

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The UK Parliament is in recess until 8 October 2013.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Press Release

Changes to 'knowledge of language and life' requirements and application details  
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/85-koll>

### New Publications

World Migration Report 2013: Migrant Well-being and Development  
[http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/free/WMR2013\\_EN.pdf](http://publications.iom.int/bookstore/free/WMR2013_EN.pdf)

Forced Migration Review  
<http://www.fmreview.org/en/detention.pdf>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued) News

**Brits see immigration as bigger issue than European neighbours, study finds**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/brits-see-immigration-as-bigger-issue-than-european-neighbours-study-finds-8827218.html>

**Naturalising Newham - radical plan to boost integration**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-24146572>

**Sexual abuse allegations corroborated at Yarl's Wood immigration centre**  
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/sep/21/sexual-abuse-yarls-wood-immigration>

**UK needs migrant workers 'because locals are lazy', says Bulgaria**  
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/sep/21/bulgaria-uk-migrants-agriculture-benefit-tourism>

**Reality check: more immigrants in 2010 than in the last 1,000 years?**  
<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/reality-check/2013/sep/20/more-immigrants-2010-than-a-thousand-years-before>

**Miliband: if we win election we will cut immigration**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10326285/Ed-Miliband-Labour-will-cut-immigration-if-we-win-next-election.html>

**Decisions concerning migrant children must always be based on their best interests**  
<http://humanrightscomment.org/2013/09/19/decisions-concerning-migrant-children-must-always-be-based-on-their-best-interests/>

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## Race Relations

### Press Release

**Home Secretary visits West Midlands mosque**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-visits-west-midlands-mosque>

### News

**More halal chicken soup, Rabbi?**  
<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/newsreview/features/article1316598.ece>

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## Equality

### Westminster Parliamentary Question

#### Terrorism: Stop and Search

**Baroness Scotland of Asthal:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the proportion of Black and Asian people stopped and searched under

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stop and search powers compared with that of other ethnicities, and of the reasons for any differences in the figures.[HL2226]

**Reply from Lord Taylor of Holbeach:** Statistics in relation to the use of stop and search powers are published annually; the most recent were included in *Police Powers and Procedures England and Wales 2011/12*, which is available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/police-powers-and-procedures-in-england-and-wales-201112/police-powers-and-procedures-in-england-and-wales-2011-12>

These statistics show that, based on the self-classification of those who were stopped and searched under Section 1 of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 1984 in 2011-12, 14 per cent were Black and 10 per cent were Asian. In the same period, of those stopped and searched under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, 36 per cent were Black and 17 per cent were Asian. In 2011-12, no searches were conducted under Section 47a of the Terrorism Act 2000.

These figures indicate that Black and Asian people are over-represented in stops and searches, as against the proportion of Black and Asian people in the population of England and Wales. The Government is currently consulting publicly on the use of stop and search powers. Part of the aim of the consultation, alongside a recent inspection of stop and search powers by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, is to understand better the public experience of the use of these powers, and to gain public views on how the police should deploy and account for their use. The consultation ends on 24th September.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/160913.htm#hdg-TerrorismStopandSearch>

## New Publications

### **Review of the Public Sector Equality Duty: Report of the Independent Steering Group**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/237194/Review\\_of\\_the\\_Public\\_Sector\\_Equality\\_Duty\\_by\\_the\\_Independent\\_Steering\\_Group.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/237194/Review_of_the_Public_Sector_Equality_Duty_by_the_Independent_Steering_Group.pdf)

### **Measuring Up? Monitoring public authorities performance of the employment duties**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/Scotland/PSED\\_in\\_Scotland/measuring\\_up\\_2\\_publishing\\_employment\\_information.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/PSED_in_Scotland/measuring_up_2_publishing_employment_information.pdf)

### **Procurement and the public sector equality duty: A guide for public authorities (Scotland)**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/Scotland/PSED\\_in\\_Scotland/ehrc\\_procurement\\_guidance\\_2013\\_-\\_final.doc](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/PSED_in_Scotland/ehrc_procurement_guidance_2013_-_final.doc)

## News

### **It's better to 'gold-plate' equality law than protect institutional prejudice**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/16/gold-plate-equality-law-institutional-prejudice>

### **How many women wear the niqab in the UK?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/reality-check/2013/sep/20/how-many-wear-niqab-uk>

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### News (continued)

**Debate needed on veils in some public places, says minister**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24104811>

**Lib Dem minister calls for debate on Islamic veil**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/16/debate-muslim-veil-lib-dem-minister>

**Face veils in hospital under review**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-24158041>

**Doctors and nurses' regulators asked to clarify guidance on face veils**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/19/doctors-nurses-face-veils-ban>

**I wouldn't want to be treated by a doctor wearing a veil, says Jeremy Hunt as review launched into use of Muslim clothing in hospitals**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2426101/Jeremy-Hunt-says-wouldnt-want-treated-doctor-wearing-veil-review-launched-use-Muslim-clothing-hospitals.html>

**'Few, if any' Muslim hospital workers wear full veil**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/few-if-any-muslim-hospital-workers-wear-full-veil-8826042.html>

**Defendant allowed to wear veil at trial**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/defendant-allowed-to-wear-veil-at-trial.22170704>

**Muslim woman must remove veil to give trial evidence**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-24112067>

**Muslim woman must remove niqab while giving evidence, judge rules**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10312604/Muslim-woman-Rebekah-Dawson-must-remove-niqab-while-giving-evidence-judge-rules.html>

**Veils in court are a barrier to justice**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/telegraph-view/10312765/Veils-in-court-are-a-barrier-to-justice.html>

**You must take off your veil: Judge rules that Muslim defendant can wear niqab during trial but NOT when giving evidence**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2421893/Judge-Peter-Murphy-rules-Muslim-woman-REMOVE-face-veil-evidence.html>

**Judge compromises over niqab for Muslim woman in dock**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/16/muslim-woman-niqab-judge-ruling>

**Veils in court: this compromise ruling struck the wrong balance**

<http://www.theguardian.com/law/2013/sep/17/veil-court-ruling-wrong-balance>

**Wearing niqab should be woman's choice, says Theresa May**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/wearing-niqab-should-be-womans-choice-says-theresa-may-8822449.html>

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### News (continued)

**Wearing veil should be the woman's choice, says Theresa May**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/17/veil-womans-choice-theresa-may>

**Ban 'offensive' full-face veils in ALL schools because 'they make women invisible,' urges Tory MP**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2421613/MP-Sarah-Wollaston-Ban-offensive-face-veils-ALL-schools-make-women-invisible.html>

**It is not 'appropriate' for students to wear veil in classroom, says Nick Clegg**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/it-is-not-appropriate-for-students-to-wear-veil-in-classroom-says-nick-clegg-8818145.html>

**Veils are not appropriate in classrooms or airport security, says Nick Clegg**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/16/veils-classrooms-airport-nick-clegg>

**Full-face veils are 'inappropriate' in schools, Clegg warns as Tory MP calls for ban because 'they make women invisible'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2421744/Full-face-veils-inappropriate-schools-Clegg-warns-Tory-MP-calls-ban-make-women-invisible.html>

**Boris Johnson: Forcing children to wear a burkha to school is 'completely wrong' and contradicts British freedoms**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-forcing-children-to-wear-a-burkha-to-school-is-completely-wrong-and-contradicts-british-freedoms-8824621.html>

**I wear the niqab, let me speak on my own behalf**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/i-wear-the-niqab-let-me-speak-on-my-own-behalf-8824243.html?origin=internalSearch>

**'Why it is so important for us to wear the veil'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/why-it-is-so-important-for-us-to-wear-the-veil-8822770.html>

**Judge the person, not the veil**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/judge-the-person-not-the-veil-8824602.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Fully veiled women hinder progressive Islam**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/fully-veiled-women-hinder-progressive-islam-8817963.html?origin=internalSearch>

**A veiled threat: The principle of open justice trumps the right to individual religious expression**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/a-veiled-threat-the-principle-of-open-justice-trumps-the-right-to-individual-religious-expression-8822526.html?origin=internalSearch>

**This ban does not bode well for Britain's multicultural future**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/this-ban-does-not-bode-well-for-britains-multicultural-future-8827081.html?origin=internalSearch>

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### News (continued)

**Banning the veil from British town halls would divide councils and community**

<http://www.theguardian.com/local-government-network/2013/sep/20/veil-councils-david-cameron>

**Full-face veils aren't barbaric – but our response can be**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/17/full-face-veil-not-barbaric-debate-muslim-women>

**The niqab debate: 'Is the veil the biggest issue we face in the UK?'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/sep/16/veil-biggest-issue-uk-niqab-debate>

**Niqabs - in the public eye**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/dani-garavelli-niqabs-in-the-public-eye-1-3105790>

**Don't follow France's burqa ban. It has curbed liberty and justice**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/21/dont-ban-veil-in-uk>

**Let's face it – the niqab is ridiculous, and the ideology behind it weird**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/lets-face-it--the-niqab-is-ridiculous-and-the-ideology-behind-it-weird-8831691.html>

**Teaching union furious as Islamic free school staff are told they must wear hijab even if they are not Muslim**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/teaching-union-furious-as-islamic-free-school-staff-are-told-they-must-wear-hijab-even-if-they-are-not-muslim-8830209.html>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

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**Wayne Stilwell jailed for mosque bacon attack**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-24130079>

**Mosque offence man sent to prison**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/mosque-offence-man-sent-to-prison.22179918>

**Tottenham fans should not be prosecuted for controversial 'Yid' chants, says David Cameron**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/news-and-comment/tottenham-fans-should-not-be-prosecuted-for-controversial-yid-chants-says-david-cameron-8822312.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Cameron: Let Tottenham Hotspur fans say 'Yid'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/cameron-let-tottenham-hotspur-fans-say-yid-1-3097543>

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**Cameron backs soccer fans over 'hate' chants: Spurs supporters are just having a joke at their own expense, says PM**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2423753/David-Cameron-Tottenham-fans-charged-using-Y-word-unless-hatred.html>

**Prime Minister believes Spurs fans should not be charged for using Y-word... unless chants are motivated by hatred**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/football/article-2423348/David-Cameron-believes-Tottenham-fans-charged-using-Y-word-unless-hatred.html>

**Spurs fans should not be punished for chanting 'Yid', says David Cameron**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/17/david-cameron-yids-chants-spurs>

**Yes, David Cameron, 'Yid' really is a race-hate word. Here's why**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/17/david-cameron-yid-really-is-race-hate-word>

**Spurs' Yid Army is not motivated by hate, says Cameron**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article3871529.ece>

**Writer Baddiel hits out at PM over Jewish 'race-hate word'**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/writer-baddiel-hits-out-at-pm-over-jewish-race-hate-word.22190357>

**Andre Villas-Boas backs David Cameron's view on chanting of 'Yid' by Tottenham supporters**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/andre-villasboas-backs-david-camerons-view-on-chanting-of-yid-by-tottenham-supporters-8824922.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Tottenham fans: Why get rid of Yid?**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/tottenham-fans-why-get-rid-of-yid-8820085.html?origin=internalSearch>

**Tottenham will consult fans with questionnaire about 'Yid army' chants**

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2013/sep/15/tottenham-yid-army-chants>

**What price a golliwog in Shetland?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/20/golliwog-shetland>

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## Other Holyrood

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Female Genital Mutilation

**Jenny Marra:** To ask the Scottish Government how many reports of female genital mutilation have been made to the police by national health service staff since 2005. (S40-02389)

**Reply from the Minister for Public Health (Michael Matheson):** Three reports

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of female genital mutilation have been made to the police by NHS staff since 2005.

**Jenny Marra:** Three reports does not seem very many, as 3,000 women in Scotland are at risk of having their clitoris cut out. The minister will know that girls who are born to mothers whose genitals have been tortured are at very high risk of genital mutilation. Pregnancy screening is a key point for medical staff to identify that risk. What is NHS Scotland doing during pregnancy screening to reduce the risk for baby girls?

**Reply from Michael Matheson:** We are aware that there is a risk of female genital mutilation to approximately 3,000 women in Scotland, and some of the work that we are taking forward includes the new strategy on violence against women, which will be published later this year. That strategy will have a strand on developing this area of work further—in particular to raise awareness and understanding among a range of staff on how we can reduce the risk and identify areas of risk more effectively. Alongside that, the strategy will help to ensure that those members of staff, in particular the staff within our maternity units, are better informed and are in a position where they can make referrals on as and when appropriate.

As I am sure the member will also recognise, it is important that, where a case is identified, the individual is provided with the best possible healthcare. NHS Scotland will ensure that that happens.

**Jenny Marra:** The experts tell me that asking questions during pregnancy screening is particularly important for identifying the risk. Can the minister assure me that those questions are being asked during the screening?

**Reply from Michael Matheson:** Female genital mutilation will be an important strand of the work that we will take forward through the new strategy on violence against women. Part of that will be to make sure that we have healthcare staff who are properly informed and understand what actions they should take when a case is presented and who, in doing so, also make sure that the woman receives the appropriate healthcare at that point, should there be any requirement for a follow-up.

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8506&mode=html#iob\\_77068](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8506&mode=html#iob_77068)

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## Other Westminster

### Press Release

**The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – nominations due by 30 September 2013**

<https://www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service/how-to-make-a-nomination>

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## New Publications

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts 2012-13**

[http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/446466/2013-09-17\\_oscr\\_annual\\_report\\_and\\_accounts\\_2013.pdf](http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/446466/2013-09-17_oscr_annual_report_and_accounts_2013.pdf)



## New Publications (continued)

### Who are the people powering Britain's charities?

[https://www.cafonline.org/PDF/CAF\\_Britains\\_Civic\\_Core\\_Sept13.pdf](https://www.cafonline.org/PDF/CAF_Britains_Civic_Core_Sept13.pdf)

### Wales and the Scottish Independence Referendum

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/research/bus-assembly-research-publications/research-constitution/13-064.pdf?langoption=3&ttl=Wales%20and%20the%20Scottish%20Independence%20Referendum%20-%20Research%20Paper>

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## Other News

### Move over organic – the new big business in food is halal

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/news/move-over-organic--the-new-big-business-in-food-is-halal-8831791.html?origin=internalSearch>

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## Bills in Progress

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#### \*\* Children and Young People Bill

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

Education Committee: Stage 1 evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8507&mode=pdf>

Finance Committee: Financial Memorandum: evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8505&mode=pdf>

#### 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>

#### Scottish Independence Referendum Bill

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

#### Victims and Witnesses Bill

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

### 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>

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#### 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

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#### 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>

#### Language Controls for Doctors - Proposed Changes to the Medical Act 1983

(closing date 2 December 2013)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/237302/language\\_controls\\_doctors\\_consultation.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/237302/language_controls_doctors_consultation.pdf)

#### Proposed Human Trafficking Bill (closing date 6 December 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/20130909\\_Human\\_Trafficking\\_Consultation\\_final\\_version.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/20130909_Human_Trafficking_Consultation_final_version.pdf)

#### \*\* Review of migrant employment in low-skilled work (closing date 13 December 2013)

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

## Consultations (continued)

### **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>

### **Scottish Football Association Equality Survey** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKJQQ95>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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#### **"Domestic Abuse and Minority Ethnic Women, Children & Young People"**

26 (9.30-4.30pm) & 27 (9.30-12.30pm) September 2013 in Edinburgh

17 (9.30-4.30pm) & 18 (9.30-12.30pm) October 2013 in Edinburgh

28 (9.30-4.30pm) & 29 (9.30-12.30pm) November 2013 in Edinburgh

Shakti training to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children & young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/owhjag2> or contact Ola, Mridu, or Lisa 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

#### **Black History Month**

1 to 31 October

Full programme available at <http://www.crer.org.uk/BlackHistory/2013Brochure.pdf>

#### **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](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.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](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk).

#### **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>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### Discrimination Law in 2013 – Trick or Treat?

31 October 2013 in Edinburgh

Scottish Discrimination Law Association conference in partnership with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, covering the year's key developments in discrimination law. Reduced rates may be available for voluntary organisations. For information contact Angela Barclay [angela.barclay@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:angela.barclay@equalityhumanrights.com) / 0141 228 5951.

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**Scottish Government** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

**Westminster Parliament** <http://www.parliament.uk/>

**Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw](http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw)

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

**One Scotland Many Cultures** <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

**Scottish Refugee Council** [www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**Scottish Inter Faith Council** <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

**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/>

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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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