

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 31 August.

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motions

S4M-13925 Willie Coffey: Action Needed in Humanitarian Crisis in the Mediterranean—That the Parliament recognises and applauds the significant role played by the Irish naval rescue ship, LE Niamh, in saving the lives of nearly 400 people in the Mediterranean in the week beginning 3 August 2015; notes that LE Niamh was again called into action the following week and saved a further 125 people; notes with alarm what it considers the poorly coordinated response from the EU to the ongoing migrant crisis in the Mediterranean, which has seen over 2,000 lives lost this year, and

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calls on EU member states to get to grips with this worsening humanitarian crisis as a matter of urgency.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13925&ResultsPerPage=10>

S4M-13993 Graeme Pearson: Asylum for Afghan Interpreters—That the Parliament considers that, because their work has made them a target for Taliban militants, it is unconscionable that the local interpreters who have worked with Britain's armed forces in Afghanistan have reportedly not been granted asylum by the UK Government; understands that over 200 have applied for such help and that, without this, they are effectively being abandoned, and, in light of the assistance that they provided to the armed forces, calls on the UK Government to honour what it sees as its moral, if not legal, obligation to help these people.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-13993&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Releases

'Inhumane' approach to refused asylum seekers

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/-Inhumane-approach-to-refused-asylum-seekers-1c00.aspx>

Churches speak out on migrant crisis

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/recent/churches_speak_out_on_migrant_crisis

"A European Response to Migration: Showing solidarity and sharing responsibility"

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-15-5498_en.htm?locale=en

Without papers but not without rights: the basic social rights of irregular migrants

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/without-papers-but-not-without-rights-the-basic-social-rights-of-irregular-migrants>

UN refugee agency welcomes joint declaration by France and United Kingdom on situation in Calais

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=51685#.Vdnz09Oqqko>

New Publications

Report on an unannounced inspection of Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprisonswp-content/uploads/sites/4/2015/08/Yarls-Wood-web-20151.pdf>

Report on an unannounced inspection of the Verne Immigration Removal Centre

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprisonswp-content/uploads/sites/4/2015/08/The-Verne-web-2015.pdf>

Review of Tier 2 Migration Advisory Committee July 2015 Analysis of Salary Thresholds

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/452805/Review_of_Tier_2_-_Analysis_of_salary_thresholds.pdf

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New Publications (continued)

Proportion of early school leavers in the EU notably higher for non-EU citizens than for nationals

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/2995521/6943082/3-21082015-AP-EN.pdf/d0985d4e-8c33-41bf-b078-21ba6e42d6e7>

News

David Cameron: We need to stop migrants 'breaking in'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33945402>

David Cameron: we can't allow migrants to break into the UK

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political_news/13599546.David_Cameron_we_cant_allow_migrants_to_break_into_the_UK/

David Cameron says migrants trying to 'break in' to UK illegally

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/15/david-cameron-says-migrants-trying-to-break-in-to-uk-illegally>

We can't let migrants 'break in' to Britain, says Cameron as he denies he was wrong to talk of 'swarms' of refugees

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3199510/We-t-let-migrants-break-Britain-says-Cameron-denies-wrong-talk-swarms-refugees.html>

David Cameron says he did not dehumanise migrants with 'swarms' comment

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-says-he-did-not-dehumanise-migrants-with-swarms-comment-10456984.html>

Cameron defends use of term 'swarm' to describe Calais migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4528570.ece>

Cameron says describing migrants as a 'swarm' wasn't 'dehumanising'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron/11804861/David-Cameron-says-describing-migrants-as-a-swarm-wasnt-dehumanising.html>

David Cameron's tougher visa rules for foreign workers could backfire, say immigration advisors

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-camerons-tougher-visa-rules-for-foreign-workers-could-backfire-say-immigration-advisors-10453944.html>

Shameful language from foreign secretary over migrants

http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/herald_view/13586477.Shameful_language_from_foreign_secretary_over_migrants/

The marauding migrants from Africa threaten our standard of living, says Philip Hammond: Foreign Secretary says it is not possible for Europe to absorb 'millions' more immigrants

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3191665/The-marauding-migrants-Africa-threaten-standard-living-says-Philip-Hammond-Foreign-Secretary-says-not-possible-Europe-absorb-millions-immigrants.html>

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'Marauding' migrants threaten standard of living, says foreign secretary

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/09/african-migrants-threaten-eu-standard-living-philip-hammond>

Number of EU-born migrant workers in Britain tops 2m

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4525996.ece>

Number of EU migrants working in Britain tops 2 million for the first time with foreigners now taking one in 10 jobs

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3195170/EU-migrants-working-Britain-tops-2-MILLION-foreigners-taking-1-10-jobs.html>

Foreigners now make up one in six of UK workers

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11799726/Three-EU-migrants-find-jobs-for-every-one-Briton.html>

No 10 facing defeat on immigrant benefit ban

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4524605.ece>

Hiring an illegal immigrant is almost never punished with a prison sentence

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4523509.ece>

Immigration: UK's rogue employers to be 'hit from all angles'

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/10/immigration-uk-rogue-employers-hit-from-all-angles-james-brokenshire>

James Brokenshire warns rogue firms on migrants

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/james-brokenshire-warns-rogue-firms-on-migrants-1-3854971>

The Government says it is going to crack down on people who employ illegal migrants

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/the-government-says-it-is-going-to-crack-down-on-people-who-employ-illegal-migrants-10448050.html?origin=internalSearch>

Rogue firms targeted in crackdown on migrants

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4522520.ece>

Government crackdown on firms employing illegal immigrants

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11793564/Immigration-officers-to-mount-wave-of-raids-against-rogue-employers.html>

Rogue firms hiring illegal migrants to be 'hit from all angles' in government crackdown on building sites and care homes

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3191833/Crackdown-rogue-firms-hiring-migrants-Construction-care-cleaning-industries-set-targeted-raids.html>

Ministers migrant crackdown sham: Accused of 'spouting hot air' as arrests of foreigners working in Britain illegally fall by half

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3193005/Ministers-migrant-crackdown-sham-Accused-spouting-hot-air-arrests-foreigners-working-Britain-illegally-fall-half.html>

Plan to cut migration 'will damage business'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4527167.ece>

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Split threatens PM's plan to restrict work permits for migrants: Cameron wants to significantly raise £20,800 minimum salary firms must pay to secure documents

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3197178/Split-threatens-PM-s-plan-restrict-work-permits-migrants-Cameron-wants-significantly-raise-20-800-minimum-salary-firms-pay-secure-documents.html>

'Cruel' cuts to asylum-seekers' support payments will push children into poverty, claim charities

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/cruel-cuts-to-asylumseekers-support-payments-will-push-children-into-poverty-claim-charities-10447701.html>

'We can't go back': families seeking asylum fear destitution

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/aug/19/families-seeking-asylum-face-destitution-under-new-rules>

SNP would 'support failed asylum seekers with cash'

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/top-stories/snp-would-support-failed-asylum-seekers-with-cash-1-3860376>

Scottish government tells Westminster: treat refugees like human beings not objects

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13599923.Scottish_government_tells_Westminster_treat_refugees_like_human_beings_not_objects/

Refugees left in legal limbo as UK government cuts Scots immigration courts

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/13599919.Refugees_left_in_legal_limbo_as_UK_government_cuts_Scots_immigration_courts/

Nicky Morgan orders immigration review to examine 'education tourism'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11805477/Nicky-Morgan-orders-immigration-review-to-examine-education-tourism.html>

Yarl's Wood removal centre of 'national concern'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33871283>

UK prisons inspector seeks time limits on detention of migrants without trial

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/12/uk-prisons-inspector-time-limits-detention-migrants-without-trial>

Yarl's Wood conditions and treatment deteriorated significantly since 2013

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/yarls-wood-conditions-at-immigration-removal-centre-have-deteriorated-so-much-that-female-detainees-fear-for-safety-says-report-10450554.html>

Yarl's Wood detention centre: 'A place of national concern'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11796818/Prisons-Yarls-Wood-detention-centre-is-a-place-of-national-concern.html>

Yarl's Wood detention centre a 'place of national concern'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3194672/Yarls-Wood-detention-centre-place-national-concern.html>

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More released than deported at Yarl's Wood

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4524709.ece>

Just one in three migrants held at detention centre are deported: Only 443 were sent home in six months compared with 894 who were let on to Britain's street

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3194439/Just-one-three-migrants-held-detention-centre-deported-443-sent-home-six-months-compared-894-let-Britain-s-street.html>

Yarl's Wood is symptomatic of Britain's paranoia about migrants

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/aug/14/yarls-wood-detention-women-asylum-seekers-demos>

Inside Yarl's Wood: 'Hell must be better than that place'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11812567/Yarls-Wood-Women-reveal-their-lives-inside-UK-detention-centre.html>

My life inside the UK's worst detention centre

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11798330/Yarls-Wood-Life-for-women-inside-the-UKs-worst-detention-centre.html>

The Verne immigration removal centre: 'Serious violence' concerns

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-33850513>

Lawyer warns of staff violence and inadequate care in private immigrant detention centres

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/lawyer-warns-of-staff-violence-and-inadequate-care-in-private-immigrant-detention-centres-10458254.html>

A Syrian refugee seeks asylum in Nottingham

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-33818436>

Latvian child must be adopted in the UK, judge rules

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-33898346>

The Lithuanian 'slaves' highlight the holes in Britain's anti-trafficking strategy

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/aug/11/lithuanian-slaves-anti-trafficking-modern-slavery-act-human-rights-crime>

Officials deporting migrants by nationality 'to fill chartered planes'

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/10/nationalities-targeted-deportation-charter-planes-home-office>

More than a thousand Polish expatriates to donate blood in solidarity bid with Britons

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/more-than-a-thousand-polish-expatriates-to-donate-blood-in-solidarity-bid-with-britons-10448913.html>

Polish migrants strike: Meeting the men and women donating their blood for Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/polish-migrants-strike-meeting-the-men-and-women-donating-their-blood-for-britain-10464143.html>

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Polish migrants strike: Yes, the Poles do get everywhere – we should be profoundly grateful

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/polish-migrants-strike-yes-the-poles-do-get-everywhere--we-should-be-profoundly-grateful-10467558.html>

Polish migrants to strike and give blood to demonstrate importance to UK

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/20/polish-migrants-strike-blood-donation-protest>

Polish Blood: Poles donating blood to show their importance to British life

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11815851/Polish-Blood-Poles-donating-blood-to-show-their-importance-to-British-life.html>

Student with four A* A-levels refused finance over immigration status

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/14/four-a-levels-hassan-al-shebaz-refused-student-loan-immigration-status>

Alex Neil: Scottish Government would financially support failed asylum seekers

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13600095.Alex_Neil_Scottish_Government_would_financially_support_failed_asylum_seekers/

Watch as refugee men living in Scotland call for an end to domestic abuse of women in powerful video

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/real-life/watch-refugee-men-living-scotland-6268550>

Refugees who fled to Scotland to escape war and torture speak out against domestic violence

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13611081.Refugees_who_fled_to_Scotland_to_escape_war_and_torture_speak_out_against_domestic_violence/

Expelling overseas nurses ‘will threaten patient safety’

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/news/article4533685.ece>

Record levels of immigration to Britain set to become major headache for David Cameron

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/record-levels-of-immigration-to-britain-set-to-become-major-headache-for-david-cameron-10464371.html>

Record levels of immigration to Britain: David Cameron should take the increase as a compliment

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/record-levels-of-immigration-to-britain-david-cameron-should-take-the-increase-as-a-compliment-10464574.html>

The difference between asylum seekers, refugees and economic migrants

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/the-difference-between-asylum-seekers-refugees-and-economic-migrants-10460431.html>

Schools using community languages such as Urdu and Polish to boost their rankings in league tables, says leading academic

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/schools-using-community-languages-such-as-urdu-and-polish-to-boost-their-rankings-in-league-tables-says-leading-academic-10462840.html>

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Britain's immigration hysteria is hindering the progress of our best pupils

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/britains-immigration-hysteria-is-hindering-the-progress-of-our-best-pupils-10458330.html?origin=internalSearch>

Immigration viewed as most important issue by one in three Britons

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13619900.Immigration_viewed_as_most_important_issue_by_one_in_three_Britons/

Immigration is the public's biggest concern, poll says

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11816808/Immigration-is-the-publics-biggest-concern-poll-says.html>

Immigration overtakes the economy as biggest worry

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4535001.ece>

Church leader calls on UK to provide refuge to migrants

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/church-leader-calls-on-uk-government-to-take-action-over-migrant-crisis>

Europe migrant crisis: Surge in numbers at EU borders

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-33972632>

Calais migrants crisis deal to be agreed between Britain and France

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/world_news/13611568.Calais_migrants_crisis_deal_to_be_agreed_between_Britain_and_France/

How one makeshift church held together by faith and duct tape is warding off the Calais migrants' despair

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/11793553/How-one-makeshift-church-held-together-by-faith-and-duct-tape-is-warding-off-the-Calais-migrants-despair.html>

When Jewish people look at Calais migrants, we see ourselves

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/aug/13/jewish-people-calais-migrants-kindertransport-children-nazis>

Calais migrant crisis: Young asylum seekers face lengthy legal battles to stay in Britain

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/calais-migrant-crisis-young-asylum-seekers-face-lengthy-legal-battles-to-stay-in-britain-10455754.html>

UK must take its share of refugees

http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/13617517.Marianne_Taylor_UK_must_take_its_share_of_refugees/

Packing up a van and heading to Calais: a homemade humanitarian mission

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/20/van-calais-migrants-help-homemade-humanitarian-mission>

Calais crisis: Britain set to pay for migrants to be returned to home countries

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/calais-crisis-britain-set-to-pay-for-migrants-to-be-returned-to-home-countries-10464567.html>

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Britain to pay for migrants to be flown home from Calais

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11814355/Britain-to-pay-for-migrants-to-be-flown-home-from-Calais.html>

'It was the natural thing to do': family who took Calais migrant into their home

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/aug/21/calais-migrant-family-syria-refugee-help>

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Community Relations

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Airport security undermining race relations, report warns

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13600608.Airport_security_undermining_race_relations_report_warns/

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Fringe issue: Edinburgh, race and UK comedy

<http://www.theguardian.com/stage/2015/aug/13/fringe-issue-edinburgh-race-and-uk-comedy>

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Kick It Out launches mobile app to help fans report racist abuse

<http://www.theguardian.com/football/2015/aug/13/kick-it-out-mobile-app-football-racist-abuse>

Bradford teacher stabbing: 'Racist' teenager locked up for 11 years for 'utterly shocking' classroom attack

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/bradford-teacher-stabbing-racist-teenager-6226343>

Bradford stabbing prompts UK Asians to warn of racism towards black people

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/11/bradford-stabbing-prompts-uk-asians-to-warn-of-racism-towards-black-people>

Anti-racism group links teacher's stabbing to language over migrants

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/11/anti-racism-teacher-stabbing-migrants-language>

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Bradford teacher stabbing: Boy, 14, detained for 11 years for racially motivated attack on Vincent Uzomah

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/bradford-teacher-stabbing-boy-14-detained-for-11-years-for-racially-motivated-attack-on-vincent-uzomah-10448237.html?origin=internalSearch>

Vincent Uzomah: Teacher stabbed by pupil in racist attack praised after forgiving his attacker

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/vincent-uzomah-teacher-stabbed-in-racist-attack-praised-after-forgiving-his-attacker-10449147.html>

Boy jailed for 11 years for racist stabbing of teacher

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4522791.ece>

Why Britain's schools are failing to tackle racism

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/aug/12/racism-schools-government-reforms-targets>

Swastika daubed outside Jewish school in London in second anti-Semitic incident in weeks

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/swastika-daubed-outside-jewish-school-in-london-in-second-antisemitic-incident-in-weeks-10458987.html?origin=internalSearch>

Vandals attack east London Jewish memorial with raw meat

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/vandals-attack-east-london-jewish-memorial-with-raw-meat-10463404.html>

Vandals Desecrate Jewish-Funded Memorial With Meat In East London 'Anti-Semitic Attack'

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/08/20/jewish-status-anti-semitism-east-london_n_8014328.html

Wetherspoons apologises for 'Muslims get out of our country' pub poster

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/wetherspoons-apologises-for-muslims-get-out-of-our-country-pub-poster-10466917.html>

Horrified Wetherspoon customer finds racist 'Lord Kitchener'-style poster on the pub's noticeboard telling Muslims to 'get the f* out of our countries'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3205984/Horrified-Wetherspoon-customer-finds-racist-Lord-Kitchener-style-poster-pub-s-noticeboard-telling-Muslims-f-countries.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Parliamentary Question

Charities

Ken Macintosh: To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to ensure that members of the public have confidence in the regulation of charitable donations. (S4W-26904)

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Reply from Alex Neil: The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the Act) is the statutory framework for charities operating in Scotland. The Act is reviewed regularly as part of the Scottish Government's formal and informal engagement with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). OSCR submits an annual report to Scottish Ministers and the recommendations in the report have consistently been of a minor technical nature and in the main were addressed in the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 (part 9). Where necessary, secondary legislation has been enacted to address other matters and update the legislation. The Act provides OSCR with wide ranging powers to make enquiries into charities and charity trustees in cases of apparent misconduct and to take remedial or protective action in relation to such misconduct. The Scottish Government wants to ensure the existing legislation and framework for self-regulation of fundraising practices is sufficient to protect public confidence and trust in charities on Scotland. We want to make sure no-one can prey on the most vulnerable people in our society and that we can continue to place our trust in our charitable sector. That is why we have asked Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, working with OSCR and others, to carry out an informal review to establish whether the legislation relating to fundraising in Scotland, is effectively protecting the vulnerable. The findings of the review will be reported to Scottish Ministers by the early autumn for consideration and any changes to the existing fundraising controls will be tailored to suit the needs of the people of Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4W-26904&ResultsPerPage=10>

Press Release

Scotland's Changing Population

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-s-Changing-Population-1c1d.aspx>

New Publications

Scotland's Population 2014 – The Registrar General's Annual Review of Demographic Trends: 159th Edition

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/rgar2014/rgar-14.pdf>

Scotland's Population: Infographic report

<http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files/statistics/nrs-visual/rgar-infographic-report.pdf>

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New Publications

Meeting the Charity Test Guidance for applicants and existing charities (updated)

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/1977/v50_meeting-the-charity-test-guidance_final.pdf

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Other News

Traineeships at the European Parliament: new application period starting

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/content/20150720STO84206/html/Traineeships-at-the-Parliament-new-application-period-starting>

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights adds more multilingual information to its website

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2015/fra-adds-more-multilingual-information-its-website>

When 75 men demonstrate against a film made by a group of teen girls, we see FGM denial at its peak

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/when-75-men-demonstrate-against-a-film-made-by-a-group-of-teen-girls-we-see-fgm-denial-at-its-peak-10451210.html>

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Bills in Progress

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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

** new or updated this week

**** closes next week!**

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/>

**** closes next week!**

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>

**** closes next week!**

Higher Education Governance Bill (closing date 4 September 2015)
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/90819.aspx>

**** closes next week!**

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

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>

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

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>

**** EU Blue Card: recruitment of highly qualified third-country nationals** (closing date extended to 30 September 2015)
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting_0029_en.htm

Veterinary Surgeons: language control for EU migrants (closing date 30 September 2015)
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>

Consultations (continued)

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

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

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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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

**** Funding available to help people get online**

Deadline for applications: 4 September 2015

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is inviting community groups to apply for funding to help get people online, and to help people improve their digital skills. The Challenge Fund is open to groups and organisations from all sectors, with the next round of awards particularly focused on supporting groups working with older and disabled people, ethnic minority groups, or people in economically deprived or remote and rural areas.

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/news-campaigns-and-policy/funding-available-to-help-people-get-online/>

**** Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund**

Deadline for applications: 12 October 2015

Voluntary Action Fund fund is to help small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland with income under £25,000 to run an event or engagement activity to gather views on how to create a Fairer Scotland. Grants of up to £300 (or exceptionally

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up to £500 for a larger event) are available to support an event or engagement activity with a group of five or more people to discuss how we can create a Scotland where people are healthier, happier and treated with respect, and where opportunities, wealth and power are spread more equally.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/fairer-scotland-engagement-fund>

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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

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Planning Ahead for Community Regeneration

25 August 2015 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 3.30)

SURF conference to discuss their draft 2016 manifesto for community regeneration with the objective of improving individual and community wellbeing. For information see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/2015-surf-annual-conference/> or contact Emma Scott 0141 440 6392 / emma@scotregen.co.uk

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

**** African Women Against FGM**

12 September 2015 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

KWISA seminar to discuss the reasons why FGM persists in spite of increased awareness of its harmful effects and existence of legal measures in many countries. For information see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/african-women-against-fgm-sept-2015-tickets-18055096279>

**** Citizenship and Identity in the UK 2015 and beyond**

14 September 2015 in Glasgow (9.00 – 4.00)

BEMIS conference to provide an opportunity for civic society and political representatives to consider the implications of 2014/15/16, and how these years will help shape the UK and its diverse Communities, Governments, Parliaments, Assemblies and Institutions in the years to come. For information contact events@bemis.org.uk

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 / 0141 548 8047

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**** Action Learning for Community Organisations Supporting Ethnic Minority Parents with School Matters**

Deadline for applications 15 September 2015

Experiences and challenges: 22 September 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.30)

The new Scottish school system: 6 October 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.30)

Parental involvement: 20 October 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.30)

Children's rights in Scotland: 3 November 2015 in Glasgow (9.30 – 12.30)

Gathered Together training for community organisation working with Ethnic Minority families to develop their skills and knowledge to better support families. For information see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/action-learning-for-community-organisations-supporting-ethnic-minority-parents-on-school-matters/> or contact gtevents@bemis.org.uk

**** Supporting Youth-Led Research: Training for Youth Workers**

18 September 2015 in Edinburgh

23 September 2015 in Glasgow

30 September 2015 in Dundee

YouthLink Scotland training for youth workers who would like to know more about supporting young people to undertake research into issues that affect them and their communities. For information see <https://www.actiononsectarianism.info/supporting-youth-led-research-training-for-youth-workers-2> or contact Amy Goulding 0131 313 2488

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 / 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 / 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 / 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 / 0141 548 8047.

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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 / 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 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 or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hmdt-youth-workshop-glasgow-tickets-17792908067?ref=ebtn>

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 / 0141 548 8047.

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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/>

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Equality Advisory Support Service <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com>

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

BBC Democracy Live http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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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/>



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