

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 21 September and the House of Lords until 13 October 2014.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament Questions

#### UK Visas and Immigration

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether staff answering calls to the UK Visas and Immigration MPs' Hotline who are not directly employed by the Home Office receive the same training and have access to the same information as staff who are directly employed. [207384]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** All staff, whether employed directly or via an agency, receive the same training and have access to the same systems.

**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what proportion of staff answering enquiries to the UK Visas and Immigration MPs' Hotline have been directly employed by the Home Office in the last six months. [207385]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Between 1 January and 31 March 2014, two members of the team who answered UK Visas and Immigration MP's Hotline were employed via an agency.

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**Andrew Smith:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what private companies have been contracted to answer enquiries to the UK Visas and Immigration MPs' Hotline in the last six months. [207386]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** No private companies have been contracted to answer enquiries to the UK Visas and Immigration MP's Hotline.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140908/text/140908w0002.htm#1409093000017>

### Immigration

**Frank Field:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what estimate she has made of her Department's expenditure on the (a) immigration system once associated fee income has been deducted and (b) asylum system in each of the last three financial years for which figures are available. [204254]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The information is as follows:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Immigration system net costs	715,881	513,461	365,000
Asylum costs	281,365	266,773	265,183

For the immigration system net costs, we show the cost of Immigration Overseas; Border Control; Immigration In Country and Enforcement directorates.

For asylum costs, we show the asylum support costs within UK Visas and Immigration directorate.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140911/text/140911w0001.htm#14091149000035>

### Immigration

**Heidi Alexander:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many individuals have been granted limited leave to remain with no recourse to public funds in each year since 2003. [207459]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The specific information that has been requested is not held centrally.

The Home Office does publish statistics on extensions of stay in tables ex\_01 to ex\_02\_o within the 'Immigration Statistics' release. A copy of the latest release, "Immigration Statistics April to June 2014" is available from the Library of the House and at:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140909/text/140909w0002.htm#14090978000034>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Stephen Barclay:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the average time spent in detention for the purposes of immigration control by (a) women and (b) men in each category of detainee was in each of the last five years. [208559]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** Published figures on people detained in the United Kingdom solely under 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. The period of detention starts when a person first enters the Home Office detention estate. If the person is then moved from a removal centre to a

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

police cell or Prison Service establishment, this period of stay will be included if the detention is solely under Immigration Act powers.

The table below shows the available information on length of detention, in bands, as at the last day of each year for the last five years. The Home Office publishes length of detention figures in bands as average figures can be skewed by the small number of people detained for longer periods.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people detained in the United Kingdom for immigration purposes, within Immigration Statistics: April to June 2014, from the GOV.UK website:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140912/text/140912w0001.htm#14091223000040>

### Asylum: Deportation

**David Davies:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many asylum seekers have been deported to other European countries in each of the last four years. [207405]

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The table below provides the total number of enforced removals of asylum cases to other European countries, in each year from 2010-13.

<i>Enforced removals of asylum cases to Europe, 2010-13<sup>1</sup>, 2, 3, 4</i>	
	<i>Total asylum enforced removals</i>
2010	1,583
2011	1,276
2012	1,068
2013 <sup>P</sup>	1,188

<sup>1</sup> Destination as recorded on source database; all nationals returned to Europe. <sup>2</sup> Removals are recorded on the system as at the dates on which the data extracts were taken. <sup>3</sup> Recorded on the system as having claimed asylum at some point. <sup>4</sup> Europe consists of: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Cyprus (northern part of), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Former Yugoslavia, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Serbia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Svalbard and Jan Mayen, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vatican City.

Deportations are a specific subset of removals which are enforced either following a criminal conviction or when it is judged that a person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The deportation order prohibits the person returning to the UK until such time as it may be revoked. It is not possible to separately identify deportations from enforced removals.

It is not possible within these figures to say at what stage in the asylum process individuals have reached at the time of their removal, including whether their claim has failed at that point, as those departing voluntarily can do so at any stage without necessarily notifying the Home Office.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of persons removed or departed voluntarily from the UK and on persons refused

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entry to the United Kingdom within Immigration Statistics. The data on removals and voluntary departures by type are available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics: April – June 2013, tables rv.06 and rv.06.q from gov.uk on the statistics webpages at:

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

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140912/text/140912w0001.htm#14091223000034>

### Human Trafficking

**Frank Field:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the nationality and gender was of each suspected victim of trafficking referred to the Trafficking Victim Support Scheme operated by the Salvation Army in August 2014; in which (a) region and (b) county each of the suspected victims was found; which agency referred each person to the scheme; in which town was the shelter to which they were placed for the relevant period; and what contact is had with each victim after they exit the shelter to ensure they are not re-trafficked. [207358]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The data requested for August 2014 can be found on the Salvation Army's website, at:

[http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/Anti\\_Human\\_Trafficking\\_Latest\\_Report](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/Anti_Human_Trafficking_Latest_Report)

Monthly reports are published on the website providing information on victims that have been supported. In the interests of the victim's safety, only the region in which the victim was encountered will be provided.

Upon leaving Government-funded care, a victim is provided with tailored support either to safely return home or integrate in the UK, if they are eligible to do so. Once a victim leaves the service, no formal mechanisms exist to maintain contact with them. However, ongoing support of victims is being considered as part of the review of the National Referral Mechanism.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140908/text/140908w0002.htm#1409093000010>

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**Margot James:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what the (a) nationality and (b) gender was of each suspected victim of trafficking referred to the Trafficking Victim Support Scheme operated by the Salvation Army in July 2014; in which (a) region and (b) county, each of the suspected victims was found; which agency referred each person to the scheme; in which town the shelter was in which they were placed for the relevant period; and what contact is maintained with each victim after he or she leaves the shelter to ensure he or she is not re-trafficked. [207591]

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The data requested for July 2014 can be found on the Salvation Army's website, at:

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140909/text/140909w0002.htm#14090978000033>

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### New Publication

#### Home Office Immigration and Nationality Fees From October 2014

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/352626/2014-15 Fees Table excl unit costs October v1.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/352626/2014-15_Fees_Table_excl_unit_costs_October_v1.pdf)

### News

#### Asylum seekers locked out of homes

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/asylum-seekers-locked-out-of-homes-179561n.25218745>

#### Online English course attracts 100,000 students

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-29157037>

#### Rotherham to Slovakia and back

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-south-yorkshire-29068034>

#### Stop moaning about immigration, Britain told

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4205430.ece>

#### No country that you can call your own

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_blogs/2501\\_no\\_country\\_that\\_you\\_can\\_call\\_your\\_own](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_blogs/2501_no_country_that_you_can_call_your_own)

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## Equality

### News

#### Black and Asian Britons 'scarcely represented at top of Civil Service'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/black-and-asian-britons-scarcely-represented-at-top-of-civil-service-9724842.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament Question

#### Religious Hatred

**Greg Mulholland:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what steps she is taking to tackle Islamophobia; and if she will make a statement. [208153]

**Reply from Norman Baker:** The coalition Government takes seriously all forms of hate crime, including anti-Muslim hatred, seriously and we have legislation in place to protect people from hostility, hatred and violence.

In May, we published our refreshed cross-Government hate crime action plan—Challenge it, Report it, Stop it, setting out the progress we have made and further steps we will take to address the issue. Specific actions to tackle anti-Muslim hatred include supporting educational workshops for young people, running a series of regional roadshows across the country in the spring to engage with



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communities, and publishing new hate crime guidance for police officers which provides advice on dealing with anti-Muslim hatred.

We also continue to support the work of cross-Government Anti-Muslim Hatred Working Group, which includes community representatives, to identify what more can be done to prevent anti-Muslim hatred, and respond to any emerging issues.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmhansrd/cm140911/text/140911w0001.htm#14091149000042>

## Press Releases

### **Church of Scotland welcomes stand against religious hatred**

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2014/church-of-scotland-welcomes-stand-against-religious-hatred](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2014/church-of-scotland-welcomes-stand-against-religious-hatred)

### **PACE President and Norwegian Speaker back plan for a European Day to remember the victims of hate crime**

[https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=2233049&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=\\_self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE](https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=2233049&Site=DC&ShowBanner=no&Target=_self&BackColorInternet=F5CA75&BackColorIntranet=F5CA75&BackColorLogged=A9BACE)

## News

### **Islamophobia and anti-semitism upsurge in Scotland**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/islamophobia-and-anti-semitism-upsurge-in-scotland-1-3538995>

### **Gove in warning over attacks on Jews**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/gove-in-warning-over-attacks-on-jews.25282226>

### **Michael Gove says there is 'insufficient indignation' about fivefold rise in anti-Semitic incidents in the UK**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/michael-gove-says-there-is-insufficient-indignation-about-fivefold-rise-in-antisemitic-incident-in-the-uk-9723934.html?origin=internalSearch>

### **Gove says antisemitism is sign of the terror to come**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/middleeast/article4201739.ece>

### **Gove says boycott of Israeli goods is sign of 'resurgent antisemitism'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2014/sep/09/gove-against-boycotting-israeli-goods-gaza-conflict>

### **Fine over racist mosque rant after soldier murder**

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/crime/fine-over-racist-mosque-rant-after-soldier-murder-1-3538935>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### News

**Muslim students will be offered sharia-friendly student loans by government in bid to get more Islamic pupils to go to university**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2750899/Muslim-students-offered-Sharia-law-friendly-student-loans-government-bid-Islamic-pupils-university.html>

**Ministers hand councils tough new powers to evict gypsies**

<http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/article1459044.ece>

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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>

**Criminal Justice Bill**

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

### Bills in Progress

#### UK Parliament

**Arbitration and Mediation Services (Equality) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/arbitrationandmediationservicesequality.html>

**Assisted Dying Bill** (England and Wales only)

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/assisteddying.html>

**Asylum (Time Limit) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/asylumtimelimit.html>

**Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

**\*\* Modern Slavery Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/modernslavery.html>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0008/amend/modernslaveryaddednames.pdf>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0008/amend/pbc0081009m.159-165.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2014-2015/0008/amend/pbc0081109a.195-196.html>

## Bills in Progress

### UK Parliament (continued)

Public Bill Committee consideration of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/140909/am/140909s01.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/140909/pm/140909s01.htm>

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/140911/am/140911s01.htm>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201415/cmpublic/modernslavery/140911/pm/140911s01.htm>

### UK Borders Control Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/ukborderscontrol.html>

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## Consultations

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**Proposed Organ and Tissue Donation Bill** (closing date 25 September 2014)

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_MembersBills/Organ\\_Donation\\_Consultation\\_Document.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_MembersBills/Organ_Donation_Consultation_Document.pdf)

**Equality and Human Rights Commission call for evidence on religion or belief issues**

(closing date 14 October 2014)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/commission-calls-evidence-religion-or-belief-issues>

**Modern Slavery Bill (UK Parliament)** (closing date 14 October 2014)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2014/july/have-your-say-on-the-modern-slavery-bill/>

**Scottish Independence Bill: A consultation on an interim constitution for Scotland**

(closing date 20 October 2014)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00452762.pdf>

(summary: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0045/00452784.pdf>)

**Targeted Regulation of Scottish Charities** (closing date 24 October 2014)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/targeted-regulation-consultation/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan** (closing date 12 November 2014)

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/about-us/our-work/ehrc-consultations/consulting-statutory-review-our-strategic-plan>

\*\* **Planning and travellers** (closing date 23 November 2014)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/354061/consultation\\_doc\\_140903.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/354061/consultation_doc_140903.pdf)

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

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



## Consultations (continued)

**Light on: perceptions and interpretations of expressions** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPJCY6J>

**Advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe** (no closing date given)  
<http://www.amase.eu/wp/be-part-of-amase/>

**Migrants' Views on the Impact of the Migration Debate** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L5JW3CP>

**Inquiry into the recruitment and appointment practices on company boards**  
(no closing date given)  
<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/our-legal-work/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-recruitment-and-appointment-practices-company-boards>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### Homecoming Scotland 2014

Wide range of events throughout the whole of 2014. For information see the full programme <http://www.visitscotland.com/see-do/homecoming-scotland-2014/events/>



BEMIS, in partnership with Visit Scotland and the Scottish Government has launched 'Multicultural Homecoming 2014', a programme of events to showcase Scotland's rich cultural diversity, and a small Grants Programme to help community groups put on local events. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/project/multicultural-homecoming-2014/>

\*\* *this week!*

### Caring for Older People – Contribution of Faith Communities

19 September 2014 in Inverness (10.00 – 3.00)

Recent research has begun to quantify the largely unrecognized work done by faith groups in caring for older people. This workshop will provide information about how the government views this work and how they support organisations carrying it out. For information contact [info@fiop.org.uk](mailto:info@fiop.org.uk).

### Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Targeted Regulation

23 September 2014 in Stirling (1.30 – 4.15)

23 September 2014 in Perth 6.00 – 8.30)

29 September 2014 in Fort William (6.00 – 8.30)

15 October 2014 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.15)

15 October 2014 in Hamilton (2.00 – 4.45)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator meetings to discuss key changes to the way charities are regulated, including changes to reporting mechanisms, publication of charity accounts on the Register, and the creation of a charity trustee database. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/news-and-events/latest-events/>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **From the Boardroom to the Decision Table: Training Diverse Leadership**

24 September 2014 – online webinar (3.00)

Cities of Migration webinar to discuss why, if visible minorities and immigrants make up a growing share of the urban population they are still largely absent from the city's boardrooms and corridors of power. For information see

[http://citiesofmigration.ca/webinar/diverse-leadership/?utm\\_source=mailoutinteractive&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Webinar:%20From%20the%20Boardroom%20to%20the%20Decision%20Table:%20Training%20Diverse%20Leadership](http://citiesofmigration.ca/webinar/diverse-leadership/?utm_source=mailoutinteractive&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Webinar:%20From%20the%20Boardroom%20to%20the%20Decision%20Table:%20Training%20Diverse%20Leadership)

### **How does diversity in parental involvement help develop successful learners?**

25 September 2014 in Glasgow (12.00 – 1.00)

Gathered Together – Cruinn Cómhla partnership project between BEMIS and the Scottish Parent Teacher Council to support parents from ethnic minorities to become more involved with their children's education and school communities. This event will share the research carried out by the project into barriers to involvement faced by ethnic minority parents. For information see <http://www.scottishlearningfestival.co.uk/events/a2h/>

### **Is Accessing Information A Human Right? Lessons for Scotland**

26 September 2014 in Glasgow (1.30 – 4.30)

Event marking International Right to Know Day and celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of the Campaign for Freedom of Information in Scotland. For information see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/is-accessing-information-a-human-right-lessons-for-scotland-tickets-12969904333>

### **\*\* Black History Month**

1-31 October 2014

For a full programme of events, see

<http://www.crer.org.uk/BlackHistory/BHM14brochure.pdf>

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

8th (9.30-4.30pm) & 9th (9.30-12.30pm) October 2014

6th (9.30-4.30pm) & 7th (9.30-12.30pm) November 2014

3rd (9.30-4.30pm) & 4th (9.30-12.30pm) December 2014

Shakti Women's Aid training to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see <http://www.shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/training&events.html> or contact 0131 475 2399 / [info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk)

### **A level playing field? Discrimination Law in 2014**

23 October 2014 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Discrimination Law Association conference in partnership with the Equality and Human Rights Commission. For information contact Angela Barclay 0141 228 5951 / [equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com) or see

[http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/14x\\_sdla.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/14x_sdla.pdf)

### **Holocaust Memorial Day workshop**

10 November 2014 in Edinburgh (1.15 – 4.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to explore the HMD 2015 theme "Keep the memory alive", hear more about activity organising, and meet others who are planning to mark HMD in your area. Free but booking essential. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk).

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Domestic Abuse And Women Subject To Immigration Control: Where Human Rights Do Not Reach**

18 November 2014 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Scottish Women's Aid seminar to explore the impacts of insecure immigration status on women who experience violence and abuse. For information contact [booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ocvuxva>.

### **Promoting Good Relations: New Approaches, New Solutions**

21 November 2014 in Glasgow

Commission for Racial Equality and Rights conference to consider one of the most challenging aspects of the Public Sector Equality Duty – the duty to foster good relations. For information contact Nadia Rafiq [nadia@crer.org.uk](mailto:nadia@crer.org.uk)

### **Working With People Affected By Forced Marriage**

11 February 2015 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Scottish Women's Aid seminar to demystify forced marriage and help delegates to gain the knowledge they need to provide appropriate support to those affected. For information contact [booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:booking@scottishwomensaid.org.uk) / 0131 226 6606 or see <http://tinyurl.com/ovxofgs>.

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**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](http://www.acas.org.uk)

**SCVO** <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

## Useful Links (continued)

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) [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

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](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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