

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish Parliament and House of Commons are now in recess until 2 September, and the House of Lords will be in recess from 30 July to 8 October. During the summer MEMO will be issued fortnightly on 12 and 26 August, and 9 September.

Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-07361 Neil Findlay: Contemptible Campaign Should be Dropped Now—That the Parliament condemns in the strongest possible terms what it considers to be the contemptible campaign launched by the UK Government that includes the message, “In the UK illegally? Go home or face arrest”; believes that this message resembles the racist language prevalent among many far right groups; considers that this campaign has seen the Conservative-led coalition, even by what it considers its own dismal standards, stoop to a new low; asks that this campaign is dropped as a matter of urgency and to ensure that no more public money is wasted on what it believes are such offensive materials, and asks the UK Government to retreat from such discourse and instead act

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Motion (continued)

responsibly by encouraging good cross-community relations rather than indulge in campaigns that it believes can only foster negativity and suspicion between different ethnic groups across the UK.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07361&ResultsPerPage=10>

New Publications

Migration Statistics

vol 1 <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmpubadm/523/523.pdf>

vol 2 <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmpubadm/523/523vw.pdf>

What are the consequences of minimum income requirement for family migrants in the UK?

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/publications/MRN-Family_income_requirement_July-2013.pdf

The incredible rise of migrants' remittances

<http://www.visualizing.org/full-screen/54850>

Using EU Indicators of Immigrant Integration

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/immigration/general/docs/final_report_on_using_eu_indicators_of_immigrant_integration_june_2013_en.pdf

News

ASA probes Home Office 'go home' van campaign

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-23632096>

Home Office 'Go Home' ad vans being investigated

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/home-office-go-home-ad-vans-being-investigated-1-3039761>

Home Office's 'go home' ad campaign: Advertising watchdog launches investigation

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/home-offices-go-home-ad-campaign-advertising-watchdog-launches-investigation-8753946.html>

Home office 'Go Home' campaign faces ad watchdog investigation

<http://www.theguardian.com/media/2013/aug/09/home-office-go-home-campaign>

Home Office 'Go Home' drive on illegal immigrants faces Liberty riposte

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/06/go-home-office-immigration-liberty>

'Go home' billboards face ads watchdog race-hate inquiry

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3838491.ece>

Our hysterical media helped create the immigrant 'go home' van

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/08/media-immigrant-go-home-van>

Immigration and Asylum News (continued)

'Go home' campaign creating climate of fear, say rights groups

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/08/go-home-climate-of-fear-rights-groups>

On immigration, dull effectiveness could beat noisy aggressiveness

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/06/immigration-policy-dull-effectiveness-go-home>

Martin Ruhs warns government over 'spectacle' immigration policy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23563619>

Government adviser's warning over spot checks for illegal immigrants

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/03/government-adviser-spot-checks-illegal-migrants>

Cameron defends tactics on illegal immigrants

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/cameron-defends-tactics-on-illegal-immigrants-1-3031221>

Downing Street says 'go home' van ads are working

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23489925>

'Go home' campaign did not undergo impact assessment, claim critics

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/jul/31/go-home-campaign-critics>

Home Office vans: Unite union in 'race hatred' query

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23545955>

Controversial Government advert telling illegal immigrants to 'go home' or face arrest is reported to advertising regulators

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/controversial-government-advert-telling-illegal-immigrants-to-go-home-or-face-arrest-is-reported-to-advertising-regulators-8739325.html>

Pressure rises on Home Office over immigration spot-checks

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3833576.ece>

Illegal immigrants DO want to leave Britain, Sikh community leader insists as row over poster campaign continues

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2388480/Illegal-immigrants-DO-want-leave-Britain-Sikh-community-leader-insists-row-poster-campaign-continues.html>

Equality watchdog investigates 'racist' crackdown on migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3832450.ece>

Immigrant spot checks: Equality watchdog investigates

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23552088>

Home Office may have broken the law in 'racist' spot checks on suspected illegal immigrants – and may have questioned domestic violence victims

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/home-office-may-have-broken-the-law-in-racist-spot-checks-on-suspected-illegal-immigrants--and-may-have-questioned-domestic-violence-victims-8744381.html>

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Home Office to be probed by equality watchdog after raids

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/home-office-to-be-probed-by-equality-watchdog-after-raids.21778876>

Campaign targeting illegal immigrants is referred to advertising watchdog

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/jul/31/campaign-illegal-immigrants-advertising-watchdog>

Immigration spot checks not racist, says Home Office

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/03/immigration-spotchecks-racist-home-office>

Doreen Lawrence questions focus on non-whites in immigrant crackdown

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/aug/02/doreen-lawrence-non-whites-immigrant-crackdown>

'The UK Hunger Games': Home Office anti-immigration tweets spark Twitter backlash

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/the-uk-hunger-games-home-office-antiimmigration-tweets-spark-twitter-backlash-8743941.html>

'We aren't targeting people based on race': Immigration Minister defends spot checks at railway stations... but won't tell us ethnicity of those they stopped

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2383985/Immigration-minister-Mark-Harper-defends-spot-checks-railway-stations.html?ico=news%5Eheadlines>

Racial profiling row as officials hold 140 'illegal immigrants' and Home Office TWEETS out the arrest pictures

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2383156/Police-arresting-139-illegal-immigrant-suspects-watchdog-launches-probe.html>

Controversy as suspected illegal immigrants arrested in crackdown

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article3832356.ece>

This hunt for illegal immigrants is revolting

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/03/spot-checks-erode-racial-unity>

Eastern Europeans in the UK: are they arriving in hordes?

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/reality-check/2013/jul/31/eastern-europeans-uk-numbers-benefits>

Border staff 'not fingerprinting' illegal immigrants in France

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23610466>

Migrant baby boom pushes population to new high

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3838188.ece>

Don't go home: Scotland needs you

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/columnists/dont-go-home-scotland-needs-you.21838119>

Scots police seek 'human trafficking' aid

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-23489064>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Human trafficking awareness campaign launched

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/human-trafficking-awareness-campaign-launched-1-3020124>

MacAskill hails benefits of partnership in fight against trafficking

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/macaskill-hails-benefits-of-partnership-in-fight-against-trafficking.21735670>

Public is asked to help spot trafficking victims

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/public-is-asked-to-help-spot-trafficking-victims-131818n.21729639>

Cameron urged to save the service Somalis bank on

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/industries/banking/article3836955.ece>

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Race Relations

News

British become more segregated

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/british-become-more-segregated.21819793>

Only one in 10 Britons has best friend of different race

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/only-one-in-10-britons-has-best-friend-of-different-race-8750993.html>

Britain is racially diverse, so why is friendship still a black and white issue?

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/09/britain-racially-diverse-black-white-friendships>

This Ramadan we've shown Islam and Britishness are not incompatible

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/10/ramadan-islam-britishness-not-incompatible>

Gypsies belong here too. So why do we always expect them to 'move on'?

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/04/gypsies-belong-here-meriden-travellers>

Barefoot beggars of Roma community

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/barefoot-beggars-of-roma-community.21835567>

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Equality

Press Release

Nick Clegg calls on banks to do more to support ethnic minority business

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nick-clegg-calls-on-banks-to-do-more-to-support-ethnic-minority-business>

Equality (continued) New Publication

Ethnic Minority Businesses and Access to Finance

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/225762/EMBs_and_Access_to_Finance.pdf

News

Equality and Human Rights Commission: Scottish Government not maximising potential of all Scotland's people

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/equality-and-human-rights-commission-scottish-government-not-maximising-potential-of-all-scotlands-people.1375287>

Christians lose out to atheists for senior jobs as religious people are 'held back from top positions'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2383925/Christians-lose-atheists-senior-jobs-religious-people-held-positions.html>

Banks not racially discriminating against black businesses, says report

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2013/jul/30/banks-not-racially-discriminating-black-businesses>

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Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-07372 Mary Fee: Doreen Lawrence Appointed to the House of Lords—That the Parliament congratulates Doreen Lawrence, the mother of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence, on her appointment to the House of Lords; understands that Doreen has campaigned tirelessly to bring about justice for her son and that her campaigning has had a profound impact both on policing and attitudes towards racism; notes that the charity set up in her son's name, the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, aims to promote a positive community legacy by transforming the lives of young people and achieving real social change, and welcomes her campaigning work, which it believes has changed, and will continue to change, the country for the better.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07372&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

David Cameron Says High-Level Taskforce To Tackle Violence Against Muslims

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2013/08/10/prevent-taskforce-islamop_n_3737164.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

Cameras to catch racist thugs in shops

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/crime/cameras-to-catch-racist-thugs-in-shops-1-3019587>

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News (continued)

Liverpool issue list of 'unacceptable' words to fight discrimination

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2013/jul/30/liverpool-unacceptable-words-discrimination>

Arrest over mosque blast tattoo seen at Birmingham EDL rally

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-23517893>

Caste discrimination law faces appalling delays, say campaigners

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23501389>

Call for inquiry as caste discrimination law is delayed until after election

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/call-for-inquiry-as-caste-discrimination-law-is-delayed-until-after-election-8737338.html>

Anti-caste discrimination reforms blocked, say critics

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/jul/29/anti-caste-discrimination-reforms>

Doreen Lawrence pledges to condemn 'racial profiling' spot checks in the House of Lords

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/exclusive-doreen-lawrence-pledges-to-condemn-racial-profiling-spot-checks-in-the-house-of-lords-8742754.html>

Woman made racist comment to German neighbour

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/woman-made-racist-comment-to-german-neighbour-1-3034111>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Scotland's population at its highest ever

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-population-at-its-highest-ever-2ea.aspx>

First Minister sends Eid Mubarak greetings

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/First-Minister-sends-Eid-Mubarak-greetings-2ec.aspx>

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Other Westminster

Press Releases

Caste legislation introduction – programme and timetable

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/225658/130726-Caste-Discrimination.pdf

Innovation Fund opens to get more people on the electoral register

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/half-of-young-people-not-registered-to-vote-confirmed-by-new-government-research>

Other Westminster Press Releases (continued)

Government warns of forced marriage risk during school holidays

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-warns-of-forced-marriage-risk-during-school-holidays>

David Cameron wishes Muslims around the world Eid Mubarak

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-2013-david-cameron-wishes-muslims-around-the-world-eid-mubarak>

Eid 2013: Deputy Prime Minister's video message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-2013-deputy-prime-ministers-video-message>

Eid messages from the Foreign Secretary and Baroness Warsi

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/eid-messages-from-the-foreign-secretary-and-baroness-warsi>

Baroness Warsi sends her best wishes to those celebrating Eid

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/baroness-warsi-sends-her-best-wishes-to-those-celebrating-eid>

Ministers take part in the Big Iftar at mosques across the country

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-take-part-in-the-big-iftar-at-mosques-across-the-country>

New Publication

Electoral Registration Analysis

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/226739/Electoral-Registration-Analysis-CO.pdf

News

Doreen Lawrence set to join House of Lords as Labour peer

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-23519563>

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New Publications

Office of National Statistics: 2011 census releases (England and Wales only)

Local Characteristic tables on ethnicity, identity, language and religion for output areas in England and Wales

https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/census/2011/local_characteristics

New health geographies (clinical commissioning groups and NHS area teams) for Quick Statistics, Key Statistics and Local Characteristics

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/articles/753.aspx>

What factors predict volunteering among youths in the uk?

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2fPHiMW%2fm1yo%3d&tabid=1020>

New Publications (continued)

In it together? Perceptions on ethnicity, recession and austerity in three Glasgow communities

<http://www.crer.org.uk/Publications/inittogether.pdf>

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Other News

Scotland's National Action Plan for Human Rights

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/snapnewsjul2013>

Forced marriages: School holidays prompt warning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23639070>

Forced marriages 'peak in school holidays'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3839455.ece>

Forced marriage ruins the lives of too many girls, so we're working to end it

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/aug/10/forced-marriage-girls-lynn-featherstone>

Why female genital mutilation must end

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/magazine/article3834995.ece>

In pictures: British Asians

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-23486552>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Holyrood

Children and Young People Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/62233.aspx>

Criminal Justice Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/65155.aspx>

Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/64983.aspx>

**** Post-16 Education Bill**

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

Royal Assent

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/BusinessBulletin/66311.aspx>

Scottish Independence Referendum Bill

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

Bills in Progress

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Scottish Independence Referendum (Franchise) Bill

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

Victims and Witnesses Bill

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

Bills in Progress

Westminster

Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/asylumseekersreturntonearestsafecountry.html>

Charitable Status for Religious Institutions Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/charitablestatusforreligiousinstitutions.html>

Collection of Nationality Data Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/collectionofnationalitydata.html>

Face Coverings (Prohibition) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/facecoveringsprohibition.html>

Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

Immigration Act 1971 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/immigrationact1971amendment.html>

Lobbyists (Registration of Code of Conduct) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/lobbyistsregistrationofcodeofconduct.html>

Romanian and Bulgarian Accession (Labour Restriction) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2013-14/romanianandbulgarianaccessionlabourrestriction.html>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

**** closes this week!**

Stop and Search (closing date 13 August 2013)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/stop-and-search>

**** closes next week!**

Prevention of illegal working: Strengthening and simplifying the civil penalty scheme (closing date 20 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/civ-il-penalties/>

Consultations (continued)

**** closes next week!**

Tackling illegal migration in privately rented accommodation (21 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/33-landlords/>

**** closes next week!**

Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill (closing date 23 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/63773.aspx>

**** closes next week!**

Scrutiny of the draft budget 2014-15 (closing date 23 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/65208.aspx>

Migrant access to health services in the UK (closing date 28 August 2013)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/34-healthcare/>

Criminal Justice Bill (closing date 30 August 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/65418.aspx>

Implementation of the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011: Expedited "not staying registration" Procedure (closing date 30 August 2013)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0042/00427673.pdf>

Inquiry into proposals for an independent fiscal body (closing date 6 September 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/65292.aspx>

Counter-terrorism (closing date 30 September 2013)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news/130723-counter-terrorism-new-inquiry/>

Inquiry on Race and Higher Education (closing date 31 October 2013)

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/492/272/APPG-Inquiry-on-Race-and-Higher-Education.html>

Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) (closing date 4 November 2013)

Draft SORP

<http://www.charitySORP.org/media/513587/charity-sorp-exposure-draft.pdf>

Consultation document

<http://www.charitySORP.org/media/513666/charity-sorp-invitation-to-comment.pdf>

Tried and Trusted? The Role of NGOs in Asylum Seeker and Irregular Migrant Voluntary Return (no closing date given)

<https://www.isurvey.soton.ac.uk/7654>

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**** Scottish FA Football Equity: coach education**

24 August 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish FA Football Equity project initiative to increase awareness and participation of minority groups in the grassroots game. In addition to delivering practical content, the course will develop coaching technique, focus on skill development and explore the best age-specific activities for developing young players. For information contact Jenifer Malone Jennifer.Malone@scottishfa.co.uk / 0131 667 8245.

Festival of Politics

23 to 25 August 2013 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

Full programme: <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/pdf/FOPEventsProgramme2013.pdf>

What is the Future of Immigration in Scotland?

25 August 2013 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (12.30 – 2.00) □ Discussion to explore current immigration policy in the UK and Scotland and examine what kind of immigration Scotland might need in the future. For information see

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/207.htm>

More Tea, Imam?

26 August 2013 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

Interfaith Scotland dialogue to discuss obstacles in interfaith work, how school and home education affects dialogue between believers, and, in the light of greater secularisation of the state and society, to what extent interfaith activities support religious life and spirituality. For information see <http://www.justjust.org/#!/more-tea-imam/cpoe>

****Dealing with Discrimination**

11 September 2013 in Dundee (1.00 – 4.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission training aimed at organisations providing advice and support to people who may experience discrimination. For information contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

**** Influencing Politicians and Political Structures: Equality**

16 September 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.30)

CRER training to explore Scottish, Local and UK political structures. introduce a range of ways to influence political decision making, and provide tips for successful political engagement. For information contact Nadia Rafiq 0141 418 6530 / nadia@crer.org.uk or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/81-front-page-articles/398-influencing-politicians-and-political-structures-equality>

****Equality Act 2010: What Do We Need to Know?**

18 September 2013 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

CRER training an overview of what the the Equality Act means for the voluntary sector, including your responsibilities both to staff and service users. For information contact Brian McNee brian.mcnee@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 354 6511 or see http://www.gcvs.org.uk/whats_on/1505_equality_act_2010_what_do_we_need_to_know

**** Update on employment and equality rights**

19 September 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Scottish Employment Rights Network and Equality and Human Rights Commission Conference about changes to Employment Tribunals, protecting employment and equality rights, and developing skills and strategies to better advise and represent others. For information contact David Reilly equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5967.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

An introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

3 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 4.30)

8 November 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/burro73> or contact 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** Introduction to Accessibility**

8 October 2013 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

CRER training about a wide range of accessibility issues, including 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 contact Brian McNee brian.mcnee@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 354 6511 or see http://www.gcvs.org.uk/whats_on/1506_introduction_to_accessibility

**** HMD 2014 Activity Organiser workshop**

14 October 2014 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop about the 2014 theme Journeys, receive guidance on activity organising, and meet others who are also planning to mark HMD 2014 in your region. For information see <http://www.hmd.org.uk/events/hmd-2014-activity-organiser-workshop-glasgow> or contact enquiries@hmd.org.uk

Working with interpreters

22 October 2013 in Glasgow (9.15 – 1.00)

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 0141 248 9799 / train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk.

**** Equality in Employment**

30 October 2013 in Glasgow (10.30 – 4.30)

CRER training to provide practical tips and explanations to help organisations meet their legal and ethical responsibilities. For information contact Brian McNee brian.mcnee@gcvs.org.uk / 0141 354 6511 or see http://www.gcvs.org.uk/whats_on/1507_equality_in_employment

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 or see <http://tinyurl.com/bmvj354>

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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/>

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

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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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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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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