics April - June 2012 Second edition**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2012/immigration-q2-2012snr>

**Monthly asylum application tables - June 2012**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/asylum-jun-2012?view=Binary>

**Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers July 2012**

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-jul2012?view=Binary>

**Migrants in Europe: A statistical portrait of the first and second generation**

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY\\_OFFPUB/KS-31-10-539/EN/KS-31-10-539-EN.PDF](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-31-10-539/EN/KS-31-10-539-EN.PDF)

**The criminalisation of migrant women**

[http://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/people/academic\\_research/loraine\\_gelsthorpe/criminalreport29july12.pdf](http://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/people/academic_research/loraine_gelsthorpe/criminalreport29july12.pdf)

## Immigration and Asylum New Publications (continued)

### **The importance of contact: children's attitudes towards refugees**

<http://www.employabilityforum.co.uk/documents/Theimportanceofcontact-children'sattitudestorefugees.pdf>

## News

### **Changes to the Immigration Rules**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/september/10-immigration-rules>

### **Student visa 'chaos' claim by Public Accounts Committee**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19465854>

### **Migrants face benefits axe in new crackdown**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/9499378/Migrants-face-benefits-axe-in-new-crackdown.html>

### **Homes for asylum-seekers present new crisis for G4S**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/homes-for-asylumseekers-present-new-crisis-for-g4s-8079557.html>

### **Stop playing the net migration numbers game**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/30/stop-playing-net-migration-numbers-game>

### **Net immigration falls slightly to 216,000, says ONS**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/aug/30/net-immigration-falls-slightly-216000-ons>

### **Net immigration dips to 216,000**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/net-immigration-dips-to-216000-8095759.html>

### **Border Agency decision threatens thousands of international students**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/aug/30/border-agency-international-students-threat>

### **London Met University will 'fundamentally contest' visas decision**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/sep/04/london-met-university-contest-visa>

### **MPs challenge London Metropolitan University overseas ban**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19465858>

### **London Met decision: ill-judged, badly timed and poorly executed**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/31/london-met-international-students>

### **London Met students will get three months to find another course**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/aug/31/london-met-three-months-course>

### **London Metropolitan University is there to educate, not police**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/31/london-metropolitan-universities-educate-police>

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### News (continued)

**London Metropolitan University's visa licence is revoked**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19419395>

**London Met's foreign students**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19425955>

**Fears as university loses right to admit foreigners**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/fears-as-university-loses-right-to-admit-foreigners.18734794>

**University tries to keep under-threat students in UK**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/education/university-tries-to-keep-under-threat-students-in-uk-1-2498990>

**London Metropolitan University to launch legal action against UK Border Agency**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/universityeducation/9519476/London-Metropolitan-University-to-launch-legal-action-against-UK-Border-Agency.html>

**Exclude overseas students from migration count, say MPs**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19494400>

**Stop ignoring immigration, Soames urges MP colleagues**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19492300>

**Border Agency blamed for student visa 'chaos'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/border-agency-blamed-for-student-visa-chaos-8102871.html>

**Chaotic visa system allowed 50,000 bogus students in, MPs warn**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/9517837/Chaotic-visa-system-allowed-50000-bogus-students-in-MPs-warn.html>

**UK Border Agency criticised over student visas**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/sep/04/ukba-student-visa-rules>

**May says border forces will need 'several years' to get up to standard**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/may-says-border-forces-will-need-several-years-to-get-up-to-standard-8113738.html>

**Britain needs the cultural value these international students bring**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/sep/07/student-visas-foreign-value-education-export>

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## Race Relations

### Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-03957 Margaret Burgess: Ayrshire Minority Ethnic Communities Association—**  
That the Parliament congratulates the A yrshire Minority Ethnic Communities Association

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### Holyrood Parliamentary Motion (continued)

(AMECA) on the opening of its new drop-in centre in Irvine; understands that AMECA represents various cultural groups including African, Chinese, Pakistani, Polish, Sikh and Thai, and presents a collective voice in campaigning for social justice, equality and tackling racism; notes that AMECA not only aims to provide guidance and support services but also organises regular multicultural activities and equality awareness workshops to promote cross-cultural understanding and community cohesion, and wishes it every success for the future.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-03957&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## Equality

### Holyrood Parliamentary Motions

**S4M-03954 Jean Urquhart: EHRC Coalition Cuts**—That the Parliament acknowledges what it considers to be the vital role that is played by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) in providing guidance to the public in promoting and enforcing equality legislation; expresses its deep concern over the reported 62% reduction in EHRC's budget by 2015 and how this could impact on EHRC's operations in Scotland; believes that the proposals will cause the closure of the EHRC's Edinburgh office, resulting in a loss of half of its workforce in Scotland; notes that the UK Government plans to close EHRC's direct expert helpline and replace it with a referral-only service, with no presence in Scotland or Wales; considers that, the decimation of the EHRC's budget and the concurrent impact on its ability to provide an effective service, runs contrary to the Equality Act 2006; condemns what it understands is the UK Government's decision to continue with these regressive reforms, despite its consultation showing that people were against this by a margin of 15:1, and considers that this is a typical example of what it sees as the fiscal vandalism of the UK Government and how it is harming Scotland and society's most vulnerable and marginalised groups.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-03954&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-03954.1 Drew Smith: EHRC Coalition Cuts**—As an amendment to motion S4M-03954 in the name of Jean Urquhart (EHRC Coalition Cuts), after "operations in Scotland" insert " and across the rest of the UK; is deeply concerned at the scale of redundancies that have already taken place in the Edinburgh and Glasgow offices and, despite previous ministerial statements, what it considers the lack of any clear statement to date as to what replacement services will be put in place for vulnerable citizens from this autumn; notes the work of the trades unions, Unite and PCS, to highlight the negative impacts that these cuts will have".

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-03954.1&ResultsPerPage=10>

## New Publications

**Religion or belief, equality and human rights in England and Wales**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/rr84\\_final\\_opt.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/rr84_final_opt.pdf)

## Equality

### New Publications (continued)

#### One minority at a time

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/OneMinorityAtATime-2012.pdf>

#### Ethnic Minority Achievement

[http://www.nasuwat.org.uk/consum/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_FILE&dDocName=NASUWT\\_009865&RevisionSelectionMethod=latest&allowInterrupt=1](http://www.nasuwat.org.uk/consum/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=NASUWT_009865&RevisionSelectionMethod=latest&allowInterrupt=1)

## News

#### Race row erupts at equality watchdog as staff say all managers will be white

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/race-row-erupts-at-equality-watchdog-as-staff-say-all-managers-will-be-white-8096840.html>

#### The Equality and Human Rights Commission is being destroyed

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/24/coalition-destroy-equality-human-rights-commission>

#### Black teenager 'stopped 50 times' plans to sue Met police for harassment

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/aug/24/black-teenager-met-police>

#### City's funding plea to help Roma pupils

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/citys-funding-plea-to-help-roma-pupils.18687796>

#### Joint bid needed over city's Roma population

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/joint-bid-needed-over-citys-roma-population.18681660>

#### Black Caribbean workers 'earned more per hour than whites before recession'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/aug/30/black-caribbean-workers-earned-whites>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Press Release

#### Role of education in countering intolerance against Muslims in focus at Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights meeting

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/93497>

### News

#### Scottish Defence League organiser tells Dundee to expect big right-wing presence

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Dundee/article/24473/scottish-defence-league-organiser-tells-dundee-to-expect-big-right-wing-presence-on-september-1.html>

#### Edinburgh witnesses 340 hate crimes in just three months

<http://www.scotsman.com/edinburgh-evening-news/latest-news/edinburgh-witnesses-340-hate-crimes-in-just-three-months-1-2486856>

## Racism and Religious Hatred

### News (continued)

**Christians can't demand to wear cross at work, European court told**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/christians-can-t-demand-to-wear-cross-at-work-european-court-told-1-2506729>

**Christians take 'beliefs' fight to European Court of Human Rights**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19472438>

**A cross to bear**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9514347/A-cross-to-bear.html>

**Christians fight for rights at work in European court**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/christians-fight-for-rights--at-work-in-european-court-8104881.html>

**Religious freedom showdown in European Court**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9519413/Religious-freedom-showdown-in-European-Court.html>

**The four Christians accusing their employers of discrimination**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9519785/The-four-Christians-accusing-their-employers-of-discrimination.html>

**British Christians must find a louder voice**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/9528884/British-Christians-must-find-a-louder-voice.html>

**Christians should 'leave their beliefs at home or get another job'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9520026/Christians-should-leave-their-beliefs-at-home-or-get-another-job.html>

**BBC receives hundreds of complaints and is accused of insulting Muslims with new 'racist' sitcom Citizen Khan**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/tv-radio/bbc-receives-hundreds-of-complaints-and-is-accused-of-insulting-muslims-with-new-racist-sitcom-citizen-khan-8092543.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Racism causes school struggle**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/racism-causes-school-struggle-1-2502855>

**Black pupils 'at higher risk of behaviour issues' label**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/education/black-pupils-at-higher-risk-of-behaviour-issues-label-1-2504145>

**BNP member Michael Coleman guilty of racism charges**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-stoke-staffordshire-19493753>

**Black people in Europe are still treated as second class human beings**

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2012-08-23%20FS%20people%20of%20african%20descent%20new.pdf>

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## Other Holyrood

### Parliamentary Question

#### **Female Genital Mutilation**

**Drew Smith (Glasgow) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages the reporting of female genital mutilation. (S4W-09016)

**Reply from Michael Matheson:** Scottish Government takes the issue of female genital mutilation (FGM) very seriously and sees it as a form of physical abuse of women and girls and a violation of their human rights under the guise of culture and/or religion.

A number of methods are used to encourage the reporting of FGM including engaging with individuals and groups of people from communities affected by FGM, raising awareness of the harm caused by FGM, the law against FGM and the government's position; working closely with police, voluntary organisations, social services, education departments, and statutory sector organisations to prevent FGM, support victims and engage with communities; increasing confidence in reporting by supporting minority ethnic organisations that work with FGM victims. Recently the Scottish Government has funded Saheliya, a minority ethnic women's organisation in Edinburgh, £225,000 over the three years 2012-15 to work with women from communities affected by FGM.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09016&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-03915 Bill Walker: Church of Latter-day Saints 25th Anniversary**—That the Parliament sends it warmest wishes to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and ward bishop Charles Marr on the 25th anniversary of the church's Dunfermline meeting house, which is scheduled to be marked on 8 September 2012; congratulates the church on what it considers to be its good work with families and the community, and wishes it success over the next 25 years.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-03915&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Press Releases

#### **Cabinet changes announced**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/09/scottish-cabinet05092012>

#### **Parliament returns to new three-day sitting pattern**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/54008.aspx>

#### **Scottish Police Authority chair**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/08/spa31082012>

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service chair**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/08/fire31082012>

#### **Scottish Household Survey**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/08/communitysafety29082012>

and

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/08/household-survey29082012>

## Other Holyrood (continued)

### New Publications

**Petitioning the Scottish Parliament: making your voice heard** (updated version)  
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/PublicInformationdocuments/Petitioning-Eng-250712.pdf>

**Scotland's People Annual Report: Results from 2011 Scottish Household Survey**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00400610.pdf>

**A Scotland-wide Data Linkage Framework for Statistics and Research: Consultation Analysis**  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00400972.pdf>

**Public Acceptability of Cross-Sectoral Data Linkage**  
Report <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00400976.pdf>  
Summary <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00401000.pdf>

### News

**At-a-glance: Scottish legislative programme 2012/13**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19477574>

**Referendum and same-sex marriage bills announced in SNP plans**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19469440>

**Scottish cabinet reshuffle: Nicola Sturgeon given new independence role**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19487544>

**Who is in the Scottish cabinet?**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19492762>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Question

#### Holocaust

**Lord Storey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Hill of Oareford on 13 June (WA 257–8), how many academies no longer include the history of the Holocaust in their curricula; whether all history programmes will include the history of the holocaust as part of a new national curriculum; and whether academies will be obliged to teach about the holocaust regardless of whether they depart from a new national curriculum.[HL1832]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools (Lord Hill of Oareford):** The department does not collect information about whether academies include the history of the Holocaust in their curricula. While publicly funded independent schools (academies) will continue to have the freedom to depart from the new national curriculum, where they consider that to be in the best interests of their students, they are required by law to teach a broad and balanced curriculum. As is the case now, we envisage that many such schools

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will, in practice, continue to offer the national curriculum, and they will be accountable to parents and their local communities for any decisions they take.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/28082012.htm#hdg-Holocaust>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/120613w0001.htm#12061378000153>

## Press Release

**Race Equalities Minister Andrew Stunell commemorates the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade**

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsstories/newsroom/2206171>

## News

**Cabinet reshuffle: David Cameron's new line-up**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19475248>

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## Other News

**Tory reformer warns PM: 'We must reach out to ethnic minorities'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-reformer-warns-pm-we-must-reach-out-to-ethnic-minorities-8081430.html>

**Rise in Scottish calls to forced marriage charity**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-19490946>

**New law on forced marriage needs to be promoted**

<http://www.scotsman.com/edinburgh-evening-news/opinion/john-fotheringham-new-law-on-forced-marriage-needs-to-be-promoted-1-2501259>

**Police 'failing to keep tabs on rising tide of honour attacks'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/police-failing-to-keep-tabs-on-rising-tide-of-honour-attacks-1-2500218>

**Police report rise in honour crimes**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/police-report-rise-in-honour-crimes.18746467>

**Female Genital Mutilation: over 3 million women and girls are at risk**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/FemaleGenitalMutilation.aspx>

**Female Genital Mutilation: A Crime Against Women**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/yvonne-ossei/female-genital-mutilation\\_1\\_b\\_1822156.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=uk](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/yvonne-ossei/female-genital-mutilation_1_b_1822156.html?utm_hp_ref=uk)

## Other News (continued)

### Prince of Punjab and Perthshire: Remembering Maharajah Duleep Singh

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/prince-of-punjab-and-perthshire-remembering-maharajah-duleep-singh-1-2506091>

### Kenmore church marks restored grave of Sikh empire's heir

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-19494982>

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## Bills in Progress \*\* new or updated this week

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#### \*\* Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/51531.aspx>

Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/SB\\_12-54.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/SB_12-54.pdf)

#### Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/48001.aspx>

### Bills in Progress Westminster

#### Draft Communications Data Bill

Draft Bill as published

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm83/8359/8359.pdf>

#### Crime and Courts Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/crimeandcourts.html>

#### Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Further Provisions and Support for Victims) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/humantraffickingandexploitationfurtherprovisionsandsupportforvictims.html>

#### \*\* Small Charitable Donations Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2012-13/smallcharitable donations.html>

second reading

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120904/debtext/120904-0001.htm#12090441000001>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated this week

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Integration index (closing date 10 September 2012)

<https://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/bham/refugeeintegration/>

## Consultations (continued)

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### **Investing In and Paying for Your Water Services from 2015**

(closing date 11 September 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00395226.pdf>

### **A Scotland for Children: A Consultation on the Children and Young People Bill**

(closing date 25 September 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00396537.pdf>

### **Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill (26 September 2012)**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00394524.pdf>

### **Reforming Scots Criminal Law and Practice: The Carloway Report**

(closing date 5 October 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0039/00396483.pdf>

**\*\* The implementation of Council Regulation 1099/2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing** (closing date 26 October 2012)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/08/9239/downloads>

### **Proposed Lobbying Transparency Bill** (closing date 29 October 2012)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/20120706\\_Lobbying\\_Transparency\\_consultation.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/20120706_Lobbying_Transparency_consultation.pdf)

**Here to Stay: People with learning disabilities from ethnic minority communities including new migrants** (no closing date given)

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveypreview.asp?k=132127029508>

**Facing Facts: EU project to improve monitoring and recording of hate crimes and incidents throughout the European Union** (no closing date given)

[http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page\\_id=158](http://www.ceji.org/facingfacts/?page_id=158)

**Football Equity: Make your voice heard** (no closing date given)

[http://www.scottishfa.co.uk/scottish\\_fa\\_news.cfm?page=1848&newsCategoryId=4&newsSID=10127](http://www.scottishfa.co.uk/scottish_fa_news.cfm?page=1848&newsCategoryId=4&newsSID=10127)

### **Strengthening Food Work Across Minority Ethnic Communities**

(no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VMBVL7T>

**\*\* European survey of antisemitism** (no closing date given)

<https://surveys.ipsosinteractive.com/wix/p1640243393.aspx>

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **West of Scotland Regional Equality Council: External Evaluation of the Roma Youth Project 2009-12**

Submission Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2012

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council are inviting invitation to tender for the evaluation of its Roma Youth Project 2009-12. This evaluation will include reviewing the work carried out by the project to assess its impact and to identify key learning points.

[http://www.wsrec.co.uk/images/Roma\\_YP/RYP%20Evaluation%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf](http://www.wsrec.co.uk/images/Roma_YP/RYP%20Evaluation%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf)

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### **Update on employment and equality rights**

10 September 2012 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference on how to enforce employment rights in the Employment Tribunal efficiently and cost effectively, age discrimination, using the Public Sector Duties in employment, and ill health dismissals. For information contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967.

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### **Raising the awareness of issues surrounding abuse: a conversation cafe**

12 September 2012 in Ayrshire (2.00 – 4.00)

27 September 2012 in Dundee (2.00 – 4.00)

Roshni discussion about perceptions and under-reporting of child abuse in minority ethnic communities, child grooming and sexual exploitation, forced marriage and honour based violence, and working with survivors of childhood sexual abuse. For information see

<http://roshniconversationcafe.eventbrite.com/?ebtv=C>

### **Introduction to Equalities monitoring**

13 September 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training providing best practice examples, ideas on how to use the information you collect and practical tips for implementing successful monitoring systems. For information see [http://www.gcvs.org.uk/whats\\_on/1508\\_introduction\\_to\\_equalities\\_monitoring](http://www.gcvs.org.uk/whats_on/1508_introduction_to_equalities_monitoring)

### **Risk management and financial controls**

20 September 2012 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.00)

9 October 2012 in Dumfries (1.30 – 4.00)

Oban (date to be confirmed)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to look at risk management and financial controls within Scottish charities, focusing on different types of fraud, and methods to prevent and tackle fraud. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-risk-management-and-financial-controls/>

### **Completing the new OSCR Returns**

20 September 2012 in Inverness (1.30 – 4.00)

24 September 2012 in Dundee (9.30 – 12.00)

9 October 2012 in Dumfries (9.30 – 12.00)

6 November 2012 in Edinburgh (1.30 – 4.00)

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.00)

Oban (date to be confirmed)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to look at the ways in which charities report to OSCR, and will include an introduction to OSCR Online. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-completing-oscr-returns/>

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

20 September 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/cn3znfi> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Thinking about the future, including conversions to SCIO**

24 September 2012 in Dundee (1.30 – 4.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to cover planning ahead within the life of a charity, and explain consent, notification, charity reorganisation and converting to the new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) structure. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-thinking-about-the-future/>

### **Influencing Politicians and Political Structures**

26 September 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

CRER event to explore Scottish and UK political structures, introduce a range of ways to influence political decision-making, and look at tips for successful political engagement in Scotland. For information see <http://www.crer.org.uk/>

### **\*\* Black History Month Launch**

27 September 2012 in Glasgow (10.30)

The beginning of a month long celebration of the contribution made by black men and women to our heritage. For information contact nadia (0141 418 6530 / [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk))

### **\*\* The housing journey from seeking asylum to settling in Scotland**

27 September 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide an introduction to core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see

### **\*\* The Asylum Process**

28 September 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work working in social work, housing, homelessness, welfare, education, employment, community development or the justice system, to explore housing and homelessness rights of asylum seekers and refugees, and best practice in addressing their housing and support needs. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/9lca9cq>.

### **\*\* UKBA asylum support**

9 October 2012 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.40)

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/9l2b3te> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* Working with interpreters**

17 October 2012 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.30)

29 November 2012 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.30)

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/9fs8ae5> or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **East European Roma – Cultural Awareness Training**

17 October 2012 in Nottingham

Roma Support Group training to include an introduction to Roma culture and traditions, language and history. Reference will be made to the differences between Romanian, Polish and Czech Roma. This will provide the backdrop to practically oriented sessions which will look at barriers to accessing services, and more effective ways to engage with Roma families. For information see [http://www.ccclimited.org.uk/roma\\_17\\_10\\_12.html](http://www.ccclimited.org.uk/roma_17_10_12.html)

### **\*\* 2012 Human Rights Tour: Civil Society Strikes Back**

17 October 2012 in Inverness

18 October 2012 in Edinburgh

British Institution of Human Rights events to find out how we can use human rights to make a difference in our communities. For information see <http://www.bihhr.org.uk/events/the-2012-human-rights-tour>

### **The needs and experiences of refugee women**

19 October 2012 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of fundamental issues affecting women seeking asylum in Scotland. It is appropriate for those working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/cdzfb75>.

### **The Equality Act – just how far does it go?**

24 October 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.30)

Scottish Discrimination Law Association conference to look at the expansion and development of the provisions of the Equality Act, and preview the most important cases in 2013. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/12x\\_sdla.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/12x_sdla.pdf)

### **Introduction to accessibility**

25 October 2012 (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training looking at a wide range of accessibility issues – physical, social, communication and cultural, that offers an introduction to basic equalities concepts, access auditing and the legal basis behind the need for accessibility. For information see [http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats\\_on/1506\\_introduction\\_to\\_accessibility](http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats_on/1506_introduction_to_accessibility)

### **Becoming a charity and choosing the right legal form**

6 November 2012 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 12.00)

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator training to take an in depth look at the pros and cons of registering as a charity, and explain the various legal forms available, including the new Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) structure. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/oscr/oscr-outreach-becoming-a-charity/>

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### **\*\* Meet the Charity Regulator**

25 November 2012 in Paisley (1.30 – 3.30: public session)

25 November 2012 in Paisley (4.00 – 6.30: charity session)

27 November 2012 in Stirling (10.00 – 4.00: public session)

27 November 2012 in Stirling (1.45 – 4.00: charity session)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator events for the public, explaining how charities must operate and report to the Regulator, and for charity trustees, highlighting how charities can work with the regulator to meet challenges they face. For information see [http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-stirling-\(public-session\)/](http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-stirling-(public-session)/) (Stirling) and [http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-paisley-\(charity-session\)/](http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/meet-the-charity-regulator/meet-the-charity-regulator-paisley-(charity-session)/)

### **Equality in employment**

29 November 2012 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

GCVS training to provide practical tips and explanations to help organisations meet their legal and ethical responsibilities. Issues covered include recruitment, monitoring and dignity at work, and issues around equality in volunteering. For information see [http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats\\_on/1507\\_equality\\_in\\_employment](http://www.gcv.org.uk/whats_on/1507_equality_in_employment)

### **Key employment and discrimination cases 2011-2012: a preview**

1 December 2012 in Glasgow (5.15)

Equality and Human Rights Commission public lecture by Michael Rubenstein, publisher of the Equal Opportunities Review, General Editor of the Equality Law Reports and Editor of the IRLR. For information contact [equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com) / 0141 228 5967 or see <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/scotland/events-in-scotland/>.

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

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

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

**Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw](http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw)

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

**One Scotland Many Cultures** <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** [www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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

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

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

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

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

**Volunteer Development Scotland** [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

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

**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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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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