

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Debate

Migrants' Rights Day

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=7620&mode=html#job_69668

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

Immigration: EU Nationals

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what measures are in place to monitor the numbers of EU nationals entering into the UK and the purpose for which they have entered the UK. [123468]

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Reply from Mark Harper: We monitor EU arrivals through the Office of National Statistics (ONS) International Passenger Survey (which provides the core data for the ONS estimates of Long-term International Migration as well as overall estimates of admissions). These are published quarterly on the ONS website and provide estimates for the numbers of migrants arriving and departing for work, study or to accompany/join another person. Data is also separately available on the large numbers of people who come to the UK as visitors.

DWP also publish new registrations for National Insurance Numbers annually.

While these will include short-term migrants who are not permanently resident, this data can be an indication of changes in numbers of foreign nationals coming to the UK principally to work.

E-Borders is a Home Office programme designed to improve border security by screening travel document information (TDI) on people travelling to, and from, the UK. Although e-Borders is designed for border security purposes, the data collected also has the potential to deliver improvements to migration and population statistics.

The most significant benefit would be to use e-Borders data to produce migrant counts. However, there are a number of potential issues and the feasibility of producing these will require further assessment. Reliable migration counts would also require virtually complete coverage and so this potential benefit is some years away. If feasible, these counts would not be available before 2018.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121217/text/121217w0001.htm#12121722000021>

Migration

Lord Myners: To ask Her Majesty's Government what forecast they have made of the number of people from Bulgaria and Romania who will come to the United Kingdom after restrictions are lifted at the end of 2013.[HL4022]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): The Government do not routinely produce forecasts or estimates of future levels of migration from individual countries. The difficulty in producing a reliable forecast of likely levels of migration, which would need to take account of a variety of factors, is in this instance accentuated by the fact that United Kingdom is not the only member state that will be required to lift existing labour market restrictions on Bulgarian and Romanian nationals on 31 December 2013. The Government have made clear they will always apply transitional controls on new EU member states. We are also working to tackle abuse of free movement with other member states.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121219w0001.htm#12121958000434>

Entry Clearances

Keith Vaz: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many cases the UK Border Agency has dealt with in each visa tier in each year since 2006; and how many such cases were dealt with (a) in-country and (b) elsewhere. [133217]

Reply from Mark Harper: The points based system (PBS) was introduced in 2008. Tier 1 was phased in between April and July 2008, Tier 2 and 5 in November 2008 and Tier 4 in April 2009.

The figures in the tables are from 2008 and for main applicants only.

To read the lengthy table see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121217/text/121217w0001.htm#12121722000016>

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Immigration

Kate Green: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many British residents applying to sponsor non-EEA partners for family reunification in the UK in the first six months of 2012 were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful. [129470]

Reply from Mark Harper: The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, nor is the requested information available through published statistics.

Kate Green: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many British nationals were (a) successful in their non-EEA child reunification application and (b) unsuccessful in their non-EEA child reunification application in the first six months of 2012. [129471]

Reply from Mark Harper: The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, nor is the requested information available through published statistics.

Kate Green: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many British residents applying to sponsor non-EEA elderly dependent relatives to join them in the UK in the first six months of 2012 were (a) successful and (b) unsuccessful. [129472]

Reply from Mark Harper: The data requested is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols, nor is the requested information available through published statistics.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121219/text/121219w0001.htm#12121969000020>

Immigration Controls

Priti Patel: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many foreign nationals living in the UK are currently subject to deportation orders; and how many foreign nationals outside the UK are currently prohibited from entering the UK under the terms of the Immigration Act 1971. [122105]

Reply from Mark Harper: As supplied to the Home Affairs Select Committee, at end of Q3 there are 3,980 foreign nationals in the UK subject to deportation action living in the community. We continue to pursue removal in all these cases. The principal barriers to removal are non-compliance on the part of individuals which means we have insufficient evidence of nationality and identity to obtain a travel document, ongoing legal challenges and the situations in countries of return.

The Immigration Act 1971 distinguishes between those who have a right of abode (for example, British citizens) and those who are subject to immigration control. All foreign nationals subject to immigration control are prohibited from entering the UK unless they obtain permission to enter.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121219/text/121219w0001.htm#12121969000021>

Asylum

Bridget Phillipson: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what criteria are used to determine how asylum seekers are allocated to the detained fast track process. [131055]

Reply from Mark Harper: Entry to the detained fast track is strictly determined by the application of published policy, "Detained Fast Track Processes":

http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/asylumprocessguidance/detention/guidance/detained_fast_processes?view=Binary

In summary, an applicant may enter into or remain in detained fast track processes only if there is a power in immigration law to detain, and only if on consideration of the known facts relating to the applicant it appears that a quick

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decision is possible and if none of the detained fast track suitability exclusion criteria (which relate to categories of particularly vulnerable people) apply.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121217/text/121217w0001.htm#12121722000010>

Asylum Seekers

Baroness Berridge: To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Iranian nationals made an application for asylum in the United Kingdom in the past three years on the basis of persecution because of their Christian faith; and how many of those applications were granted.[HL3567]

Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Taylor of Holbeach): Data on the basis of asylum claims, specifically on the grounds of religious persecution, are not recorded in a manner compatible with published statistics. Such data are not aggregated in national reporting systems, which would mean this question could be answered only through a disproportionately expensive manual case search to collate the data.

However, data on the number of asylum applications received from Iranian nationals, and the outcome of these applications, are published on an annual basis. Latest figures are available in Table "as.06" of the release Immigration Statistics, July to September 2012 third edition, available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office Science website at: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-q3-2012/>

According to the latest published statistics, in the three years from 2009 to 2011, a total of 6,165 Iranian nationals claimed asylum in the United Kingdom. Of these, 2,682 individuals were granted asylum.

Data in this paragraph are taken from Table as.06: Outcome analysis of asylum applications, as at May 2011. Data relate to main applicants.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121219w0001.htm#12121958000402>

Detention Centres

Chris Bryant: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the capacity is of each immigration removal centre operated by the UK Border Agency. [132949]

Reply from Mark Harper: The following table shows the capacity of immigration removal centres and residential short-term holding facilities. The UK Border Agency also established in 2011 pre-departure accommodation to support the Government's new approach to returning families without permission to be in the UK.

	<i>Bed capacity</i>
<i>Immigration removal centres</i>	
Brook House	426
Campsfield House	216
Colnbrook	408
Dover	316
Dungavel	217
Harmondsworth	615
Haslar	160
Morton Hall	392
Tinsley House	157
Yarl's Wood	368

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<i>Residential short-term holding facilities</i>	
Yarl's Wood	38
Larne House	19
Pennine House	32
<i>Pre-departure accommodation</i>	
Cedars(1)	44
Total	3,408
(1)Accommodating up to nine families.	

Chris Bryant: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people are being held in each immigration removal centre operated by the UK Border Agency. [132950]

Reply from Mark Harper: The requested information is released quarterly in table dt.10.q of Immigration Statistics and is available from the Library of the House and from the Home Office's Science, Research and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/immigration-tabs-q3-2012/detention-q3-2012-tabs?view=Binary>

The following table shows the number of people detained in immigration removal centres, short-term holding facilities and pre-departure accommodation as at 30 September 2012, the latest date for which information is published. All people held are detained in the United Kingdom solely under Immigration Act powers and exclude those in police cells, Prison Service establishments, short-term holding rooms at ports and airports (for less than 24 hours), and those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

<i>People in detention by place of detention, as at 30 September 2012</i>	
	<i>Detainees</i>
<i>Immigration removal centres</i>	
Brook House	413
Campsfield House	214
Colnbrook	367
Dover	303
Dungavel	185
Harmondsworth	592
Haslar	149
Morton Hall	381
Tinsley House	114
Yarl's Wood	351
<i>Short-term holding facilities</i>	
Colnbrook Short Term	4
Larne House	7
Pennine House	11
<i>Pre-departure accommodation</i>	
Cedars	0
Total	3,091

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121217/text/121217w0001.htm#12121722000015>

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Immigrants: Detainees

Sarah Teather: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many individuals detained under the detained fast track process had been detained for (a) fewer than three months, (b) between three and six months, (c) between six and 12 months and (d) more than 12 months in the latest period for which figures are available; and if she will make a statement. [128700]

Reply from Mark Harper: An asylum applicant will be detained for fast track processes only if, based on the information available at the asylum screening stage, it appears that a quick decision will be possible on the application, and if the applicant does not fall into one of the general exclusions for reasons of vulnerability. Given the nature of the DFT process it is crucial that the process operates flexibly and with efficiency. The majority of applicants who enter DFT are held for less than three months. However, data on the precise numbers is not held in a format compatible with National Statistics protocols.

Each applicant's detention is regularly monitored throughout the DFT process. In cases where it becomes apparent that the applicant's case cannot be determined fairly within a quick timescale, where there is a need to obtain medical or documentary evidence for example, or where there is credible evidence of torture, then the applicant is released from detention, with the case taken out of the DFT process, and placed into the non-detained route.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121219/text/121219w0001.htm#12121969000019>

Human Trafficking

Jonathan Reynolds: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many police forces in England and Wales have appointed a single point of contact for human trafficking cases. [129076]

Reply from Mark Harper: The Association of Chief Police Officers have identified single points of contact for each police region in England and Wales and is seeking to appoint single points of contact in each force area. To date, 34 forces have appointed a single point of contact for human trafficking cases.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121217/text/121217w0001.htm#12121722000020>

Human Trafficking

Frank Field: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether the UK Border Agency targets specific flights as part of its strategy to tackle human trafficking. [128544]

Reply from Mark Harper: Combating human trafficking is a high priority for Border Force. As part of its wider strategy to combat organised crime, Border Force targeting teams use a variety of automated and manual systems in order to select a person for examination at the border. Through eBorders, Border Force have the ability to track around 55% of inbound and 60% of outbound passenger and crew movements; equating to approximately 138 million passenger movements a year on over 4,200 routes, including all aviation routes starting outside the EEA.

In addition to this tracking ability, Border Force relies on intelligence and profiles that are up-to-date in order to identify those movements worthy of further attention.

Analysis of this data and intelligence provides Border Force the ability to try to identify and target in advance those people known to pose a threat, including human traffickers.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121218/text/121218w0001.htm#12121866000022>

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Press Releases

MEPs favour police access to asylum seekers' fingerprints, subject to safeguards

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/pressroom/content/20121214IPR04657/html/MEPs-favour-police-access-to-asylum-seekers-fingerprints-subject-to-safeguards>

Restrictions on defenders of migrants' rights should stop

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=2016597&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE>

Migrants deserve full recognition as rights holders

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=12897&LangID=E>

New Publications

The EU's Global Approach to Migration and Mobility

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldselect/ldeucom/91/91.pdf>

The work of the UK Border Agency (December 2011–March 2012): Government Response

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmhaff/825/825.pdf>

The work of the Border Force: Government Response

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmhaff/826/826.pdf>

Safeguarding Refugee Youth

<http://migrantforum.org.uk/category/safeguarding-refugee-youth/>

Night Workers: London's Unseen Migrant Workforce

<http://migrantforum.org.uk/migrant-night-workers-londons-report/>

News

MPs concerned over immigration backlog

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/mps-concerned-over-immigration-backlog.19713347>

The EU's hidden ageing population: Improving policies for older ethnic minorities and migrants

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article257&lang=en>

The Afghan interpreters seeking asylum in the UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20778751>

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Race Relations

New Publications

The melting pot generation: How Britain became more relaxed on race

<http://www.britishfuture.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/The-melting-pot-generation.pdf>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-05251 Gil Paterson: Clydebank Schools Unite against Sectarianism—That the Parliament congratulates the pupils and staff of Linnvale Primary School and St Eunan's Primary School on their anti-sectarianism project; notes that the project, which brought together pupils from both schools to learn together and hold discussions on how sectarianism affects people's lives, came from the novel, *Divided City*, by Theresa Breslin, which tells the story of two boys who form a football team even though they come from different backgrounds; welcomes the project for taking time to discuss the novel and the impact of sectarianism on people and their communities, providing pupils with a new sense of awareness of the subject; further welcomes what it considers the positive impact of the project, including creating links between the schools and highlighting that pupils from the different schools are mixing better, indicating a positive course in the fight against sectarianism in the future, and wishes the project continued success in the future and in any extension to other schools in Clydebank and Milngavie and across Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-05251&ResultsPerPage=10>

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Hate Crime

Eric Ollerenshaw: To ask the Secretary of State for Justice what steps he is taking to tackle hate crime through the justice system. [133888]

Reply from Jeremy Wright: The Ministry of Justice hosts the Government's Hate Crime programme, which brings all Departments together with criminal justice agencies and key partners. It is advised by a standing Independent Advisory Group and ensures that a co-ordinated approach is taken to reducing the harm caused by hate crime. Our intentions are set out in "Challenge it, Report it, Stop it: The Government's Plan to Tackle Hate Crime" published in March 2012.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121218/text/121218w0004.htm#12121876000119>

Press Releases

Man jailed for threatening to blow up mosque

<http://www.crownoffice.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/Man-jailed-threatening-blow-mosque>

Foreign Secretary marks anniversary of UN declaration on Holocaust

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretary-marks-anniversary-of-un-declaration-on-holocaust>

New Publication

"Build a Bridge": Holocaust Memorial Day educational resources and campaign pack

<http://hmd.org.uk/resources/campaignpack>

Racism and Religious Hatred (continued_ News

Man jailed for two years after threatening to blow up Glasgow mosque with bomb in backpack

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/man-jailed-for-two-years-after-1498979>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Scotland's population hits record high

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/Census-results17122012>

New safeguards for legal system proposed

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2012/12/carloway191212>

New Publications

Reforming Scots Criminal Law and Practice: Additional Safeguards Following the Removal of the Requirement for Corroboration

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00410935.pdf>

Reforming Scots Criminal Law and Practice: Reform of Sheriff and Jury Procedure

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/12/8141>

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New Publications

The Global Religious Landscape

http://www.pewforum.org/uploadedFiles/Topics/Religious_Affiliation/globalReligion-full.pdf

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Other News

The importance of financial inclusion and intergenerational solidarity for older ethnic minorities in Europe

<http://www.enargywebzine.eu/spip.php?article262&lang=en>

Roma children: Britain's hidden care problem

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-20770420>

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Bills in Progress

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

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

proposed amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/58090.aspx>

Post-16 Education Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/56717.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>

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>

Third Reading, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121218-0001.htm#12121864000897>

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

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

**** Small Charitable Donations Bill**

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

Second Reading and remaining stages, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201213/ldhansrd/text/121218-0002.htm#12121873000149>

Royal Assent

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmhansrd/cm121219/debtext/121219-0002.htm#12121957000011>

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Post-16 Education Bill (closing date 18 January 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_evidence\(2\).pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_evidence(2).pdf)

Consultations (continued)

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

** Fee remissions in the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber)

(closing date 29 January 2013)

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/fee-remissions-immigration-asylum>

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/>

Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill (closing date 20 March 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00410328.pdf>

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

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

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Mainstreaming Equalities

16 January 2013 in Glasgow

6 February 2013 in Glasgow

27 February 2013 in Glasgow

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.

Discrimination Law in 2013

21 January 2013 in Glasgow (9.45 – 4.15)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to summarise the practical implications of key judgments over the past year, and help ensure that organisations are advising on discrimination law appropriately. For information contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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>

**** The Gathering**

27-28 February 2013 in Glasgow

Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations networking event and exhibition. For information see <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/intro-text/what-is-the-gathering/>

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

Progressing Together?

28 March 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.45)

CEMVO conference to explore the role of Community Empowerment in Mainstreaming of Race and Equalities across the Public Sector. For information contact Fiaz Khan 0141 248 4830 / fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/d2eyumh>.

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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

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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