

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament is in recess until 8 October 2013.

Immigration and Asylum

Westminster Parliamentary Question

Habitual Residence Test

Baroness Scotland of Asthal: To ask Her Majesty's Government how the proposed residence test envisaged by the Ministry of Justice consultation will impact upon the attainment of legal redress by non-residents in challenging Government action.[HL2223]

Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord McNally): The Government has carefully considered the responses to the consultation "Transforming Legal Aid: Delivering a more credible and efficient system" and has published the response "Transforming Legal Aid: Next Steps" available at: <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/transforming-legal-aid-next-steps>

We continue to believe that individuals should in principle have a strong connection to the UK in order to benefit from the civil legal aid scheme and that

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Question (continued)

the residence test we have proposed is a fair and appropriate way to demonstrate that connection.

We are therefore proceeding with our proposal that applicants for civil legal aid will need to be lawfully resident in the UK, Crown Dependencies or British Overseas Territories at the time they apply and have resided there lawfully for at least 12 months in the past. The test will not apply to serving members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and their immediate families, or to asylum seekers.

We will also provide that applicants for civil legal aid on certain matters of law will not be required to meet the residence test. These broadly relate to the individual's liberty, such as challenges to the lawfulness of detention, where the individual is particularly vulnerable or where the case relates to the protection of children.

Anybody excluded from civil legal aid as a result of the residence test in the future would be entitled to apply for exceptional funding, including in respect of services described in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 from which the individual has been excluded as a result of the residence test.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/230913.htm#hdg-HabitualResidenceTest>

New Publication

Monthly asylum application tables

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244511/asylum-jul2013.ods

News

May rules out illegal immigration amnesty

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24289569>

Immigration campaign 'a disgrace'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/immigration-campaign-a-disgrace.22263051>

Labour vows to bring back overseas domestic worker visas

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/23/labour-overseas-domestic-worker-visas-chris-bryant>

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Race Relations

Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

S4M-07804 Jackie Baillie: Black History Month—That the Parliament recognises Black History Month, which has been celebrated in Scotland every October since 2001; understands that 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the late Dr Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech; honours his legacy as one of incredible resolve in the face of adversity; commends the continued work of the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights,

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including the variety of events taking place across Scotland this October, and celebrates the opportunity for individuals from all cultures and ethnicities to learn, understand and honour the positive role that black and minority ethnic men, women and children have played in shaping Scotland's history.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-07804&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

Quarter of young British people 'do not trust Muslims'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/24204742>

One in four young people 'do not trust Muslims'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/one-in-four-young-people-do-not-trust-muslims-8838413.html>

Many young Britons do not trust Muslims, poll finds

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10333201/Many-young-Britons-do-not-trust-Muslims-poll-finds.html>

More than a quarter of young adults in Britain 'do not trust Muslims' because of terror attacks

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2432880/More-quarter-young-adults-Britain-trust-Muslims.html>

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Equality

Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

Race Equality

Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S4W-15294 by Shona Robison on 11 June 2013, when work was undertaken with stakeholders to consider a refreshed race equality statement; who these stakeholders were, and when it will issue the statement for consultation. (S4W-17153)

Reply from Shona Robison: In April 2013, we published our current thinking on how race equality should develop over the next three years. We will shortly begin work to develop the Scottish Government approach to race equality with communities and stakeholders with a view to publishing the statement in spring 2014. This will allow us to take into consideration information provided by the 2011 Census which will be available later this month.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17153&ResultsPerPage=10>

Race Equality

Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it has decided to issue a race equality statement rather than a race equality strategy. (S4W-17155)

Reply from Shona Robison: The 2008-11 Race Equality Statement is still largely relevant and continues to inform the work we do today. The updated statement

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Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

will be a refresh providing more detail on how we intend to take forward our plans in practice. The Scottish Government does not have strategies for individual protected equality characteristics.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17155&ResultsPerPage=10>

Race Equality

Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what funding it provides for work on race equality. (S4W-17158)

Reply from Shona Robison: We are committed to promoting equality across Scotland and working with others to do so. To help achieve that aim, we are providing significant funding (nearly £21 million) during 2012-15 to core organisations to help tackle inequality and discrimination. £5.3 million of this will support specific projects and initiatives in combating racist and religious bigotry and hatred.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17158&ResultsPerPage=10>

Health and Social Care

Jackie Baillie: To ask the Scottish Government what action it has taken since 2007 to improve access to health and social care for black and minority ethnic communities. (S4W-17156)

Reply from Shona Robison: Under the Equality Act 2010, NHS boards and local authorities are required to achieve equality for people including those from black and minority ethnic communities. This is primarily done through Equality Impact Assessments, an approach which NHSScotland has operated since 2005. Specific "Fair for All" guidance on responding to the needs of black and minority ethnic communities has been in place since 2002. NHSScotland is supported by the equality team within NHS Health Scotland, who are working to strengthen equality access for all through their Health Inequalities Impact Assessment. Support has included training for staff in equality and diversity, improving equality monitoring particularly for ethnicity and delivering interpreting and translation services.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17156&ResultsPerPage=10>

New Publication

In-work poverty, ethnicity and workplace cultures

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/poverty-ethnicity-workplace-culture-full.pdf>

News

Ethnic minority low paid workers face more barriers to promotion

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/media-centre/ethnic-minority-low-barriers>

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New Publication

All Wales Hate Crime Research Project: Research Overview & Executive Summary
<http://www.refweb.org.uk/files/Wales%20Hate%20Crime%20Report.pdf>

News

Hate crime: 'Still a daily reality for people in Wales'
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-24194207>

Man fined for sectarian comments made on Facebook
<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/man-fined-for-sectarian-comments-made-on-facebook-1-3107350>

To tackle Islamophobia in Britain, we need to fight clever
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/sep/26/tackling-islamophobia-play-clever-game>

Edinburgh student society apologises for golliwog poster
<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/edinburgh-student-society-apologises-for-golliwog-poster-8839512.html?origin=internalSearch>

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New Publications

2011 census results (The most relevant tables in the new release are listed below; other tables are available at <http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/en/censusresults/downloadablefilesr2.html>)

Statistical Bulletin: 2011 Census: Key Results on Population, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Religion, Health, Housing and Accommodation in Scotland - Release 2A
<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/StatsBulletin2A.pdf>

Ethnic groups, Scotland, 2001 and 2011
<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbtable2.pdf>

Ethnic groups, Scotland, 2011
<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbfigure2.pdf>

Ethnic group by council area, Scotland, 2011
http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/councilarea/KS201_SC_CA.pdf

Ethnic group by health board area, Scotland 2011
http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/healthboard/KS201_SC_HB.pdf

White ethnic groups by council area, Scotland, 2011
<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbfigure3.pdf>

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Minority ethnic groups by council area, Scotland, 2011

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbfigure4.pdf>

Religion (detailed)

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2A_Religion_detailed_Scotland.pdf

Religion (UK harmonised) – Scotland

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/scotland/KS209SCa.pdf>

Religion (UK harmonised) by council area

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/councilarea/KS209SCa_CA.pdf

Religion (UK harmonised) by health board area

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/healthboard/KS209SCa_HB.pdf

Religion, Scotland, 2001 and 2011

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbtable7.pdf>

Religion – Scotland

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/scotland/KS209SCb.pdf>

Religion by council area

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/councilarea/KS209SCb_CA.pdf

Religion by health board area

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/healthboard/KS209SCb_HB.pdf

Religion by council area, Scotland, 2011

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbfigure12.pdf>

Country of birth (detailed)

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2a_COB_detailed_Scotland.pdf

Language used at home other than English (detailed)

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2A_Language_detailed_Scotland.pdf

National identity (detailed)

http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2A_NationalIdentity_detailed_Scotland.pdf

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National identity by council area, Scotland, 2011

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/documents/censusresults/release2a/rel2asbfigure8.pdf>

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Other News

Census results on Population, Ethnicity, Identity, Language, Religion, Health, Housing and Accommodation in Scotland

<http://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/en/news/articles/release2a.html>

Census suggests most Scots 'feel only Scottish'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-24282271>

Two thirds of Scots see themselves as 'Scottish only'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/two-thirds-of-scots-see-themselves-as-scottish-only.1380193864>

Scotland becomes 'a more colourful country'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-24287591>

Census reveals huge rise in number of non-religious Scots

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/census-reveals-huge-rise-in-number-of-non-religious-scots.22270874>

Scotland divided in Census

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/scotland-divided-in-census.22273133>

Scotland more diverse with doubling of non-white residents, census shows

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/sep/26/scotland-diverse-non-white-2011-census>

Halal food 'changing restaurant landscape'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-24285693>

Halal food: a market waiting to be tapped into?

<http://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013/sep/25/halal-food-why-hard-find-britain>

Analysis of FRA Roma survey results by gender

<http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/ep-request-roma-women.pdf>

Competition: What does it mean to be a Muslim woman in Scotland in 2013?

http://www.mwrc.org.uk/download/i/mark_dl/u/4011748127/4599106126/isfm%20competition%20poster.pdf

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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>

Education and Culture Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8520&mode=pdf>

**** Criminal Justice Bill**

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

Justice Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8521&mode=pdf>

**** Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill**

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

Equal Opportunities Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8509&mode=pdf>

**** Scottish Independence Referendum Bill**

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

Proposed Stage 2 amendments

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Scottish%20Independence%20Referendum%20Bill/Website_amendments27Sept.pdf

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>

Bills in Progress

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Romanian and Bulgarian Accession (Labour Restriction) Bill

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

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Consultations

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**** closes this week!**

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.charitycorp.org/media/513587/charity-sorp-exposure-draft.pdf>

Consultation document

<http://www.charitycorp.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

Proposed Human Trafficking Bill (closing date 6 December 2013)

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>

**** The census and future provision of population statistics in England and Wales**

(closing date 13 December 2013)

<http://ons.gov.uk/ons/about-ons/get-involved/consultations/consultations/beyond-2011-consultation/index.html>

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>

**** Experiences of Race and Religion-Related Hate Speech in the UK** (no closing date given)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HR7RBZ3>

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Black History Month

1 to 31 October

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

**** this week!**

Human Rights in Scotland

1 October 2013 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

SCVO and British Institute of Human Rights event to discuss applying human rights in everyday life, and explore how using a human rights based approach can help organisations to tackle the big issues and challenges facing society in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/l3kccpr>

**** this week!**

Enterprising Ethnic Minority Women in Glasgow

1 October 2013 in Glasgow (10.00 – 12.00)

Amina focus group to discuss what motivates ethnic minority women to start a business, and the challenges and barriers they face. For information contact 0141 585 8026 / info@mwrc.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/l2ckfyh>

**** this week!**

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

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

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

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.

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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>

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 / 0141 228 5951.

**** Scottish Parliament Day**

4 November 2013 in Arbroath

Parliament Days aim to take the Scottish Parliament out of Edinburgh to enable people to see it at work, be it 'official' Parliamentary business, or on a less formal level. They also provide an opportunity for people to meet MSPs, the Presiding Officer and Parliament staff. For information see <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/67553.aspx>

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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

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

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Useful Links (continued)

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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