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The UK Parliament has been dissolved, and will not meet again until after the General Election. New MPs will be sworn in on 18 May 2015, and the State Opening of Parliament will take place on 27 May 2015, after which, normal business will resume.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Question

Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre

Linda Fabiani: To ask the Scottish Government whether Police Scotland personnel have been involved in the transfer of asylum-seeking families with children to or from the Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre since 1 April 2013 and, if so, on how many occasions and on what dates. (S4W-24964)

Reply from Paul Wheelhouse: Police Scotland have advised that there are no Police Scotland personnel involved at Dungavel, they were able to advise that the Home Office have brought in private contractors to carry out this work. I would like

Immigration and Asylum Scottish Parliament Question (continued)

to reiterate that the Scottish Government remains opposed to detaining any children of asylum seekers; detention of children in an asylum context is unnecessary and disproportionate. It is a breach of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and should not be happening in the UK. The Scottish Government will continue to reaffirm this position at every available opportunity.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-24964&ResultsPerPage=10>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S4M-12950 Alex Rowley: Thousands of Migrants Dying Attempting to Reach Europe Each Year—That the Parliament expresses its shock at the recent loss of life in the Mediterranean sea where almost 400 migrants attempting to reach the EU are believed to have died in a shipwreck off the coast of Libya; supports the comments of human rights groups across Europe that have condemned the scrapping of rescue operations in the Mediterranean, which it believes is endangering the lives of thousands of desperate migrants making perilous journeys across the sea; acknowledges the comments of the human rights group, Amnesty International, which stated that "European governments' on-going negligence towards the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean has contributed to a more than 50-fold increase in migrant and refugee deaths since the beginning of 2015"; believes that the decision of the EU to stop funding Italy's Mare Nostrum rescue mission last year in favour of the surveillance patrols currently being carried out by its border agency, Frontex, is a clear example of its dereliction of duty with regard to this matter; notes the evidence given to the European and External Relations Committee by Pasquale Terracciano, the Italian Ambassador to the United Kingdom, who stated "We are pressing to persuade the European Union that there is an external border that is of common interest and should be managed at a common level, we are pressing other partners to make it a European priority and all political pressure is welcome to create awareness of the scale of the phenomenon", and believes that it is the duty of all EU nations to work together to tackle this humanitarian crisis, the scale of which it considers is causing widespread concern and disbelief in the Cowdenbeath constituency and in communities across Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-12950&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Releases

Refugee Festival Scotland Media Awards 2015

Closing date extended to Friday 24 April – Annual awards that celebrate Scotland's best media coverage of refugee and asylum issues.

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/media_awards

Human trafficking: Many European states not doing enough for child victims

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/human-trafficking-many-european-states-not-doing-enough-for-child-victims>

MEPs debate how to fight human trafficking

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150414STO41830/html/Live-MEPs-debate-how-to-fight-human-trafficking>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **New Publications**

Migrant employment outcomes in European labour markets

http://www.ippr.org/assets/media/publications/pdf/migrant-employment-outcomes-in-europe-labour-markets_April2015.pdf

Financial Literacy and Attitudes Towards Immigration

http://www.britishelectionstudy.com/bes-impact/financial-literacy-and-attitudes-towards-immigration/#.VSD_EhOUcp2

SNP Immigration Policy - A Back Door to England?

<http://www.migrationwatchuk.com/briefing-paper/10.33>

News

Anger over Home Office threat to Scottish language qualifications

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/anger-over-home-office-threat-to-scottish-language-qualifications.122374706>

Schools struggling as more pupils can't speak English

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4399834.ece>

Sharp fall in number of foreigners winning British passports

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11506084/Sharp-fall-in-number-of-foreigners-winning-British-passports.html>

Number of migrant workers arriving in Britain fell during Coalition years

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11504301/Number-of-migrant-workers-arriving-in-Britain-fell-during-Coalition-years.html>

Nigerian gay rights activist has her High Court asylum bid rejected - because judge doesn't believe she is lesbian

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigerian-gay-rights-activist-has-her-high-court-asylum-bid-rejected--because-judge-doesnt-believe-she-is-lesbian-10155083.html>

Home Office refers visa applicants to unelected Westminster candidates instead of MSPs

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/scottish-politics/home-office-refers-visa-applicants-to-unelected-westminster-candidates-in.122424349>

Refugee detention centres are harming women - they should close, say experts

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/refugee-detention-centres-are-harming-women-they-should-close-say-experts.122395049>

Police Scotland in Warsaw talks over secondments

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/police-scotland-in-warsaw-talks-over-secondments.122591785>

Striving to be Poles apart no longer

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/herald-view/herald-view-striving-to-be-poles-apart-no-longer.122625135>

Hospital patients to be asked about UK residence status

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-32281155>

Immigration and Asylum

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Passport plan for patients is rejected

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/news/article4410557.ece>

Forty illegal immigrants a day arrested in Britain

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11517668/Forty-illegal-immigrants-a-day-arrested-in-Britain.html>

Is immigration really good for our economy?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11528467/Is-immigration-really-good-for-our-economy.html>

New British citizens are a cause for celebration, not concern

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/apr/06/fewer-foreign-nationals-awarded-british-citizenship>

'Bloody foreigners': Scotland's immigrants step in to up nation's dwindling blood supplies

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/health/bloody-foreigners-scotlands-immigrants-step-in-to-up-nations-dwindling-blood-supplies.122929126>

Afghan interpreter who worked with British army refused UK asylum

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/apr/07/afghan-interpreter-british-army-refused-uk-asylum>

Dying veteran's final farewell to grandson denied by visa delay

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/dying-veterans-final-farewell-to-grandson-denied-by-visa-delay-10169074.html>

Refugees don't need our tears. They need us to stop making them refugees

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/apr/17/refugees-eu-policy-migrants-how-many-deaths>

As a nation, we are caught between fear and compassion when it comes to migrants

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/as-a-nation-we-are-caught-between-fear-and-compassion-when-it-comes-to-migrants-10186992.html?origin=internalSearch>

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Community Relations

Press Releases

On International Roma Day, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office and human rights chief call for youth focus to promote greater Roma participation

<http://www.osce.org/cio/150361>

International Roma Day: European Commission Statement

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-15-4742_en.htm?locale=en

Roma inclusion efforts must be intensified

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2015/roma-inclusion-efforts-must-be-intensified>

Community Relations (continued) News

Race in 21st-century Britain

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/magazine/article4404115.ece>

A third of Muslims say they feel under greater suspicion in the last few years, survey shows

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/a-third-of-muslims-say-they-feel-under-greater-suspicion-in-the-last-few-years-survey-shows-10168449.html>

Art gets things out in the open' – young British Muslim artists tell their stories

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2015/apr/12/young-british-muslim-artists-mohammed-ali-aveas-mohammad-yusra-warsama-aisha-zia>

A new exodus? The reality of being Jewish in Europe today

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/apr/05/a-new-exodus-jewish-in-europe>

Who are the new Chinese migrants in the UK?

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/equality/who-are-the-new-chinese-migrants-in-the-uk/>

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Equality

Press Releases

Supreme Court: “Fairness in the courts: the best we can do” – Address to the Criminal Justice Alliance by Lord Neuberger

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/docs/speech-150410.pdf>

Supreme Court: Response to media coverage of Lord Neuberger's lecture "Fairness in the courts"

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/news/response-to-media-coverage-of-lord-neuberger-lecture-fairness-in-the-courts.html>

Number of black and Asian workers in low-paid jobs up by 13 per cent since 2011, TUC report reveals

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/economic-issues/equality-issues/black-workers/number-black-and-asian-workers-low-paid-jobs-13-cent>

News

Headteachers urged to recruit more black and ethnic minority teachers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/headteachers-urged-to-recruit-more-black-and-ethnic-minority-teachers-10157044.html>

Concern over palliative care levels

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/health/concern-over-palliative-care-levels.122615556>

Equality

News (continued)

UK judges told to respect Muslim women with veils

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/uk-judges-told-to-respect-muslim-women-with-veils-1-3746808>

Women who wear religious veils in court must be respected, says UK's most senior judge

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/women-who-wear-religious-veils-in-court-must-be-respected-says-uks-most-senior-judge-10186054.html>

Muslim women should be allowed to wear the veil in court, top judge suggests

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11543712/Muslim-women-should-be-allowed-to-wear-the-veil-in-court-top-judge-suggests.html>

Faces must be seen in court

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11544519/Faces-must-be-seen-in-court.html>

Let Muslim women wear a full-face veil in court, says head of Supreme Court as he warns over bias against poor and foreign defendants

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3042922/Judges-warned-beware-subconscious-bias-against-poor-foreign-defendants-head-Supreme-Court.html>

Top judge's veil views clarified

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3044796/Top-judges-veil-views-clarified.html>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Press Releases

Edinburgh man banned from football matches for two years and fined £560 for racist abuse

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1019-edinburgh-man-banned-from-football-matches-for-two-years-and-fined-560-for-racist-abuse>

MEPs urge end to Roma discrimination and recognition of Roma Genocide Day

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150414IPR41851/html/MEPs-urge-end-to-Roma-discrimination-and-recognition-of-Roma-Genocide-Day>

New Publications

Antisemitism Worldwide 2014

http://kantorcenter.tau.ac.il/sites/default/files/Doch2014%20%28130415%29_0.pdf

News

Anti-Islamic graffiti on Glasgow Central Gurdwara

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-32284473>

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News (continued)

Anti-Islamic graffiti left on Glasgow Sikh temple

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/anti-islamic-graffiti-left-on-glasgow-sikh-temple-1-3743551>

Fury as racist thugs daub swastika and anti-Islamic graffiti on new £15m Sikh Central Gurdwara

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/fury-racist-thugs-daub-swastika-5514225>

Thugs scrawl NAZI symbol and graffiti on Sikh temple

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/thugs-scrawl-graffiti-on-sikh-temple-203193n.123026246>

Rising number of race hate crimes on Britain's trains

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/11536596/Rising-number-of-race-hate-crimes-on-Britains-trains.html>

Race hate crimes on UK railways 'rising'

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/transport/race-hate-crimes-on-uk-railways-rising-1-3744531>

Bus and tram wi-fi users in hate crime pledge

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/transport/bus-and-tram-wi-fi-users-in-hate-crime-pledge-1-3745558>

Muslim solicitors branded 'disgrace' for praying during half-time at Anfield

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11537353/Muslim-men-branded-disgrace-for-praying-at-Anfield.html>

Liverpool FC to take action against man who branded praying Muslims 'disgrace'

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/apr/15/liverpool-fc-to-take-action-against-man-who-branded-praying-muslims-disgrace>

Liverpool will take action against fan who branded Muslim men 'a disgrace' for praying during half-time at Anfield

<http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/liverpool-will-take-action-against-fan-who-branded-muslim-men-a-disgrace-for-praying-at-anfield-10179109.html?origin=internalSearch>

Liverpool FC to 'take action' against fan who posted picture of two Muslim men praying at Anfield during half-time and labelled it '#disgrace'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3040247/Liverpool-FC-action-against-fan-posted-picture-Muslims-praying-Anfield.html>

Kick It Out launches campaign to tackle discrimination in grassroots football

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/apr/13/kick-it-out-campaign-tackle-discrimination-grassroots>

British Muslim women 71% more likely to be unemployed due to workplace discrimination

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/british-muslim-women-71-more-likely-to-be-unemployed-due-to-workplace-discrimination-10179033.html>

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General Election

Party Manifestos

SNP

<http://votesnp.com/docs/manifesto.pdf>

Scottish Labour Party Manifesto

<http://www.scottishlabour.org.uk/page/-/scottish-labour-manifesto2015.pdf>

Scottish Conservative Party Manifesto

http://www.scottishconservatives.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Scottish-Manifesto_GE15.pdf

Scottish LibDem Party Manifesto

https://drive.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=http://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/no2n-uisancecalls/pages/1084/attachments/original/1429621095/Scottish_Liberal_Democrats_General_Election_2015_Manifesto-Updated.pdf?1429621095

Scottish Green Party Manifesto

<http://www.scottishgreens.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2015/03/SGP-Westminster-2015.pdf>

UKIP Manifesto

<https://d3n8a8pro7vhm.cloudfront.net/ukipdev/pages/1103/attachments/original/1429295050/UKIPManifesto2015.pdf?1429295050>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Equal Opportunities Committee

Inquiry into Age and Social Isolation: evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9885&i=90520#ScotParlOR>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9904&i=90689#ScotParlOR>

Press Releases

Presiding Officer calls for Reform of Holyrood's Committee system

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/88284.aspx>

First Scottish taxes in 300 years

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/First-Scottish-taxes-in-300-years-1820.aspx>

Increase in Scottish Electorate

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Increase-in-Scottish-Electorate-184a.aspx>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Releases

Easter 2015: Nick Clegg message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/easter-2015-nick-clegg-message>

Foreign Secretary's Easter message 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-easter-message-2015>

Passover 2015: David Cameron's message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/passover-2015-david-camerons-message>

Passover 2015: Nick Clegg message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/passover-2015-nick-clegg-message>

Foreign Secretary's Passover message

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-passover-message--4>

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New Publications

Targeted Regulation of Scottish Charities: progressive, preventative and proportionate

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/1851/2015-03-17-targeted-regulation-report-final-published.pdf>

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Other News

Muslim population looks likely to double in size

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4401031.ece>

Female genital mutilation victim fears many girls could be at risk

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/headlin-202526n.122399369>

Campaigners: secretive Female Genital Mutilation is hindering prosecutions

<http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/campaigners-secretive-fgm-is-hindering-prosecutions-in-scotland-202664n.122536735>

City council wrong in 'forced marriage' case, says sheriff

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4415671.ece>

Patient Advice and Support Service

Free, confidential information, advice and support for anyone wanting to give feedback, make comments, raise concerns or make a complaint about treatment and care provided by the NHS in Scotland. For information see www.patientadvice.scot.nhs.uk

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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>

**** Community Empowerment Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/77926.aspx>

Scottish Parliament Information Centre briefing

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_15-18_Community_Empowerment_Scotland_Bill -
_Parliamentary_Consideration_Prior_to_Stage_3.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefingsAndFactsheets/S4/SB_15-18_Community_Empowerment_Scotland_Bill_-_Parliamentary_Consideration_Prior_to_Stage_3.pdf)

Criminal Justice Bill

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

Education Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/87330.aspx>

**** Human Trafficking and Exploitation Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/84356.aspx>

Stage 1 evidence session, Justice Committee

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9889&i=90538#ScotParlOR>

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament

Prorogation, the formal end of the UK parliamentary year, took place on 26 March, and the UK Parliament will not sit again until after the General Election. As a result, all Bills that have not already been passed and obtained royal assent are set aside. Any Bills that have not been passed must be reintroduced in the next session if they are to have any chance of becoming law.

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

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means that the Bill will not progress any further.

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

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means that the Bill will not progress any further.

**** Asylum (Time Limit) Bill**

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means that the Bill will not progress any further.

Bills in Progress

UK Parliament (continued)

**** Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill**

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means that the Bill will not progress any further.

**** UK Borders Control Bill**

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means that the Bill will not progress any further.

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Consultations

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Modern Slavery and Supply Chains Consultation (closing date 7 May 2015)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/403575/2015-02-12_TISC_Consultation_FINAL.pdf

**** Education (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 18 May 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/88324.aspx>

Draft Charity Test Guidance Consultation (closing date 26 May 2015)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/about/our-work/consultations/draft-charity-test-guidance-consultation>

The economic impact of the Tier 1 (Entrepreneur) route (closing date 12 June 2015)

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/416129/Call_for_Evidence_Tier_1_Entrepreneurs.pdf

What's Changed about Being Jewish in Scotland? (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JewishinScotland2015>

Discrimination in Football Survey (no closing date given)

http://efemico.eu/main_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html

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

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

Advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe (no closing date given)

<http://www.amase.eu/wp/be-part-of-amase/>

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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Funding Opportunities

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Faith in Scotland Community Action Fund: major grant

Closing date for applications: 30 April 2015

Grants of up to £15,000 over three years for locally based faith groups in Scotland to undertake practical action in response to community need, particularly in the economically poorest urban and rural communities. For information see

<http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/how-to-apply/>

**** Tackling Sectarianism – Small Grant Programme 2015-16**

closing date for applications: 1 December 2015, but all projects must be completed by 19 February 2016

Projects must help build understanding of:

- The problems caused by sectarianism in different communities and ways in which these problems impact on the lives of the people living in those communities;
- The impact that the projects and activities delivered have on individual communities and the lives of the people living in those communities; and
- What communities want to do to tackle the sectarian problems they are experiencing and how they can work together to deliver the change that they themselves want to see in their community.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/tackling-sectarianism-small-grants-programme/>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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“Taxi through Pakistan”

22 April 2015 in Glasgow (6.00-8.00)

Scottish Pakistani Association and University Of Glasgow free film showing followed by question and answer session. For information see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taxi-through-pakistan-documentary-film-screening-and-q-a-tickets-16437910232> or contact Azra Meadows azra.meadows@glasgow.ac.uk / 0141 330 6622 or Basharat Khan bashartcreative@gmail.com

**** Queens Cross Housing Association: Housing Traineeships**

Closing date for applications 28 April 2015

PATH (Scotland) thirty-six month Positive Action Training Scheme, which has been specifically designed to redress the under-representation of black and minority ethnic communities in employment in Scottish Housing. For information see

<http://pathscotland.org.uk/vacancies-opportunities/>

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Supporting Refugee Women

28 April 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of the issues and legal systems impact specifically on refugee women. This includes discussing issues of FGM and sexual violence. For information contact Martha Harding 0141 223 7951 /

martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

Essentials of Asylum

6 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide information about the UK asylum process, including the difference between an asylum seeker and a refugee, asylum support, and rights and entitlements. For information contact Martha Harding

martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

Working with Interpreters

14 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 1.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate clearly and effectively with people when working with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding

martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

20 May 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

28 May 2015 in Glasgow (volunteers only) (9.30 – 4.00)

2 June 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.00)

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding

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<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

**** Prosecute or Protect? Article 31 (1) of the 1951 Refugee Convention and the Criminal Justice System in Scotland**

21 May 2015 in Glasgow (1.00 – 5.00)

Scottish Refugee Council seminar in partnership with the Faculty of Advocates to raise awareness of the refugees' rights under the 1951 Refugee Convention not to be penalised for offences related to their illegal entry or presence in Scotland and their statutory defence in domestic law against prosecution for these offences. For information

see <http://tinyurl.com/ppj4fmx>

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Useful Links

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

Scottish Government <http://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

Useful Links (continued)

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

One Scotland <http://onescotland.org/>

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) 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

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