

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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New MPs will be sworn in on 18 May 2015, and the State Opening of the UK Parliament will take place on 27 May 2015, after which, normal business will resume.

Due to the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the next issue of MEMO will be published on Tuesday 26 May.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motions

S4M-13144 Christina McKelvie: Refugee Festival Scotland—That the Parliament congratulates the Scottish Refugee Council on organising the Refugee Festival Scotland, which is scheduled to take place from 3 June 2015; notes the recently launched campaign to promote the three-week festival, which aims to celebrate a diverse Scotland and to highlight how much refugees bring to Scottish society by enriching the culture and building bonds with communities; sends its best wishes to the Scottish Refugee Council, and hopes that the festival will be a success.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13144&ResultsPerPage=10>

Immigration and Asylum Scottish Parliament Motions (continued)

S4M-13151 Christine Grahame: Scotland versus Theresa May—That the Parliament notes with deep concern the reported proposal by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, to ship so-called economic migrants fleeing the horrors of civil war and poverty back to north Africa, following the rejection by the UK Government to assent to accepting, along with European partners, a proportion of these refugees; understands that this is compounded by a determination by the UK Government to repeal the Human Rights Act 1998, notwithstanding the legal obstacles presented by the Scotland Act 1998, and calls on all members to reject what it considers this complete derogation of humanitarian values.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13151&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

MSPs back new law to tackle human trafficking

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/msps-back-new-law-to-tackle-human-trafficking-1-3771089>

UK to fight EU plans for asylum seekers quota

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/uk-to-fight-eu-plans-for-asylum-seekers-quota-1-3769224>

Britain could lose power to deport thousands of asylum seekers as EU lashes out at Theresa May

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/11603132/Britain-could-lose-power-to-deport-thousands-of-asylum-seekers-as-EU-lashes-out-at-Theresa-May.html>

Theresa May: UK will not participate in EU migrant resettlement proposals

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/may/13/theresa-may-uk-eu-migrant-resettlement-scheme>

Mediterranean migrant crisis: Theresa May says people making journey 'simply for economic reasons' should be sent back against their will

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/mediterranean-migrant-crisis-theresa-may-says-people-making-journey-simply-for-economic-reasons-should-be-sent-back-against-their-will-10245998.html>

Send home asylum seekers rescued from Mediterranean, says Theresa May as she insists EU plan for migrant quotas would only encourage them

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3079303/Asylum-seekers-rescued-Med-sent-home.html>

EU threatens May over migrant quota: Brussels threatens retaliation for refusal to accept asylum seekers

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3080797/EU-threatens-migrant-quota-Brussels-threatens-retaliation-refusal-accept-asylum-seekers.html>

Theresa May rebuked by European commission over criticism of refugee plan

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/may/13/theresa-may-receives-eu-rebuke-over-refugee-plan-criticism>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

EU rejects UK migrant plan criticism and says 'doing nothing is worse'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/eu/11602369/EU-rejects-UK-migrant-plan-criticism-and-says-doing-nothing-is-worse.html>

EU introduces quotas to ease refugee strain

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/eu-introduces-quotas-to-ease-refugee-strain-1-3772348>

Theresa May 'misjudging' refugee crisis - Salmond

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/theresa-may-misjudging-refugee-crisis-salmond-1-3772789>

The UK's rejection of the EU plan for refugees is shameful

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/the-uks-rejection-of-the-eu-plan-for-refugees-is-shameful-10248471.html>

Britain took in more migrants than 17 other EU countries put together, new data shows

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11599609/Asylum-figures-take-centre-stage-in-new-EU-negotiations.html>

Which EU countries had the most asylum seekers?

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/datablog/2015/may/11/which-eu-countries-receive-the-most-asylum-seekers>

Two graphs that show how many asylum seekers Britain really accepts

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/two-graphs-that-show-how-many-asylum-seekers-britain-really-accepts-10246302.html>

Record numbers of migrants arrive from eastern Europe

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4439759.ece>

Nearly two million EU workers in Britain, new figures show

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11601621/Nearly-two-million-EU-workers-in-Britain-new-figures-show.html>

Migrants 'threaten economic recovery'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/business/economics/article4439657.ece>

Foreigners applying for jobs online keeping UK wages down

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/11603878/Foreigners-applying-for-jobs-online-keeping-UK-wages-down.html>

Bank of England governor Mark Carney says UK productivity not harmed by migrant workers

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/carney-speaks-what-the-bofe-governor-has-to-say-on-british-jobs-for-british-people-interest-rates-and-the-eu-referendum-10249136.html?origin=internalSearch>

Are our foreign workers really holding down UK wages?

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/analysis-and-features/are-our-foreign-workers-really-holding-down-uk-wages-10251804.html?origin=internalSearch>

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News (continued)

UK facing defeat in its attempt to stem flow of non-EU migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4437119.ece>

The Tories Promised to Protect LGBT Asylum Seekers Five Years Ago, So Far They Have Failed - Now It Is Time to Deliver

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/paul-dillane/lgbt-asylum-seekers_b_7291318.html?utm_hp_ref=uk

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Equality

Scottish Parliament Parliamentary Motion

S4M-13161 Neil Findlay: BEMIS Scotland and Skills Development Scotland, Modern Apprenticeships—That the Parliament acknowledges and welcomes the partnership between Skills Development Scotland and BEMIS Scotland, which was launched during Scottish Apprenticeship Week and aims to increase participation and representation of diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities and citizens in the modern apprenticeship programme; believes that this intervention, which is underpinned by the recruitment of a national coordinator and community outreach officer, will increase awareness and opportunity in the programme and establish a more equitable, fair and representative engagement with all of the people of Scotland; considers that Scotland's ethnic minority communities play an important part in the modern apprenticeship programme and that their broad skillsets are enhanced and complemented by the opportunities inherent in this key employment pathway; considers that the broad social justice agenda is enhanced by fostering a culture of equality and engagement across communities, and believes that the experiences of social and economic disadvantage can be challenged by promoting a culture of active citizenship, engagement and the broadening of equal opportunities in key employment pathways via measured, evidenced and robust positive interventions.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13161&ResultsPerPage=10>

News

Ethnic minorities outrun whites in race for top jobs

http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/National/article1557473.ece

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

New Publication

Know your rights: protection from discrimination

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/150512_rights_against_discrimination_web_en.pdf

Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination (continued) News

Man admits racially abusing SNP MSP Humza Yousaf

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/man-admits-racially-abusing-snp-msp-humza-yousaf-1-3774122>

Man pleads guilty to racially abusing Humza Yousaf

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/man-pleads-guilty-to-racially-abusing-humza-yousaf.1431691350>

'Racists take note - you won't get away with your hate': Victim MSP's warning after thug admits racially abusing him on Glasgow street

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/racists-take-note---you-5705907>

Golliwog dolls for sale in Scots post-office near primary school sparks racism row

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/golliwog-dolls-sale-scots-post-office-5684734>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

First Minister's Statement

United Kingdom General Election Outcome

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9945&i=91313#ScotParlOR>

Equal Opportunities Committee

Inquiry into Age and Social Isolation: evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9941&i=91233&c=1825882#ScotParlOR>

Press Releases

First Minister meets Prime Minister

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/First-Minister-meets-Prime-Minister-18e9.aspx>

New system for death certification

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/New-system-for-death-certification-18c2.aspx>

New Publication

New Powers for Scotland: An Interim Report on the Smith Commission and the UK Government's Proposals

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_ScotlandBillCommittee/Reports/dfpr-15-03w-rev.pdf

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Her Majesty's Government: May 2015

Prime Minister, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service

- Rt Hon David Cameron MP

HM Treasury

- First Secretary of State, and Chancellor of the Exchequer – Rt Hon George Osborne MP
- Chief Secretary to the Treasury – Rt Hon Greg Hands MP
- Financial Secretary – David Gauke MP
- Exchequer Secretary – Damian Hinds MP
- Economic Secretary – Harriett Baldwin MP
- Commercial Secretary – Jim O'Neill

Home Office

- Secretary of State for the Home Department – Rt Hon Theresa May MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Mike Penning MP (jointly with the Ministry of Justice)
- Minister of State – Rt Hon John Hayes MP
- Minister of State – James Brokenshire MP
- Minister of State – Lord Bates
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Karen Bradley MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (jointly with the Department for Transport)

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

- Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs – Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon David Lidington MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP
- Minister of State (Trade and Investment) – Rt Hon Francis Maude (jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – James Duddridge MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Tobias Ellwood MP

Ministry of Justice

- Lord Chancellor, and Secretary of State for Justice Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Mike Penning MP (jointly with the Home Office)
- Minister of State – Lord Faulks QC
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Shailesh Vara MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Andrew Selous MP (and an Assistant Whip (paid))
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Dominic Raab MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Caroline Dinenage MP (jointly with the Department for Education)

Ministry of Defence

- Secretary of State for Defence – Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP
- Minister of State – Penny Mordaunt MP
- Minister of State – Philip Dunne MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Earl Howe (and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords)

Her Majesty's Government: May 2015 (continued)

- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Julian Brazier MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Mark Lancaster MP

Department for Work and Pensions

- Secretary of State for Work and Pensions – Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP
- Minister of State – Priti Patel MP
- Minister of State – Lord Freud
- Minister of State – Ros Altmann CBE
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Justin Tomlinson MP

Department of Health

- Secretary of State for Health – Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Jane Ellison MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – George Freeman MP (jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Ben Gummer MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – David Prior

Office of the Leader of the House of Commons

- Lord President of the Council, and Leader of the House of Commons – Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
- Parliamentary Secretary (Deputy Leader of the House of Commons) - Thérèse Coffey MP

Department for International Development

- Secretary of State for International Development – Rt Hon Justine Greening MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
- Minister of State – Rt Hon Desmond Swayne MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Verma

Department for Education

- Secretary of State for Education, and Minister for Women and Equalities – Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
- Minister of State – Nick Boles MP (jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- Minister of State – Nick Gibb MP
- Minister of State – Edward Timpson MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Nash
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Sam Gyimah MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Caroline Dinenage MP (jointly with the Ministry of Justice)

Office of the Leader of the House of Lords

- Lord Privy Seal, and Leader of the House of Lords – Rt Hon Baroness Stowell of Beeston MBE
- Deputy Leader of the House of Lords – Rt Hon Earl Howe (and Minister of State at the Ministry of Defence)

Department for Transport

- Secretary of State for Transport – Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP

Her Majesty's Government: May 2015 (continued)

- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Robert Goodwill MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Claire Perry MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Andrew Jones MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (jointly with the Home Office)

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

- Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, and President of the Board of Trade – Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP
- Minister of State (Trade and Investment) – Rt Hon Francis Maude (jointly with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
- Minister of State – Anna Soubry MP
- Minister of State – Nick Boles MP (jointly with the Department for Education)
- Minister of State – Ed Vaizey MP (jointly with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport)
- Minister of State – Jo Johnson MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – George Freeman MP (jointly with the Department of Health)
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE (jointly with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport)

Northern Ireland Office

- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland – Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Ben Wallace MP

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

- Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
- Minister of State – George Eustice MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Rory Stewart OBE MP

Department for Communities and Local Government

- Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government – Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
- Minister of State – Brandon Lewis MP
- Minister of State – Mark Francois MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – James Wharton MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Marcus Jones MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Williams of Trafford

Wales Office

- Secretary of State for Wales – Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Alun Cairns MP (and Government Whip (paid))
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth (jointly with the Department for Energy and Climate Change) (and Lord in Waiting (paid))

Cabinet Office

- Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in overall charge of the Cabinet Office – Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP
- Paymaster General, and Minister for the Cabinet Office – Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP
- Parliamentary Secretary – Rob Wilson MP
- Parliamentary Secretary – John Penrose MP (and Government Whip)

Her Majesty's Government: May 2015 (continued)

- Parliamentary Secretary – George Bridges

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

- Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport – John Whittingdale OBE MP
- Minister of State – Ed Vaizey MP (jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE (jointly with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills)
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Tracey Crouch MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Shields

Scotland Office

- Secretary of State for Scotland – Rt Hon David Mundell MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Andrew Dunlop

Department of Energy and Climate Change

- Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change – Amber Rudd MP
- Minister of State – Andrea Leadsom MP
- Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth (jointly with the Wales Office) (and Lord in Waiting (paid))

Minister without Portfolio (Minister of State)

- Robert Halfon MP

Law Officers

- Attorney General – Jeremy Wright MP
- Solicitor General – Robert Buckland MP

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/her-majestys-government-12-may-2015>

News

Record of 13 Muslim MPs elected, 8 of them women

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/record-of-13-muslim-mps-elected-8-of-them-women-1-3768726>

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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>

Criminal Justice Bill

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

Bills in Progress Scottish Parliament (continued)

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 debate

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9942&i=91251#ScotParlOR>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

** *closes this week!*

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

Race, ethnicity and employment (closing date 1 July 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89097.aspx>

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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**** this week!**

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 martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7951 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training>

**** this week!**

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>

CRER Community Ambassadors training day

28 May 2015 in Glasgow

CRER training day to support the Scottish Government's development of a new framework on race equality for Scotland. The Community Ambassadors Programme aims to ensure minority ethnic communities' voices are at the forefront of this process. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/modkjl> or contact Carol Yong carol@crer.org.uk

Health and Happy in Glasgow

29 May 2015 in Glasgow (10.00 – 2.00)

Advice and information day for women refugees and asylum seekers. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/15v_healthy_and_happy.pdf or contact Claire Fuller 0141 3552 3201 / CFuller@rapecrisiscentre-glasgow.co.uk

Launch of Minority Ethnic Employment Training Support (MEETS) project

29 May 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council project to support people from minority ethnic communities entering employment or education. For information see <http://www.wsrec.co.uk/index.php/projects/meets> or contact meets@wsrec.co.uk

Refugee Festival Scotland

3 to 21 June 2015, Scotland-wide

The theme for Refugee Festival Scotland 2015 is 'Celebrate'. The festival celebrates not only the contribution refugees make to the vibrancy of our communities and cultural life, but also Scotland as a place that offers protection to people fleeing conflict and persecution where can rebuild their lives in safety: something we can all be proud of. For information about events during the festival see the full programme <http://tinyurl.com/qbr26t9> or contact the Scottish Refugee Council 0141 248 9799 / info@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

**** Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children and Young People:**

16th (9.30-4.30) & 17th (9.30-12.30) June 2015 in Edinburgh

Shakti Women's Aid course to raise awareness and understanding of issues facing minority ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information see: <http://shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/events-training/> or contact Ola or Mridul 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

**** Clore Social Fellowship Programme**

Closing date for applications 25 June 2015

12 month full time or 24 month part time programme including, amongst other things, residential courses, coaching and mentoring, and a practice-based research project. General fellowships and specialist fellowships in migrant communities, gender equality, youth work, older people, and other areas. For information see <http://cloresocialleadership.org.uk/Fellowship-Programme>

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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>

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/>

Useful Links (continued)

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/>



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://onescotland.org/>

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