

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Pupils: Foreign Nationals

Lindsay Roy: To ask the Secretary of State for Education how many children born outside the UK are enrolled in UK schools. [129396]

Reply from David Laws: It is not possible to answer this question directly with the available data. The School Census in England does not collect data on pupils' country of birth.

However, it is possible to use the Labour Force Survey (LFS) to make an estimate of the number of children of compulsory school-age born outside the UK. Of the 7.8 million children aged five to 15 years in the UK, 0.5 million (6.3%) were born outside the UK(1).

It is not possible to use the LFS to analyse how many of these children are enrolled in UK schools.

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The 2011 ONS Census included questions on citizenship, the results of which should be available in 2013. This will provide further information on the number of school-age children born outside the UK, although again it will not indicate whether they are being educated in UK schools. The Government is committed to ensuring that all children are able to access the education services they need, regardless of their nationality. (1) Based on LFS analysis of the four pooled quarters from quarter four 2011 to quarter three 2012

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121126/text/121126w0001.htm#12112631000022>

Entry Clearances: Married People

Jason McCartney: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many foreign nationals applied for a visa to come to the UK after marrying a UK national overseas in (a) 2008, (b) 2010 and (c) 2011; and how many such applications were refused in each of those years. [130426]

Reply from Mark Harper: The number of foreign nationals who have applied for entry clearance after marrying a British citizen in the years 2008, 2010, 2011 are included in the following table. The statistics are broken down by the total number who applied and the number of applicants refused entry clearance in 2008, 2010, 2011.

	<i>Endorsement</i>	<i>Applications</i>	<i>Refused</i>
2008	Spouse/Civil Partner	52,874	8,368
2010	Spouse/Civil Partner	45,543	7,894
2011	Spouse/Civil Partner	33,884	6,040

Note: This data is based on internal UK Border Agency Management Information. It is provisional and subject to change

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121127/text/121127w0002.htm#12112798000031>

Press Releases

Significant fall in net migration

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/net-migration-down>

Changes to the requirements for biometric residence permits

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2012/november/60-brp>

New Publications

Immigration Statistics July - September 2012

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q3-2012/>

Monthly asylum application tables - September 2012

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

Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers October 2012

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-oct2012?view=Binary>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **News**

Student visas: UKBA 'failed to check' tip-offs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20536551>

Annual net migration to UK falls below 200,000

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-20539708>

Immigration falls after crackdown as tough student laws help cut figure by 25%

<http://www.scotsman.com/the-scotsman/uk/immigration-falls-after-crackdown-as-tough-student-laws-help-cut-figure-by-25-1-2667355>

Net migration to Britain falls by almost a quarter as student visa rules take effect

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/net-migration-to-britain-falls-by-almost-a-quarter-as-student-visa-rules-take-effect-8367939.html>

Net migration to the UK falls year-on-year: how has it changed since 2002?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/2012/nov/30/net-migration-uk-falls-data>

Net migration to UK falls by a quarter

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/nov/29/net-migration-falls-quarter>

Warning of loss of talent as net migration falls by 25%

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3616038.ece>

UK Border Agency has let thousands of overseas students overstay

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/nov/29/uk-border-agency-students>

Student visa crackdown sends out wrong signal, says Boris Johnson

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2012/nov/26/student-visa-crackdown-boris-johnson>

UKBA staff failed to check thousands of tip-offs about overseas students

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/ukba-staff-failed-to-check-thousands-of-tipoffs-about-overseas-students-8367469.html>

Does migrants' English test split families?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20540425>

Boris accuses Home Office over immigration

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-accuses-home-office-over-immigration-8372475.html>

Unhappy 18th birthday: The teenage refugees who fear they'll be sent 'home'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/unhappy-18th-birthday-the-teenage-refugees-who-fear-theyll-be-sent-home-8352876.html>

Child refugees speak about turning 18

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/child-refugees-speak-about-turning-18-8352875.html>

Britain's immigration cap isn't good for business

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/02/britain-immigration-cap-bad-business>

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Immigration: end this foolish block on overseas students

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/dec/02/immigration-students-observer-editorial>

Palestine crisis a gift to bogus asylum seekers

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/National/article1170402.ece

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Race Relations

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Religious Freedom

The Lord Bishop of Guildford: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the United Kingdom experience in interfaith relations is harnessed in United Kingdom foreign policy.[HL3346]

Reply from the Senior Minister of State, Department for Communities and Local Government & Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Baroness Warsi):

My appointment as Senior Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and Minister for Faith and Communities at the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) brings together the Government's domestic and international faith portfolios. This means that the UK is now ideally placed to share the lessons of the many excellent interfaith projects in the UK with our international partners. The FCO and DCLG are starting to explore how they can work more closely together. We will continue to explore how best to share the UK's excellent experience of interfaith dialogue and co-operation, to help develop mutual respect between faith groups on the international stage and promote freedom of religion or belief for all.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121127w0001.htm#121127105000468>

News

How Christians and Muslims can marry – the official guide

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/how-christians-and-muslims-can-marry--the-official-guide-8348954.html>

Interfaith group's refusal to admit Druids sparks row

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3617192.ece>

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Equality

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

Evaluation of the Implementation of the Equality Act 2010

Report 1 - Organisational Approaches to Equality

http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Eval_of_Equality_Act_Report1.PDF

Report 2 - Awareness and Impact of the Equality Act

http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Eval_of_Equality_Act_Report2.PDF

Report 3 - Disputes and Challenges

http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Eval_of_Equality_Act_Report3.PDF

Technical Report

http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Equality_Act_Eval_Tech_Report.pdf

News

Ethnic minority women face jobs 'catastrophe'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-20571996>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Religious Hatred

Andrew Stephenson: To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what steps his Department has taken to protect Muslim communities from harassment, intimidation and violence by extremist organisations. [127894]

Reply from Don Foster: The Government will not tolerate those who spread hate against or target Muslim communities in order to divide society and deliberately raise community tensions.

Local authorities and local police forces are best placed to work with their communities to protect them from extremists, and we trust them to do so. The Department for Communities and Local Government has provided £200,000 to support a special interest group of local areas, led by Blackburn with Darwen borough council and Luton borough council. This group will support a range of activities such as peer networks, seminars and conferences designed to enable local partners to share information on how best to handle far right activity and develop solutions for the problems brought by the far right. The Government has also provided £183,000 to Tell Mama, a project which monitors and encourages the Muslim community to report anti-Muslim hate crimes and incidents and has made a further £214,000 available subject to the project becoming sustainable.

Andrew Stephenson: To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government what recent assessment he has made of the extent of Islamophobia and anti-Semitism in the UK. [127895]

Reply from Don Foster: Hate crime, including that targeting a person's religion, is an issue the Government takes very seriously. We believe that understanding the extent of anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim hatred in the UK helps us tackle hate crime in all its forms. Therefore we are working with the Association of Chief Police Officers and other partners to encourage the reporting of all hate crime and

Racism and Religious Hatred Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

improve the response of the police and other criminal justice agencies to ensure better protection for victims. The Association of Chief Police Officers records anti-Semitic crime at the national level which is broken down by police force area. The latest figures were published in September 2011 and full details can be found at:

http://report-it.org.uk/hate_crime_data1

We are working alongside the Community Security Trust and funding Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks, both of whom record anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim incidents. And we have established cross-Government working groups on both anti-Semitism and anti-Muslim hatred.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121129/text/121129w0002.htm#12112964000119>

Press Release

Hate crime is a reality in the EU, two new FRA reports show

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/press-release/2012/hate-crime-reality-eu-two-new-fra-reports-show>

New Publications

Making hate crime visible in the European Union: acknowledging victims' rights

http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra-2012_hate-crime.pdf

EU-MIDIS Data in Focus 6: Minorities as Victims of Crime

http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra-2012-eu-midis-dif6_0.pdf

News

Campaigners urge government to tackle caste discrimination in UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2012/nov/30/campaigners-government-caste-discrimination-uk>

The Nazi chanting of West Ham fans is no resurgence of anti-semitism in football. Truth is, it never went away

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/the-nazi-chanting-of-west-ham-fans-is-no-resurgence-of-antisemitism-in-football-truth-is-it-never-went-away-8364775.html?origin=internalSearch>

'We must deal with it': West Ham boss Sam Allardyce finally speaks out about anti-Semitic chanting

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/news-and-comment/we-must-deal-with-it-west-ham-boss-sam-allardyce-finally-speaks-out-about-antisemitic-chanting-8360136.html?origin=internalSearch>

Antisemitic chants are sickening – and West Ham fans must show they care

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/football/blog/2012/nov/26/west-ham-antisemitic-chants-sickening>

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motions

S4M-05001 Alison McInnes: Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights—

That the Parliament welcomes the process underway to develop Scotland's first national action plan for human rights; considers that this represents a more systematic approach to assure and not assume the realisation of human rights in practice and that it follows United Nations recommendations; notes that this is informed by the publication, Getting it Right? Human Rights in Scotland, by the Scottish Human Rights Commission; considers that this research highlights the progress that Scotland has made in realising its international human rights obligations, but also that this progress must be translated into more consistent positive outcomes for people in their day-to-day lives; appreciates that Scotland's national action plan for human rights must be evidence-based, inclusive and independently monitored in order for it to deliver real and sustainable improvements in the realisation of human rights for all, particularly the most marginalised; welcomes the hosting on 27 November 2012 of a National Human Rights InterAction by the Scottish Human Rights Commission to consider commitments in Scotland's national action plan for human rights, and calls on central and local government, public authorities and civil society to fully engage in the participation process.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-05001&ResultsPerPage=10>

S4M-05042 Mary Fee: Global Ban on Female Genital Mutilation—

That the Parliament welcomes the UN General Assembly Human Rights Committee's resolution calling for a global ban on female genital mutilation (FGM); agrees with the committee that the practice is harmful and a serious threat to the psychological, sexual and reproductive health of women and girls; notes that, according to the UN, about 70 million girls and women had FGM forced on them in 2010 and that the World Health Organization believes that 6,000 girls were mutilated every day; considers that FGM is commonplace in 28 countries, and further considers this a medieval and abhorrent practice that has no place in the 21st century and never has done at any point in history.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-05042&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Releases

St Andrew's Day message

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/11/standrews-day-message29112012>

Members' expenses information published

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/57120.aspx>

Forced marriage

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/11/fm29112010>

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Other Westminster

Parliamentary Question

Human Rights

Lord Laird: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have published the policies regarding the wearing of Muslim headscarves and Christian crosses upon which they relied at the European Court of Human Rights in the cases of Chaplin v the United Kingdom and Eweida v the United Kingdom; and, if so, when.[HL3371]

Baroness Stowell of Beeston: The speech given by First Treasury Counsel at the European Court of Human Rights on 4 September 2012 supporting the Government's position in the cases of Chaplin, Eweida, Ladele and MacFarlane is available as a webcast which can be accessed through the court's website. As the Minister for Women and Equalities made clear in her answer to the Rt Hon John Spellar (*Official Report*, 12 November 2012, col. 20W), the Government's legal advice in these and other cases is subject to legal professional privilege, as it comprises instructions given to lawyers for the purposes of defending litigation. However, the Government's policy is that people should normally be able to wear, as appropriate, a headscarf or a Christian cross at work. We believe that our current legislation strikes the right balance between employees' rights to manifest their religion or beliefs at work, and the business needs and requirements of particular employers.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121127w0001.htm#121127105000451>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121112/text/121112w0001.htm#12111227000011>

Press Release

PM's St Andrew's Day Message

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/pms-st-andrews-day-message/>

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New Publications

An inquiry into the culture, practices and ethics of the press: executive summary and recommendations [Leveson report]

Volume 1

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1213/hc07/0780/0780.pdf>

Volume 2

http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1213/hc07/0780/0780_ii.pdf

Volume 3

http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1213/hc07/0780/0780_iii.pdf

Volume 4

http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1213/hc07/0780/0780_iv.pdf

Executive summary

<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/hc1213/hc07/0779/0779.pdf>

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Other News

The Sikh soldier who will be the first to guard Buckingham Palace without a bearskin as he'll be wearing a turban instead

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2241656/Sikh-soldier-Jatinderpal-Singh-Bhullar-guard-Buckingham-Palace-bearskin.html>

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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>

proposed amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/57147.aspx>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/57217.aspx>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/57303.aspx>

Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2013

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0040/00404790.pdf>

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

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

Stage 3

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7569&mode=html#iob_69155

Debate

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7569&mode=html#iob_69156

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>

Bills in Progress

Westminster (continued)

**** Small Charitable Donations Bill**

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

Report Stage and Third Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121126/debtext/121126-0002.htm#1211262700001>

Consideration of Bill, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2012-2013/0085/amend/pbc0852611m.523-529.html>

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Consultations

**** new or updated this week**

Review of the impact of ending employment restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian nationals on the agriculture and food processing sectors

(closing date 18 January 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/workingwithus/mac/call-saw-sbs.pdf>

Scottish Parliament: post-legislative scrutiny (closing date 25 January 2013)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/Call_for_views.pdf

Parliamentary inquiry into new family migration rules (closing date 31 January 2013)

<http://www.appgmigration.org.uk/family-inquiry>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Equality Strategy (closing date 9 February 2012)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/tell-us-what-you-think/>

National Action Plan for Human Rights (closing date 29 March 2013)

<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/actionplan/participatesnap>

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

<http://www.snapsurveys.com/swl/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

Engagement of PTAs and Parent Councils with parents from ethnic minority communities (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JQVRK5R>

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Job Opportunities

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**** this week!**

The essentials of asylum: understanding what causes refugees to flee and the process of seeking protection

4 December 2012 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.30)

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 / <http://tinyurl.com/c8w7nha>

**** this week!**

Racist Incident Reporting in Scotland's Schools

5 December 2012 in Glasgow (2.30)

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights report launch examining statistics and policies from Scotland's Local Authorities to explore how the racist incident reporting system operates and whether it meets its potential as a tool to combat racism in schools. For information contact Nadia Rafiq 0141 418 6530 / nadia@crer.org.uk.

**** this week!**

Bridges to Change

5 December 2012 in East Renfrewshire (6.00 – 8.30)

Voluntary Action conference to identify local equality priorities. For information contact Linda McCullagh 0141 876 9555 / Linda.McCullagh@va-er.org.uk.

The housing journey from seeking asylum to settling in Scotland

13 December 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 / <http://tinyurl.com/9lca9cq>

**** Have Faith in LGBT People**

13 December 2012 in Edinburgh (7.00 – 9.00)

Equality Network event bringing faith leaders and LGBT people together to share experiences of faith, gender identity, and sexual orientation. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/12xii_lgbt.pdf or contact Paula Manners paula.manners@lgbtyouth.org.uk.

Mainstreaming Equalities

16 January – 20 March 2013 in Glasgow

deadline for applications: 7 January 2013

Institute of Leadership and Management training to support voluntary sector organisations to develop capacity on mainstreaming equality. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/13i-iii_equalities.pdf or contact John Robertson 0141 332 2444 / john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk.

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

25 January 2013 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 / <http://tinyurl.com/burro73>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children & Young People

28 January 2013 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30) and 29 January 2013 (9.30 – 12.30)

25 February 2013 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30) and 26 February 2013 (9.30 – 12.30)

Shakti training course to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children & young people affected by domestic abuse. For information contact Mridul, Lisa, or Aleksandra 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk.

Training to support survivors of sexual violence

11 February 2013 in Dundee

Shakti and Rape Crisis Scotland training for staff and volunteers within minority ethnic organisations. For information contact Ola 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk.

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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

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/>

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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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