

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 21 October 2012,
and the UK Parliament until 15 October 2012.**

Immigration and Asylum

New Publication

Trapped: Destitution and asylum in Scotland

<http://www.stopdestitution.org.uk/files/Trapped%20destitution%20and%20asylum%20final.pdf>

News

Failed asylum seekers in Scotland living below UN global poverty threshold

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/oct/01/failed-asylum-seekers-scotland-poverty>

Migration by low-skilled workers into UK is too high, says Ed Miliband

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migration-by-lowskilled-workers-into-uk-is-too-high-says-ed-miliband-8197862.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

How African women are making tartan and supporting each other in Scotland

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2012/oct/01/african-women-making-tartan-scotland>

£1m buys foreign investors right to live in Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/globalbusiness/9591810/1m-buys-foreign-investors-right-to-live-in-Britain.html>

May: put controls on EU migrants

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/National/article1142432.ece

Overseas students: No more night queues to register

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19871270>

Conservative conference: Migration target 'too blunt'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19872438>

The drive to end homelessness must include asylum seekers

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/opinion/comment/gary-christie-the-drive-to-end-homelessness-must-include-asylum-seekers-1-2567504>

African refugee group Karibu celebrate new life in Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/african-refugee-group-karibu-celebrate-1378035>

Auschwitz – a catalyst for the Refugee Convention and reminder of the importance of our work

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_blog/1835_auschwitz_a_catalyst_for_the_refugee_convention_and_reminder_of_the_importance_of_our_work

Summit to tackle human trafficking in Scotland

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-19935697>

Summit to tackle 'abhorrent' trafficking

<http://www.scotsman.com/scotland-on-sunday/politics/summit-to-tackle-abhorrent-trafficking-1-2575502>

Campaign to stop refugees going homeless and hungry launches, as research finds 'extreme' poverty affects hundreds

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/1829_campaign_to_stop_refugees_going_homeless_and_hungry_launches_as_research_finds_extreme_poverty_affects_hundreds

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Race Relations

New Publication

Rethinking integration

http://www.ippr.org/images/media/files/publication/2012/10/rethinking-integration_Oct2012_9761.pdf

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Equality

News

Onora O'Neill nominated to succeed Trevor Phillips at EHRC

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/oct/03/onora-oneill-trevor-phillips-ehrc>

Black voters urged to take part in election by church

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19934219>

Black-led churches to wake 'sleeping giant' of British politics

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19935073>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

News

National Strategy needed to address Gypsy Traveller discrimination

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2012/09/national-strategy-needed-to-address-gypsy-traveller-discrimination/>

Black dolls come of age in an industry plagued by racial prejudice

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/oct/05/new-black-dolls-knowledge-pride>

English Defence League 'to become political party and stand candidates in European elections', says 'Tommy Robinson'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/english-defence-league-to-become-political-party-and-stand-candidates-in-european-elections-says-tommy-robinson-8207698.html>

New rules to stop EU funding for racist parties

<http://www.asti.lu/2012/10/09/new-rules-to-stop-eu-funding-for-racist-parties/>

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Other News

Forced marriages inflicted on thousands in the UK despite new Scottish legislation

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/real-life/forced-marriages-inflicted-on-thousands-in-the-uk-1372022>

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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>

Bills in Progress

Holyrood (continued)

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>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

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/>

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

Consultations (continued)

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

http://www.scottishfa.co.uk/scottish_fa_news.cfm?page=1848&newsCategoryId=4&newsID=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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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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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

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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

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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://tinyurl.com/9r97dkg>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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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

Completing the new OSCR Returns

6 November 2012 in Edinburgh (1.30 – 4.00)

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.00)

15 November 2012 in Inveraray (10.00-12.30)

20 November 2012 in Inverness (1.30-4.00)

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/>

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)

29 November 2012 in Inveraray (10.00-12.30)

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/>

BSL Awareness Session for Ethnic & Cultural Minority Communities

8 November 2012 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

BEMIs and Ishara event to raise awareness of British Sign Language. For information contact Ishara@deafconnections.co.uk / 0141 420 2819 or Sue sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk / 0141 548 8047

**** Faith in Peace-Building**

17 November 2012 in Dundee (11.00-4.00)

Interfaith Scotland National Youth Conference to look at ways in which interfaith dialogue can have a positive impact in resolving conflict and promoting peace. For information contact Frances Hume fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org / 0141 420 6982.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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.gcvts.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

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

Useful Links (continued)

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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