

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Questions

#### Refugee Crisis

**James Dornan:** To ask the First Minister whether she will provide an update on the Scottish Government's response to the refugee crisis. (S4F-03008)

**Reply from the First Minister (Nicola Sturgeon):** The Scottish Government remains firmly committed to doing all that we can to support refugees. We have made an initial £1 million available to ensure that services across Scotland are prepared to deal with the arrival of refugees, and we are co-ordinating that work via the refugee task force, which will meet for the fourth time this afternoon. As members will have seen, the Minister for Europe and International Development, Humza Yousaf, visited Lesbos last weekend to meet refugees and aid agencies in person. I know that he is keen to share the learning from that visit with the task force later today.

**James Dornan:** The First Minister might be aware that I am leaving for Serbia tomorrow with Glasgow the Caring City, a charity that she knows well, to see what difference the 19 tonnes of aid that the people of Glasgow collected will make to the refugees and, I

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hope, to arrange further aid. Does she agree that the scenes that were just witnessed by Humza Yousaf and which I, unfortunately, expect to see in the Balkans highlight the need for the United Kingdom Government to hold out a hand of friendship to the many thousands of refugees and opt into the European Union relocation scheme?

**Reply from the First Minister:** I am sure that that sentiment will find support across the chamber. I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the generosity that has been shown by people in Glasgow and, indeed, by people across the country in the face of what is a growing humanitarian crisis. I thank James Dornan for highlighting the tremendous contribution that Glasgow the Caring City is making to supporting refugees. As he says, it is a charity that I know well. It does sterling work and I am pleased that the Scottish Government has been able to provide the charity with £10,000 to assist with the transportation of aid to the Balkans.

I am sure that the member's experience in Serbia will bring into sharp focus the suffering and the human tragedy of the refugee crisis in Europe. As I said, we remain firmly committed to doing all that we can to support refugees and hold out a hand of friendship. Although we welcome the change in the view of the UK Government that has taken place since this matter was last raised at First Minister's question time, we will also continue to press the UK Government to participate in a co-ordinated EU relocation scheme.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10137&i=93549#ScotParIOR>

## Scottish Parliament Motions

**S4M-14493 Colin Keir: Welcoming the Contribution of Migrants to Scottish Society**—That the Parliament welcomes the contribution made by successive generations of migrants from all over the world to Scotland; believes that migrants arrive in Scotland for a plethora of reasons, from relocation for work to refugees fleeing for their lives; considers that, regardless of the reasons for their arrival, those born outwith Scotland have formed and continue to form an integral part of Scottish society and culture; understands that the report, *Characteristics of Recent and Established EEA and non-EEA migrants in Scotland: Analysis of the 2011 Census* states that “half (49 per cent) of all migrants aged 16 and above had at least degree level qualifications”; believes that the diversity of skills that migration brings to the country is extremely valuable in terms of both the economy and research; notes with dismay what it views as the propagation of anti-migration myths by the Home Secretary in her recent speech to the Conservative Party conference, which has been condemned by the Institute of Directors among others for rhetoric that could harm business; believes that the use of anti-migration rhetoric on this subject is irresponsible, inflammatory and harmful to communities and that debate on this should be conducted according to fact, and assures migrants in Scotland that they are welcome here.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-14493&ResultsPerPage=10>

**S4M-14484 Jackie Baillie: West Dunbartonshire's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis**—That the Parliament congratulates West Dunbartonshire Council and the local community for their response to the Syrian refugee crisis; understands that there will be a public meeting in October 2015 in Clydebank Town Hall as part of the council's action plan and that the meeting will decide on the measures to be taken to coordinate the area's response to the crisis; understands that the Syrian Refugee Help Group set up by a local resident, Tori Lloyd, has received great support from the wider community; thanks

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the people of Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven for their generosity, and supports their efforts to help those most in need.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-14484&ResultsPerPage=10>

## New Publications

**Alternatives to detention for asylum seekers and people in return procedures**

[http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/fra-2015-alternatives-to-detention-compilation-key-materials-1\\_en.pdf](http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2015-alternatives-to-detention-compilation-key-materials-1_en.pdf)

**Immigrants in the classroom and effects on native children**

<http://wol.iza.org/articles/immigrants-in-classroom-and-effects-on-native-children-1.pdf>

## News: Scottish Politics

**SNP: 1 in 4 Syrian refugees who comes to the UK this year 'could be taken in by Scotland'**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/13838526.SNP\\_1\\_in\\_4\\_Syrian\\_refugees\\_who\\_comes\\_to\\_the\\_UK\\_this\\_year\\_could\\_be\\_taken\\_in\\_by\\_Scotland/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/13838526.SNP_1_in_4_Syrian_refugees_who_comes_to_the_UK_this_year_could_be_taken_in_by_Scotland/)

**Sarwar launches Glasgow campaign for ambulances to help Syrian refugee crisis**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13836015.Sarwar\\_launches\\_Glasgow\\_campaign\\_for\\_ambulances\\_to\\_help\\_Syrian\\_refugee\\_crisis/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13836015.Sarwar_launches_Glasgow_campaign_for_ambulances_to_help_Syrian_refugee_crisis/)

## UK Politics

**Minister for Syrian Refugees visits families given sanctuary**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/minister-for-syrian-refugees-visits-families-given-sanctuary>

**Home Office bans 'luxury' goods for Syrian refugees in UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/11/home-office-bans-luxury-goods-for-syrian-refugee>

**Landlord rent checks could cause 'everyday racism', Labour warns**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-34498836>

**Landlord checks on illegal immigrants risk 'everyday racism', says Labour**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/11/immigration-checks-discrimination-labour>

**Right to Rent scheme risks discriminating against immigrants, warns Andy Burnham**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/right-to-rent-scheme-risks-discriminating-against-immigrants-warns-andy-burnham-a6689311.html>

**David Cameron says there are parts of Britain where people don't speak English**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-cameron-says-there-are-parts-of-britain-where-people-dont-speak-english-a6684651.html>

## **Immigration and Asylum**

### **News: UK Politics** (continued)

**Theresa May: I spoke out on immigration 'because it matters to people'**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13838520.Theresa\\_May\\_I\\_spoke\\_out\\_on\\_immigration\\_because\\_it\\_matters\\_to\\_people/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13838520.Theresa_May_I_spoke_out_on_immigration_because_it_matters_to_people/)

**Theresa May condemned for anti-immigration speech**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/theresa-may-condemned-for-anti-immigration-speech-1-3909468#axzz3nrJ7qOAz>

**Theresa May faces backlash for 'vilifying' immigrants in Tory conference speech**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13807100.Theresa\\_May\\_faces\\_backlash\\_for\\_vilifying\\_immigrants\\_in\\_Tory\\_conference\\_speech/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13807100.Theresa_May_faces_backlash_for_vilifying_immigrants_in_Tory_conference_speech/)

**Theresa May tells EU leaders to 'crack down' on illegal immigrants**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/theresa-may-tells-eu-leaders-to-crack-down-on-illegal-immigrants-a6686976.html>

**Theresa May announces drive to limit right to claim asylum in UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/06/theresa-may-announces-new-plan-to-limit-right-to-claim-asylum-in-uk>

**Furious backlash at Theresa May after extraordinary Tory conference attack on migrants for forcing down wages and taking people's jobs**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3261810/Hand-border-controls-Brussels-Not-THOUSAND-years-Theresa-rules-joining-EU-migration-scheme.html>

**May under fire after urging migrant curb**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4578374.ece>

**Business attacks Theresa May for 'vilifying' migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4577620.ece>

**We must cut immigration to fix society, warns May**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4577400.ece>

**Theresa May's 'chilling and bitter' measures to send illegal migrants home**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/11913723/david-cameron-conservative-conference-2015-live.html>

**Let long-term illegals stay in UK, says Boris: London mayor believes immigrants who have been here more than 12 years should be granted amnesty**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3264239/Let-long-term-illegals-stay-UK-says-Boris-London-mayor-believes-immigrants-12-years-granted-amnesty.html>

## **News: Europe**

**EU governments call for faster deportations of failed asylum seekers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/08/eu-governments-call-for-faster-deportations-of-failed-asylum-seekers>

**Secret EU plan to throw out thousands of migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4578486.ece>

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

**EU migration policy will fail unless comprehensive and grounded in human rights – Zeid**  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/Media.aspx?IsMediaPage=true&LangID=E>

**Hundreds of thousands of failed asylum seekers could be deported under secret EU plans**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/hundreds-of-thousands-of-failed-asylum-seekers-could-be-deported-under-secret-eu-plans-a6684096.html>

**Hundreds of thousands of migrants will be deported from the EU within weeks under secret plans intended to 'deter irregular migration'**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3263113/Hundreds-thousands-migrants-deported-EU-weeks-secret-plans-intended-deter-irregular-migration.html>

## **News: Background and Comment**

**Scotland can be proud of track record on refugees**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/sunday\\_herald\\_view/13839555.Scotland-can-be-proud-of-track-record-on-refugees/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/sunday_herald_view/13839555.Scotland-can-be-proud-of-track-record-on-refugees/)

**UK 'not taking fair share of Syrian refugees'**

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13807631.UK-not-taking-fair-share-of-Syrian-refugees/>

**Migrant crisis: UK response criticised by senior former judges**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-34502419>

**Theresa May speech marks new low in politics of migration**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/oct/06/theresa-may-speech-new-low-politics-migration>

**Is Theresa May right about immigration?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/06/reality-check-is-theresa-may-right-about-immigration>

**No, Theresa May – immigration is not the real threat to national cohesion**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/06/theresa-may-immigration-threat-britain>

**Theresa May's immigration speech is dangerous and factually wrong**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11913927/Theresa-Mays-immigration-speech-is-dangerous-and-factually-wrong.html>

**A robust immigration policy is right**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11915776/Solution-to-migrant-dilemma-eludes-Theresa-May.html>

**Theresa May's asylum plan is unworkable**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/08/theresa-mays-asylum-plan-is-unworkable>

**The facts behind Theresa May's speech about immigration**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/the-facts-behind-theresa-mays-speech-about-immigration-a6685791.html>

## Immigration and Asylum News: Background and Comment (continued)

**Woman with the guts to tell the truth over migrants: But Theresa May faces backlash from big business and the Left following conference speech**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3262645/Woman-guts-tell-truth-migrants-Theresa-faces-backlash-big-business-Left-following-conference-speech.html>

**Britain does not need more immigrants**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknew>

**It makes no sense to separate refugees from economic migrants**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/it-makes-no-sense-to-separate-refugees-from-economic-migrants-a6685911.html>

**UK withdraws last ships dedicated to rescuing refugees after 15 children drown in the Aegean Sea**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-withdraws-last-ships-dedicated-to-rescuing-refugees-after-15-children-drown-in-the-aegean-sea-a6685066.html>

**Refugees are part of our communities so we must change the way we think about them**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/opinion/13812026.Rachel\\_s\\_World\\_Refugees\\_are\\_part\\_of\\_our\\_communities\\_so\\_we\\_must\\_change\\_the\\_way\\_we\\_think\\_about\\_them/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/opinion/13812026.Rachel_s_World_Refugees_are_part_of_our_communities_so_we_must_change_the_way_we_think_about_them/)

**'We hugged under the lorry, we were so happy': migrants tell of journey to UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/09/migrants-asylum-seekers-tell-of-journey-calais-to-uk-lorry-trains>

**8 graphs that challenge what you think you know about Syrian refugees in Europe**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/8-graphs-that-challenge-what-you-think-you-know-about-syrian-refugees-in-europe-a6689021.html>

**People donate hundreds of baby carriers to refugees carrying children to Europe in their arms**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/people-donate-hundreds-of-baby-carriers-to-refugees-carrying-children-to-europe-in-their-arms-a6686406.html>

**Refugee crisis: Surge of sympathy for refugees in Britain 'likely to be fleeting,' study says**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/refugee-crisis-surge-of-sympathy-for-refugees-in-britain-likely-to-be-fleeting-study-says-a6689316.html>

## Other Immigration and Asylum

**London's Underground languages**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/resources/idt-1e4fbc9-5bd6-4e14-adf5-bf3ab1ba79bb>

**English test to cut overseas students**

[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/article1615053.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/article1615053.ece)

**Nurses should not be subject to new immigration rules, says NHS England chief**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/06/nurses-immigration-rules-nhs-england-chief>

**Torture: ever higher standards of proof required**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/article4579112.ece>

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### News: Other Immigration and Asylum (continued)

**Home Office to compensate pregnant asylum seeker for unlawful detention**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/06/home-office-to-compensate-pregnant-asylum-seeker-for-unlawful-detention>

**Is Britain's record on welcoming asylum seekers really so honourable?**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/04/asylum-seekers-hideously-diverse-britain>

**Detained asylum seeker entitled to damages, court rules**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34478007>

**Pupils in schools with lots of migrants get lower test results**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4580773.ece>

**How can we be cohesive if we can't converse?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11923045/If-integration-is-going-to-work-everyone-needs-to-speak-the-same-language.html>

**Over a third of babies born in the UK are no longer white British: More than 10% come from other Caucasian backgrounds mirroring increased migration from Europe**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3265633/Over-babies-born-UK-no-longer-white-British.html>

**Immigration Bill: new powers for Navy to stop migrants**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11924466/Immigration-Bill-new-powers-for-Navy-to-stop-migrants.html>

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## Community Relations

### News

**The Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain: 15 years On**

<http://www.racecard.org.uk/equality/the-future-of-multi-ethnic-britain-15-years-on/>

**Christian MSP hopes Holyrood religious freedom group will promote tolerance**

<http://tinyurl.com/pzq7asn>

**Why must we tolerate burkas?**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/11924406/Why-must-we-tolerate-burkas.html>

**Black History Month needs a rethink: it's time to ditch the heroes**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/09/black-history-month-ditch-heroes>

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## Equality

### New Publication

#### **Rising to the Top**

[http://www.demos.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/476\\_1509\\_RisingtotheTop\\_web.pdf](http://www.demos.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/476_1509_RisingtotheTop_web.pdf)

### News

#### **Anonymise CVs to get more British Muslims in top jobs, says thinktank**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/09/anonymise-cvs-to-get-more-british-muslims-in-top-jobs-says-thinktank>

#### **The 'Muslim penalty' in the workplace can be overcome**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/09/muslim-penalty-workplace-demos-report-british>

#### **Muslims held back from top jobs by their culture**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4580617.ece>

#### **'Don't microwave sausage rolls': New guidelines issued on what not to do in work kitchens**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/dont-microwave-sausage-rolls-new-guidelines-issued-on-what-not-to-do-in-work-communal-kitchens-a6679806.html>

#### **Now they even want to BAN bacon sarnies: Report that said products should be banned at work is yet another example of the national obsession with not causing offence**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-3261348/Now-want-BAN-bacon-sarnies-Report-said-products-banned-work-example-national-obsession-not-causing-offence-writes-RICHARD-LITTLEJOHN.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### News

#### **Study raises concern over lack of public help over Islamophobic hate attacks**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13840327.Study\\_raises\\_concern\\_over\\_lack\\_of\\_public\\_help\\_over\\_Islamophobic\\_hate\\_attacks/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13840327.Study_raises_concern_over_lack_of_public_help_over_Islamophobic_hate_attacks/)

#### **Diversity officer charged over 'threat'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/education/article4578296.ece>

#### **OSCE/ODIHR and Council of Europe pilot online learning course on hate crime**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/190926>

#### **Celtic stars say no to racism in new video**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13837826.Celtic\\_stars\\_say\\_no\\_to\\_racism\\_in\\_new\\_video/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13837826.Celtic_stars_say_no_to_racism_in_new_video/)

#### **Watch the stars of Celtic say NO to racism**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13837681.Video\\_Watch\\_the\\_stars\\_of\\_Celtic\\_say\\_NO\\_to\\_racism/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13837681.Video_Watch_the_stars_of_Celtic_say_NO_to_racism/)



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**It's not the hijab which holds women back, but prejudice**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/tvandradio/great-british-bake-off/11919553/its-not-the-hijab-which-holds-women-back-but-intolerance-and-prejudice.html>

**Playmobil accused of 'perpetuating ugly stereotypes' by UK parent**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/09/playmobil-toys-accused-stereotypes-racism>

**Playmobil says 'racist' toy is meant to be a pirate who is a former slave**

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/oct/08/playmobil-racist-toy-pirate-slave>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-14490 John Mason: Scotland's Slave Trade**—That the Parliament notes the publication of the book, *Recovering Scotland's Slavery Past: The Caribbean Connection*, which was edited by Professor Tom Devine; understands that there have been misconceptions about the scale of Scotland's involvement in the slave trade, with many believing that the country's contribution was minimal; notes the suggestion in the book that Scotland was heavily involved in the tobacco plantations of Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina as well as the sugar plantations of the West Indies; understands that both types of plantation relied on transatlantic slavery to function and finds the comment by the Caribbean historian, Professor Philip D Morgan, that "the scale of Scottish involvement in the slave economies and societies of the new world was... wide and deep" particularly stark; understands that the Scottish role in the slave trade was not always direct, with many Scottish sailors, surgeons and merchants being very active in English ports; notes the statistics suggesting that, at the height of the slave trade, one-fifth of the ships' captains and two-thirds of the surgeons who manned slave-ships out of Liverpool were Scottish, and appreciates the suggestion by Professor Devine of tighter relationships with the Caribbean being established, particularly in education, as a way of moving forward.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-14490&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

**Consideration of the proposed cross-party group on religious freedom**

(proposal agreed)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10131&i=93487&c=1867821#ScotParlOR>

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## Other News

**Kirk launches project to help fight against FGM**

<http://beta.scotsman.com/news/health/kirk-launches-project-to-help-fight-against-fgm-1-3913723>

## Other News (continued)

### Scotland's shameful role in the slave trade exposed

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/arts\\_ents/13838688.Scotland s shameful role in the slave trade exposed/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/arts_ents/13838688.Scotland_s_shameful_role_in_the_slave_trade_exposed/)

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

### Scottish Parliament

#### \*\* Burial and Cremation Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/92664.aspx>

Bill as introduced

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/SPBill80S042015.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20(Scotland)%20Bill/SPBill80S042015.pdf)

Explanatory Notes

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/SPBill80ENS042015.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20(Scotland)%20Bill/SPBill80ENS042015.pdf)

Policy Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/SPBill80PMS042015.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Burial%20and%20Cremation%20(Scotland)%20Bill/SPBill80PMS042015.pdf)

#### \*\* Community Justice Bill

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

Justice Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10136&i=93526#ScotParIOR>

#### \*\* Criminal Justice Bill

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

Justice Committee: Stage 2 consideration of amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10136&i=93527#ScotParIOR>

#### Education Bill

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

#### \*\* Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/90125.aspx>

Education and Culture Committee: Stage 1 consideration of evidence

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10138&i=93556#ScotParIOR>

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

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

## Bills in Progress (continued)

### 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>

#### **Immigration Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/immigration.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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**Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 12 October 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/newsandmediacentre/91986.aspx>

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**Syrian Refugee Crisis** (closing date 12 October 2015)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/international-development-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry-name/>

**Mediterranean migration inquiry** (closing date 21 October 2015)

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

**Race Equality in Scotland** (closing date 25 October 2015)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QNVWS85>

**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)

**Human Rights Inquiry** (closing date 18 November 2015)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/92604.aspx>

**\*\* Shaping the work of your Human Rights Commission** (closing date 20 November 2015)

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/application/resources/documents/SP%20Consultation%20Document.docx>

**Introduction of diversity succession planning for board appointments** (closing date 29 November 2015)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00486751.pdf>

## Consultations (continued)

**Charity Trustee Guidance** (closing date 18 December 2015)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/about/our-work/consultations/open-consultations>

**\*\* Scotland's Census 2021 – Topic Consultation** (closing date 15 January 2016)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00487152.pdf>

**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>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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**\*\* closing date for applications this week!**

**Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund**

**Deadline for applications: 12 October 2015**

Voluntary Action Fund grants 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 we can create a Fairer Scotland. Grants of up to £300 (or exceptionally 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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**Black History Month**

1-31 October 2015 in various locations

For the full programme of activities see

[http://www.crer.org.uk/BlackHistory/BHM2015\\_web.pdf](http://www.crer.org.uk/BlackHistory/BHM2015_web.pdf)

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* this week!**

14 October 2015 in Midlothian (5.30 – 9.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-midlothian-tickets-18178524456>

20 October 2015 in Dumfries (1.30 – 5.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-dumfries-tickets-18178531477>

29 October 2015 in Stornoway (1.30 – 5.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-stornoway-tickets-18178557555>

5 November 2015 in Dundee (5.30 – 9.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-dundee-tickets-18178566582>

10 November 2015 in Inverclyde (5.30 – 9.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-inverclyde-tickets-18178573603>

17 November 2015 in Glasgow (5.30 – 9.00)

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fairer-scotland-planning-event-glasgow-tickets-18178575609>

Voluntary Action Fund events to hear, discuss, prioritise, and take action on ideas to create a Fairer Scotland, and make people's lives better. This is your chance to think about and prioritise ideas that will help make Scotland a fairer place to live and make a real impact on Scotland's future. For information see the relevant weblink above.

### **\*\* this week!**

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

12 October 2015 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 4.00)

Training to demystify forced marriage and help delegates to gain the knowledge they need to provide appropriate support to those affected. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/nq29vu0>

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Ada Lovelace Day**

13 October in Glasgow (1.00 – 4.00)

Strathclyde University celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering and maths. For information contact Annie McLaughlin

[annie.mclaughlin@strath.ac.uk](mailto:annie.mclaughlin@strath.ac.uk) or see <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ada-lovelace-day-at-strathclyde-tickets-18650262437>

### **\*\* this week!**

#### **Launch: GRAMNet Film Series 2015/2016**

14 October 2015 in Glasgow (5.30 for 6.00)

Hidden Stories film series organised by GRAMNet (Glasgow Refugee, Asylum and Migration Network) and BEMIS Scotland to reveal the often untold, surprising knowledge of migratory movements. Screenings are accompanied by forums and Q&A for everyone to share their views and thoughts in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. For information, including the full programme, see <http://bemis.org.uk/PDF/gramnet-film-series-2015-2016.pdf>

#### **Introduction to Asylum Support for Beginners**

20 October 2015 – online webinar

Asylum Support Appeals Project webinar for people with no or limited experience working with asylum seekers, to provide an overview of the asylum support system. For information and to register see <https://asaproject.clickmeeting.com/intro-to-asylum-support/register>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **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.

### **Section 4 Support: How to Win Appeals**

21 October 2015 Online Webinar (10.00 – 11.30)

Asylum Support Appeals Project webinar to discuss the eligibility criteria for section 4 support, examine some of the most common grounds of appeal and provide hints and tips on how to prepare successful appeals. For information see <https://asaproject.clickmeeting.com/section-4-appeals/register>

### **Further Submissions, JR and Asylum Support: What You Need to Know**

22 October 2015 Online Webinar (10.00 – 11.30)

Asylum Support Appeals Project webinar for delegates with experience of asylum support casework and legal practitioners to explore the issue of how access to asylum support is affected when an asylum seeker's further submissions have been refused, and steps are being taken towards judicial review of this decision. For information see <https://asaproject.clickmeeting.com/further-subs-asylum-support/register>

### **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.

### **\*\* Scotland Welcomes Refugees**

4 November 2015 in Glasgow (11.00)

Positive Action in Housing AGM and conference to explore pioneering and practical grassroots initiatives designed to welcome those from refugee communities to this country. For information contact 0141 353 2220 / [home@paih.org](mailto:home@paih.org)

### **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>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **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>

### **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)

## Useful Links (continued)

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

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

**BBC Democracy Live** [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc\\_parliament/default.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://www.scojec.org/>



**BEMIS** is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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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