

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Holyrood Parliamentary Question

#### Asylum Seekers

**Linda Fabiani:** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S3W-33599 by Michael Russell on 27 May 2010, whether (a) detention of children in Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre, (b) the transfer of children of asylum seekers from Scotland to detention elsewhere in the UK and (c) dawn raids in Scotland has/have ended. (S4W-9801)

**Reply from Aileen Campbell:** The Scottish Government does not hold the information requested due to this being a reserved matter and therefore for the UK Government to respond to.

The Scottish Government continues to be opposed to the detention of children for immigration purposes. My officials will continue to monitor how the new family returns process is affecting asylum seeking families in Scotland and I await the outcomes of the findings on the evaluation of this policy by the UK Government.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-09801&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many non-UK EU nationals have been resident in the UK for (a) less than three months, (b) between three and six months, (c) between six and nine months, (d) between nine and 12 months, (e) between one and two years, (f) between two and three years, (g) between three and four years, (h) between four and five years, (i) between five and six years, (j) between six and seven years, (k) between seven and eight years, (l) between eight and nine years, (m) between nine and 10 years and (n) more than 10 years in the latest period for which figures are available. [123467]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson:* ... The Office for National Statistics collects data on nationality from the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is a household survey of residents of the UK. It should be noted the survey does not include people living in most types of communal establishment. The latest estimates available are for the 12 month period of January to December 2011 and these are shown in the table below. These estimates do not take account of the results of the 2011 Census.

Thousand		
	Estimate	Confidence interval
Total	2,283	66
0-3 months	2	2
3-6 months	18	6
6-9 months	12	5
9-12 months	32	8
1 year but less than 2 years	141	16
2 years but less than 3 years	138	16
3 years but less than 4 years	151	17
4 years but less than 5 years	215	20
5 years but less than 6 years	217	20
6 years but less than 7 years	229	21
7 years but less than 8 years	152	17
8 years but less than 9 years	64	11
9 years but less than 10 years	52	10
10 or more years	899	41

*Note:* The 95% confidence interval refers to the margin of error, and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample. *Source:* Annual Population Survey.

**Priti Patel:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of the number of non-UK EU nationals resident in the UK who are aged (a) 50 to 55, (b) 55 to 60, (c) 60 to 65, (d) 65 to 70, (e) 70 to 75 and (f) over 75 years. [123471]

**Reply from Nick Hurd:** I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Cabinet Office. The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

*Letter from Glen Watson, dated October 2012:* ... The Office for National Statistics collects data on nationality from the Annual Population Survey (APS) which is a household survey of residents of the UK. It should be noted the survey does not include people living in most types of communal establishment. The latest

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estimates available are for the 12 month period of January to December 2011 and these are shown in Table 1. These estimates do not take account of the results of the 2011 Census.

<i>Table 1: Estimated non-UK EU national population resident in the United Kingdom, by age group, January to December 2011</i>		
<i>Thousand</i>		
<i>Age group</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>CI +/-</i>
50 to 54	88	13
55 to 59	72	12
60 to 64	67	11
65 to 69	54	10
70 to 74	49	10
75 and over	91	13
<i>Note: CI = Confidence Interval Source: Annual Population Survey (APS), ONS</i>		
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Please note that the age groups have been adjusted to ensure they are non-overlapping. The 95 per cent confidence interval refers to the margin of error, and is a measure of the uncertainty associated with making inferences from a sample.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121018/text/121018w0001.htm#12101855000068>

### Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

**Nic Dakin:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to help international students affected by the removal of the licence to teach international students at their places of study find new places to study and to provide funding for their studies. [121321]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The UK Border Agency (UKBA) acts in line with the Tier 4 sponsor guidance which states if it believes that students were actively involved (complicit) in the circumstances which led to the licence being revoked, they immediately cancel their permission to stay in the UK and the student has to leave the UK or face enforced removal.

If UKBA believes that students were not actively involved in the circumstances which led to the licence being revoked, they will generally reduce (curtail) the student's permission to stay in the UK to 60 calendar days. This enables students to find new places to study. UKBA will, however, consider the individual circumstances of the student before reaching a decision on curtailment.

If a student has less than 60 days' permission left, UKBA will not curtail it. If they have not found a new sponsor when their permission expires they will have to leave the UK or face enforced removal.

**Joan Walley:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of applications for visas from overseas students in higher education assessed by the UK Border Agency was successful in (a) 2009-10, (b) 2010-11, (c) 2011-12 and (d) 2012-13 to date; and if she will make a statement. [121820]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The UK Border Agency's published data do not distinguish between higher education students and all other students. To provide an accurate answer to the question tabled would require the examination of individual records, which would incur disproportionate costs. The Secretary of State for the Home Department, my right hon. Friend the Member for Maidenhead (Mrs May), will not make a statement on this issue.

The following table is for all student visas resolved and issued, by calendar year, including student visitors and dependants.

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<i>Calendar year</i>	<i>Number resolved</i>	<i>Number issued</i>	<i>Percentage issued</i>
2009	459,826	341,066	74
2010	449,311	334,735	74
2011	391,918	322,786	82

Source: Home Office, Immigration stats Statistics April - June 2012, table be.01

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121015/text/121015w0004.htm#1210161000049>

### Asylum

**John Spellar:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many legacy asylum cases are currently held by the UK Border Agency. [122053]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** As of 30 June 2012 there were 25,500 live legacy asylum cases and 74,000 cases in the asylum controlled archive (rounded to the nearest 500).

The Case Assurance and Audit Unit (CAAU) will continue to manage the cases taking robust action to trace applicants and conclude cases where new information comes to light which allows cases to be progressed. All the cases in the asylum controlled archive will either have been moved to the live cohort for caseworking or closed by the end of 2012.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121015/text/121015w0004.htm#1210161000042>

### Human Trafficking

**Lord Patten:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the number of girls and women trafficked into the United Kingdom by gangs operating in Turkey. [HL2327]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** The hidden nature of the trafficking trade and the fact that it is not always possible to confirm whether an individual has been trafficked means it is difficult to make an assessment. The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) was set up in 2009 to identify and support potential victims of human trafficking referred to it. Since 2009 two Turkish females have been referred. The data do not record whether they were trafficked by gangs operating in Turkey. All published NRM data are available on the UK Human Trafficking Centre (UKHTC) portion of the SOCA website; <http://www.soca.gov.uk/about-soca/about-the-ukhtc/national-referral-mechanism/statistics>.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121017w0001.htm#12101762000124>

### Human Trafficking

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Attorney-General how many prosecutions took place for conspiracy to traffic human beings in each of the last three years; and how many such prosecutions led to convictions. [122783]

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** I am unable to provide data on the number of defendants prosecuted and who were convicted for conspiracy to traffic human beings. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Case Management System cannot disaggregate from figures for all offences of conspiracy under section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977, the specific type of offence which they conspired to commit. These data could be obtained only by examining all of the CPS's case files for conspiracy, which would incur disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121017/text/121017w0002.htm#12101764000098>

## Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

### Human Trafficking

**Peter Bone:** To ask the Attorney-General what his policy is on prosecutions in criminal cases relating to human trafficking. [123676]

**Reply from the Solicitor-General:** The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) published a Public Policy Statement for Prosecuting Cases of Human Trafficking in June 2011. This policy statement emphasises that the CPS considers organised human trafficking to be a very serious crime and prosecutors will do whatever possible to disrupt and combat trafficking, including bringing successful prosecutions. The policy statement explains the way in which the CPS deal with cases of human trafficking and the wide range of other crime associated with it. In addition, the statement is supported by more detailed legal guidance for CPS prosecutors providing up-to-date guidance on the range of criminal offences associated with trafficking, supporting trafficked victims and case management issues.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121018/text/121018w0001.htm#12101855000027>

## Press Releases

### New measures to tackle human trafficking

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/10/humantrafficking18102012>

### Foreign Secretary delivers speech on Human Trafficking

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=Speech&id=823278082>

### Human trafficking gangs targeted by UK government

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/human-trafficking-report>

### Building awareness of human trafficking

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/features/building-awareness-of-human-trafficking>

### Towards the eradication of trafficking in Human Beings

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-12-737\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-12-737_en.htm?locale=en)

### EU Anti-Trafficking Day: working together to eradicate trafficking in human beings

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-12-1106\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-1106_en.htm?locale=en)

### EU anti-trafficking day is a time to remember the victims whose rights are being violated

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2012/eu-anti-trafficking-day-time-remember-victims-whose-rights-are-being-violated>

## New Publications

### Care and Support for Adult Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings: A Review

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00404917.pdf>

### First annual report of the Inter-Departmental Ministerial Group on Human Trafficking

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/human-trafficking-report?view=Binary>



## **Immigration and Asylum** (continued) **News**

### **New human trafficking law to make prosecutions in Scotland easier**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19993687>

### **Human trafficking rise leads to calls for tougher laws**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scotland/human-trafficking-rise-leads-to-calls-for-tougher-laws-1-2588280>

### **Scotland needs to take responsibility for human trafficking**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/opinion/comment/graham-o-neill-scotland-needs-to-take-responsibility-for-human-trafficking-1-2588299>

### **Asylum seekers are 'trapped in poverty'**

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/asylum-seekers-are-trapped-in-poverty-104270n.19103848>

### **The truth behind UK migration figures**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19646459>

### **Human trafficking to UK 'rising'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19984615>

### **New law to crack down on scourge of human trafficking outlined by Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskil**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/justice-secretary-introduces-new-law-1385653>

### **Human Trafficking In The UK As Children And Adults Brought To Britain For Sex, Crime, And Slavery**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/10/18/human-trafficking-rising-numbers-children-and-adults-involved\\_n\\_1977267.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2012/10/18/human-trafficking-rising-numbers-children-and-adults-involved_n_1977267.html)

### **Cuts threaten Scotland Yard's anti-trafficking unit**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/oct/20/cuts-scotland-yard-anti-trafficking>

### **London's migrants offered English lessons by phone**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2012/oct/16/english-for-london-migrants>

### **Overcoming obstacles to labour market access: the missing link for migrants' contribution to EU growth**

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article248&lang=en>

### **Evictions challenged on human rights grounds**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_news/1845\\_evictions\\_challenged\\_on\\_human\\_rights\\_grounds](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/1845_evictions_challenged_on_human_rights_grounds)

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## Race Relations

### News

**Slavery shouldn't distort the story of black people in Britain**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/oct/17/slavery-black-history-month>

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Questions

#### **Labour Market Trends (Black and Minority Ethnic Communities)**

**Heidi Alexander:** What recent assessment she has made of the effects of recent labour market trends on black and minority ethnic communities. [123198]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Women and Equalities (Helen Grant):** Tackling unemployment is a priority for this Government. Our approach is to support according to individual need rather than to segregate according to ethnic group. On the matter of need, Mr Speaker, would you allow me to pay tribute to the fact that today is anti-slavery day?

**Heidi Alexander:** Yesterday, the TUC published a report that showed that the unemployment rate among young black men stands at 50%, and that that group has experienced the sharpest rise in unemployment since the Minister's Government came to power. Does she recognise the devastating impact that her Government's failure to get the economy moving is having on the lives of those young men? What specific action will she take to tackle the problem?

**Reply from Helen Grant:** I do not accept the accuracy of the figures the hon. Lady mentions, but I accept that the figures on young black men and employment are bad, and that they need to improve. A number of the figures given fail to classify those in full-time education, but it would be wrong to assume that someone needs additional support simply because of the colour of their skin. Notwithstanding that, the Government are giving a range of tailored support, through Jobcentre Plus, the fantastic Work programme, the Youth Contract and all our measures to get Britain working. We should not stereotype people according to ethnic groups—everyone needs help.

**Peter Bottomley:** I welcome my hon. Friend to her responsibilities. As part of the task of ensuring that the colour of someone's skin is no more important than the colour of their eyes or hair, will she encourage her colleagues in the Government to promote vocational qualifications and achievements in education, so that people can be chosen on their merit and qualities rather than be disqualified because of prejudice or stereotypes?

**Reply from Helen Grant:** My hon. Friend makes a good point. The one-size-fits-all approach to unemployment has clearly failed. We need local providers to deliver good, innovative local services. We should be pleased that, in 2010-11, the highest number of black and minority ethnic apprentices started their training. Michael Gove's reforms will be key to that, and I very much look forward to seeing them coming to fruition.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121018/debtext/121018-0001.htm#12101828000034>

## Equality (continued) Press Releases

### **New EHRC Chair appointed**

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news\\_stories/9459.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/9459.aspx)

### **Commission welcomes appointment of new chair**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2012/october/commission-welcomes-appointment-of-new-chair/>

## New Publication

### **Human Rights Joint Committee Report: Appointment of the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt201213/jtselect/jtrightts/48/48.pdf>

## News

### **Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve succeeds Trevor Phillips at Equality and Human Rights Commission**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/baroness-oneill-of-bengarve-succeeds-trevor-phillips-at-equality-and-human-rights-commission-8216267.html>

### **A minority report from the British armed services**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/2012/oct/21/ethnic-minorities-british-armed-forces>

### **Young black men have experienced sharpest unemployment rise since 2010**

<http://www.tuc.org.uk/economy/tuc-21533-f0.cfm>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-04498 Bill Kidd: Racism in Football**—That the Parliament deplores the racist abuse of football players of any nationality when representing their country; believes that they should not be subjected to chants or other signs of denigration by supporters displaying disrespect on the basis of a player's ethnic origin; considers that, in order to bring this to an end, it is the responsibility of all national football associations, along with their own governments and FIFA, to take action against such reprehensible behaviour, and believes that a failure to face up to this responsibility should result in a long-term suspension from international tournaments of that national team.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-04498&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Westminster Parliamentary Question

#### **Crime: Hate Crime**

**Lord Ouseley:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they are taking to tackle race hatred; and what is their response to the publication by the Association of



## Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Question (continued)

Chief Police Officers of data on 13 September showing that 82% of hate crime offences in the last year in England and Wales were racially motivated. [HL2448]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach):** Tackling all hate crime, including that which is racially motivated, is something this Government take very seriously. Our cross-government action plan on hate crime, which was published in March, brings together the work of a wide range of departments and agencies to tackle it. We welcome the Association of Chief Police Officers' publication, alongside our own official statistics, on recorded hate crimes. Better information on the scale of the problem will help police forces and police and crime commissioners focus resources on where they are most needed.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121017w0001.htm#12101762000118>

## New Publication

**From Radical-Right Islamophobia to 'Cumulative Extremism'**

<http://faith-matters.org/images/pdf/islamophobia.pdf>

## News

**Biggest ever football racism survey to be launched by Kick It Out**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/football/2012/oct/17/football-racism-survey-kick-it-out>

**Football's governing bodies must be robust in punishing racism**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/oct/21/editorial-serbia-racism-football>

**Big Fat Gypsy Weddings 'has increased bullying of Gypsies and Travellers'**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2012/oct/16/big-fat-gypsy-weddings-bullying-travellers>

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## Other Holyrood

### Press Releases

**Historic Edinburgh Agreement on referendum signed**

An historic accord that paves the way for a referendum on an independent Scotland was signed in Edinburgh today, after First Minister Alex Salmond reached an agreement with the Prime Minister David Cameron that will confirm the Scottish Parliament's power to hold a vote that will be respected fully by both governments. ...

The agreement will see a Section 30 order laid in the Scottish Parliament and at Westminster to confirm Holyrood has the power necessary for a single question referendum, ensuring that the 2014 vote will be designed and run by the people of Scotland. After the order has been agreed, the Scottish Government will bring forward legislation to Parliament to enable the referendum to be run. This will set out the proposed date, franchise, the wording of the question, rules on campaign finance and other rules governing the conduct of the campaign.

## Other Holyrood Press Releases (continued)

A final decision on these aspects will be taken by the Scottish Parliament, taking full account of the responses to the Scottish Government's referendum consultation. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/10/referendum15102012>

**All 16 and 17 year-olds will be able to have Referendum vote**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/10/referendum>

## News

**Scottish independence: Cameron and Salmond strike referendum deal**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19942638>

**Scottish independence: Referendum agreement at-a-glance**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-19952630>

**Scottish independence: Alex Salmond given to end of 2014 for referendum**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scottish-independence-alex-salmond-given-to-end-of-2014-for-referendum-1-2576099>

**Final hurdle is cleared before historic poll deal**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/referendum-news/final-hurdle-is-cleared-before-historic-poll-deal.19143034>

**Scottish independence: The key battlegrounds in run-up to the referendum**

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/scottish-independence-the-key-battlegrounds-in-run-up-to-the-referendum-1-2576101>

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## Other Westminster

### Ministerial Statement

#### Referendum (Scotland)

**The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Scotland (David Mundell):** ... I am pleased to report to the House that today in Edinburgh the Prime Minister and the First Minister have made an agreement that will allow a legal, fair and decisive referendum to take place.

This is a significant agreement. The two Governments have agreed that there should be a referendum. We have agreed that the referendum will consist of a single question. It will offer a choice between remaining within the United Kingdom and independence. We have agreed that it must be held before the end of 2014. The referendum will be based on the normal legal framework for UK referendums, with oversight from the Electoral Commission. That includes the key issues of how the referendum question will be determined, and how the rules governing spending and campaigning will be established. Following today's agreement, the Government will bring forward an Order in Council under section 30 of the Scotland Act 1998. I have today placed a copy of the agreement and the draft order in the Library of the House. The agreement and draft order are also available to Members from the Vote Office. The order will be laid before Parliament on 22

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October and will be debated by both Houses of this Parliament and by the Scottish Parliament. All Members of this House will have the opportunity to consider and vote on the order. If both Parliaments approve the order, and after it is approved by Her Majesty in Council, the Scottish Parliament will have the legal competence to legislate for the referendum. We hope that the order will be passed by February 2013. Once that has happened, the Scottish Government will introduce a referendum Bill, setting out the wording of the question, the date of the referendum and the rules for the campaign for the Scottish Parliament to consider. ...

**To continue reading the lengthy statement, see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121015/debtext/121015-0002.htm#1210154000003>

## Press Release

**Prime Minister and Secretary of State sign Referendum Agreement with Scottish Government**

<http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/17923.html>

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## New Publications

**Monitoring of Cross-Border Charities: second year evaluation report**

[http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/368964/2012-08-21\\_xb\\_final\\_layout\\_published.pdf](http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/368964/2012-08-21_xb_final_layout_published.pdf)

**Making an Impact**

<http://www.thinknpc.org/publications/making-an-impact/making-an-impact/?post-parent=6377>

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## Other News

**Zephaniah warns 'black children turned off history'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-20005342>

**Sharia courts 'as consensual as rape', House of Lords told**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9621319/Sharia-courts-as-consensual-as-rape-House-of-Lords-told.html>

**Roma React: 'Contest 2012: Make a Change'**

<http://romareact.org/news/view/761>

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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 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/smallcharitabledonations.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/psc0281210a.3-7.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/psc0281610m.9-15.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/psc0281810m.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0028/amend/psc0281810a.25-28.html>

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## Consultations

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#### **\*\* closes 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>

#### **\*\* closes this week!**

**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/>

## Consultations (continued)

**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)

**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](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&newsID=10127](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>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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**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)

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**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)



## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### 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](mailto:Ishara@deafconnections.co.uk) / 0141 420 2819 or Sue [sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:fhume@scottishinterfaithcouncil.org) / 0141 420 6982.

### \*\* National Police Service Consultation

19 November 2012 in Glasgow (5.45 – 8.00)

In April 2013 all the police organisations across Scotland will join together to become a single police service. This is the biggest change to Scottish policing for more than a generation and your views can help shape the new organisation. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12xi\\_wsrec\\_police.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12xi_wsrec_police.pdf) or contact Janila Stanley [istanley@wsrec.co.uk](mailto:istanley@wsrec.co.uk) / 0141 337 6626.

### 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)/)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Working with interpreters

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)

### 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.gcvs.org.uk/whats\\_on/1507\\_equality\\_in\\_employment](http://www.gcvs.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](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

**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/>

## Useful Links (continued)

**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](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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