

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament returns from recess on 24 February 2014.

Immigration and Asylum

Press Releases

Supreme Court: circumstances in which an asylum seeker should be sent back to the country where he or she first claimed asylum if it is claimed that such a return would expose the asylum seeker to the risk of inhuman or degrading treatment

http://supremecourt.uk/decided-cases/docs/UKSC_2012_0272_PressSummary.pdf

EU's external migration policy: a bolder approach

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-14-167_en.htm?locale=en

New Publications

Employment and occupational skill levels among UK and foreign nationals

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/282503/occ108.pdf

Immigration and Asylum

New Publications (continued)

Asylum applicants' rights and responsibilities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-applicants-rights-and-responsibilities/asylum-applicants-rights-and-responsibilities>

Working whilst an asylum claim is considered

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-whilst-an-asylum-claim-is-considered/working-in-the-uk-whilst-an-asylum-case-is-considered>

Migrant Journey: fourth report

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migrant-journey-fourth-report/migrant-journey-fourth-report>

User Guide to the Home Office Migrant Journey

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/278960/migrant-journey-user-guide.pdf

Policy and legislative changes affecting migration to the UK: timeline

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/279129/policy-changes-migration-timeline.xls

Report on the implementation of the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility 2012-2013

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/e-library/documents/policies/international-affairs/general/docs/gamm_report_1_2012_2013_en.pdf

News

Migrant workers will have to earn £150 per week before they can claim benefits, Government announces

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrant-workers-will-have-to-earn-150-per-week-or-more-before-they-can-claim-benefits-government-announces-9137060.html>

EU migrants face new barrier to accessing UK state benefits

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2014/feb/19/eu-migrants-welfare-benefits-earnings>

EU migrants must earn £150 a week for months before claiming benefits

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10647625/EU-migrants-must-earn-150-a-week-for-months-before-claiming-benefits.html>

Human trafficking Bill wins backing

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/human-trafficking-bill-wins-backing-1.232531>

UK 'must stop blaming immigrants'

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/uk-must-stop-blaming-immigrants-1.227136>

Archbishop hails immigration effect

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/archbishop-hails-immigration-effect-1.228658>

UK child sex abuse trafficking doubles - National Crime Agency

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-26234092>

Immigration and Asylum News (continued)

Child abuse trafficking 'increases'

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/child-abuse-trafficking-increases-1.227441>

Immigrants facing tougher benefits test

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/wider-political-news/immigrants-facing-tougher-benefits-test.23464712>

English is now second language in one in nine schools after influx of Eastern Europeans

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2565165/English-second-language-one-nine-schools-influx-Eastern-Europeans.html>

'We don't judge the UK according to hooligans': Romanians feel misrepresented by British media

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/we-dont-judge-the-uk-according-to-hooligans-romanians-feel-misrepresented-by-british-media-9134475.html>

Archbishop calls for an end to 'discourse of fear' on immigrants

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/archbishop-calls-for-an-end-to-discourse-of-fear-on-immigrants-9137127.html>

Anti-slavery teams to tackle human trafficking in airports

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10654169/Anti-slavery-teams-to-tackle-human-trafficking-in-airports.html>

Number of Bulgarians and Romanians working in Britain up by a third

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4010040.ece>

No influx of migrant workers from Romania and Bulgaria, survey of airlines and coach companies finds

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/no-influx-of-migrant-workers-from-romania-and-bulgaria-survey-of-airlines-and-coach-companies-finds-9146866.html>

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S4M-09100 Stewart Maxwell: Glasgow Jewish Representative Council Centenary—

That the Parliament congratulates the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council on its centenary; welcomes how the council has spoken on behalf of the Jewish community in Glasgow since 1914 and latterly for Jewish people in East Renfrewshire and South Lanarkshire; recognises that the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council is committed to interfaith and community relations; notes that the Jewish community has made a tremendous contribution to Scottish life, and wishes the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council every success for the next 100 years.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-09100&ResultsPerPage=10>

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Parliamentary Motion

S4M-09054 Kevin Stewart: Congratulations to GREC—That the Parliament congratulates Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC) on becoming the first equality council in the country to achieve the Volunteer Friendly Award; notes that the Volunteer Friendly Award is a national quality standard designed to support, recognise and reward groups who are working with volunteers; further notes that GREC's award was jointly assessed by Aberdeen's Third Sector Interface, ACVO and Volunteer Centre Dundee, and wishes GREC all the best with its future endeavours.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-09054&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

Culture minister Ed Vaizey accuses broadcasters of ignoring 'east of India' ethnic groups

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/tv-radio/culture-minister-ed-vaizey-accuses-broadcasters-of-ignoring-east-of-india-ethnic-groups-9137217.html>

Why black models are rarely in fashion

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/feb/18/black-models-fashion-magazines-catwalks>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News

Christopher Chisholm charged with MSP Humza Yousaf 'racist abuse'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-26276856>

Man arrested after MSP Humza Yousaf 'racially abused'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-26258474>

Man held over Humza Yousaf racial incident

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/man-held-over-humza-yousaf-racial-incident.1392824812>

Man arrested over alleged racist abuse of MSP

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/man-arrested-over-alleged-racist-abuse-of-msp-1-3312311>

Footage shows vicious racist attack on busker caught by BBC

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/footage-shows-vicious-racist-attack-on-busker-caught-by-bbc.23444493>

Caught on camera: Shocking racist attack by two Scottish thugs on African immigrant busker as he stands in city centre

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2562999/Caught-camera-Shocking-racist-attack-two-Scottish-thugs-African-busker-stands-city-centre.html>

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News (continued)

Ministers will wage war on hate crimes after more shocking footage emerges of a racist thug's attack on two bus passengers

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/video-ministers-wage-war-hate-3175276>

Stop and search impact 'shameful'

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/stop-and-search-impact-shameful-1.227439>

Man admits to racist 'tirade'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/man-admits-to-racist-tirade.23467335>

Sectarianism 'not limited to west'

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/sectarianism-not-limited-to-west-1.232108>

Academics: sectarianism in Scotland goes beyond football and is 'not limited to the West'

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/u/academics-sectarianism-in-scotland-goes-beyond-football-and-is-not-limited-to-the-west.1392906619>

Sectarianism 'not just confined to working class'

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/sectarianism-not-just-confined-to-working-class-1-3314462>

"Golly Costume" pictures taken down following Advertising Standards Authority ruling

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/golly-costume-pictures-taken-down-following-advertising-standards-authority-ruling-9138599.html>

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Scottish Independence Referendum

Other Publication

A Just Scotland

<http://www.ajustscotland.org/files/Report/AJS2%20final.pdf>

Scottish Government Press Release

Scotland's future in the EU

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-future-in-the-EU-96b.aspx>

UK Government Press Release

Independence means independence says Scottish Secretary

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/independence-means-independence-says-scottish-secretary>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Parliamentary Motion

S4M-09113 Hanzala Malik: Islam Awareness Week to Celebrate the Common Wealth of Islam—That the Parliament notes that Islam Awareness Week begins on 17 March 2014 and that the theme this year is Charity Begins at Home; understands that the Scottish theme is Sharing the Common Wealth of Islam, which focuses on celebrating the unity and diversity of Muslim Scots as an integrated part of the Scottish community; notes that Islam Awareness Week aims to engage the people of Scotland of all faiths and none with the aim of achieving a greater understanding of Islam; wishes the organisers every success, and looks forward to the numerous events that are planned across Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-09113&ResultsPerPage=10>

New Publications

Scottish Parliament: Common Questions

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/PublicInformationdocuments/CommonQuestions070214.pdf>

You and Your Parliament

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/PublicInformationdocuments/You_and_Your_Parliament_-_English.pdf

News

Scottish government to get power to issue finance bonds

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-26245684>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Release

Scotland to be given powers to issue its own bonds

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/scotland-to-be-given-powers-to-issue-its-own-bonds>

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Other News

Mixed-race children 'are being failed' in treatment of mental health problems

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/feb/23/mixed-race-children-mental-health>

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Bills in Progress

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Scottish Parliament

Assisted Suicide Bill

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

**** Children and Young People Bill**

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

Stage 3 consideration of amendments

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8949&mode=html#iob_80794

Stage 3 debate

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=8949&mode=html#iob_80795

Bill as passed

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/b27bs4-aspassed.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Children%20and%20Young%20People%20(Scotland)%20Bill/b27bs4-aspassed.pdf)

Criminal Justice Bill

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

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Return to Nearest Safe Country) Bill

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

Asylum (Time Limit) Bill

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

Foreign Nationals (Access to Public Services) Bill

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

Bills in Progress

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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>

Modern Slavery Bill (draft)

Draft Bill as published

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/266165/Draft_Modern_Slavery_Bill.pdf

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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Scottish independence: constitutional implications for the rest of the UK

(closing date 28 February 2014)

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/constitution/Scottish%20independence/Call-for-evidence-Scottish-Independence-inquiry.pdf>

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Corporate Plan 2014-17 consultation (closing date 28 February 2014)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/corporate-plan-2014-17/>

Inquiry into the procedures for considering legislation (closing date 21 March 2014)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/70605.aspx>

Care for unaccompanied and trafficked children (closing date 25 March 2014)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/care-for-unaccompanied-and-trafficked-children>

In our own words: undocumented migrants and their supporters

(closing date 30 March 2014)

<http://picum.org/en/our-work/undocumented-migrants/terminology/-in-our-own-words-call-for-submissions-from-undocumented-migrants-and-their-supporters>

Holocaust Commission call for evidence (closing date 30 May 2014)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-holocaust-commission-keeping-the-memory-alive>

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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Faith and Belief Scotland (no closing date given)

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

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children, and Young People

27 (9.30 – 4.30) and 28 (9.30 – 12.30) February 2014 in Edinburgh

17 (9.30 – 4.30) and 18 (9.30 – 12.30) March 2014 in Edinburgh

Shakti Women's Aid course aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children & young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <http://www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/training&events.html>

Introduction to working with asylum seekers and refugees

6 March 2014 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course covering the factors that cause people to leave their own countries and end up in Scotland. It illustrates the differences between refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, examines the historical, legal and political context of the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees, and gives an overview of the current UK asylum process. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Martha Harding martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://tinyurl.com/lqfeavn>

Roots Scotland

9 March 2014 in Glasgow (12.30 – 4.30)

Event for minority ethnic community organisations and individuals to provide a historic taster workshop and a highlight tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum to encourage more people from diverse communities to access the museum services. For information contact Suzanne Bingham 0141 337 6626 / sbingham@wsrec.co.uk

Employment, Race Equality and the Referendum

10 March 2014 in Glasgow (12.15 – 3.30)

BEMIS, Scottish Refugee Council, and STUC conference to stimulate informed debate about employment and race equality in relation to the Scottish Government White Paper on independence. For information contact events@bemis.org.uk or see <http://us4.campaign-archive1.com/?u=527dd1ec975830240434f8004&id=0866e60528&e=3820462985>

GRAMNet Film Series

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

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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

Using the Public Sector Equality Duty – a tool for the third sector

19 March 2014 in Glasgow

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to enable voluntary sector organisations to understand the Public Sector Equality duty better and find out how they can use the duty to ensure that public services meet the diverse needs of communities. For information contact Douglas Guest 0141 228 5974 / scotlandcommunication@equalityhumanrights.com

Working with interpreters

20 March 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course that examines the legislative background to interpreting, allows participants to explore and potential scenarios in their own work, and gives participants the opportunity to troubleshoot any issues that may have come up in the course of their work. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Martha Harding martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://tinyurl.com/q7bk67v>

Positive Action in Scotland: Fair Employment for A;;

21 March 2014 in Glasgow (9.30)

CRER symposium to explore a range of perspectives on how positive action can be used to ensure fairer representation for minority ethnic communities in Scotland. For information contact Nadia Rafiq 0141 418 6530 / nadia@crer.org.uk or see <http://www.crer.org.uk/81-front-page-articles/427-positive-action-in-scotland>

Working with refugee and asylum seeking women

3 April 2014 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the differences between a migrant, a refugee and an asylum seeker, illustrate the differences between sex and gender, and examine the factors that might cause women to flee from their own countries and challenges they face when claiming asylum. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Martha Harding martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://tinyurl.com/pk4etc4>

Reporting asylum in the media: What you need to know

15 April 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council course to find out how to find the facts you need, understand how the asylum system works and explore how to sensitively achieve the best outcome when interviewing asylum seekers and refugees. Reduced fees available for small voluntary organisations. For information contact Martha Harding 0141 223 7951 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see <http://tinyurl.com/nzcptyx>

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

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

UK Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

GovUK (links to UK Government Departments) <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

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

Scotland's Referendum: Qs&As <http://www.scotreferendum.com/questions-and-answers/>

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

Scottish Refugee Council <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.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/>

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 News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

BBC Democracy Live 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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