

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

Asylum-seekers and Refugees

Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how it encourages asylum-seekers and refugees to access pre-school education for their children. (S4W-09189)

Reply from Michael Matheson: Local authorities are under a statutory duty to provide 475 hours of pre-school education to three and four year olds in Scotland and it is their responsibility to deliver this throughout their local area. This includes asylum seekers and refugees.

The Scottish Government provides funding to the Scottish Refugee Council (£1.65 million during 2012-15) in order that they can work with local partners to provide

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support, advice and practical assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in Scotland, including in relation to accessing the services to which they are entitled.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09189&ResultsPerPage=10>

Asylum-seekers and Refugees

Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how it helps asylum-seekers and refugees access the provision of English for speakers of other languages courses. (S4W-09190)

Reply from Michael Matheson: We are acutely aware of the continuous demand for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provision throughout Scotland. That is why we made available additional funding of £15.3 million during the period from 2007-12 to improve the quality and quantity of ESOL provision.

We are also aware of the importance of ensuring that funding is targeted on areas where the evidenced need is greatest. That is why we introduced a new funding model for 2012-13, based upon improvements in sharing ESOL information between partner providers as well as an effective referral process.

We believe this new system is making it easier for not just asylum-seekers and refugees to access ESOL provision, but for other residents in Scotland whose first language is not English but who are seeking to access ESOL provision.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09190&ResultsPerPage=10>

Asylum-seekers and Refugees

Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how (a) it and (b) local authorities help asylum-seekers and refugees register with (i) GPs and (ii) dentists. (S4W-09191)

Reply from Michael Matheson: Information about health care from the NHS for asylum seekers or refugees living in Scotland is published on the Health Rights Information Scotland website at:

<http://www.hris.org.uk/patient-information/information-about-health-rights/health-care-for-overseas-visitors/health-care-for-asylum-seekers-and-refugees/>.

Processes have been introduced across secondary care for routine ethnicity data collection in NHSS and biannual reporting of completeness levels is undertaken by ISD for most recent report see:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Equality-and-Diversity/Publications/2012-08-28/2012-08-28-EDIP-Summary.pdf?12746828795>.

More generally, online information support is available in a range of formats/languages on how to access health services (see Health Rights Information Scotland site at <http://www.how-to-use-the-nhs.com/>) and translated patient materials on topics such as health services, immunisation, mental health, patient rights, pregnancy and childbirth at Health in my language, NHS Inform (<http://www.healthinmylanguage.com/home.aspx>).

The Scottish Government provides funding to the Scottish Refugee Council (£1.65 million during 2012-15) in order that they can work with local partners to provide support, advice and practical assistance to asylum seekers and refugees in Scotland.

Local authorities do not take an active role in helping asylum seekers and refugees register GPs and dentists as it is dealt with by Greater Glasgow Health Board as the main dispersal area. They have an officer who has responsibility for ensuring that each asylum seeker who is dispersed to Glasgow is registered with a GP and dentist. In order to achieve this they work closely with UK Borders Agency and the introduction service provided by the Scottish Refugee Council to

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ensure that asylum seekers are able to access appropriate health services as soon as possible after their arrival in Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09191&ResultsPerPage=10>

Asylum-seekers and Refugees

Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government how it helps asylum-seekers and refugees access mental health services. (S4W-09193)

Reply from Michael Matheson: Asylum seekers in Scotland, and those granted refugee status, have access to NHS services on the same basis as a UK national who is ordinarily resident in Scotland, while they remain in the country. NHS boards and their partners will ensure that their mental health needs are met on the basis of comprehensive needs assessment and delivery of culturally sensitive services.

Through the Scottish Government's new mental health strategy, we are committed to working with NHS boards and their partners to ensure monitoring information about who is accessing services, such as their ethnicity, is consistently available to inform decisions about service redesign and to remove barriers to services.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09193&ResultsPerPage=10>

Asylum-seekers and Refugees

Mary Fee: To ask the Scottish Government what financial support it provides to charities working with asylum-seekers and refugees. (S4W-09194)

Reply from Michael Matheson: Through the Race, Religion and Refugee Integration Funding Stream the Scottish Government will provide £2.81 million for the period 2012-15 to third sector organisations who work with refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09194&ResultsPerPage=10>

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-04034 Bob Doris: Proposed Immigrant Memorial—That the Parliament welcomes efforts by community activists in Glasgow to raise funds for a suitable memorial to the suffering of Glasgow immigrants who have sought sanctuary from poverty and hunger and who have over the years contributed enormously to city life, including survivors of the Irish Potato Famine and immigrants from the Scottish Highlands and further welcomes moves by councillors in Glasgow to create a working group to examine this proposal with a view to expressing what it sees as a Glasgow tradition of welcoming the destitute, both historical and modern.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-04034&ResultsPerPage=10>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigration Controls: Armed Forces

Madeleine Moon: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to enable foreign-born armed forces service personnel who wish to remain in the UK following discharge from the armed forces to apply for (a) leave to

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remain, (b) acquisition of settlement and (c) citizenship; and if she will make a statement. [119116]

Reply from Mark Harper: All foreign and Commonwealth personnel who leave HM forces are given 28 days leave to remain in the UK to allow them to arrange for their departure from the UK, or to apply for leave to remain under the immigration rules.

Foreign and Commonwealth personnel who have served a minimum of four years in HM Forces and who have been, or are being discharged, are able to apply for and acquire settlement in the UK.

Commonwealth personnel who have already acquired settlement under the immigration rules, or those who have served in HM forces for a minimum of five years, are able to apply for naturalisation as a British citizen. I do not propose to make a written or oral statement to the House on these matters.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120907/text/120907w0002.htm#12090723000011>

Immigration Controls

Simon Kirby: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of the Government's ability to prevent mass immigration to the UK from other EU countries. [119703]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office carries out scenario planning for possible events which would impact on migration flows from the European Union to the UK. Currently there are no new trends which give cause for concern.

Under EU law, any European national staying in the UK for more than three months must be exercising treaty rights as a worker, student, self-employed or self-sufficient person. Those who are not exercising those rights are required to leave the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120910/text/120910w0001.htm#12091031000052>

Immigration Controls

Mike Wood: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people travelling from Canada were denied entry at UK ports and airports in each of the last three years; and what the ethnicity was of each of those denied entry. [120608]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office only collects data for those refused entry to the UK at ports or airports based on nationality not the country from which they travelled. Home Office statistics that show the number of Canadian nationals refused entry to the UK can be found at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-tabs-q2-2012/before-entry2-q2-2012-tabs>

<i>Table be.08: Passengers initially refused entry by nationality</i>				
	<i>Geographical region</i>	<i>Country of nationality</i>	<i>Total refusals</i>	<i>Of these: refused at juxtaposed controls</i>
2009	Americas	Canada	747	112
2010	Americas	Canada	618	109
2011	Americas	Canada	558	110

Information on ethnicity is not captured for any person denied entry to the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120912/text/120912w0002.htm#12091231000096>

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Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Andrew Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what assessment she has made of whether the UK Border Agency has fulfilled its commitment to an holistic approach in assessing colleges under the highly trusted status procedures of the Tier 4 points-based immigration system; and if she will make a statement. [119877]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK Border Agency has applied an holistic approach in the consideration of highly trusted sponsor licence applications on a case by case basis. The holistic approach is applied when there are exceptional circumstances in a specific case, such as when the numbers of Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) that a sponsor has issued are so low as to have a disproportionate effect on the numeric assessment.

Andrew Smith: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many educational institutions had their highly trusted status licence refused, suspended or downgraded prior to April 2011 on the basis of failure to report a visa refusal. [119878]

Reply from Mark Harper: It is not possible to provide figures on the number of institutions that have had their highly trusted sponsor (HTS) status refused, prior to April 2011 based on failure to report visa refusals.

The number of educational institutions that had their HTS status suspended or downgraded based on the failure to report a visa refusal is zero.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120913/text/120913w0002.htm#12091340000105>

Overseas Students: Entry Clearances

Caroline Lucas: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills pursuant to the answer of 30 April 2012, *Official Report*, columns 1086-7W, on overseas students, what assessment he has made of the implications of the revocation of the licence of London Metropolitan University to authorise visas on (a) the financial situation of London Metropolitan University and (b) the international reputation and success of the UK's further and higher education sector; and if he will make a statement. [120559]

Reply from David Willetts: The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) is working closely with the university to help determine the potential financial impact of the licence revocation. This is a developing situation which is being closely monitored. The initial priority is to ensure that the interests of the university's students are protected.

This Government does appreciate the important contribution that international students make to the UK's economy in terms of the economic benefits and wider enrichment students bring to the UK and genuine students will continue to be welcomed.

The revocation of London Metropolitan University's licence reflects a problem with one university, not the whole sector. This situation has no bearing on the quality of education our institutions provide. Our universities are among the best in the world—the UK remains open for business and is a top class destination for international students.

Caroline Lucas: To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills what support and assistance he has put in place to help educational institutions comply with the UK Border Agency guidelines; and if he will make a statement. [120587]

Reply from David Willetts: The Department has regular meetings with educational institutions to discuss a range of issues including compliance with visa regulations, and engages with the UK Border Agency to influence policy, outcomes and guidance in support of the UK's higher education sector. The Department supports the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA), a registered charity, to provide independent advice to assist foreign students,

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including on immigration matters, and works with the British Council, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), and Universities UK to promote the UK's international higher education ambitions to students looking to study in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120913/text/120913w0001.htm#12091340000031>

Immigrants: Tuberculosis

Virendra Sharma: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what information on migrants from high tuberculosis (TB) burden countries that have had pre-entry screening for active TB and who have arrived in the UK is exchanged between her Department and the Department of Health to assist with latent TB screening. [119598]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK Border Agency and Health Protection Agency (HPA) are in the process of replacing the existing on-entry tuberculosis (TB) screening arrangements for arriving passengers with a new system of pre-migration screening for long term visa applicants in high incidence countries, and, as part of this work, are developing plans to expand information sharing to assist with latent TB screening in the community. This will include data on persons subject to pre-migration screening. The HPA and other health bodies already collect the name and address of migrants arriving at major UK airports from high incidence TB countries intending to stay for over six months to assist local healthcare teams to connect with new migrants. The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence recommends that healthcare providers use this data in considering whether to screen for latent TB. Those screened abroad are issued a certificate that advises the migrant to carry their x-rays and medical records from such screening and to pass these on to their GP in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120907/text/120907w0002.htm#12090723000009>

Immigration

Charlotte Leslie: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many immigrants applying for indefinite leave to remain in the UK have (a) been removed, (b) cases pending and (c) been allowed to remain in the UK following evidence that they have lied or used forged documents in their applications in the last 10 years. [118910]

Reply from Mark Harper: The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, or produced as part of the UK Border Agency's standard reports.

The Home Office publishes immigration statistics annually and quarterly, which are available from the Home Office Research and Statistics website. This includes information on applications for further leave to remain as well as removals data. The latest statistics can be found in the Library of the House as well as on the following website: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q2-2012/>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120907/text/120907w0002.htm#12090723000010>

Asylum

Jim Sheridan: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to promote the social inclusion of refugees. [119631]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Home Office does not have any specific policies to promote the social inclusion of refugees, although individuals granted refugee status have full entitlement to access public funds and services. The role of

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Government is to create the conditions which enable integration to happen in all places and with all communities to promote social mobility, and to help ensure equality of opportunity and equal treatment for all.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120910/text/120910w0001.htm#12091031000046>

Asylum: Deportation

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many flights deporting failed asylum seekers had (a) more staff than deportees, (b) twice as many staff as deportees, (c) three times as many staff as deportees and (d) more than three times as many staff as deportees on board in each year since 2008. [118675]

Reply from Mark Harper: The UK Border Agency's charter flights carry those individuals who have no lawful basis of stay in the United Kingdom. This includes, but is not limited to, failed asylum applicants.

The following table shows how many flights had (a) more staff than returnees, (b) between twice and three times as many staff as returnees and (c) more than three times as many staff as returnees for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 (to date). Staff referred to are those employed by both the UK Border Agency and its external contractors.

It is rare for charter flights to see an exact ratio of twice or three times as many staff as returnees and, as such, the reply is structured to allow for the data to be viewed more clearly.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
More staff than returnees	41	23	14	15	7
Between twice and three times as many staff as returnees	24	40	43	22	15
More than three times as many staff as returnees	0	4	1	2	4

Each charter returnee is individually risk assessed to determine how many personnel are required and these risk assessments are based on a returnee's medical and behavioural history. As such the number of personnel required for each returnee can vary and this is reflected in the data provided.

Please note that all figures quoted are not provided under National Statistics protocols and have been derived from local management information. They are therefore provisional and subject to change.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120907/text/120907w0001.htm#12090723000005>

Human Trafficking

David Simpson: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many people were convicted in relation to people trafficking in the last two years. [120313]

Reply from Damian Green: The number of defendants found guilty at all courts, on a principal offence basis, for human trafficking offences, in England and Wales in 2010 and 2011 can be viewed in the following table.

<i>Number of defendants found guilty at all courts for human trafficking offences ⁽¹⁾, England and Wales, 2010 and 2011 ^(2, 3)</i>	
	<i>Number of defendants</i>
2010	16
2011	8

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⁽¹⁾ Includes offences under: Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants etc) Act 2004: Sexual offences Act 2003. ⁽²⁾ The figures given in the table relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been found guilty of two or more offences it is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.

⁽³⁾ Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts and police forces. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used. *Source:* Justice Statistics Analytical Services—Ministry of Justice.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120911/text/120911w0003.htm#12091154000019>

Human Trafficking

Fiona Mactaggart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans her Department has to make the National Referral Mechanism for Victims of Trafficking a responsibility of the National Crime Agency. [120711]

Reply from Mark Harper: The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a multi-agency framework for identifying and protecting victims of human trafficking. The UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC), part of the Serious and Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), is responsible for administering data gathered through the NRM. We plan for SOCA's NRM responsibilities to transition to the National Crime Agency (NCA) along with other capabilities of SOCA at vesting. We are currently conducting detailed design work on the structures of the NCA, including where the NRM would be most effective within the Agency.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120913/text/120913w0002.htm#12091340000106>

Human Trafficking: Children

Ann Coffey: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans she has to ensure all local authorities set up a local multi-agency information sharing process to share information on patterns and cases of child trafficking in their area. [120756]

Reply from Mark Harper: Child trafficking is a form of child abuse. In addition to the existing statutory arrangements in place to enable information sharing among partners on child protection issues the Home Office is funding a local multi-agency safeguarding project to support local areas to develop their partnership and information sharing arrangements to safeguard and manage the risks to children and vulnerable people in their area.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120913/text/120913w0002.htm#12091340000107>

Press Releases

Action on fees for dual nationality students

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/09/EU-students14092012>

Extending your visa on the basis of family or private life

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/73-family-private>

Immigration and Asylum Press Releases (continued)

New version of Tier 1 (Exceptional talent) guidance

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/september/14-tier1-guidance>

Asylum policy: MEPs call for fair shares and solidarity

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20120907IPR50814/html/Asylum-policy-MEPs-call-for-fair-shares-and-solidarity>

Trafficked children in UK council care 'going missing'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19566617>

News

Overseas students: Change to UK migration figures planned

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19579923>

NHS in human traffic fight

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/nhs-in-human-traffic-fight.18876898>

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Race Relations

New Publication

People of African Descent in Europe

<http://www.ukren.org/uploads/Black%20Europeans%20Briefing%20Paper%20Summer%202012.pdf>

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Equality

News

Equality groups handed another £70,000 of public money despite 'major issues' with performance

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/News/Fife/article/24885/equality-groups-handed-another-70-000-of-public-money-despite-major-issues-with-performance.html>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Early Day Motion

John Mann (510) Anti-semitism – That this House notes the report of the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Anti-Semitism; further notes that explicitly anti-Semitic

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materials are available for download via the amazon.co.uk website; believes that books like The Myth of the Extermination of the Jews should be available for academic study in their proper context and not widely available for a download cost of 77 pence; further believes that more can and should be done by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to regulate the distribution and propagation of such dangerous material; and calls on Amazon to remove dangerous anti-Semitic and racist material from its site and post appropriate warnings about potentially inflammatory and harmful materials.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/510>

Press Releases

Hate crimes, England and Wales 2011/12

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hate-crimes-1112/hate-crimes-1112>

Racist incidents, England and Wales 2011/12

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/racist-incidents-1112/racist-incidents-1112>

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Other Holyrood

New Publication

MEMO+ The Scottish Government Programme 2012-2013, and Cabinet Reshuffle

http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2012/12ix_scottish_government_programme.pdf

Press Release

First Minister message for Rosh Hashanah

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/09/rosh-hashanah14092012>

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Other Westminster

Parliamentary Question

Female Genital Mutilation

Mark Pritchard: To ask the Attorney-General how many people were prosecuted for carrying out female genital mutilation in the latest period for which figures are available. [119792]

Reply from the Solicitor-General: There have been no prosecutions for female genital mutilation (FGM) to date. However, there are a number of significant factors which may affect the police investigation and prosecutions relating to FGM. The criminal justice agencies are continuing to work closely together on this issue, and steps are being taken to raise awareness and to ensure that whenever

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cases are reported, they will be thoroughly investigated. In addition, any vulnerable victims and witnesses will be given support and protection throughout the criminal justice process.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120910/text/120910w0002.htm#12091037000012>

Press Release

Foreign Secretary's Jewish New Year message

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=810508982>

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New Publication

SCVO Scottish Third Sector Statistics 2012

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/SCVO-Scottish-Third-Sector-Statistics-2012.pdf>

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Other News

Diabetes warning for people of Asian, African and Caribbean descent

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19545697>

Funding drain threatens future of third sector

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-media-release/media-release-funding-drain-threatens-future-of-third-sector/>

Warning over charity cash drop

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/warning-over-charity-cash-drop.18857783>

'Who's the Daadi' traces South Asian ancestry

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-19463497>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Holyrood

Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

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

Social Care (Self-directed Support) Bill

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

Bills in Progress (continued) **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>

Written Statement

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm120911/wmstext/120911m0001.htm#12091122000002>

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Consultations

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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>

**** Human rights of unaccompanied migrant children and young people in the UK**

(closing date 26 October 2012)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/inquiries/parliament-2010/human-rights-of-unaccompanied-migrant-children/>

Proposed Lobbying Transparency Bill (closing date 29 October 2012)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/20120706_Lobbying_Transparency_consultation.pdf

**** Small Charitable Donations Bill** (closing date 30 October 2012)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2012/september/small-charitable-donations-bill/>

Consultations (continued)

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

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

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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Events/Conferences/Training

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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/>

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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)

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/>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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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

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/>

Raising the awareness of issues surrounding abuse: a conversation cafe

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>

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

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 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 or see <http://tinyurl.com/9lca9cg>.

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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

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

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

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.bih.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 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

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

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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/>

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

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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.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

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

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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

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

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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

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

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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