

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The UK Parliament is in recess until 7 September.**

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-13888 Christian Allard: Language Referring to Migrants and Refugees**—That the Parliament believes that there is a need for a carefully considered vocabulary when referring to desperate people in need of refuge from abroad; considers that the inappropriate language used by some media broadcasters and politicians is offensive, unhelpful and has failed to understand and address the issue in Calais; understands the difference between migrants and refugees as well as the importance of using the correct term in the correct context, and calls on all politicians and commentators to watch their language on what it considers this complex and sensitive subject.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13888&ResultsPerPage=10>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Immigration Controls: Migrant Workers

*The following four questions all received the same answer*

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** [HL1734] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to revise the Tier 2 Shortage Occupation List in the light of the current exclusion of GPs and most categories of nurses from the list.

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** [HL1735] To ask Her Majesty's Government why actuaries and chefs are included in the Tier 2 Shortage Occupation List but GPs and most categories of nurses are not.

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** [HL1736] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how robust is the advice given to them by the Migration Advisory Committee concluding that GPs and most categories of nurses should be excluded from the Tier 2 Shortage Occupation List.

**Lord Hunt of Kings Heath** [HL1737] To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence they gave to the Migration Advisory Committee before it reached its conclusion that GPs and most categories of nurses should be excluded from the Tier 2 Shortage Occupation List.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The Government has commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to provide advice by the end of the year on restricting Tier 2 to genuine skills shortages and highly specialist experts. The Government will await the MAC's findings before considering any further changes to the Shortage Occupation List.

Actuaries are not included on the Shortage Occupation List. The specialist jobs of informatician and bio-informatician, which share the same occupation code, are included. Only the most highly skilled chefs, earning £29,570 and with five or more years' experience, are included on the list. The MAC last reviewed these occupations in its February 2013 report, which can be read at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recommended-shortage-occupation-lists-for-the-uk-and-scotland-full-review-with-sunset-clause-feb-2013>

The MAC last reviewed GPs and nurses in its February 2015 report, which can be read at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/partial-review-of-the-shortage-occupation-lists>.

The MAC recommended waiting until a Department of Health initiative to incentivise medical graduates to become GPs is evaluated, before adding GPs to the Shortage Occupation List. The MAC also recommended, based on the evidence it received, that nurses should not be added to the list. The Government accepted those recommendations. The evidence provided to the MAC by Government and other organisations is set out in its report.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-21/HL1734/>

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## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

### Refugees

**Lord Marlesford** [HL1817] To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total expenditure from the Home Office budget during 2014-15, and the total planned expenditure for 2015-16, on the reception, processing, accommodation and maintenance of illegal immigrants claiming refuge or asylum on arrival in the United Kingdom.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** It is not possible to answer the question as asylum claims are considered regardless of the means by which an applicant entered the country. We therefore do not set a discrete budget for the costs of supporting and accommodating asylum applicants who have entered the country illegally.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1817/>

### Refugees

**Lord Marlesford** [HL1818] To ask Her Majesty's Government on what basis the cost of refugees arriving in the United Kingdom is allocated between the budget of the Home Office and that of the Department for International Development.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The Government does not assign a budget to departments specifically for the cost of refugees arriving in the UK.

The cost of refugees might include asylum support, housing benefit, education, health care, and food and clothing. These costs are spread throughout government and are dealt with by various Government departments.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1818/>

### Refugees

**The Earl of Sandwich** [HL1828] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers the United Kingdom has accepted so far under the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Gateway Protection Programme; and what is the breakdown of those individuals by nationality.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The numbers of refugees resettled under the Gateway Protection Programme are released as part of the Home Office statistics each quarter. Since Gateway began to 31 March 2015 (the date of the most recently published statistics), a total of 6,363 refugees have been resettled to the UK. Information on the nationality of resettled refugees has been included in the statistics since 2013.

The Gateway Protection Programme is a Home Office led scheme operated in partnership with UNHCR. Those resettled under the programme are not asylum seekers, but are recognised as refugees by UNHCR prior to their resettlement to the UK. The most recent statistics are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

*Gateway Refugees Resettled by Nationality*

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna->

[attachments/392073/original/Gateway%20Refugees%20Resettled%20by%20Nationality%20Table%20-%20PQ%20HL1828.xlsx](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/392073/original/Gateway%20Refugees%20Resettled%20by%20Nationality%20Table%20-%20PQ%20HL1828.xlsx)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1828/>

### Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015

*The following six questions all received the same answer*

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1782] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the Public Sector Equality Duty statement prepared in respect of the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015.

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1783] To ask Her Majesty's Government, regarding the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015, whether they decided not to prepare an Impact Assessment because they considered that reducing asylum support would have no impact on the voluntary and charitable sectors that assist asylum seekers; and if so, on what basis they reached that conclusion.

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1784] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in the light of their legal duty to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, they plan to publish their detailed assessment of the compatibility of the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015 with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1785] To ask Her Majesty's Government, regarding the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015, what support other than cash is received by a family of four asylum seekers in Sweden, as referred to in paragraph 7.7 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1786] To ask Her Majesty's Government, regarding the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015, whether they plan to publish the letter sent to members of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum referred to in paragraph 8.1 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1787] To ask Her Majesty's Government, regarding the Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2015, laid before Parliament on 12 March and later withdrawn, what was the research conducted into the real cost of essential items referred to in paragraph 7.4 of the Explanatory Memorandum.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** Asylum seekers, including dependants of asylum seekers, who are destitute are provided with accommodation and a cash allowance to cover their "essential living needs" - the legal test. The level of the allowance is kept under regular review.

The most recent review showed that the asylum support payments provided to larger household groups comfortably exceeded what is necessary to meet essential living needs. The revised rates which will come into force in August are still sufficient to meet those needs. There should therefore be no impact on the voluntary sector.

In conducting the review, in addition to other sources of information, research was undertaken into the actual costs of particular essential items, including the cost of food stuffs, clothing, toiletries, household cleaning stuffs and non-prescription medication, as well as travel and communications.

In conducting the review, due regard was given the Public Sector Equality Duty and the assessment was that the reduced payments were still sufficient to meet those needs. The statement also sets out the methodology used in the review. A copy of the statement was recently provided on request to the House of Commons library. A copy of the letter to the members of the National Asylum Stakeholders Forum is also available on request.

Along with accommodation, and free access to health care and education, the essential living needs covered by the asylum support rates are compatible with the UN Convention on the Rights of the child, and include nutrition, clothing and access to social, cultural and religious life.

As a member of the European Union, the EU Directives on reception conditions for asylum seekers place Sweden under the same international obligations as the UK in respect of the provision of support to asylum seekers. Thus like the UK, Sweden provide accommodation and subsistence to those asylum seekers who are in need of such assistance.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1782/>



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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1787/>

### **Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015**

*The following five questions all received the same answer*

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL1796] To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the basis of their assessment in the Explanatory Memorandum for the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015 that the current payment methodology by which additional cash payments are made for each child under the age of 18 "provides more than enough to cover the needs of individual children".

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL1797] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they plan to publish the results of discussions with members of the National Asylum Stakeholder Forum and of the coalition "Still Human Still Here", as referred to in the Explanatory Memorandum for the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015.

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL1798] To ask Her Majesty's Government why no transitional arrangements for families in receipt of asylum support have been put in place prior to the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015 coming into force.

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL1799] To ask Her Majesty's Government how they plan to communicate the change in the rate of asylum support due to take effect as a result of the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015 to recipients of that support.

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett** [HL1800] To ask Her Majesty's Government what sources of information other than data from the Office for National Statistics were used in identifying essential needs under the Asylum Support (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2015.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** Asylum seekers, including dependants of asylum seekers, who are destitute are provided with accommodation and a cash allowance to cover their "essential living needs" - the legal test. The level of the allowance is kept under regular review.

The most recent review of asylum support payments earlier this year looked at data spending on essential items by the lowest decile (10%) income group in the UK taken from the latest report from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) on Family Spending published on 2 December 2014. Other data from the study, specifically in relation to spending by households with children, was also reviewed. In addition, research was undertaken into the actual costs of particular essential items, including the cost of food stuffs, clothing, toiletries, household cleaning stuffs and non-prescription medication, as well as travel and communications.

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Whilst the ONS data is useful in identifying levels of spending on particular items, it does not provide the definition of “essential living items”. This is provided for in international and domestic legislation, most notably the EU Reception Conditions Directive 2003, Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Nationality Act 1999 and the Asylum support Regulations 2000. In addition, guidance in respect of which specific items could be considered as essential was provided by Justice Popplewell in his 2014 judgement in respect of the Refugee Action challenge to the Asylum Support Rates.

The Government has no plans to publish minutes of meetings held with external partners or to share more widely papers provided by them which were considered in the review. Despite the planned reduction in the rate, the payments are still sufficient to meet the essential needs of asylum seekers and their families. Those affected were notified of the changes by letter, sent out on Thursday 16 July, which provided more than 3 weeks notice of the intended reduction in their payments.

The adequacy of the payment rates will be kept under review through the annual review cycle and in line with the statutory test to ensure that the right level of support is provided to asylum seekers and their families.

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<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-22/HL1800/>

### Asylum: Detainees

**Baroness Hamwee** [HL1625] To ask Her Majesty’s Government how many asylum applicants in the Detained Fast Track have been released from detention since 26 June who (1) were awaiting an initial decision; (2) had been refused but were awaiting an appeal hearing; (3) were awaiting an appeal determination; and (4) had exhausted all rights of appeal; and for each group, what information those applicants had been given regarding (a) the decision in *R (Detention Action) v First-Tier Tribunal* [2015] EWHC 1689; (b) the suspension of the Detained Fast Track; and (c) the redress available to them.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** Since 26 June 323 asylum claimants have been released from Detained Fast Track.

Of those claimants released, 61 claimants were awaiting a decision, 70 claimants had received a decision, but were awaiting an appeal and 131 claimants were appeal rights exhausted.

We did not provide any information to those claimants who were released from detention.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-20/HL1625/>

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

### Human Trafficking

**Mark Field** [7203] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of human trafficking were located as a result of calls to the NSPCC helpline in the last year; what grant her Department provides towards this provision; what data her Department holds on follow-ups to each call; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** The NSPCC is contracted by the Home Office to deliver a helpline that enables potential victims of modern slavery to access support services and advice. Between 31 July 2014 and 30 June 2015, 1,220 potential victims were identified by the helpline. 1,060 adult potential victims were identified and referred to the local police force; the Home Office does not hold information on the activity following this referral. 160 potential child victims were identified and were referred through the helpline to the NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre. Each child referral is allocated to a social worker in the team to ensure each child is referred to Children's Services and other relevant agencies, and that follow up advice is given. The Home Office funding for the contract is £50,000.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7203/>

### Human Trafficking

**Chuka Umunna** [7496] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of human trafficking were (a) identified and (b) offered support by her Department in each year since 2010; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** Potential victims of human trafficking are identified through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The number of potential victims referred into the NRM for the United Kingdom is: in 2010 – 714; in 2011 – 946; in 2012 – 1186; in 2013 – 1746; and in 2014 – 2340.

The Salvation Army has provided support for potential victims in England and Wales since July 2011. The Salvation Army contract is jointly funded by the Home Office and The Ministry of Justice. The number of potential victims in support in England and Wales is: July 2011 to June 2012 – total in support 378; July 2012 to June 2013 – total in support 550; July 2013 to June 2014 – total in support 889. Data on the number of potential victims in support between July 2014 to June 2015 has not been verified yet.

Data on the number of potential victims in support before July 2011 is not available. The Home Office does not hold data on the number of supported victims in Scotland and Northern Ireland, as this is a devolved matter.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7496/>

## Press Releases

### FM calls for action over Calais

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/FM-calls-for-action-over-Calais-1ba3.aspx>

### New measures to crackdown on illegal immigrants renting properties

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-crackdown-on-illegal-immigrants-renting-properties>

## **Immigration and Asylum**

### **Press Releases** (continued)

**Supreme Court judgement about blanket exclusion from eligibility for student loans based on immigration status**

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2014-0255-press-summary.pdf>

**Modern slavery offenders face life in jail as Modern Slavery Act comes into force.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/modern-slavery-offenders-face-life-in-jail-as-modern-slavery-act-comes-into-force>

**Statement by GRETA on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons**

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/statement-by-greta-on-the-occasion-of-the-world-day-against-trafficking-in-persons>

## **New Publication**

**Settling in: Experiences of Women on Spousal Visas in the UK**

<http://i2.cmsfiles.com/eaves/2015/06/Settling-In-research-report-9795c1.pdf>

## **News**

**Immigration Bill: Landlords 'must evict' failed asylum seekers**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33754595>

**Anti-slavery powers come into force in England and Wales**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33728684>

**Asylum appeal fast-track system unlawful, says Court of Appeal**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33704163>

**Illegal immigrants to UK face eviction without court order under new laws**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/03/illegal-immigrants-face- eviction-without-court-order-under-plans-to-discourage-migrants>

**Court rejects government appeal over fast-track detention of asylum seekers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/29/court-rejects-government-appeal-fast-track-detention-asylum-seekers-michael-gove>

**Failed asylum seekers will have 28 days to leave Britain under new plan**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11783464/Failed-asylum-seekers-will-have-28-days-to-leave-Britain-under-new-plan.html>

**Asylum families' benefits to be axed**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/National/article1588600.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/National/article1588600.ece)

**Families of refused asylum seekers to be stripped of automatic right to financial support**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/04/failed-asylum-seekers-home-office-appeal-rights-uk>

**Support cut-off for refused asylum seekers may affect 2,900 families in UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/04/support-cut-off-for-refused-asylum-seekers-may-affect-2900-families-in-uk>



## **Immigration and Asylum News** (continued)

### **Failed asylum seekers with children living in Britain to lose benefits**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/failed-asylum-seekers-with-children-living-in-britain-to-lose-benefits-10434294.html>

### **Landlords told to watch for trafficked tenants**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/13507239.Landlords\\_told\\_to\\_watch\\_for\\_trafficked\\_tenants/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/13507239.Landlords_told_to_watch_for_trafficked_tenants/)

### **Landlords renting properties to illegal immigrants to face up to five years in prison**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/landlords-renting-properties-to-illegal-immigrants-to-face-up-to-five-years-in-prison-10433897.html>

### **Illegal immigrant rental crackdown could see tenants with 'funny-sounding' foreign names being turned away, say critics**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/plans-to-toughen-penalties-for-renting-to-illegal-immigrants-could-see-tenants-with-funnysounding-foreign-names-being-turned-away-10436294.html>

### **'Right to Rent' policy for illegal immigrants was approved despite trial showing it was ineffective**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/right-to-rent-policy-for-illegal-immigrants-was-approved-despite-trial-showing-it-was-ineffective-10444382.html>

### **Illegal immigration: Minister pledges crackdown on 'rogue employers'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33844047>

### **Fluency rules for public workers**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/Health/article1588619.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Health/article1588619.ece)

### **'I can't speak properly. I am different': do you need to speak English to be a good citizen?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/aug/07/do-you-need-to-speak-english-to-be-good-citizen>

### **School-leaver overturns immigration-related blanket ban on student loan**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/29/immigration-student-loan-supreme-court-beaurish-tigere>

### **British-educated teens win student loans victory**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-politics/11772772/University-student-loans-case-British-educated-teens-win-ruling.html>

### **Immigration offences soared 25% even before Calais summer crisis**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4518673.ece>

### **Calais crisis: The seven claims made about the migrants - and the reality**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/calais-crisis-the-seven-claims-made-about-the-migrants--and-the-reality-10430790.html>

### **Is Britain really full up? Are migrants taking our jobs? Leading academic answers the most common anti-immigration claims**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/is-britain-really-full-up-we-put-the-most-common-assumptions-about-immigration-to-an-expert-10427400.html>

## **Immigration and Asylum**

### **News** (continued)

**Say that you are gay to get to the UK: Posters tell migrants they can lie about their sexuality to claim asylum**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3185508/Say-gay-UK-Posters-tell-migrants-lie-sexuality-claim-asylum.html>

**From Calais to Glasgow: the harrowing stories of the refugees who have made it through the Channel Tunnel**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13583725.From\\_Calais\\_to\\_Glasgow\\_the\\_harrowing\\_stories\\_of\\_the\\_refugees\\_who\\_have\\_made\\_it\\_through\\_the\\_Channel\\_Tunnel/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13583725.From_Calais_to_Glasgow_the_harrowing_stories_of_the_refugees_who_have_made_it_through_the_Channel_Tunnel/)

**Neither white nor a lion called Cecil? You're an enemy at the gates**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/columnists/13524561.Ian\\_Bell\\_Neither\\_white\\_nor\\_a\\_lion\\_called\\_Cecil\\_You\\_re\\_an\\_enemy\\_at\\_the\\_gates/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/columnists/13524561.Ian_Bell_Neither_white_nor_a_lion_called_Cecil_You_re_an_enemy_at_the_gates/)

**Polish workers in UK consider strike over anti-immigrant rhetoric**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11783297/Polish-workers-in-UK-consider-strike-over-anti-immigrant-rhetoric.html>

**Thousands of Polish workers to take part in the first ever migrant workers strike in Britain**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/thousands-of-polish-workers-to-take-part-in-the-first-ever-migrant-workers-strike-in-britain-10445970.html>

**Why does our Government seem unable to deport illegal immigrants?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11780148/Our-Government-seems-unable-to-deport-illegal-immigrants-even-if-it-knows-where-they-are.html>

**EU pays jobless migrants to come to Britain**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11781637/EU-pays-jobless-migrants-to-come-to-Britain.html>

**How many asylum seekers are really coming to the UK as European migrant crisis continues**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/how-many-asylum-seekers-are-really-coming-to-the-uk-as-european-migrant-crisis-continues-10446622.html>

**Is it time Britain had a museum of immigration?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/04/is-it-time-britain-had-a-museum-of-immigration>

**Immigration viewed negatively by half of developed world's population**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/datablog/2015/aug/06/immigration-viewed-negatively-half-developed-world-population>

**More than half of people in developed nations think their country has too many immigrants**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/more-than-half-of-people-in-developed-nations-think-their-country-has-too-many-immigrants-10446541.html?origin=internalSearch>

**My Father Was an Illegal Immigrant**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/robin-lustig/illegal-immigration\\_b\\_7954010.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/robin-lustig/illegal-immigration_b_7954010.html)

# Immigration and Asylum

## News (continued)

### **UK Government proposes unfair and dangerous cuts to lifeline support**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2758\\_uk\\_government\\_proposes\\_unfair\\_and\\_dangerous\\_cuts\\_to\\_lifeline\\_support](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2758_uk_government_proposes_unfair_and_dangerous_cuts_to_lifeline_support)

### **Hammond: 'Migrants threaten our living standards'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/hammond-migrants-threaten-our-living-standards-1-3853908>

### **'Get the Gurkhas in to sort it out ... I know they're foreign but they're with us, aren't they? How the Calais crisis is laying bare racism in middle England**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13524565.Get\\_the\\_Gurkhas\\_in\\_to\\_sort\\_it\\_out\\_I\\_know\\_they\\_re\\_foreign\\_but\\_they\\_re\\_with\\_us\\_aren\\_t\\_they\\_How\\_the\\_Calais\\_crisis\\_is\\_laying\\_bare\\_racism\\_in\\_middle\\_England/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13524565.Get_the_Gurkhas_in_to_sort_it_out_I_know_they_re_foreign_but_they_re_with_us_aren_t_they_How_the_Calais_crisis_is_laying_bare_racism_in_middle_England/)

### **Migrants' plight a humanitarian issue**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/sunday\\_herald\\_view/13524584.Migrants\\_plight\\_a\\_humanitarian\\_issue/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/sunday_herald_view/13524584.Migrants_plight_a_humanitarian_issue/)

### **Calais crisis: Migrants that have made it to the UK reveal how Britain has matched their expectations**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/calais-crisis-migrants-that-have-made-it-to-the-uk-reveal-how-britain-has-matched-their-expectations-10432865.html>

### **Britain 'xenophobic' to demand economic migrants kept out, says UN**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11773836/Britain-xenophobic-to-demand-economic-migrants-kept-out-says-UN.html>

### **Calais crisis: UN official slams the UK Government for accepting fewer refugees than neighbours**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/calais-crisis-un-official-slams-uk-government-for-accepting-fewer-refugees-than-neighbours-10428554.html>

### **Church attacks David Cameron's lack of compassion over asylum crisis**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/01/church-attacks-david-cameron-language-asylum-crisis>

### **Italians and Scots swarm too**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/dani-garavelli-italians-and-scots-swarm-too-1-3847184>

### **Racist backlash against help for refugees in Kent**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13524632.Racist\\_backlash\\_against\\_help\\_for\\_refugees\\_in\\_Kent/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13524632.Racist_backlash_against_help_for_refugees_in_Kent/)

### **Kent social services struggling to cope with children seeking asylum**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/30/kent-social-services-struggling-to-cope-with-children-seeking-asylum>

### **Kent social services overwhelmed by unprecedented number of child migrants trying to flee Calais**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/kent-social-services-overwhelmed-by-unprecedented-number-of-child-migrants-trying-to-flee-calais-10429231.html>

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## News (continued)

**Northern Ireland ports: Rise in illegal immigrants intercepted trying to reach other parts of UK**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-33728450>

**Calais crisis a mix of politics and public anxiety**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/calais-crisis-a-mix-of-politics-and-public-anxiety-1-3847286>

**Calais migrant crisis: Cameron warns Britain is 'no safe haven'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33713268>

**Cameron condemned for 'swarm' of migrants warning**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/cameron-condemned-for-swarm-of-migrants-warning-1-3845087>

**David Cameron criticised over migrants "swarm" comments**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political\\_news/13509065.David\\_Cameron\\_critisic\\_ed\\_over\\_migrants\\_swarm\\_comments/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/13509065.David_Cameron_critisic_ed_over_migrants_swarm_comments/)

**David Cameron description of migrant 'swarm' condemned as 'irresponsible' and 'extremely inflammatory' by human rights group**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/calais-crisis-live-david-cameron-says-swarm-of-illegal-migrants-will-not-be-offered-safe-haven-10426083.html>

**Calais crisis: Cameron pledges to deport more people to end 'swarm' of migrants**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/30/calais-migrants-make-further-attempts-to-cross-channel-into-britain>

**Calais crisis: Cameron condemned for 'dehumanising' description of migrants**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/30/david-cameron-migrant-swarm-language-condemned>

**Calais crisis: Deport more migrants to stop 'swarm' crossing Mediterranean, says David Cameron**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/11772297/Calais-crisis-Deport-more-migrants-to-stop-swarm-crossing-Mediterranean-says-David-Cameron.html>

**Calais crisis: How does Britain deal with migrants arriving from France?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11773030/Calais-crisis-How-does-Britain-deal-with-migrants-arriving-from-France.html>

**Cameron accused of treating migrants like 'insects' after blaming Calais crisis on 'swarm' of people from Africa**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3179750/Cameron-accused-awful-dog-whistle-politics-describing-Calais-migrants-swarm.html>

**Calais Migrant Crisis: Deputy Mayor of Calais labels Cameron's use of 'swarm' as 'racist' and 'ignorant'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/calais-migrant-crisis-deputy-mayor-of-calais-labels-camerons-use-of-swarm-as-racist-and-ignorant-10431050.html>

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### News (continued)

**PM pledges ‘everything that can be done’ to block Calais migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4513825.ece>

**Cameron criticised for calling migrants a ‘swarm’**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4512621.ece>

**Thousands of migrants storm Calais terminal**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4511310.ece>

**PM pledges to remove more illegal immigrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4512540.ece>

**Police and fences hold them back, but Calais’ migrants are determined to reach their British paradise**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/11778284/Police-and-fences-hold-them-back-but-Calais-migrants-are-determined-to-reach-their-British-paradise.html>

**Free hotels for the Calais stowaways in soft touch Britain: Outrage as immigrants illegally entering UK get cooked meals and £35 cash a week within days of arrival**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3182519/Welcome-soft-touch-UK-Outrage-immigrants-illegally-entering-UK-free-hotel-rooms-cooked-meals-35-cash-week-days-arrival.html>

**1,700 migrant raids in a night, but crisis ‘is being controlled’**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4516751.ece>

**Seven in ten Calais migrants may be reaching UK**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4515836.ece>

**Calais crisis: Government will prove to migrants UK not ‘land of milk and honey’**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/11779195/Calais-crisis-Government-will-prove-to-migrants-UK-not-land-of-milk-and-honey.html>

**Calais crisis sparks surge in immigrant arrests**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11784930/British-police-force-at-frontline-of-Calais-crisis-sees-35-increase-in-illegal-immigrant-arrests.html>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S4M-13856 Bill Kidd: Scottish Ahlulbayt Society’s Eid Celebration Dinner**—That the Parliament recognises what it considers the success of the Scottish Ahlulbayt Society in joining with the Scottish Interfaith Council in helping to bring people of different religions, cultures and race together to work on issues of equality, health and public services using closer integration and participation; further recognises that other organisations such as the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service, Antony Nolan Trust, Alzheimer Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the British Army are participating in aiding the society in widening its support base, which is allowing Scotland to achieve international recognition as a beacon of tolerance, and wishes everyone involved a very happy



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### Scottish Parliament Motions (continued)

Eid celebration dinner on the evening of 30 July 2015 in Glasgow.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13856&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-13850 Patricia Ferguson: African Challenge Scotland**—That the Parliament congratulates African Challenge Scotland and, in particular, Ronier Deumeni, the organisation's founder, on what it considers the success of the recent Empowerment of Black and Ethnic Minorities Week 2015; notes that the organisation arranged a number of free events in Possilpark and Springburn to promote sporting participation among Scotland's African population, to celebrate African culture and heritage and to highlight the importance of education in empowering black and minority ethnic communities; further notes that a gala dinner and award ceremony were held to thank supporters of the organisation; recognises the role that the organisation plays in the community by looking to promote healthy lifestyles along with improving education and community cohesion, and looks forward to many more African Challenge Scotland events in the coming years.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13850&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-13862 Bob Doris: African Challenge Scotland and the Empowerment of the Black and Ethnic Minorities Week 2015**—That the Parliament congratulates Ronier Deumeni and all the volunteers at African Challenge Scotland on organising what it considers a very successful Empowerment of the Black and Ethnic Minorities Week 2015 for the second year running; understands that events were based around the Possilpark and Springburn areas and enabled families to participate in several enjoyable and interesting activities including a heritage workshop involving African cuisine, handicrafts and costume, an educational workshop highlighting both the challenges and opportunities open to the African community and various sporting opportunities including, a children's fun day and pool party and a family fun day on 25 July, which included handball and football competitions; congratulates Team Somalia, which defeated the Scottish Fire Service in the football final and commends a team of veteran African footballers for participating in a 2-2 draw against a team of councillors, MPs and MSPs; considers that the week's activities culminated in an excellent gala dinner in the Crowne Plaza Hotel and believes that the work of African Challenge Scotland is an impressive example of Scotland's African diaspora demonstrating both pride in their cultures and traditions but also being active citizens in the north of Glasgow and beyond; looks forward to the Empowerment of the Black and Ethnic Minorities Week becoming a regular fixture on Glasgow's events calendar, and looks forward to it going from strength to strength.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13862&ResultsPerPage=10>

## New Publication

**'Black People don't drink tea...' The experience of Rural Black and Minority Ethnic Community Groups in England**

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/generic/tsrc/documents/tsrc/working-papers/working-paper-130.pdf>

## Community Relations (continued) News

**London's super-diversity is a joy. Why would you ever want to leave?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jul/28/white-people-smug-leaving-london>

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## Equality

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Judges: Ethnic Groups

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Keith Vaz** [7205] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many judges from a black or minority ethnic background have been appointed since (a) 1 January and (b) 7 May 2015.

**Keith Vaz** [7206] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many judges from a black or minority ethnic background have been appointed since (a) 1 January and (b) 7 May 2010.

**Reply from Shailesh Vara:** From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 (inclusive), 2 out of a total of 42 salaried, 4.7%, and 23 out of a total of 105 fee paid judges, 21.9%, from black or minority ethnic background were appointed.

From 7<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (inclusive), 2 out of a total of 19 salaried, 10.5% and 6 out of a total of 76 fee paid judges, 7.8%, were from black or ethnic minority background were appointed.

From 1<sup>st</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (inclusive), 1 out of a total 76 salaried, 1.3%, and 41 out of a total of 538 fee paid judges, 7.6%, were from black or ethnic minority were appointed.

From 7<sup>th</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 (inclusive), 40 out of a total of 676 salaried, 11.9% and 336 out of a total of 2557 fee paid judges, 13.1%, were from black or ethnic minority background were appointed.

All salaried judicial appointments are announced on the Judiciary Website. This can be found at: <https://www.judiciary.gov.uk/announcement-type/appointments-and-retirements/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7205/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-07-15/7206/>

#### Armed Forces: Muslims

**Lord Kilclooney** [HL1689] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many service personnel in (1) the army, (2) the Royal Navy, and (3) the Royal Air Force, have declared themselves to be Muslim.

**Reply from Earl Howe:** Declaration of religion is a voluntary decision for each individual.

The number of UK regular service personnel in the Royal Navy/Royal Marines (RN/RM), the Army and the Royal Air Force who have declared themselves to be Muslim as at 1 April 2014 can be found in the table below:

Royal Navy/Royal Marines (RN/RM)	40
Army	510
Royal Air Force	40

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### UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Notes: 1 April 2014 is the latest published information available. Figures have been rounded to the nearest 10, numbers ending in 5 have been rounded to the nearest multiple of 20 to prevent systematic bias.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-07-20/HL1689/>

## New Publications

### **Budget 2015: Effects on black and minority ethnic people**

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/The%202015%20Budget%20Effect%20on%20BME%20RunnymedeTrust%2027thJuly2015.pdf>

### **Fairer Scotland blog**

<http://fairer.scot/>

## News

### **Number of black and Asian police officers 'woeful'**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/number-of-black-and-asian-police-officers-woeful-1-3850615>

### **Only 1% of police are from minorities**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4518900.ece>

### **Black and minority ethnic Britons 'worse off' after budget**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/26/black-minority-ethnic-britons-budget-george-osborne-benefit-cuts>

### **Black and ethnic minority people twice as likely to be hit by Tory cuts than white people, report finds**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/black-and-ethnic-minority-people-twice-as-likely-to-be-hit-by-tory-cuts-than-white-people-report-finds-10418405.html>

### **Girl empower: Counsellors who help Muslim women get awards nod from those they've helped**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/girl-empower-counsellors-who-help-6175515>

### **The challenge of diversity and (in)visibility in Public Service Broadcasting**

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/culture/media/the-challenge-of-diversity-and-invisibility-in-public-service-broadcasting/>

### **Hospice extends a helping hand to minority communities**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13584431.Hospice\\_extends\\_a\\_helping\\_hand\\_to\\_minority\\_communities/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13584431.Hospice_extends_a_helping_hand_to_minority_communities/)

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# Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

## Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-13853 James Kelly: KissBigotryGoodbye Campaign**—That the Parliament congratulates Nil by Mouth on its #KissBigotryGoodbye campaign; understands that it encourages Twitter users to send in a photo of a person, place, item or event that shows why they love football; further understands that it is being supported by students at City of Glasgow College who helped devise the project to help tackle sectarianism; believes that often negative stories about football fans can circulate on social media and that this aims to highlight the vast majority of fans who simply want to support their teams and enjoy football; notes that Nil by Mouth uses football as part of the solution to sectarianism, and encourages all MSPs to join in the campaign online.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13853&ResultsPerPage=10>

## New Publications

**Antisemitic Incidents Report, January to June 2015**

[https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/0/e/Incidents\\_Report\\_-\\_Jan-June\\_2015.pdf](https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/0/e/Incidents_Report_-_Jan-June_2015.pdf)

**Equality and discrimination: understand the basics**

<http://www.acas.org.uk/media/pdf/e/7/Equality-and-discrimination-understand-the-basics.pdf>

**Prevent discrimination: Support equality**

<http://www.acas.org.uk/media/pdf/9/l/Prevent-discrimination-support-equality.pdf>

**Discrimination: What to do if it happens**

<http://www.acas.org.uk/media/pdf/i/t/Discrimination-what-to-do-if-it-happens.pdf>

## News

**Sharp rise in anti-semitic incidents in UK, figures suggest**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33713259>

**Anti-semitic incidents in Britain have risen by 50 per cent in the last year, report finds**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/antisemitic-incidents-in-britain-have-risen-by-50-per-cent-in-the-last-year-report-finds-10426542.html>

**Soaring number of sickening attacks against British Jews: Anti-Semitic incidents more than doubled in parts of the country over the past year**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3179266/Soaring-number-sickening-attacks-against-British-Jews-Number-anti-Semitic-incidents-doubled-parts-country.html>

**Antisemitic hate crimes are increasing**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4512539.ece>

**Anti-semitic hate crimes on rise in UK**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11772169/Anti-semitic-hate-crimes-on-rise-in-UK.html>

**John Mann: British football is still rife with antisemitism**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/football/11789129/British-football-is-still-rife-with-antisemitism.html>

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## News (continued)

**You're fined! Teenager who trolled Lord Sugar must pay for anti-Semitic tweet**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13523008.You\\_re\\_fined\\_Teenager\\_who\\_trolled\\_Lord\\_Sugar\\_must\\_pay\\_for\\_anti\\_Semitic\\_tweet/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13523008.You_re_fined_Teenager_who_trolled_Lord_Sugar_must_pay_for_anti_Semitic_tweet/)

**A warning to antisemites: Britain is hitting back**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/aug/03/antisemites-warning-antisemitic-attacks>

**Racist thug receives six-month prison sentence after taunting Jewish victim with Nazi flag**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/racist-thug-receives-six-month-6221842>

**Teacher accused of homophobic and anti-semitic behaviour**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/13504783.Teacher\\_accused\\_of\\_homophobic\\_and\\_anti\\_semetic\\_behaviour/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/13504783.Teacher_accused_of_homophobic_and_anti_semetic_behaviour/)

**More than two 'hate crimes' a week reported in Dundee last year**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/local/dundee/more-than-two-hate-crimes-a-week-reported-in-dundee-last-year-1.892816>

**Scots urged to overcome their 'hard-wired' religious bigotry**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/scotland/article1591556.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/scotland/article1591556.ece)

**Black Britons face a double whammy – failed race relations law, now budget cuts**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/jul/28/black-britons-failed-race-relations-cuts-racism>

**There's an unconscious race bias at work. I know, because I've taken the test**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/26/unconscious-race-bias-at-work-i-know-have-taken-the-test>

**Police investigate Golliwog trio**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13506784.Police\\_investigate\\_Golliwog\\_trio/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13506784.Police_investigate_Golliwog_trio/)

**Anger as trio attend Wick parade dressed as gollies**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland/top-stories/anger-as-trio-attend-wick-parade-dressed-as-gollies-1-3844293>

**Golliwog probe: Police investigate after youngsters black up as Gollies and Jackson Five for Caithness gala day**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/golliwog-probe-police-investigate-after-6158926>

**'Racist golly' costumes worn in town parade**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11770320/Racist-golly-costumes-worn-in-town-parade.html>

**Police are investigating after three youngsters sparked a race row by 'blacking up' as golliwogs for their town's summer parade**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3178865/Police-investigating-youngsters-blacked-Golliwogs.html>



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#### No charges for Golliwog trio

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13523767.No\\_charges\\_for\\_Golliwog\\_trio/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13523767.No_charges_for_Golliwog_trio/)

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Motions

**S4M-13872 John Finnie: Tinker's Heart Becomes a Scheduled Monument**—That the Parliament welcomes the announcement that the Tinker's Heart of Argyll has been made a scheduled monument; notes the successful campaign and petition to have the Parliament and Historic Scotland review the status of the Heart; congratulates Jess Smith on what it sees as her tireless efforts to preserve the Heart for Gypsy/Travellers and the whole of Scotland; believes that it is important that the role of Gypsy/Travellers in Scotland's history is recognised, and hopes that the recognition of the Heart will lead to more positive engagement with them by Scotland's public services.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13872&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-13872.1 Michael Russell: Tinker's Heart Becomes a Scheduled Monument**—As an amendment to motion S4M-13872 in the name of John Finnie (Tinker's Heart Becomes a Scheduled Monument), after "whole of Scotland" insert "; considers however that the scheduling of the Tinker's Heart needs to be followed by coordinated action by all agencies working with the landowner, the local community, the Here We Are Project and the Gypsy/Travellers of Scotland in order to improve access, signage and parking at the Heart so that it can be fully appreciated in safety and its significance better understood".

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13872.1&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## New Publications

#### A review of ethnicity measures for social research

[http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc\\_working\\_papers/pdf/2015\\_WP66\\_A\\_review\\_of\\_ethnicity\\_measures\\_for\\_social\\_research.pdf](http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_working_papers/pdf/2015_WP66_A_review_of_ethnicity_measures_for_social_research.pdf)

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## Other News

#### Teenager urged to sign up for Holyrood 2016 ballot

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/referendumnews/13526139.Teenager\\_urged\\_to\\_sign\\_up\\_for\\_Holyrood\\_2016\\_ballot/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/referendumnews/13526139.Teenager_urged_to_sign_up_for_Holyrood_2016_ballot/)

## Other News (continued)

**Number of FGM victims approaching Cardiff-based charity trebles**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-33673451>

**Estimating the number of girls at risk of female genital mutilation in the EU**

<http://eige.europa.eu/news-and-events/news/estimating-number-girls-risk-female-genital-mutilation-eu>

**“Fighting human trafficking is not just about law enforcement”**

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true&LangID=E>

**Cancer in BME communities: 'Some didn't tell their husband or children'**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/31/cancer-bme-communities-black-minority-ethnic-some-didnt-tell-husband-children>

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## **Bills in Progress** \*\* new or updated this week

### **Scottish Parliament**

**Community Justice Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/88702.aspx>

**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>

**Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/89893.aspx>

### **Bills in Progress**

#### **UK Parliament**

**Child Victims of Human Trafficking (Central Government Responsibility) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/childvictimsofhumantraffickingcentralgovernmentresponsibility.html>

**Illegal Immigrants (Criminal Sanctions) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/illegalimmigrantscriminalsanctions.html>

**Scotland Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/scotland.html>

**UK Borders Control Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/ukborderscontrol.html>

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## Consultations

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**Community Justice Bill** (closing date 12 August 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/89658.aspx>

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**Fundraising review** (closing date 17 August 2015)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FundraisingReview>

**\*\* closes next week!**

**EU Blue Card: recruitment of highly qualified third-country nationals** (closing date 21 August 2015)

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting\\_0029\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting_0029_en.htm)

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**The devolution of public finances in the United Kingdom** (closing date 21 August 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/economic-affairs/devolution-public-finances/Public-Finances-in-a-Devolved-United-Kingdom-Call-for-Evidence-for-publication.pdf>

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**EU Action Plan against migrant smuggling** (closing date 21 August 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/eu-home-affairs-subcommittee/news-parliament-2015/migrant-smuggling-launch/>

**Work of the UK Parliament Scottish Affairs Committee** (closing date 31 August 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/scottish-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/work-of-scottish-affairs-committee-2015-2020/>

**Further extension of coverage of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to more organisations** (closing date 4 September 2015)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479060.pdf>

**Higher Education Governance Bill** (closing date 4 September 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/90819.aspx>

**The needs of ethnic minority communities in Scotland** (closing date 4 September 2015)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/minorityethnicscot>

**\*\* Reforming support for failed asylum seekers and other illegal migrants** (closing date 9 September 2015)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/451088/Reforming\\_support\\_for\\_failed\\_asylum\\_seekers\\_and\\_other\\_illegal\\_migrants\\_-\\_Consultation\\_Document.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/451088/Reforming_support_for_failed_asylum_seekers_and_other_illegal_migrants_-_Consultation_Document.pdf)

**Immigration: skill shortages** (closing date 10 September 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/immigration-skill-shortages/>

**Prescription and Title to Moveable Property (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 23 September 2015)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00480843.pdf>

## Consultations (continued)

**Review of Tier 2 [of the points-based immigration system]** (closing date 25 September 2015)  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/441429/Call\\_for\\_Evidence\\_Review\\_of\\_Tier\\_2.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441429/Call_for_Evidence_Review_of_Tier_2.pdf)

**Testimonies on the impact that the EU has had on the lives of people in Scotland** (closing date 30 September 2015)  
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/91225.aspx>

**Veterinary Surgeons: language control for EU migrants** (closing date 30 September 2015)  
[https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/vet\\_language\\_controls](https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-health-and-welfare/vet_language_controls)

**Consultation on the draft statutory multi-agency practice guidance on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in England and Wales** (closing date 30 September 2015)  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-draft-statutory-multi-agency-practice-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation-fgm>

**The Union and Devolution** (closing date 2 October 2015)  
<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/constitution/union-and-devolution/The%20Union%20and%20Devolution%20Call%20for%20Evidence.pdf>

**\*\* Smart Borders Package** (closing date 29 October 2015)  
[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2015/20150729\\_01\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/news/news/2015/20150729_01_en.htm)

**\*\* Hate Crime Reporting in Scotland** (no closing date given)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/amina-hatecrime>

**Experiences and opinions about having been a volunteer** (no closing date given)  
<http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/survey/index/sid/738838/newtest/Y/lang/en>

**Experience and practice about working with young volunteers** (no closing date given)  
<http://survey.bupnet.de/index.php/survey/index/sid/454824/newtest/Y/lang/en>

**Creating A Fairer Scotland: What Matters To You?** (no closing date given)  
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0047/00479666.pdf>

**Understanding and Perception of Risk in the Charity Sector** (no closing date given)  
<https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-and-perception-of-risk-in-the-charity-sector>

**Discrimination in Football Survey** (no closing date given)  
[http://efemico.eu/main\\_files/FARacismSurvey/FARacismSurvey.html](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>

**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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### **90 Minutes of Citizenship**

Various dates during August 2015 in Edinburgh

The Just Festival is offering 500 free tickets to individuals and communities affected by age, employment, prejudice and disability to attend selected events in their "90 Minutes of Citizenship" social inclusion project. For information see <http://just-festival.org/90-minutes-of-citizenship/> or contact [aneesah@just-festival.org](mailto:aneesah@just-festival.org)

**\*\* this week!**

### **Melting Pot of Scotland**

11 August 2015 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

BEMIS discussion as part of the Just Festival. While Scotland has its core cultural characteristics such as traditional music, language, food, geography, stories, history and achievements, this is enhanced and supplemented by the cultural melting pot of Scotland. For information contact [events@bemis.org.uk](mailto:events@bemis.org.uk) or see <http://just-festival.org/just-conversations-2015/2015/6/5/melting-pot-of-scotland-i-bemis-i-conversations>

**\*\* this week!**

### **My World of Work Evolution**

11 August 2015 in Glasgow (11.00 – 12.30)

Gathered Together consultation workshop in partnership with Skills Development Scotland to discuss type of support, information and advice that should be available from the "My World of Work Website" to help parents support their child's career choices. Advance booking essential as limited places available. For information contact [iz.mcconnell@bemis.org.uk](mailto:iz.mcconnell@bemis.org.uk) or see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/my-world-of-work-evolution/>

**\*\* this week!**

### **Festival of Politics**

14-16 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh

To read the full programme see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/whats-on/>

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### **Scotland and Slavery**

14 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (4.30 – 6.00)

Festival of Politics event to consider the role of Scots in the slave trade and the legacy of that today. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/scotland-and-slavery/>

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### **Muslim Women – Freedom, Femininity and Faith**

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.00)

Festival of Politics panel discussion to consider freedom, femininity and faith for Muslim women. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/muslim-women-freedom-femininity-and-faith/>



## Events/ Conferences/Training (continued)

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### **Building a Peaceful Future after Genocide**

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event to discuss ways of building peace, unity and reconciliation in a region when genocide has taken place. For information see

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/building-a-peaceful-future-after-genocide/>

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### **Freedom of Speech**

15 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event in the aftermath of the attacks on the French magazine Charlie Hebdo this year which themselves triggered worldwide verbal, written and physical attacks, defenders of freedom of speech were challenged to redefine and reconsider whether that position does have its limits. For information see

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/freedom-of-speech/>

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### **Migration**

16 August 2015 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (1.30 – 3.00)

Festival of Politics event to reflect on how we engage with migration, and respond to people who are looking to live, work, study and seek refuge in Scotland. For information see <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/events/migration/>

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### **Developing a Volunteer Culture**

19 August 2015 in Stirling (10.30 – 4.30)

Volunteer Scotland course to focus on how organisations can develop an effective volunteer culture. For information contact 01786 479 593 or see

<http://www.volunteerscotland.net/organisations/training/developing-a-volunteer-culture/>

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### **Equality & Human Rights in Scotland**

20 August 2015 in Edinburgh (6.00 – 7.30)

BEMIS discussion as part of the Just Festival to evaluate the settings and future aspirations of the equality and human rights agenda in Scotland. Does the forthcoming 'Scotland Bill' reflect the aspirations of the nation? What can we do now and where do we want to go? For information contact [events@bemis.org.uk](mailto:events@bemis.org.uk) or see <http://just-festival.org/just-conversations-2015/2015/6/8/equality-human-rights-in-scotland-i-bemis-i-conversations>

<http://just-festival.org/just-conversations-2015/2015/6/8/equality-human-rights-in-scotland-i-bemis-i-conversations>

### **\*\* Diversity Week Fife**

7-13 September 2015

A week of events to celebrate the vibrancy and diversity of life in Fife. For information see

[http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/fife\\_centre\\_for\\_equalities.asp](http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/fife_centre_for_equalities.asp)

### **Parent Council Training: Equalities and Engagement**

15 September 2015 in Edinburgh (12.30 – 2.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshop to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/event/parent-council-training-equalities-and-engagement-2/> or contact Marion [marion.fairweather@bemis.org.uk](mailto:marion.fairweather@bemis.org.uk) /

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## Events/ Conferences/Training (continued)

### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Primary School Information**

30 September 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

1 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Secondary School Information**

7 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

8 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Parental Involvement and Engagement**

21 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

22 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Post 16 Education and Choices**

28 October 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

29 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Mother tongue – at home and school**

4 November 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

5 November 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

### **Organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day**

6 November 2015 in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop for people interested in organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2016. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk) or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hmdt-workshop-glasgow-tickets-17792785701?ref=ebtn>

### **Organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day: young people**

7 November 2015 in Glasgow (12.00 – 3.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Youth Champions workshop for people aged 14 to 24 who are interested in organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January 2016. For information contact 020 7785 7029 / [enquiries@hmd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hmd.org.uk) or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hmdt-youth-workshop-glasgow-tickets-17792908067?ref=ebtn>

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### **Ethnic Minority Parent Workshops: Children's Rights in Scotland**

11 November 2015 in Glasgow (10.30 – 12.30)

12 November 2015 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 12.30)

BEMIS / Gathered Together Gathered Together workshops to help parents understand and be more involved in their children's education and what happens in schools. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/ethnic-minority-parent-workshops/> or contact [gtevents@bemis.org.uk](mailto:gtevents@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047.

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

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

**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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**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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