

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### News

#### Concerns at 'retreat of white Britons'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/concerns-at-retreat-of-white-britons.20994802>

#### EU wants home countries to extend benefits for jobseekers

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-22434447>

#### An Open Letter to the People of Great Britain

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/balaji-ravichandran/immigration-great-britain\\_b\\_3071708.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=uk](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/balaji-ravichandran/immigration-great-britain_b_3071708.html?utm_hp_ref=uk)

#### Europe Is Losing Out by Not Recognising Migrants' Talents

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/chibo-onyeji/europe-migrant-skills\\_b\\_3236651.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=uk-politics](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/chibo-onyeji/europe-migrant-skills_b_3236651.html?utm_hp_ref=uk-politics)

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## Race Relations

### New Publication

**Half Full or Half Empty?: How Has Ethnic Segregation in England and Wales Changed Between 2001 and 2011**

<http://www.demos.co.uk/files/ethnicdistributione+w.pdf>

### News

**5 Big Fat Myths about Gypsies, Travellers and Roma**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/5-big-fat-myths-about-gypsies-travellers-and-roma-8609751.html>

**White Britons 'in retreat' from racially mixed areas, reveals study by think-tank Demos**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/white-britons-in-retreat-from-racially-mixed-areas-reveals-study-by-thinktank-demos-8604808.html>

**Almost half of ethnic minority population now live in majority non-white areas**

[http://www.demos.co.uk/press\\_releases/almosthalfofethnicminoritypopulationnowliveinmajoritynonwhiteareas](http://www.demos.co.uk/press_releases/almosthalfofethnicminoritypopulationnowliveinmajoritynonwhiteareas)

**Shock as 84 schools have NO white British pupils at all... double the number of five years ago**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2323220/Shock-84-schools-NO-white-British-pupils--double-years-ago.html>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Holyrood Parliamentary Question

#### Racism

**Anne McTaggart:** To ask the Scottish Government what projects it is funding to tackle racism in schools, broken down by funding amount. (S4W-14609)

**Alasdair Allan:** We are providing £400,000 over financial years 2012-15 to Show Racism the Red Card and Youth Development and Employment Support, however, the specific amounts for work in schools cannot be identified as the work of these organisations cut across many areas.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-14609&ResultsPerPage=10>

### News

**Police launch probe into race hate crime spree**

<http://www.scotsman.com/edinburgh-evening-news/latest-news/police-launch-probe-into-race-hate-crime-sprees-1-2921232>

**Mapping hate speech: homophobia and racism on twitter**

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/news/datablog/interactive/2013/may/10/twitter-geography-hate-racism-homophobia>

## Racism and Religious Hatred

### News (continued)

#### £500k boost for Holocaust education

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2013/05/500k-boost-for-holocaust-education/>

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## Other Holyrood

### Press Releases

#### At-a-glance: Queen' Speech 2013 bill-by-bill

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-22436103>

#### Queen's Speech: UK government to make case against Scottish independence

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-22448561>

#### Young voter registration

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/05/referendum12052013>

### News

#### Scottish independence: MSPs back referendum franchise plans

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-22427506>

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## Other Westminster

### The Queen's Speech

The Queen's Speech sets out the UK Government's legislative programme for the next year. This year's Queen's speech included:

#### **Immigration Bill** (UK-wide)

Intended to make it easier to deport people who do not have the right to stay in the UK, and prevent immigrants from accessing services to which they are not entitled. Businesses that use illegal labour will face increased fines, and private landlords will be required to check the immigration status of their tenants. The right of appeal against immigration decisions will be restricted, and immigration officers will be given more powers. Foreign nationals who commit serious crimes will be deported except in extraordinary circumstances, and the law will be changed so this principle is reflected in the courts.

#### **Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill** (mostly England and Wales)

Intended to tackle anti-social behaviour, forced marriage, dangerous dogs and illegal firearms.

#### **Pensions Bill** (England, Scotland, and Wales)

To introduce a single-tier state-pension system.

## Other Westminster

### The Queen's Speech (continued)

#### **Care Bill (England)**

Intended to introduce a cap on the cost of social care, and give carers the legal right to support from their local council.

#### **Offender Rehabilitation Bill (England and Wales)**

Intended to introduce a 12 month supervision period for offenders who serve custodial sentences of less than a year.

#### **National Insurance Contributions Bill (UK-wide)**

Intended to reduce the cost to small businesses of employing people.

#### **Defence Reform Bill (UK-wide)**

Intended to increase the size of the reserve forces to play a greater role in the country's defence.

#### **High Speed Rail (Preparation) Bill (England, Scotland, and Wales)**

Intended to authorise the government to spend the money necessary to build the new rail link between London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds.

#### **High Speed Two Hybrid Bill (England, Scotland, and Wales)**

Intended to give the government the legal power to compulsorily buy the land needed to construct the proposed high speed rail line.

#### **Intellectual Property Bill (UK-wide)**

Intended to simplify patent and design protection laws.

#### **Local Audit and Accountability Bill (England and Wales)**

Intended to replace Audit Commission with a new local audit framework.

#### **Water Bill (mostly England and Wales, but some provisions will extend to Scotland)**

Intended to increase competition, and make it easier for new companies to enter the water market.

#### **Mesothelioma Bill (UK-wide)**

Intended to help people who suffer from Mesothelioma as a result of exposure to asbestos.

#### **Northern Ireland Bill (Although specific to N Ireland, applies UK-wide)**

Intended to introduce technical changes to the way the politics and institutions in Northern Ireland operate.

#### **Gambling (licensing and advertising) Bill (UK-wide)**

Not directly mentioned in the speech, but appears in briefing notes as an "other measure". Intended to require overseas gambling operators based overseas to hold a licence from the UK Gambling Commission.

#### **European Union Approvals Bill (UK-wide)**

Not directly mentioned in the speech, but appears in briefing notes as an "other measure". Intended to allow the UK to take part in EU measures against counterfeiting the Euro.

#### **Draft Consumer Rights Bill (UK-wide)**

Intended to update consumer-protection laws to cover digital purchases such as downloaded music and e-books.

#### **Draft Wales Bill (Although specific to N Ireland, applies UK-wide)**

Intended to allow Welsh Assembly candidates to stand on both a regional list and in a constituency, but they would not longer be able to be an MP at the same time.

## Other Westminster

### The Queen's Speech (continued)

**Draft Deregulation Bill** (England and Wales; some sections also Scotland and N Ireland)  
Intended to reduce the amount of regulation for businesses, individuals and public bodies.

**Energy Bill** (carried over from previous session) (UK-wide)  
Intended to reform the energy industry.

**For more information see**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-22436103>

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## Bills in Progress \*\* new or updated this week

### Holyrood

**\*\* Post-16 Education Bill**

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

Proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Post-16%20Education%20Bill/b18s4-stage2-m11.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Post-16%20Education%20Bill/b18s4-stage2-m11.pdf)

**\*\* Scottish Independence Referendum Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/61076.aspx>

Referendum Committee: Stage 1 evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8140&mode=pdf>

**\*\* Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/60464.aspx>

Referendum Committee: Stage 1 Report

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_ReferendumScotlandBillCommittee/rbR-13-01w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_ReferendumScotlandBillCommittee/rbR-13-01w.pdf)

**Victims and Witnesses Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/59133.aspx>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated this week

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

**Draft guidance to charities on the Scottish independence referendum**

(closing date 15 May 2013)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/new-draft-guidance-on-scottish-independence-referendum/>

**Making Justice Work - Courts Reform Bill** (closing date 24 May 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/02/5302/downloads>

## Consultations (continued)

**Beyond 2011: user requirements for future population and socio-demographic information** (closing date 10 June 2013)

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/beyond-2011/consultations-events/consultations/user-requirements.html>

**Design of the Data Sharing and Linking Service** (closing date 29 May 2013)

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Products-and-Services/eDRIS/DSLIS-consultation/>

**Scottish Independence Referendum Bill** (closing date 6 June 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_ReferendumScotlandBillCommittee/RefBill\\_call\\_for\\_evidence\\_21\\_March\\_2013.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_ReferendumScotlandBillCommittee/RefBill_call_for_evidence_21_March_2013.pdf)

**See Hear: A strategic framework for meeting the needs of people with a sensory impairment in Scotland** (closing date 28 June 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0041/00417992.pdf>

**Interests of the Members of the Scottish Parliament Bill** (closing date 22 July 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/FINAL\\_consultation\\_document.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/FINAL_consultation_document.pdf)

**\*\* Children and Young People Bill** (closing date 26 July 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call\\_for\\_written\\_evidence.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/General%20Documents/Call_for_written_evidence.pdf)

**Our Communities, Your Duties** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KN9FT6N>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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**Muslim Families' Experiences of the Education System in England and Scotland**

13 May 2013 in Edinburgh (2.00 – 5.30)

Centre for Research in Education Inclusion and Diversity launch of research findings about Muslim pupils' educational outcomes in England and Scotland, Muslim families' educational aspirations, Muslim families' negotiation of school choice and attitudes to faith schools, and Home/school negotiations of cultural practices. For information contact Fannie Kong [creid@ed.ac.uk](mailto:creid@ed.ac.uk) or see <http://mpeees.eventbrite.co.uk>

**Dealing with discrimination**

22 May 2013 in Inverness (1.00 – 4.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission training focusing on individual protection against discrimination, and providing an update on discrimination law and, by using case studies, building knowledge of how to identify and tackle discrimination. For information contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967 / [scotlandcommunication@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:scotlandcommunication@equalityhumanrights.com)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Influencing Politicians and Political Structures**

22 May 2013 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

Coalition for Equality and Rights training to communicate effectively with political decision makers. For information contact Nadia [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk) / 0141 418 6530 or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/training/influencing-politicians-political-structures>

### **The housing journey from seeking asylum to settling in Scotland**

30 May 2013 in Glasgow (1.15 – 4.45)

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide an introduction to core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/c9wuzp9>.

### **Working with interpreters**

30 May 2013 in Glasgow (1.15 – 4.45)

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 contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/c8k983b>.

### **Refugee Week**

17-23 June 2013

Festival with over 100 arts and cultural events, including music, comedy, theatre, literature, community celebrations, events in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Perth and as far afield as Mull and New Galloway, to celebrate the contributions refugees have made to Scotland and the communities that have welcomed them. For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/5877/RefugeeWeek2013\\_Programme.pdf](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/5877/RefugeeWeek2013_Programme.pdf)

### **Mental Health and Ethnicity**

30 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

West of Scotland Health and Ethnicity Conference to present an evidence based approach to influence the development of a healthier minority ethnic community in Scotland. Deadline for submissions: 31 July 2013. For information contact Sidra Shirjeel [sidra.shirjeel@cc3.org.uk](mailto:sidra.shirjeel@cc3.org.uk) or see <http://tinyurl.com/bmvj354>

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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)

## Useful Links (continued)

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/>

Equality Advisory Support Service <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

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/>

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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