

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

#### Chinese Teachers (Visas)

**Christina McKelvie:** To ask the Scottish Government what discussions it has had with the UK Government on the decision to refuse visas for Chinese teachers working in Scotland through the Confucius hubs system. (S4O-02573)

**Reply from the Cabinet Secretary for Culture and External Affairs (Fiona Hyslop):** The First Minister wrote to Theresa May on 1 November to express dismay at the decision to refuse visas and request that it be reversed. On 6 November, the Home Secretary replied to the First Minister to say that she has decided to “exercise” her “discretion and grant all five of the individuals an extension of leave outside the rules for a further 12 months”.

However, she stated that she considers that to be an exception, and that she has no intention of changing the Government-authorised exchange programme.

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I have written to the Prime Minister today about the need for the visas to enable Chinese teachers from Tianjin to stay here for up to two years. In that way, our pupils and the teachers could derive maximum benefits from their experience. In failing to make those changes, the United Kingdom Government will seriously damage a successful Confucius Institute programme that operates across 17 local authorities. The Prime Minister has the opportunity to instruct a change of policy before his recently announced visit to China this December.

**Christina McKelvie:** I commend to the cabinet secretary the work of the Confucius hub at Hamilton Grammar school, and I welcome the successful efforts of this Government to secure the reversal of the UK Government's initial decision.

Does the cabinet secretary agree that this Home Office fiasco, along with all the other ones that we have to put up with in Scotland, underlines precisely why this Parliament should have control of immigration policy as it affects Scotland?

**Reply from Fiona Hyslop:** The Confucius hubs in 13 classrooms across Scotland are really important in the teaching of Mandarin Chinese. I encourage the Home Office to make a change in its policy; it is in the Prime Minister's interests that he do so before his visit to China.

On the wider issue of migration, Scotland has a large established migrant community. We welcome the contribution that new Scots are making to our economy and society. We know from recent reports that the vast majority are making a positive contribution to our economy, and we reject the negative rhetoric about migrants that we sometimes hear from the UK Government.

With regard to having more powers in immigration, under independence we will have a controlled immigration system that meets our social, economic and democratic needs, and which will put Scotland and its needs at the forefront of policy making in that area.

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8623&mode=html#job\\_77999](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8623&mode=html#job_77999)

## Holyrood Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-08323 Jackie Baillie: Discontinuation of Home Office's Go Home Campaign—** That the Parliament welcomes the Home Office decision to discontinue what it considers its insensitive, callous and ill-thought-out Go Home poster campaign at its reporting centre at Brand Street in Glasgow; considers that, as the Scottish Refugee Council has stated, it caused distress to men, women and children in Scotland, some of whom are past victims of atrocity, torture and ill-treatment; notes what it believes is the shared will in Scotland and across the UK against such a hostile policy toward people who have claimed asylum in the UK; considers that the Go Home campaign messages echoed the language of the National Front in the 1970s, which was targeted particularly at non-white communities and recently arrived visible minority immigrants, and believes that what it sees as such an intemperate and appalling approach to refugees should be rejected.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-08323&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Westminster Parliamentary Questions

### Immigration: Economic Impact

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of recent analyses of the value of immigration to the United Kingdom

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economy; and whether they have any plans to revise their target to reduce net migration in response to those analyses.

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, the Government have made no official assessment of the recent analyses of the economic value of immigration to the UK economy. Each policy that influences immigration is assessed using the impact assessment process. The Government have a commitment to reduce net migration to tens of thousands by the end of this Parliament and believe that that will be achieved without an adverse impact on the economy.

**Lord Roberts of Llandudno:** I think I thank the Minister for that Answer, but it is disappointing. It seems that the only real criterion that the Government have in dealing with immigration is in numbers, not in need. Do they have any other policy at all to tackle immigration positively? This morning a news item stated that 20,000 nurses were needed for the NHS. In north Wales I know of three general hospitals where a third of the consultants come from overseas. Is it not short-sighted to deal only in numbers and not look at this in a positive and long-term way?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, the Dustmann and Frattini report looked at the fiscal impact of immigration, and made it clear that continued high levels of immigration—net immigration of, say, 200,000 a year—would be unsustainable. Obviously two of the areas affected would be housing, which I know greatly exercises noble Lords, and other services, including the health service. We intend to attract the brightest and the best, including healthcare professionals.

**Lord Morris of Handsworth:** While I accept that all those who live in our country should have a legal right to do so, will the Minister condemn the disgraceful scene of vans touring parts of north London inviting immigrants to go home?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, if an immigrant is here illegally I would invite him to go home, but if he is here making a valuable, worthwhile and legal contribution to the economy, I would like him to stay and continue to do that.

**Lord Brabazon of Tara:** Does my noble friend welcome, as I do, the large number of French people who have come to live in this country, making London now the sixth largest French city by population? Does he think that there is any connection between the presence of those people and the high-tax Socialist policies of President Hollande, whose election was so widely welcomed by the party opposite?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My noble friend makes a very good point about the adverse impact of high marginal rates of taxation, but it demonstrates how the free market in Europe works in terms of free movement of labour and capital.

**Lord Tomlinson:** Does the Minister share my concern that the Government are continuing to talk about net migration figures, yet contrary to the advice of every inquiry in both Houses of Parliament they continue to include overseas students in that net migration count? Would they accept that this is a nonsense that needs to be removed?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** My Lords, I am very sorry to disappoint the noble Lord, but the decision to include students in net migration figures was not ours. As the noble Lord knows, they are international statistics and we need to be consistent with other states. We also need to include students in the total figure because students have an impact on the housing and services that they need to support them while they are studying. I make it absolutely clear that we welcome foreign students and that there is no limit on the number of students that we will accept.

**Lord Rosser:** We recognise that, while there are real benefits from immigration, they are not equally shared, due to inadequate labour standards, exploitation of the supply of low-waged migrant labour and the failure to provide young people with the necessary skills. What steps are the Government taking to see that the minimum wage is properly enforced? Do the Government agree with us that the maximum fine should be doubled to £10,000 and are the Government, like us, also prepared to consider whether the scope

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of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority needs to be extended to new sectors in order to stop exploitation? Finally, are the Government reviewing sectors that have become dependent on migrant labour, to identify where enough has not been done to equip young people with the skills they need to compete?

**Reply from Earl Attlee:** The noble Lord asked rather a lot of questions. I share his concern about the exploitation of migrant labour. All employers must adhere to the minimum wage provisions, which apply to migrants as well as to UK natives. There are very few prosecutions for paying below the minimum wage; however, it is normally dealt with by means of fixed penalties and the income is about £700,000 of fixed penalties.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131112-0001.htm#13111259000120>

### Immigration Controls

**Stephen Doughty:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will implement a same-day checking service for employers. [174682]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** There are no current plans to reduce the response time for the employer checking service to a same day service.

Our current service standard is five working days and we often exceed this. Currently our year to date response rate is 3.69 days.

**Gordon Marsden:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many private flights arriving in the UK are not checked on arrival by UK Border Force staff. [175020]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Border Force risk assess 100% of flights notified to us and seek to deploy to all high priority flights. Between April and August this year Border Force met 98% of high priority flights. We do not hold data on how many arriving private flights were not notified to us.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131112/text/131112w0001.htm#13111270000051>

### Immigration: Married People

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department following the High Court judgment of 5 July 2013 on the minimum income threshold for spouses or partners and children applying in the family route, (a) how many applications made under Appendix FM to the Immigration Rules have been subject to the hold on decision-making and (b) how many such applications have been received by visa application centres outside the UK. [170618]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The Home Office is collating internal management information on the number of applications put on hold overseas and in country following the 5 July 2013 High Court judgment in MM and Others. This information will be published on the Home Office immigration website as soon as possible and then on a quarterly basis.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131108/text/131108w0001.htm#13110859000050>

### Immigration

**David Simpson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking to ensure that Romanian and Bulgarian nationals who choose to live in the UK have the means to support themselves and their families. [174637]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Any EU national who wishes to reside in the UK for longer than three months must be exercising treaty rights as a worker, or self-employed person, a self-sufficient person or a student.

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Those EU nationals who are not working in the UK, but who come here to study or in a self-sufficient capacity, are required to have comprehensive health insurance and sufficient resources to ensure that they do not become a burden on the UK social assistance system.

An EU national's right to reside in the UK is conditional upon continuing to meet these requirements. The Home Office will undertake checks to ensure the requirements remain satisfied with each application for residence documentation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131111/text/131111w0001.htm#13111137000017>

### Immigration: Eastern Europe

**Paul Maynard:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps her Department is taking in preparation for the relaxation of transitional controls on migration from Romania and Bulgaria in 2014. [174517]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** We want to ensure that those who come to the UK from the EU or further afield, including Romanian and Bulgarian citizens, do so for the right reasons - to contribute to our country.

We are focusing on work across Government to tackle abuse of free movement and address pull factors, such as access to benefits and public services.

We have consistently raised the problem of the abuse of free movement at meetings of the Council of Ministers, and we are working with other European member states to curb that abuse.

We regularly review the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006 which transpose the Free Movement Directive (2004/38/EC) into UK law and we will make further amendments to these regulations, when necessary, in order to prevent abuse.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131108/text/131108w0001.htm#13110859000049>

### Asylum: Sexuality

**Greg Mulholland:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what progress her Department has made in investigating claims that the UK Border Agency asked lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender asylum seekers to prove their sexuality. [174658]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Asylum applicants are afforded ample opportunity to establish the reasons they fear persecution, including where that fear is based on the grounds of their sexuality. Asylum decision makers are trained to make sensitive and appropriate enquiries to explore the sexual orientation of an applicant where that is relevant to a claim. But the Home Office does not require evidence of an explicit nature to support asylum claims based on sexual orientation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131111/text/131111w0001.htm#13111137000005>

### Asylum: Females

**Sharon Hodgson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) how many applications for asylum were made by women fleeing sexual violence or genital mutilation from each country of origin in each year since 2005; and how many such applications (a) have been granted, (b) have been rejected, (c) were withdrawn and (d) remain unconcluded; [174337]

(2) what guidance is given to UK Border Agency staff on the treatment of women seeking asylum on the grounds that they are fleeing sexual violence or genital mutilation. [174339]

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**Reply from Mark Harper:** Statistics are recorded and published on the number of applications for asylum and they are disaggregated by gender. However information on the basis of claim for asylum is not routinely recorded, and the information requested could only be obtained through a manual search of individual case files. To do this would incur disproportionate cost.

All asylum case workers received dedicated and mandatory training on gender issues and have specific guidance on managing gender related asylum claims. This includes guidance on considering claims with regards to persecution which is gender-specific or predominantly gender-specific, including sexual violence and genital mutilation. Each claim is considered on its own merits in the light of country of origin information and guidance.

**Sharon Hodgson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many female asylum seekers have been deported back to countries where female genital mutilation is (a) legal or (b) illegal but widely practised in each year since 2005. [174338]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** The list of 29 countries across Africa and the middle east where female genital mutilation (FGM) is prevalent is taken from the UNICEF report found at: [http://www.childinfo.org/files/FGCM\\_Lo\\_res.pdf](http://www.childinfo.org/files/FGCM_Lo_res.pdf)

24 of those countries have enacted decrees or legislated against FGM but the law is often not enforced. It is believed that FGM is practised all over the world including western countries that have migrant communities.

The number of women returned to countries where FGM is known to be prevalent is shown in the following table.

The UNICEF paper 'Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting' provides a statistical overview and exploration of the dynamics of change, and draws on "... 70 nationally representative surveys over a 20-year period" and presents the most comprehensive compilation to date of statistics and analyses on FGM/C. The report identifies 29 countries in Africa and the middle east where FGM/C is most prevalent.

**To read the length table see**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131112/text/131112w0001.htm#13111270000038>

### Immigration: Appeals

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for Justice how many decisions subject to an appeal to the Immigration and Asylum Chamber of the First-tier tribunal have been withdrawn by the Home Department within five days of the appeal date in each of the last five years. [174694]

**Reply from Shailesh Vara:** The First-tier Tribunal—Immigration and Asylum Chamber (IAC), administered by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS), hears appeals against the Home Office relating to a range of immigration, asylum, and nationality decisions.

HMCTS does not collate centrally the information requested on appeals withdrawn by the Home Office. While data are held on withdrawal numbers, published here,

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/tribunals-statistics>

it is not broken down on the basis of which party withdrew the appeal. To collate the information would mean the examination of each of those electronic records, which would be at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131112/text/131112w0001.htm#13111270000026>

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### Illegal Immigrants

**David Simpson:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what further steps she is taking to reduce numbers of illegal immigrants. [173285]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Over the last three years we have reformed all major routes of entry to the UK for non-EEA migrants. We have also radically extended the use of visa interviews to separate out the genuine applicants from those trying to abuse the system and are on target to meet our goal of 100,000 interviews by April 2014, starting with the highest risk countries.

At the border we are investing in new technology and resources to improve our response to attempts to enter the UK illegally. We have abolished the UK Border Agency and replaced it with two new operational commands sitting within the Home Office and reporting to Ministers. Of these, Immigration Enforcement has law enforcement at its heart and is focused on getting tough on those who break our immigration laws.

The coalition programme for Government included a commitment to reintroduce exit checks and we will do this by 2015. This will improve our ability to identify those who have failed to comply with conditions of their leave to enter or remain in the UK.

We are also taking action in the Immigration Bill to make it increasingly difficult for illegal migrants to remain in the UK, including by denying access to private rented accommodation, financial services and driving licences. We are strengthening the enforcement of unpaid civil penalties owed by employers of illegal migrant workers. We will also make further changes to the civil penalties regulations in 2014 to double the maximum penalty to £20,000 for employing an illegal worker.

The Immigration Bill also includes power to remove illegal migrants without the need for a separate immigration decision, as well as speeding up and simplifying the appeal process reducing the categories under which they can appeal from 17 to four. The Bill also takes action to end the abuse of European Convention on Human Rights Article 8 (the right to respect for private and family life). It sets out clearly what the public interest requires and ensures that courts considering Article 8 in immigration cases will give proper weight to Parliament's view of the public interest.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131108/text/131108w0001.htm#13110859000045>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Sarah Teather:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department if she will publish the number and locations of individuals held in prison solely for immigration purposes as part of the quarterly immigration statistics. [175068]

**Reply from Mark Harper:** Currently we do not publish data relating to the number and locations of individuals held in prison solely for immigration purposes. However, the quarterly immigration statistics are kept under review, taking into account the needs of users and burdens on suppliers and producers in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people detained in the United Kingdom for immigration purposes, within Immigration Statistics. The data on people in detention are readily available in the latest release, "Immigration Statistics: April to June 2013", from the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

Published figures on people detained in the United Kingdom solely under

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Immigration Act powers include those held in short term holding facilities, pre departure accommodation and immigration removal centres. Figures exclude those held in police cells, Prison Service establishments, short term holding rooms at ports and airports (for less than 24 hours) and those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm131112/text/131112w0001.htm#13111270000050>

## Press Releases

### **“Common sense” approach to immigration**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/-Common-sense-approach-to-immigration-621.aspx>

### **Changes to document requirements**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/90-passport>

### **Advisory services for asylum seekers**

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2013/november/30-advisory-services>

## New Publications

### **Growing Up In A Hostile Environment: The rights of undocumented migrant children in the UK**

[http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/userfiles/Hostile\\_Environment\\_Full\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/userfiles/Hostile_Environment_Full_Report_Final.pdf)

### **European Court Judgement: Where a Member State may not transfer an asylum seeker to the State competent to examine his application because of a risk of infringement of his fundamental rights in the latter, the Member State is required to identify another Member State as responsible for the examination**

<http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2013-11/cp130147en.pdf>

### **Nurturing the Nation: the Asian contribution to the NHS since 1948**

<http://nurturingthenation.org.uk/uploads/Nurturing%20The%20Nation.pdf>

## News

### **Visa rules pose risk to education programme**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/visa-rules-pose-risk-to-education-programme.22694611>

### **Jack Straw regrets opening door to Eastern Europe migrants**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24924219>

### **English teaching projects awarded £6m**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-24918902>

### **Home Office threatens boy, 7, with deportation**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-24918727>

## Immigration and Asylum

### News (continued)

**From Eastern Europe to the East End: What is life really like in Britain for our immigrant neighbours?**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/this-britain/from-eastern-europe-to-the-east-end-what-is-life-really-like-in-britain-for-our-immigrant-neighbours-8940482.html>

**India or eastern Europe? Cameron's immigration dilemma**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/reality-check/2013/nov/14/india-eastern-europe-america-immigration-dilemma>

**Jack Straw, migrants from eastern Europe have done a lot for Britain**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/shortcuts/2013/nov/13/jack-straw-migrants-eastern-europe-benefits>

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## Race Relations

### News

**Nick Clegg: Roma in Sheffield have to listen to others in community**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/14/nick-clegg-roma-community-sheffield-migrants-britain>

**Cameron tries to calm immigration debate as Blunkett raises riot fears**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/14/david-cameron-blunkett-immigration-riots>

**The real story of Britain's Roma: excluded, ignored and neglected**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/17/roma-page-hall-sheffield>

**Slovakian Roma in Sheffield: 'This is a boiling pot ready to explode'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2013/nov/15/sheffield-page-hall-roma-slovakia-immigration>

**David Blunkett is feeding Romaphobia**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/13/david-blunkett-romaphobia-slovak-roma>

**A Point of View: Behind the veil**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-24954256>

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## Equality

### Press Releases

**New research shows slow improvement in police use of Stop and Search**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2013/november/new-research-shows-slow-improvement-in-police-use-of-stop-and-search/>

## Equality

### Press Releases (continued)

#### **Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla)**

BEMIS and SPTC (Scottish Parent Teacher Council) are working together on an exciting new project, Gathered Together (Cruinn Còmhla), to support parents from ethnic and cultural minorities getting involved with their children's school. Funded through the Scottish Government Early Intervention Fund and managed by The Big Fund, this new innovative approach is to encourage parents and carers from ethnic and cultural minorities throughout Scotland to come and be part of Parent Councils enabling wider parental participation in their children's education.

For more information see [www.bemis.org.uk/gatheredtogether](http://www.bemis.org.uk/gatheredtogether).

## New Publication

#### **Measuring Up? Report 3: Monitoring public authorities performance of the Scottish Specific Duties**

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/Scotland/PSED\\_in\\_Scotland/measuring\\_up\\_3\\_final.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/PSED_in_Scotland/measuring_up_3_final.pdf)

## News

#### **After the demise of Choice FM, is it back to pirate radio for black Britons?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/14/demise-choice-fm-pirate-radio-black-britons-capital-xtra>

#### **More multicultural community events would help reduce UK's loneliness epidemic**

<http://tinyurl.com/mnyxehn>

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## Racism and Religious Hatred

### Holyrood Parliamentary Question

#### **Sectarianism**

**Siobhan McMahon:** To ask the Scottish Government what projects have been funded through its Tackling Sectarianism Small Grant Scheme, broken down by (a) organisation managing the project, (b) amount awarded and (c) local authority area. (S4W-18136)

**Reply from Roseanna Cunningham:** The Scottish Government funds three small grants programmes to support work to tackle sectarianism. These are run through Sense over Sectarianism; Youth Scotland and the Voluntary Action Fund and activity between the organisations, is coordinated to ensure maximum coverage of Scotland.

Sense over Sectarianism have been operating a small grant scheme to support work to tackle sectarianism in the Glasgow and travel to work area since 2001. In 2012-13 they supported 15 projects and in 2013-14 they are currently supporting 11 projects. Youth Scotland's tackling sectarianism small grants scheme, which supports work with youth groups, including the uniformed organisations, began in 2012. In 2012-13 they supported 18 projects and in 2013-14 they are currently supporting five projects. Finally, the Voluntary Action Fund are responsible for the tackling sectarianism small grants programme aimed at

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everyone who falls outwith the scope of the Sense over Sectarianism and Youth Scotland programmes, which was established earlier this year. This programme is currently supporting three projects.

Support for all three small grant schemes forms part of our commitment to invest £9 million over three years to build our understanding of, and deliver work to tackle, sectarianism. The detailed breakdown requested for currently funded projects is set out in the following table:

<b>Programme Delivery Body</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Local Authority area</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Sense Over Sectarianism	Rapture Theatre	Glasgow City Council	£15,725
	Melting Pot Arts – Wise Up	Glasgow City Council	£10,000
	Oak Note Theatre – Sniff and Floot make some new friends	City of Edinburgh Council	£9,510
	Lisa Nicol Productions – Chill Out Zone	Dundee City Council	£9,132
	Duende Productions – Rainbow Fish Nurture Project	Glasgow City Council	£8,000
	Y Rock	Glasgow City Council	£7,614
	Fusion Studios –Speak Out	Glasgow City Council	£5,000
	Full-on Art Productions – The Shoe Bros	North Ayrshire Council	£3,016
	Kirkintilloch HS	East Dunbartonshire Council	£2,890
	St Eunan's PS	West Dunbartonshire Council	£500
Youth Scotland	Playbusters Ltd	Glasgow City Council	£500
	Tollcross YMCA	Glasgow City Council	£1,830
	Whitacres Community Academy for Sport	East Renfrewshire Council	£1,000
	Communities United Promoting Inclusion	South Lanarkshire Council	£1,000
	Connect Community Trust	Glasgow City Council	£1,000
	Peebles Youth Club	Glasgow City Council	£492
	Voluntary Action Fund	Braes Community Young Peoples Project	Falkirk Council
Pennyburn Regeneration Youth Development Enterprise		North Ayrshire Council	£3,856
North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club		North Ayrshire Council	£2,961

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-18136&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Racism and Religious Hatred (continued) Westminster Parliamentary Question

### Sport: Racism

**Lord Hanningfield:** To ask Her Majesty's Government what provisions they are making to support anti-discrimination campaigns, such as "Kick it Out", in their efforts to deal with racism in sport.[HL3036]

**Reply from Lord Gardiner of Kimble (Con):** Racism is absolutely indefensible and must not be tolerated in any form. We have come a long way in tackling racism in sport in this country in the last 25 years and anti-discrimination campaigns such as "Kick it Out" are vital in ensuring that we continue to push for positive change.

Through Sport England, we are investing over £1m in 'Sporting Equals' who actively tackle discrimination and promote greater involvement in sport and physical activity by all communities that are disengaged, especially the black and minority ethnic (BME) population.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/131112w0001.htm#13111264000302>

## Westminster Early Day Motion

**Jeremy Corbyn (738) Caste discrimination legislation** – That this House welcomes the European Parliament resolution passed on 10 October 2013 to address the suffering of hundreds of millions of people all over the world who are subjected to caste discrimination by urging the EU to step up its efforts to address this human rights issue; notes the continued delay in introducing legislation to protect victims of caste discrimination within the UK; and urges the Government to reconsider its lengthy consultation period and to bring forward the necessary legislative changes before the end of the current parliamentary session.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/738>

## Press Releases

### Combating hate crime in the EU

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-13-909\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-13-909_en.htm?locale=en)

### 75 years after Kristallnacht: Jews in Europe still face racist violence

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/new%20antisemitism.pdf>

## New Publications

### Race Disproportionality in Stops and Searches, 2011-12

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/Briefing\\_papers/briefing\\_paper\\_7\\_final.pdf](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/Briefing_papers/briefing_paper_7_final.pdf)

### Race disproportionality in stops and searches, 2011/12: Supporting data

[http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded\\_files/research/Briefing\\_papers/ehrc\\_briefing\\_paper\\_no\\_7\\_supporting\\_data.xls](http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/research/Briefing_papers/ehrc_briefing_paper_no_7_supporting_data.xls)

### Hate Crimes in the OSCE Region – Incidents and Responses: Annual Report for 2012

[http://tandis.odhr.pl/hcr2011/pdf/Hate\\_Crime\\_Report\\_full\\_version.pdf](http://tandis.odhr.pl/hcr2011/pdf/Hate_Crime_Report_full_version.pdf)

## Racism and Religious Hatred

### New Publications (continued)

#### **STUC St Andrew's Day Anti-Racism Articles**

<http://www.stuc.org.uk/campaigns-and-external-events/st-andrews-day>

## News

#### **Taking action to create a sectarian free Scotland**

<http://www.thirdforcenews.org.uk/2013/11/taking-action-to-create-a-sectarian-free-scotland/>

#### **Caste discrimination**

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2013/november/caste-discrimination/>

#### **Non-Jews must lead fight against antisemitism, says Douglas Alexander**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/nov/13/non-jews-fight-antisemitism-douglas-alexander>

#### **Christianity at risk of extinction in areas of persecution, says Warsi**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/nov/15/christianity-risk-extinction-persecution-minority-warsi>

#### **Persecution threatens 'extinction' of Christianity in ancient homelands, warns Baroness Warsi**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/persecution-threatens-extinction-of-christianity-in-ancient-homelands-warns-baroness-warsi-8941249.html?origin=internalSearch>

#### **Maurice Edu and Kyle Bartley 'shocked' by racist tweets**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-24949377>

#### **Ex-Rangers players shock at racist tweets**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/ex-rangers-players-shock-at-racist-tweets-1-3189404>

#### **Former Rangers stars tell of shock at tweets**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/former-rangers-stars-tell-of-shock-at-tweets.22695224>

#### **Religious couples fear discrimination when they apply to adopt**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article3920456.ece>

#### **Why is it so difficult for religious couples to adopt?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/mother-tongue/10448822/Adoption-Why-is-the-UK-making-it-so-difficult-for-religious-couples-to-adopt.html>

#### **'Blacked up' law students spark racism row**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/blacked-up-law-students-spark-racism-row.22710380>

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### Parliamentary Questions

#### **Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill**

**Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will amend the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill to state that the current definition of marriage is a belief worthy of respect in a democratic society. (S4W-17753)

**Alex Neil:** No. We do not consider such an amendment is necessary.

There is nothing in the Bill which would stop persons from holding that belief. In addition, section 14 of the Bill provides that the introduction of same sex marriage will have no impact on existing rights to freedom of speech.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17753&ResultsPerPage=10>

**Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will seek to amend the Equality Act 2010 to (a) include in the protected characteristic of religion or belief, support for the current definition of marriage and (b) ensure that people opposed to same-sex marriage should not experience any detriment because of their views. (S4W-17754)

**Alex Neil:** No.

The Scottish Government fully respects the belief held by many people and organisations that marriage can only ever be between a man and a woman. However, we would not support an amendment to the protected characteristic of religion or belief in the Equality Act 2010 to make specific provision on beliefs about marriage. Adding a specific amendment to the protected characteristic which related to beliefs about marriage could cast doubt about whether other strongly held beliefs are covered as well.

Where necessary, the Government is proposing provision to protect specific persons, such as the provisions in the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill, and related amendments to the 2010 Act, to make it clear that religious and belief bodies opposed to same sex marriage are under no obligation to solemnise such marriages.

The Government has indicated that persons opposed to same sex marriage should suffer no detriment just because of their reasonably expressed views. The Bill has provision at section 14 making it clear that the introduction of same sex marriage will have no impact on existing rights to freedom of speech. In addition, the Lord Advocate has issued prosecution guidance in relation to same sex marriage:

[http://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Prosecution\\_Policy\\_Guidance/Guidelines\\_and\\_Policy/PROSECUTION%20GUIDANCE%20IN%20RELATION%20TO%20SAME%20SEX%20MARRIAGE.pdf](http://www.copfs.gov.uk/images/Documents/Prosecution_Policy_Guidance/Guidelines_and_Policy/PROSECUTION%20GUIDANCE%20IN%20RELATION%20TO%20SAME%20SEX%20MARRIAGE.pdf)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17754&ResultsPerPage=10>

**Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government, if same-sex marriage was introduced, what its position is on whether it would be appropriate for public sector employers to take into account the views on this of (a) applicants for posts and (b) staff when considering their suitability for employment. (S4W-17756)

**Alex Neil:** The Government considers that public sector appointments should be based on merit and not on any views which applicants and staff may have on same sex marriage. Local authorities and public bodies are subject to the Equality Act 2010 and, as such, are directly prohibited from discriminating against any person because of their religion or belief.

In addition, the Human Rights Act 1998 makes it unlawful for public authorities to

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breach the European Convention on Human Rights. The convention includes provisions on the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and the right to freedom of expression.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17756&ResultsPerPage=10>

**Murdo Fraser:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will amend the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 to specify that organisations opposed to same-sex marriage will not fail to meet the charity test because of this view. (S4W-17757)

**Alex Neil:** No. We do not consider such an amendment is necessary.

Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 provides that a body meets the charity test if its purposes consist only of one or more of the charitable purposes and it provides public benefit. One of the charitable purposes laid down in section 7 of the 2005 Act is the advancement of religion.

Decisions on charitable status are a matter for the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). OSCR have advised us that the simple expression of a view on same sex marriage which was to the furtherance of a body's charitable purposes is not expected to adversely affect the body's charitable status. In addition, the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill has provision at section 14 making it clear that the introduction of same sex marriage will have no impact on existing rights to freedom of speech.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17757&ResultsPerPage=10>

**Elaine Smith (Coatbridge and Chryston) (Scottish Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on reports that it has not considered over 4,000 responses to the consultation on the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill and whether it will provide an analysis of these responses to the Equal Opportunities Committee prior to it completing its stage 1 report. (S4W-17861)

**Alex Neil:** We have written to the Equal Opportunities Committee about this matter. Our letter is available on the Parliament's website at:

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EqualOpportunitiesCommittee/General%20Documents/13-10-11\\_SG\\_MCPBill.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EqualOpportunitiesCommittee/General%20Documents/13-10-11_SG_MCPBill.pdf)

We have advised Scotland for Marriage that the problem appears to stem from a technical error in their email system. We have consistently told them that we are prepared to consider any points not already drawn to our attention.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-17861&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Press Releases

### Referendum Bill passes

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Referendum-Bill-passes-630.aspx>

### Opportunities for an independent Scotland

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Opportunities-for-an-independent-Scotland-639.aspx>

## Other Holyrood Press Releases (continued)

### **Homecoming – a celebration for all Scots: Funding to engage ethnic minorities**

Ethnic minority communities across Scotland are being encouraged to get involved in the Year of Homecoming 2014.

Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop has announced that almost £40,000 will be provided to BEMIS (Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Scotland) to help the organisation run a number of inclusive events, such as free film screenings and a national showcase of Scotland's cultural diversity in areas like music, poetry, photography and art.

Ms Hyslop said: ... "Ethnic minorities have a vital part to play in the fabric of Scottish society and, working with partners like BEMIS, the Scottish Football Association and Glasgow University, ethnic communities across the country will be invited to celebrate what Homecoming means for them." ...

Chief Executive of BEMIS, Rami Ousta said: "As a national umbrella organisation for the diverse ethnic and cultural minority third sector in Scotland, BEMIS has always confirmed, based on solid experience and informed knowledge that Scotland is well advanced compared to other EU countries and even the UK with regards to race equality and acknowledging and empowering the diverse communities at various levels.

"Homecoming Scotland 2014 provides a unique platform for celebrating this and reflecting the diverse cultural heritage of Scotland. The Scottish Government's support to this program reflects a serious commitment to stimulating and empowering active participation of the diverse communities in line with the wider civic society."

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Homecoming-a-celebration-for-all-Scots-601.aspx>

## News

### **Scottish independence: MSPs pass Scottish referendum bill**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-24918757>

### **Scottish independence referendum bill passed**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/scottish-independence-referendum-bill-passed-1-3188213>

### **Referendum legislation passed**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/referendum-news/referendum-legislation-passed.22710515>

### **Scottish independence: Scottish Green Party launches 'Yes' campaign**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-24947122>

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## Other Westminster

### Parliamentary Questions

#### **Full-face Veils**

**Philip Hollobone:** To ask the Secretary of State for Education what his policy is on allowing (a) teachers, (b) pupils and (c) parents to wear full-face veils on school premises. [900999]

**Reply from Michael Gove:** This is a matter for schools. We support religious tolerance and freedom of expression. Women should have the freedom to choose



## Other Westminster New Publications (continued)

**Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System 2012** (England and Wales)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/257041/Race-and-cjs-2012.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/257041/Race-and-cjs-2012.pdf)

**National Offender Management Service: Offender Equalities Annual Report**  
(England and Wales)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/256911/noms-offender-equalities-annual-report.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/256911/noms-offender-equalities-annual-report.pdf)

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## New Publication

**The value of giving a little time: understanding the potential of micro-volunteering**

[http://www.ivr.org.uk/images/stories/micro\\_volunteering\\_full\\_report\\_071113.pdf](http://www.ivr.org.uk/images/stories/micro_volunteering_full_report_071113.pdf)

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## Other News

**MSPs call for action on mutilation**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/msps-call-for-action-on-mutilation.22709067>

**Female genital mutilation 'rising in soft-touch Scotland'**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-24915967>

**Young girls 'brought to Scotland for illegal mutilation'**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/young-girls-brought-to-scotland-for-illegal-mutilation.22703312>

**Time to tackle a barbaric practice**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/herald-view/time-to-tackle-a-barbaric-practice.22691863>

**'I was screaming for my mother'**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/i-was-screaming-for-my-mother.22703304>

**Scotland 'slow to combat genital cutting'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article3923789.ece>

**Proportion of Muslim prisoners in England and Wales doubles in decade**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/nov/14/muslim-prisoners-double-england-wales-ministry-justice>

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## **Bills in Progress**

\*\* new or updated this week

### **Holyrood**

#### **\*\* Assisted Suicide Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/69604.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd.pdf)

Explanatory Notes

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd-en.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd-en.pdf)

Policy Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd-pm.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Assisted%20Suicide/b40s4-introd-pm.pdf)

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

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

Stage 1 Report

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_EducationandCultureCommittee/Reports/edR-13-11w.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_EducationandCultureCommittee/Reports/edR-13-11w.pdf)

Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB\\_13-77.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_13-77.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>

Stage 3 consideration of amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8625&mode=html#iob\\_78037](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8625&mode=html#iob_78037)

Stage 3 debate

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8625&mode=html#iob\\_78038](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8625&mode=html#iob_78038)

Bill as passed

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Scottish%20Independence%20Referendum%20Bill/b25bs4-aspassed.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Scottish%20Independence%20Referendum%20Bill/b25bs4-aspassed.pdf)

#### **\*\* Victims and Witnesses Bill**

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

Proposed amendments

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Victims%20and%20Witnesses%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b23s4-stage2-ml3.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Victims%20and%20Witnesses%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b23s4-stage2-ml3.pdf)

### **Bills in Progress Westminster**

#### **Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill**

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

## Bills in Progress Westminster (continued)

### 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 Bill

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

Public Bill Committee

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131112/am/131112s01.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmpublic/immigration/131112/pm/131112s01.htm>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2013-2014/0110/amend/psc1101211m.61-67.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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### \*\* *closes this week!*

**Immigration Bill** (closing date 19 November 2013)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2013/october/have-your-say-on-the-immigration-bill/>

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

**Voluntary Sector Survey - Local government responses to migrant families who have no recourse to public funds** (closing date 22 November 2013)

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

## Consultations (continued)

**Call for evidence on local policing** (closing date 29 November 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/69420.aspx>

**Commission for Local Democracy** (closing date 29 November 2013)

<http://www.localdemocracy.info/call-for-evidence/>

**\*\* Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill** (*includes measures relating to forced marriage*) (closing date 29 November 2013)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/69894.aspx>

**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>

**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>

**Inquiry on Lobbying** (closing date 10 January 2014)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/CfELobbying.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_StandardsProceduresandPublicAppointmentsCommittee/Inquiries/CfELobbying.pdf)

**Proposed Bill: Promoting greater accountability and transparency in local government** (closing date 20 January 2013)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/John\\_Finnie\\_final\\_consultation.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/John_Finnie_final_consultation.pdf)

**\*\* Draft Welfare Funds (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 7 February 2014)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00438109.pdf>

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

### **Third Sector Summit**

21 November 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 7.30)

SCVO events and workshops relevant to the diverse organisations that make up the third sector in Scotland. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo-events/third-sector-summit-2013/> or contact [events@scvo.org.uk](mailto:events@scvo.org.uk) / 0131 474 6150

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

### **The Religious Life of Scotland Today: Insights from the 2011 Census**

21 November 2013 in Edinburgh (12.30 to 2.00)

An analysis of data about religion from the 2011 census. For information contact Frances Hume [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org) / 0141 420 6982

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

### **Poverty and Ethnicity in Scotland**

22 November 2013 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

CRER event to bring people with an interest in poverty and ethnicity together with the researchers studying these issues, discussing the latest research findings and their implications for tackling economic disadvantage. For information contact Nadia Rafiq [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk) / 0141 418 6530 or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/81-front-page-articles/415-poverty-and-ethnicity-in-scotland>

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### **GRAMNet Film Series**

20 November 2013 in Glasgow (6.00)

11 December 2013 in Glasgow (6.00)

15 January 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

12 February 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

12 March 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

14 May 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

18 June 2014 in Glasgow (6.00)

Film Series is organised in partnership between GRAMNet (Glasgow Refugee and Asylum Network), BEMIS, and The Iona Community, showcasing films and documentaries with a theme of Homecoming and Hospitality. Following each film, invited local organisations and community groups will suggest positive actions that can be undertaken locally to address one or more of the issues raised in each film. For information see [http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media\\_292556\\_en.pdf](http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_292556_en.pdf)

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

### **Scottish Interfaith Week**

24 November to 1 December 2013

For information contact Frances Hume [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org) / 0141 420 6982 or, for the full programme of events see

<http://www.interfaithscotland.org/app/download/8678108/Scottish+Interfaith+Week+Events+FINAL+2013.docx>

### **\*\* Come Talk to Kenny MacAskill, Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Justice**

25 November 2013 in Glasgow (1.30 – 2.30)

Amina event for women who can answer “yes” to any of the following questions: Have you or your family been called “Paki”? Have you been told “Go back from where you’ve come from”? Do you think there is a rise in Islamophobia? For information contact [infor@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:infor@mwrc.org.uk) /0141 585 8026.

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

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/owhjaq2> or contact Ola, Mridu, or Lisa 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **Stepping into Diversity Heritage Walk: Jewish, Muslim, Christian**

28 November 2013 in Glasgow (10.45 to 1.45)

Guided heritage walk visiting Garnethill Synagogue, Al-Furqan Mosque, and St Mary's Cathedral. Meet at 29 Garnet Street at 10.45. The event is free but booking is essential, contact Ben Williams [bwilliams@wsrec.co.uk](mailto:bwilliams@wsrec.co.uk) / 0141 337 6626.

### **\*\* Political Shadowing Scheme**

closing date for applications, 29 November 2013

CRER training on media skills, equality and diversity, presentation skills, campaigning and lobbying, and the working of local, Scottish and UK Government, including time shadowing a politician over a set period of time. For information contact Jenn Glinski [ennifer@crer.org.uk](mailto:ennifer@crer.org.uk) / 0141 418 6535 or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/about-crer/shadowing-scheme?highlight=WyJzaGFkb3dpbmciXQ>

### **Breaking Barriers – Christian / Muslim Youth Conference**

30 November 2013 in Edinburgh (10.00 to 4.00)

Edinburgh Interfaith Association and Alaweed Centre conference to bring together Christians and Muslims between 17 and 30. For information contact Iain Steward [iain@eifa.org.uk](mailto:iain@eifa.org.uk) or see <http://www.eifa.org.uk/breaking-barriers/>

### **Interfaith Family Fair**

1 December 2013 in Glasgow (2.00 to 4.00)

Fun day for families at St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, with opportunities to discover nine different faith traditions in Glasgow. For information contact Frances Hume [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org) / 0141 420 6982 or see <http://interfaithglasgow.org/interfaith-week/>

### **\*\* Where Do You Really Come From?**

7-8 December 2013 in Glasgow

Ankur Productions Festival for people of mixed race origins who grew up in Scotland. For information contact Nargis Lalee [nargis.lalee@ankurproductions.org.uk](mailto:nargis.lalee@ankurproductions.org.uk) / 0141 559 4935.

### **Scottish Refugee Council Employment Conference**

14 December 2013 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about employment. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / [communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **\*\* Ethnic Minority 3rd Sector Network Consultation on Scottish Government White Paper on Independence**

20 January 2014 in Glasgow (12.30 – 4.00)

4 February 2014 in Inverness (12.30 – 4.00)

6 February 2014 in Kirkcaldy (12.30 – 4.00)

BEMIS / CEMVO events to enable ethnic minority communities to engage with the Scottish Government White Paper on Independence. For information contact Tanveer Parnez [tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk](mailto:tanveer.parniez@bemis.org.uk) or Fiaz Khan [fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk](mailto:fiaz.khan@cemvoscotland.org.uk)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Scottish Refugee Council Education Conference**

25 January 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about education. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / [communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Scottish Refugee Council Health Conference**

22 February 2014 in Glasgow

Conference in association with the Scottish Refugee Policy for asylum seekers and refugees to find out their rights and options, share experiences and raise issues about health. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ktevalr> or contact 07734 030760 / [communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:communities@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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**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)

**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/>

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**BBC News24** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

**BBC Parliament online**

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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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