

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

UK Parliament Questions

Immigration

Laurence Robertson: What steps [the Secretary of State for the Home Department] taking to bring about a reduction in gross and net immigration to the UK. [902904]

Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Theresa May):

Since 2010 we have reformed all routes to the UK, tightening areas where abuse was rife. In particular, around 700 colleges can no longer bring students into the UK, but at the same time, sponsored visa applications for university students increased by 7% in the past year. In the areas where we can exert control, our reforms are working and have cut non-EU migration to its lowest level since 1998.

Laurence Robertson: I thank the Home Secretary for that answer. Most statistics are quoted as net migration figures, although most people are concerned about the number of people coming to this country. Is it important to assess gross immigration figures when talking about these issues?

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Theresa May: Obviously it is important to consider all migration figures, and uncontrolled gross immigration does put pressure on our public services and infrastructure. As the immigration Minister pointed out, the people who suffer most from the impact of uncontrolled immigration are those at the lower end of the income scale. Indeed, the hon. Member for Dagenham and Rainham (Jon Cruddas) said that the previous Labour Government used migration “to introduce a covert 21st-century incomes policy.”

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/debtext/140310-0001.htm#14031014000017>

Immigration

Stephen Metcalfe: What comparative assessment she has made of trends in the levels of EU and non-EU migration; and if she will make a statement. [902911]

Reply from the Minister for Security and Immigration (James Brokenshire):

Our reforms have cut non-EU migration to its lowest level since 1998 and there are now 82,000 fewer non-EU nationals arriving annually than when this Government came to power. Net migration of EU nationals and their family members, who are not subject to formal immigration controls, has doubled over the last year. Across Government, we are working hard to address the factors that draw people to Britain for the wrong reasons.

Stephen Metcalfe: Does my hon. Friend agree with the comments of the German Chancellor, Angela Merkel, that freedom of movement should not mean freedom to claim and that the only way to tackle this is through the Prime Minister’s plan to reform the EU?

Reply from James Brokenshire: I agree with what my hon. Friend has said. Freedom of movement is not and cannot be a freedom to claim benefits. The Government have introduced a series of domestic measures to restrict access to benefits and we are committed to working with our partners to reform the rules on access to benefits, which were designed for a different era and are no longer fit for purpose.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/debtext/140310-0001.htm#14031014000024>

Entry Clearances: Married People

John Woodcock: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many spousal visas were granted in 2013. [191094]

Reply from James Brokenshire: The latest published figure for partner entry clearance visas (including spouses) granted under the family route in 2013 was 24,641. It is not possible to separately identify those granted visas under the old family rules and those granted visas under new family rules implemented on 9 July 2012.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics including those for entry clearance visas granted under the family route within the quarterly Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics October-December 2013, is available from:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140311/text/140311w0002.htm#14031194000060>

Entry Clearances: Married People

John Woodcock: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what average

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time is taken for a British citizen resident in the UK applying for a spousal visa for a non-EU citizen. [191095]

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Home Office does not hold this data as it is not necessary to differentiate between British nationals and third country nationals when considering applications for spouse visas.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics including those for entry clearance visas granted under the spouse route within the quarterly Immigration Statistics release. A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics October-December 2013, will be placed in the Library of the House, and is available from:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140313/text/140313w0003.htm#140313105000123>

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George Galloway: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many immigrants arrived in the UK in each of the last five years. [191004]

Reply from Nick Hurd: ... The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the authority to reply.

Letter from Glen Watson, dated March 2014: The best available calendar year estimates of immigration are the estimates of Long-Term International Migration (LTIM) which are produced by ONS primarily based on data from the International Passenger Survey (IPS), with adjustments made for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regard to their length of stay, and migration to and from Northern Ireland. LTIM estimates are based on the United Nations definition of a long-term international migrant, that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least one year.

In light of the results of the 2011 Census, ONS has published revised net migration estimates for the UK as components of change in revised population estimates from the year to mid-2002 to the year to mid-2012 for the United Kingdom. These include revisions to the net migration component, focused primarily on the middle part of the decade before improvements were made to the International Passenger Survey in 2009. However, these revised estimates are not published on a calendar year basis, and the question specifically relates to immigration not net migration.

The latest final calendar year LTIM immigration estimates are for the years 2008 to 2012 and are shown in Table 1. Provisional LTIM estimates for calendar year 2013 will become available on 22 May 2014.

	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>+/- 95% confidence interval</i>
2008	590,000	39,000
2009	567,000	30,000
2010	591,000	31,000
2011	566,000	28,000
2012	498,000	27,000

Source:
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140313/text/140313w0003.htm#140313105000124>

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140313/text/140313w0003.htm#140313105000124>

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Asylum

Nicholas Brown: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what non-statutory discretionary powers she has relating to accepting (a) wider family members and (b) siblings under family reunion applications by refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. [190099]

Reply from James Brokenshire: The Secretary of State may use her discretion to grant leave outside the rules in certain exceptional circumstances. However, the Immigration Rules provide ample opportunity for the family members of refugees or persons granted humanitarian protection to join them in the UK, which fully meets our international obligations.

The criteria for refugee family reunion applications are set out in part 11 of the Immigration Rules and allow pre-existing family members (spouse, civil partner or unmarried/same-sex partner, plus any children under 18 who formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled to seek asylum) to apply to be reunited with or to have their leave brought in line with a recognised refugee or of a person granted humanitarian protection in the UK.

There are also provisions in Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules to grant entry clearance to the post-flight partner and children under the age of 18 of a person granted refugee or humanitarian protection in the UK.

Furthermore, there are provisions in Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules to grant entry clearance to adult dependent relatives (parent, grandparent, child or sibling who must be over the age of 18) of a refugee or person with humanitarian protection in the UK.

Children under the age of 18, who have a close relative in the UK (who is not the child's parent) and that family member has been recognised as a refugee or granted humanitarian protection in the UK, may also apply to join that family member under Part 8 of the Immigration Rules. In such cases serious and compelling family or other considerations as well as other criteria must exist.

Asylum seekers may not sponsor a family member to enter the UK until they have been granted refugee or humanitarian protection status in the UK.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/text/140310w0002.htm#14031035000010>

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

George Galloway (1153) Immigration debate – That this House is intensely relaxed about people coming to this country to study and work and bringing necessary skills, as long as they pay their taxes and pay their way; notes that Government ministers are once more bitterly at odds over immigration; further notes that while the number of immigrants arriving from outside the EU has fallen, those arriving from within the EU has increased by 60,000 to 209,000; points out that Government ministers' commitment to cutting net migration to below 100,000 by next year is impossible without leaving the EU; believes that the Immigration Minister James Brokenshire's claim that the number of arrivals from the EU is too high is simply a naked attempt to hold on to Tory voters who are likely to vote for UKIP in the May elections; and calls on all parties and members to stop using immigration as a political football.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/1153>

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Press Releases

New human trafficking bill for Scotland

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/New-human-trafficking-bill-for-Scotland-a76.aspx>

MEPs approve funds for asylum, migration and border surveillance until 2020

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20140307IPR38402/html/MEPs-approve-funds-for-asylum-migration-and-border-surveillance-until-2020>

New Publications

WYR 2013: Youth Migration and Development

http://www.unworldyouthreport.org/index.php?option=com_k2&view=itemlist&layout=category&task=category&id=29&Itemid=219

A Fair Deal on Migration for the UK

http://www.ippr.org/images/media/files/publication/2014/03/Fair-deal-on-migration_Mar2013_11970.pdf

The Fiscal Effects of Immigration to the UK

http://www.cream-migration.org/publ_uploads/CDP_22_13.pdf

Victims of trafficking: guidance for competent bodies

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/292153/competent-guidance.pdf

Love Letters to the Home Office

<http://lovelettershome.org/stories/>

News

Bill to make Scotland 'hostile' for people traffickers

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-26611041>

Trafficking victim John: 'I was locked in room'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-26614156>

Young migrants tell their stories

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Youngmigrantstelltheirstories.aspx>

Immigrants cost Britain £3,000 a year each, says report

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/10693022/Immigrants-cost-Britain-3000-a-year-each-says-report.html>

Immigrants 'cost taxpayer £22m a day'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4032009.ece>

How immigrants 'have cost Britain £140bn since 1995': Study contradicts claims immigration helps to cut taxes

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2579689/How-immigrants-cost-Britain-140bn-1995-Study-contradicts-claims-immigration-helps-cut-taxes.html>

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Many immigrants 'are better qualified than white Britons'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4029336.ece>

Three Pounds in my Pocket: my father and the first Asians in Britain

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/life/families/article4026681.ece>

US cancer patient Ralph Marx sent back by Home Office because of his disease

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/us-cancer-patient-ralph-marx-sent-back-by-home-office-because-of-his-disease-9187867.html>

Mother forced to bring up daughter alone after her American husband is deported from Britain because he had cancer and is a '£98,000 burden on the taxpayer'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2578149/Mother-forced-bring-daughter-US-husband-asked-leave-UK-cancer.html>

Pregnant Scots mum speaks out against 'cruel' new immigration rules that threaten to split up her family

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/pregnant-scots-mum-speaks-out-3232032>

Eastern Europeans working in Britain mobilise to make migrant vote count

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/mar/11/eastern-europeans-migrant-workers-vote-uk-elections>

#Lincolndemocracy: making the migrant vote count at local elections

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/13/lincoln-democracy-migrant-vote-local-elections>

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UK Parliament Questions

BME Police Officers

Stella Creasy: What assessment she has made of the change in the number of black and minority ethnic police officers in England and Wales since 2010. [902914]

Reply from the Minister for Policing, Criminal Justice and Victims (Damian Green): From March 2010 to March 2013 the proportion of black and minority ethnic officers has increased from 4.6% to 5%. While the police work force is more representative in terms of gender and ethnicity than it has ever been, there is still much more to be done by forces.

Stella Creasy: One in three of my constituents is from a black and minority ethnic background but that is true of only one in 10 of our police. Does the Minister recognise that in communities like mine in east London that can lead to an undermining of confidence that our police are drawing from the widest talent pool possible in serving our capital city? If he does agree that that is a problem, will he back our plans to fast-track action to do something about it?

Reply from Damian Green: I agree completely with the hon. Lady that this issue needs addressing. I am happy to tell the House that it is being addressed. The Metropolitan police plan to recruit 5,000 new constables between now and 2015, and their aim is that 40% of them should be from a minority background, to reflect

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the population of London as a whole. This indeed is a serious issue, which the Metropolitan police are addressing.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/debtext/140310-0001.htm#14031014000026>

Press Release

What a surprise: No equal opportunities in jobs for ethnic and religious minorities in Europe

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2014-03-17%20Shadow%20report%20discrimination%20employment.pdf>

New Publication

How are ethnic inequalities in education changing?

<http://www.ethnicity.ac.uk/census/CoDE-Education-Census-Briefing.pdf>

News

Ethnic groups' qualifications rise

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/ethnic-groups-qualifications-rise-1.261817>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

New Publication

Independent Comparative Case Review – The Solicitors Regulation Authority

<http://www.sra.org.uk/documents/SRA/equality-diversity/independent-comparative-case-review-iccr-gus-john.pdf>

News

Stephen Lawrence exclusive: Links between 'corrupt' officer on investigation and racist murder gang were suppressed to protect Met chief

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/exclusive-links-between-corrupt-officer-and-stephen-lawrence-murder-gang-suppressed-9180093.html>

Teenage player tells of day racist abuse left him in tears

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/teenage-player-tells-of-day-racist-abuse-left-him-in-tears.23632977>

Mikaeel Kular: Racist comments soldier avoid jail

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/mikaeel-kular-racist-comments-soldier-avoid-jail-1-3337026>

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Soldier is spared jail for posting Mikaeel racial slur

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/soldier-is-spared-jail-for-posting-mikaeel-racial-slur.23666493>

Teenage soldier who posted Facebook hate message after murder of Pakistani three-year-old, spared jail because he was raised a racist

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2578510/Teenage-soldier-brought-racist-family-spared-jail-posting-drunken-Facebook-message-death-three-year-old-Mikaeel-Kular.html>

Solicitors Regulation Authority 'not racist' but black solicitors treated harshly

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/exclusive-solicitors-regulation-authority-not-racist-but-black-solicitors-treated-harshly-9193585.html>

FA opts not to appeal for longer Nicolas Anelka ban over goal gesture

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/mar/13/fa-nicolas-anelka-appeal-ban-gesture>

Oxford's 'students of colour' on being 'othered' at university

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/shortcuts/2014/mar/12/oxford-university-students-of-colour-being-othered>

How widespread is racism at uni?

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/abby-and-libby-blog/2014/mar/14/students-racism-on-campus-awareness-campaign>

Government urged to 'eradicate any racism in FA' after Sol Campbell claims

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2014/mar/11/sol-campbell-keith-vaz-racism-fa-commons>

Christian guesthouse owners go to Strasbourg over 'discrimination' case

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/10700403/Christian-guesthouse-owners-go-to-Strasbourg-over-discrimination-case.html>

Racist warden told prisoners to avenge Rigby, court told

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4029385.ece>

Haitham Al-Haddad says Islamophobia cancelled Legoland day

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-berkshire-26612303>

Man punched in face in racist attack in Edinburgh

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-26615649>

Polish man stoned by gang in racist assault

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/crime/polish-man-stoned-by-gang-in-racist-assault-1-3343392>

Young girl hit with stone in racist attack by schoolboys in Dundee

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/dundee/young-girl-hit-with-stone-in-racist-attack-by-schoolboys-in-dundee-1.272835>

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Scottish Independence Referendum

UK Government Publication

The Referendum on Separation for Scotland: the impact on higher education, research and tuition fees

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmsscota/1144/1144.pdf>

Scottish Government Press Release

Scotland's Future a 'bestseller'

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-Future-a-bestseller-a3f.aspx>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Parliamentary Questions

Murdo Fraser: To ask the Scottish Government, following the passing of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill, whether it considers that no teacher should be required to use materials that actively promote a particular view of marriage. (S4W-19983)

Reply from Michael Russell: All teachers in Scotland are expected to adhere to the General Teaching Council of Scotland's Code of Professionalism and Conduct, which sets out the key principles and values for registered teachers in Scotland. In particular, Part 5 on equality and diversity emphasises the need for teachers to be non-judgmental, and to recognise their status as role models within the school.

If any teacher, or indeed any child or young person, is asked to do something to which they fundamentally object in any aspect of the curriculum, the Scottish Government would expect there to be appropriate mechanisms for such concerns to be raised and dealt with locally. Where teachers raise religious or belief concerns about teaching aspects of relationships, sexual health and parenthood education, local authorities may wish to take account of the guidance issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission on religion or belief in the workplace:

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/guidance-for-employers/religion-or-belief-new-guidance-february-2013/>

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-19983&ResultsPerPage=10>

Petition

PE01514: Making Time for Reflection representative of all beliefs

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/equaltimeforreflection>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Debate

Female Genital Mutilation

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/halltext/140310h0001.htm#14031023000001>

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Female Genital Mutilation

Karl Turner: What steps [is the Secretary of State for the Home Office] taking to increase the number of people who are investigated and charged for carrying out female genital mutilation. [902906]

Reply from the Secretary of State for the Home Department (Theresa May): Government Ministers have signed a declaration which reaffirms our commitment to protecting current and future generations of girls from this abuse. We are working closely with the Director of Public Prosecutions to increase investigations for FGM and are considering suggestions for strengthening the criminal law. The Government are determined to do all we can to bring perpetrators to justice.

Karl Turner: I congratulate the Government on the work that they have done recently to deal with this shocking criminal offence, but will the Home Secretary commit to a national campaign to raise awareness of FGM and the fact that it is a serious criminal offence, similar to campaigns such as that on domestic violence?

Reply from Theresa May: The hon. Gentleman makes an important point in two ways for those who are potentially at risk of being victims of female genital mutilation. First, it is important that they understand their situation. Secondly, it is important that those who are aiming to undertake or arrange for others to undergo FGM know what the law is and where they stand in relation to it. The Government have indeed produced a campaign. We have launched a new communications campaign in relation to this issue. I also refer the hon. Gentleman to the "Statement opposing female genital mutilation", which is a pocket-sized leaflet that sets out the law. About 41,000 statements have already been distributed across the UK in 11 languages.

Nicola Blackwood: FGM by its nature is a secretive crime, often perpetrated by close relatives of the victims, too many of whom are very young and too frightened to seek help. What is the Home Secretary doing to ensure that the police and the Crown Prosecution Service have the training and expertise necessary to take a proactive approach to identifying and protecting these very young victims, rather than simply hoping that they will come forward of their own volition?

Reply from Theresa May: My hon. Friend also makes important points about this issue. We are working with the victims that she mentions and, in particular, we are doing some work with the Director of Public Prosecutions. Everybody in the House is frustrated that there has not been a prosecution yet. We want to see prosecutions because that can make it clear to people what they are doing and what is at risk when they undertake this crime.

To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/debtext/140310-0001.htm#14031014000019>

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Helen Jones: To ask the Secretary of State for Education (1) what steps he is taking to ensure that schools have policies in place to (a) help to identify girls who have undergone female genital mutilation and (b) refer them to appropriate support; [190516]

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(2) what steps he is taking to ensure that teachers receive adequate training in recognising children at risk of female genital mutilation; and if he will make a statement. [190521]

Reply from Edward Timpson: The Secretary of State for Education, my right hon. Friend the Member for Surrey Heath (Michael Gove), set out our intentions in a statement on 25 February following a meeting with campaigners earlier that day. This statement has been published and is available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/michael-gove-guidance-for-schools-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Any member of staff in a school who has concerns that a child may be suffering, or be likely to suffer, significant harm has a responsibility to take appropriate action, working with other services as needed.

All staff members should receive appropriate child protection training which is regularly updated to enable them to discharge that responsibility. School governing bodies and proprietors must ensure that the policies, procedures and training in their schools or colleges are effective and comply with relevant legislation.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140310/text/140310w0001.htm#14031033000040>

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New Publication

People in prison: Gypsies, Romany and Travellers

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/publications/inspectorate-reports/hmprobation/joint-thematic/gypsies-romany-travellers-findings.pdf>

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Other News

One in 20 inmates 'from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller backgrounds'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-26539961>

Gypsies 'over-represented in jails'

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk/gypsies-over-represented-in-jails-1.263768>

Adoption charity to remain on Register

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/st-margarets-statement/>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Assisted Suicide Bill

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

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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>

Committee Stage, House of Lords

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140310-0001.htm#1403105000403>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140310-0002.htm#14031020000155>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140310-0002.htm#14031032000279>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140312-0001.htm#14031265000436>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201314/ldhansrd/text/140312-0002.htm#14031284000112>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/lbill/2013-2014/0084/amend/ml084-IV.htm>

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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** *closes this week!*

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>

** **Charity Pulse 2014** (closing date 11 April 2014)

<http://bird-song.co.uk/charity-pulse-2014/>

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>

Bullying and Prejudice in Schools: Pupil Views and Experiences (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BullyingAndPrejudicePupils?v=3>

Bullying, Harassment and Prejudice in Schools: Teacher Views and Experiences

(no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BullyingandPrejudiceStaff?v=3>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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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

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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>

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Positive Action in Scotland: Fair Employment for All

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>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

GRAMNet Film Series

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

Developing Management and Leadership Programme

May 2014 to January 2015 in Glasgow

PATH (Scotland) training course with funding from the Equality Unit of the Scottish Government to examine power inequalities and the impact of such inequalities on under-represented groups. It will also enable participants to recognise and develop their skills and abilities as managers and leaders. The course is validated by the University of Glasgow, Centre for Open Studies. For information see http://pathscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/DMLS_14-15_CourseOutline.pdf and to apply complete the form at <http://pathscotland.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Leadership-Application-Form-14-15.doc>

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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>

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/>

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 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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