

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Immigration: Statistics

**The Earl of Dundee [HL2325]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether distinguishing between overseas students and other migrants in published statistics would help to promote the United Kingdom as a destination for international students.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** International students are included in net migration statistics that are produced by the independent Office for National Statistics (ONS). In line with the internationally agreed UN definition, these statistics define a migrant as someone changing their normal place of residence for more than a year. Students are therefore included in the same way as other migrants. Other countries, such as the United States, Canada, and Australia also include students

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in their net migration figures. Like other migrants, students who stay for longer than 12 months have an impact on communities, infrastructure and services while they are here, so it is right that they are included in the net migration count. The ONS estimates that in the year ending March 2015 there was a difference of 96,000 in the number of non-EU students coming to and leaving the UK. Therefore student emigration, or the lack of it, is a key driver of overall net migration.

We have an excellent offer for international students, and as a result we remain the second most popular destination in the world for international higher education students. The latest figures show that visa applications sponsored by universities were now 17% higher than they were in 2010, and the corresponding figure for Russell Group universities was 33%.

The Home Office publishes statistics on entry clearance visa grants broken down by category in table vi\_04 (Entry clearance visas tables volume 4) within the 'Immigration Statistics' release, and in the Visas topic. Data for numbers of entry clearance visas granted for study (Tier 4 & pre-PBS equivalent) are separately identified. An example summary table from the Visas topic, identifying data for students, is provided below.

Entry clearance visas granted by reason (excluding visitor and transit visas)							
Year	Total issued(1)	Work	Study	Student visitors (2)	Family	Dependant joining or accompanying	Other
YE June 2010	616,650	154,615	320,183	41,859	50,240	15,407	34,346
YE June 2011	616,413	158,261	304,568	55,082	49,263	15,001	34,238
YE June 2012	520,073	147,377	214,219	68,990	44,424	12,782	32,281
YE June 2013	501,608	144,503	204,410	72,473	33,710	11,649	34,863
YE June 2014	538,504	159,231	218,239	78,075	35,664	11,362	35,933
YE June 2015	538,663	168,544	216,769	64,181	35,245	10,930	42,994
Change: latest year	+159	+9,313	-1,470	-13,894	-419	-432	+7,061
Percentage change	+0%	+6%	-1%	-18%	-1%	-4%	+20%
[h4] Table notes							
(1) Excluding visitor and transit visas							

A copy of the latest release, "Immigration Statistics April to June 2015", is available from the Library of the House and the Home Office website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

Similarly the Office for National Statistics figures on international migration to the UK (those changing their usual residence for 12 months or more) separately identify those whose main reason for migration is to study. The ONS figures are published as part of the Migration Statistics Quarterly Report, latest edition

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available at the following website and is attached to this answer: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/migration-statistics-quarterly-report/august-2015/stb-msqr-august-2015.html>.

**To read the migration statistics quarterly report see**

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/419394/original/Migration%20Statistics%20Quarterley%20Report%20August%202015.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2015-09-17/HL2325/>

### Visas

**Vicky Foxcroft** [11160] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many times visa applications have been refused because of technicalities in each of the last four years; and how many such cases have been subject to a complaint or appeal.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Home Office is unable to provide the information requested, as it could only be obtained at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/11160/>

### Refugees

**Gavin Newlands** [10644] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will make an assessment of the contribution of refugees to the UK economy.

**Reply from Richard Harrington:** There are no current plans to undertake an assessment of the contribution of refugees to the UK economy. In September 2014, the Home Office published a report on the labour market characteristics of UK residents born abroad, which highlighted that the employment rate at that time was lowest among those who came originally as a refugee (47% for non-EEA).

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-17/10644/>

### Refugees: EU Countries

**Tania Mathias** [10873] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment she has made of the projected number of refugees eligible to travel to the UK under EU freedom of movement rules if they become naturalised citizens of other EU member states.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** While the Home Office regularly monitors and analyses overall migration data to help inform policy decisions, it has not prepared forecasts of likely inflows from nationals who have been granted refugee status and may subsequently be naturalised in another EU Member State.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/10873/>

### Asylum: Poverty

**Greg Mulholland** [10400] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will estimate the number of asylum seeker applicants in the UK who were living in poverty in each of the last five years.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** If asylum seekers are destitute they are provided with support by the UK taxpayer. The support usually consists of accommodation and a cash allowance to cover essential living needs.

The cash allowance is also provided if the asylum seeker is living with friends or relatives but needs assistance to meet their essential living needs.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10400/>

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### Asylum: Detainees

**Gavin Newlands** [10645] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment her Department has made of why those asylum seekers detained at the Dungavel facility had their applications refused in the last year; and what reasons were given in each case for that refusal.

**Reply from John Hayes:** There were 222 asylum claimants who received a refusal decision on their asylum claim whilst held in detention at Dungavel Removal Centre over the past 12 months. Each asylum claim is considered on its individual merits and where an individual is found to be in genuine need of our protection, asylum is granted.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-17/10645/>

### Immigrants: Detainees

**Gavin Newlands** [10646] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people have been deported from each of the UK's refugee detention centres in each of the last five years.

**Reply from John Hayes:** The attached table provides the total number of people leaving detention and subsequently removed from the UK, in each year from 2010 to 2014. Deportations are a specific subset of removals which are enforced either following a criminal conviction or when it is judged that a person's removal from the UK is conducive to the public good. The deportation order prohibits the person returning to the UK until such time as it may be revoked. It is not possible to identify deportations separately from total removals. The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of people leaving detention and subsequently removed within the Immigration Statistics release. Data on people leaving detention by reason are available in the latest release, Immigration Statistics April – June 2015 tables dt\_08 from GOV.UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

*The table can be read at*

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/419528/original/PQ%2010646%20Table.xls>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-17/10646/>

### Asylum: Deportation

**Gavin Newlands** [10642] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many refused asylum seekers have been forcibly removed from the country over the last five years.

**Reply from John Hayes:** The attached table shows the number of enforced removals from the United Kingdom for the last five years of people who had claimed asylum at some point.

The Home Office publishes quarterly and annual statistics on the number of enforced removals from the United Kingdom, within the Immigration Statistics release. Data relating to enforced removals are available in tables rv\_01 and rv\_01\_q in Immigration Statistics: April – June 2015 on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

*The table can be read at*

<http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/419551/original/PQ%2010642%20Table.xls>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-17/10642/>

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### Deportation: Appeals

**Gavin Newlands** [11080] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people deported under the deport first, appeal later policy have subsequently appealed their case; and how many such appeals were successful.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** From July 2014 to August 2015, more than 1,700 foreign national offenders have been removed under the deport first, appeal later powers, with many more going through the system. Of these, 426 have made an appeal against their deportation and 13 (0.7%) have been successful.

	Total
Number of FNOs deported for the period July 2014 to August 2015	1,780
Number of FNOs who have appealed against their deportation for the period July 2014 to August 2015	426
Number of FNOs who have been successful in their appeal for the period July 2014 to August 2015	13

(1) All figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.

(2) Removals figures relates to FNOs deported under the new immigration powers (NSA certified).

(3) Appeals figures relates to Non-EEA FNOs who have lodged an appeal after being deported under the new immigration powers (NSA certified). EEA FNOs who have lodged an appeal after being NSA Certified and were deported before appeal rights were exhausted.

(4) Data Extracted on 28th September, 2015.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/11080/>

### Refugees

**Sue Hayman** [10533] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether refugees offered a home in Britain will be vetted before entry.

**Reply from Richard Harrington:** The operation of the UK's resettlement schemes, including the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Scheme, involves the UNHCR submitting potential cases for our consideration. The cases are then screened and considered by the Home Office for suitability for entry to the UK: we retain the right to reject individuals on security, war crimes or other grounds.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10533/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Mary Creagh** [10516] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many transit visas her Department has issued to Syrian refugees since May 2015.

**Reply from Richard Harrington:** In Q2 2015 (April to June – the latest period for which figures are available) no transit visas have been issued to Syrian refugees.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10516/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Mary Creagh** [10458] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what



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consideration she has given to the use of family reunions to facilitate resettlement within the Government's Syrian refugee programme.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** We recognise that families may be separated because of the nature of conflict and persecution and the speed and manner in which those seeking asylum often flee their country of origin. Our refugee family reunion policy allows immediate family members of a person in the UK with refugee leave or humanitarian protection status - that is a spouse or partner and children under the age of 18, who formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled their country of origin - to reunite with them in the UK.

The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation (VPR) scheme was launched in January 2014 and is the first resettlement programme run by the UK to target support for refugees specifically on the basis of their vulnerability. On 7 September 2015, the Prime Minister announced a significant extension of the scheme, in recognition of the worsening crisis. We intend to resettle 20,000 refugees from Syria's neighbouring countries over the lifetime of this Parliament.

The scheme is helping those in the greatest need who cannot be supported effectively in the region by giving them protection and support in the UK. The current criteria for acceptance under the scheme will be expanded to ensure more of those in the greatest need are resettled, together with their family members, in the UK. Where possible, the Government working with UNHCR, aims to resettle all close family members and dependents together.

Those resettled under the Syrian VPR scheme are eligible to act as sponsors under the family reunion provisions. This means that if their immediate family members are still abroad, and they meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules, they will be issued with a visa and the family will be able to reunite in the UK. Any family members who are already in the UK are also eligible to apply under the family reunion provisions.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10458/>

### Asylum: Syria

**Greg Mulholland [10401]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of asylum seeker applications made by Syrian nationals in each of the last five years received a decision in (a) three, (b) six and (c) 12 months.

**Reply from John Hayes:** The tables below shows the proportion of asylum claims from Syrian nationals which received an initial decision within 3 months, 6 months and 12 months from 2010 to 2013. This data is based on main asylum claimants who made a claim for asylum from 1 October 2010 to 31 December 2014. We aim to decide all straightforward asylum claims within six months. We recognise that asylum cases are often complex and require our full and thorough consideration, meaning that some decisions will take longer than six months. Those cases that do take longer than six months are actively managed to ensure they are concluded as promptly as possible.

Year Application made	Time from Application to Date of Decision				
	Decision made within 3 Months	Within 6 Months	Within 1 Year	More than 1 Year	No Decision made
2010	117	5	5	1	0
Grand Total	117	5	5	1	0
2011	273	36	20	23	0
Grand Total	273	36	20	23	0

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2012	819	77	64	21	1
Grand Total	819	77	64	21	1
2013	1130	157	203	97	29
Grand Total	1130	157	203	97	29
2014	603	1036	177	34	143
Grand Total	603	1036	177	34	143

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10401/>

### Asylum: Syria

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Greg Mulholland** [10402] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seeker applications were received from Syrian nationals in each of the last five years; and how many such applicants were (a) refused, (b) granted refugee status, (c) granted humanitarian protection and (d) granted discretionary leave to remain.

**Reply from James Brokenshire:** The Home Office publishes an analysis of applications for whole-year cohorts of asylum seekers to establish the overall success rates following appeal; this is available in Table as\_06 (Asylum data table Volume 2) of the quarterly Immigration Statistics release. For the latest years, some cases will still be outstanding. This cohort analysis is therefore not able to provide a complete picture for the latest applications but for most years will provide the most complete description of the outcome for asylum seekers. The analysis of the outcomes of asylum applications are the recorded outcomes of the group (or cohort) of applicants in any one year, at a particular time. This dataset is updated, in full, annually and is currently available up to 2014.

[see table

[http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/419127/original/Table%20PQ%2010402\\_10403.xlsx](http://qna.files.parliament.uk/qna-attachments/419127/original/Table%20PQ%2010402_10403.xlsx)]

A copy of the latest release, Immigration Statistics April – June 2015, is available from

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/series/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10402/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10403/>

### Trafficking: Children

**Baroness Doocey:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether there has been an increase in the number of cases of child trafficking reported since the Modern Slavery Act 2015 was passed.

**Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Lord Bates):** My Lords, the Modern Slavery Act received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015. The first package of measures was implemented on 31 July 2015. The number of children referred into the national referral mechanism has increased year on year, but it is too early to tell whether there has been an increase in the number of child trafficking cases reported to the NRM since the Modern Slavery Act was passed.

**Baroness Doocey:** ... I should like to ask about the Home Office counting rules used by the police to record crime statistics, which has been recently updated to take account of

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the Modern Slavery Act. Will he please explain why there is no specific category to record child exploitation cases, such as domestic servitude? Instead, these crimes against adults and children are lumped together, which will obscure the recording, investigation and monitoring of these heinous crimes against children. Surely this is not the way the Modern Slavery Act was supposed to work.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The noble Baroness makes a very interesting point and I will look at this. It is of course something that the Crown Prosecution Service will produce guidance about, working with the police forces. Also, the national policing lead, Shaun Sawyer, is leading the Modern Slavery Threat Group, which will monitor this very carefully indeed. We are conscious that we need to get to grips with this problem. If in the process of this law—it is just coming into being, with the offences having been introduced on 31 July—that proves to be helpful, I am sure that it is something that we would look at very carefully. I am happy to continue the discussion with the noble Baroness.

**To continue reading the lengthy question and answer session see**  
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201516/ldhansrd/text/151015-0001.htm#15101554000808>

### Human Trafficking Offences: Forced Labour

**Graham Evans:** What steps the Crown Prosecution Service is taking to increase the number of successful prosecutions for human trafficking offences involving forced labour. [901585]

**Reply from the Solicitor General (Robert Buckland):** In advance of the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 the CPS delivered joint training with the police and issued guidance to strengthen prosecutions. In forced labour cases the CPS also encourages prosecution for other offences such as trafficking for forced labour, money laundering, benefit and mortgage fraud, tax evasion and Gangmasters (Licensing) Act offences.

**Graham Evans:** Given the sheer number of refugees fleeing the conflict in Syria, taking action against human traffickers is of the utmost importance in protecting some of the world's most vulnerable people. What steps is my hon. and learned Friend taking to improve the confiscation of the proceeds of exploiting migrant workers into modern-day slavery?

**Reply from the Solicitor General:** I know that my hon. Friend has a long-standing interest in this issue. The Crown Prosecution Service is helping to improve the situation by building capacity and capability in other countries, because this is an international problem. This is being done by better linking the work of the regional asset recovery teams with that of the human trafficking investigators, so that financial investigation can become sharper and more efficient.

[901589] **David Davies :** My hon. and learned Friend has outlined what is being done on an international basis. Will he go further and confirm that the Immigration Bill, which had its Second Reading this week, will help to tackle this disgraceful problem on a domestic level?

**Reply from the Solicitor General:** The Minister for Immigration and I have the duty of taking that Bill through its stages in this House, and I can assure my hon. Friend that its provisions will dovetail well to improve the range of tools that the authorities have to protect victims of trafficking and prosecute perpetrators.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm151015/debtext/151015-0001.htm#15101528000019>



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#### Human Trafficking: Detainees

**Kate Osamor** [10911] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many victims of human trafficking have been detained in the last five years.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** Individuals who have been identified as victims of trafficking by the competent authorities are normally considered suitable for detention in only very exceptional circumstances, which include cases where there is a risk of public harm. This data is not collected centrally and accurate figures are not available. Once a person is detained their continued detention remains under review by the Home Office at least at monthly intervals, and earlier in response to any change of circumstances that might have a material effect on their detention.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-09/10911/>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**Chris Law (487) Dundee Refugee Support** – That this House recognises the outstanding response and contribution of Dundee Refugee Support in raising funds and collecting essential items to support refugees who desperately need help during the unfolding European refugee crisis; praises the work of this organisation and the generosity of the citizens of Dundee; appreciates the urgency of delivering support to those who need it most as quickly as possible; welcomes the establishment of a website by the Scottish Refugee Network in partnership with the Scottish Government to help co-ordinate Scotland's response to the crisis; is concerned about the erection of border fences in a number of European countries and the impact that this may have on those seeking refuge; and calls on the Government to work with European partners to find a sustainable solution to the crisis.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/487>

## Press Release

**Supreme Court: Appeal judgement relating to the refusal of a student visa extension**

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2014-0059-press-summary.pdf>

## New Publication

**How to forecast international migration**

[http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc\\_briefing\\_papers/pdf/BP28\\_How%20to%20forecast%20international%20migration.pdf](http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_briefing_papers/pdf/BP28_How%20to%20forecast%20international%20migration.pdf)

## News

### Refugee Crisis: UK Politics

**Theresa May defends government response to Syrian refugee crisis**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/12/theresa-may-defends-government-response-to-syrian-refugee-crisis>

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### Refugee Crisis News: UK Politics (continued)

**Syria refugees: Minister refuses to give MPs UK numbers**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34516150>

**Tory MP: Ethnic minorities could face more discrimination as a result of immigration reforms**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13844659.Ethnic\\_minorities\\_could\\_face\\_more\\_discrimination\\_as\\_a\\_result\\_of\\_immigration\\_reforms\\_Tory\\_MP\\_warns/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13844659.Ethnic_minorities_could_face_more_discrimination_as_a_result_of_immigration_reforms_Tory_MP_warns/)

### Refugee Crisis: Other Organisations

**Scottish Refugee Council seeks migrant aid**

<http://beta.scotsman.com/news/politics/scottish-refugee-council-seeks-migrant-aid-1-3919044>

**With winter approaching ECRE urgently calls on Europe to act**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2787\\_with\\_winter\\_approaching\\_ecre\\_urgently\\_calls\\_on\\_europe\\_to\\_act](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2787_with_winter_approaching_ecre_urgently_calls_on_europe_to_act)

**Syria refugees: Bishops urge David Cameron to do more**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34564894>

**Bishops in stinging rebuke to David Cameron over refugee crisis**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/17/bishops-rebuke-cameron-over-refugees>

**'Honour Britain's spirit and take 30,000 more Syrians,' bishops tell PM**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4589156.ece>

**Bishops row with David Cameron over offer of help to refugees**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/david-cameron/11938714/Bishops-row-with-David-Cameron-over-offer-of-help-to-refugees.html>

### Refugee Crisis: Background and Comment

**Refugee rhetoric echoes 1938 summit before Holocaust, UN official warns**

<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/oct/14/refugee-rhetoric-echoes-1938-summit-before-holocaust-un-official-warns>

**Politician's language similar to that used in build-up to Holocaust, UN high commissioner for human rights warns**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/refugee-crisis-un-high-commissioner-says-politicians-language-is-similar-to-that-used-in-1938-before-a6693826.html>

**Outrage as UN says Britain's refugees policy is like 1930s: Senior official claims response has echoes of the way Jews were treated under the Nazis**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3273237/Outrage-says-Britain-s-refugees-policy-like-1930s-Senior-official-claims-response-echoes-way-Jews-treated-Nazis.html>

**Syria crisis pushes EU asylum claims past 1992 record**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2015/oct/15/syria-crisis-pushes-eu-asylum-claims-past-1992-record>

**The refugees being sent to Coventry are welcome**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/13/refugees-coventry-welcome-councils-syrians>

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### Refugee Crisis: Background and Comment (continued)

**The English village being 'overwhelmed' by migrants as dozens arrive every day with the Home Office using it as a 'transit camp' for people arriving from Calais**  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3270491/British-village-overwhelmed-migrants-DOZENS-arrive-day-Home-Office-using-transit-camp-people-arriving-Calais.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>

**Former judges call for Britain to take in 75,000 refugees each year**  
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/law/article4584260.ece>

**Refugees 'besiege' village under Heathrow flight path**  
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4585204.ece>

**The wrong judgement on refugees**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/telegraph-view/11927464/The-wrong-judgement-on-refugees.html>

**Luvvies and lawyers should shut up about the Syrian refugee crisis**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/11926192/Luvvies-and-lawyers-should-shut-up-about-the-Syrian-refugee-crisis.html>

**Thousands of teddies donated to refugee children in Project Paddington**  
[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13876637.Thousands\\_of\\_teddies\\_donated\\_to\\_refugee\\_children\\_in\\_Project\\_Paddington/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/13876637.Thousands_of_teddies_donated_to_refugee_children_in_Project_Paddington/)

**This is what it feels like to be a refugee on the move**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/11934678/This-is-what-it-feels-like-to-be-a-refugee-on-the-move.html>

## Other Immigration and Asylum

**How do non-EU citizens get a UK visa?**  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34518410>

**Bar on foreign nurses lifted to avoid winter staff crisis**  
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/health/news/article4587549.ece>

**UK lifts restrictions on recruiting nurses from overseas**  
<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/15/uk-lifts-restrictions-on-recruiting-nurses-from-overseas>

**NHS allowed to hire nurses from abroad as shortage looms**  
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4586715.ece>

**Overseas NHS nurses: Restrictions lifted amid widespread shortages**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/nhs/11933399/Overseas-NHS-nurses-Restrictions-lifted-amid-widespread-shortages.html>

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

**Hospitals to hire hundreds more foreign nurses from the Philippines, India and Pakistan after Government U-turn on immigration in wake of staffing crisis**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3274427/Hospitals-hire-hundreds-foreign-nurses-Philippines-India-Pakistan-Government-U-turn-immigration.html>

**Influx of migrants would fill Birmingham three times over**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4585193.ece>

**Britain will need to build three cities the size of Birmingham by 2020 unless action is taken to tackle migrant crisis**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3271687/Britain-need-build-three-cities-size-Birmingham-2020-unless-action-taken-tackle-migrant-crisis.html>

**UK Asylum Seeker Applications By Country And Why People Are Fleeing**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/10/14/uk-asylum-seeker-applications\\_8293108.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/10/14/uk-asylum-seeker-applications_8293108.html)

**Gift of language is what migrants need most**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4582824.ece>

**Serco criticised after hiring limo to move asylum seekers**

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/oct/14/serco-criticised-after-hiring-limo-to-move-asylum-seekers>

**The £50,000 luxury stretch Hummer being used to ferry asylum seekers from London to Manchester after village complained about being deluged**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3271045/Pictured-50-000-luxury-stretch-Hummer-used-ferry-asylum-seekers-London-Manchester-village-complained-deluged.html>

**Home Office criticises Serco after 'limo hired for moving asylum seekers'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11930210/Home-Office-criticises-Serco-after-limo-hired-for-moving-asylum-seekers.html>

**This map perfectly displays the diversity of London**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/11926139/london-passport-diversity-map.html>

**Judge attacks government's 'grotesque' conduct in denying woman UK passport**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/15/judge-attacks-governments-grotesque-conduct-in-denying-woman-uk-passport>

**Grandmother who moved to Britain 48 years ago when she was just five years old faces being deported and is also told she's not allowed to work**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3273569/Grandmother-moved-Britain-48-years-ago-just-four-years-old-faces-DEPORTED-told-s-not-allowed-work.html>

**Human trafficking has 'no place' in Scotland**

<http://beta.scotsman.com/news/politics/human-trafficking-has-no-place-in-scotland-1-3919997>

**Human trafficking has no place in Scotland say senior police officers and prosecutors**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/human-trafficking-no-place-scotland-6653185>

**Surge in Albanian child slaves trafficked to Britain**

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/17/albanian-trafficked-child-slaves-surge>

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**£14m spent on private jets to deport asylum seekers in 18 months**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/16/14m-spent-on-private-jets-to-deport-asylum-seekers-in-18-months>

**Home Office defends decision to deport asylum seeker via private jet**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/16/home-office-defends-deportation-asylum-seeker-younes-tsouli-private-jet>

**'Half empty' private jets used to carry failed asylum seekers home**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11935038/Half-empty-private-jets-used-to-carry-failed-asylum-seekers-home.html>

**Millions spent on charter flights for failed asylum seekers**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4587634.ece>

**Britons shouldn't be afraid to talk about the impact of immigration**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/11935242/Britons-shouldnt-be-afraid-to-talk-about-the-impacts-of-immigration.html>

**Asylum seekers face eviction four weeks after being allowed to stay in Britain**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/17/asylum-seekers-eviction-four-weeks>

**Law-abiding activist faces deportation from UK**

<http://www.theguardian.com/law/2015/oct/17/law-abiding-activist-faces-deportation-from-uk>

**Dover immigration removal centre set for closure**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/16/dover-immigration-removal-centre-closure>

**Asylum seekers 'at risk of destitution' if benefits cut**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-34531927>

**Immigration Bill will harm destitute families and children**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2785\\_immigration\\_bill\\_will\\_harm\\_destitute\\_families\\_and\\_children](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2785_immigration_bill_will_harm_destitute_families_and_children)

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S4M-14510 Patricia Ferguson: Mid Autumn Chinese Festival** – That the Parliament notes the successful festival celebrating mid-Autumn, which was organised by the staff of NG Homes for people in the Chinese community living in the north of Glasgow; acknowledges what it sees as the hard work of all the staff involved and considers that the festival celebrations were a huge success and enjoyed by young and old alike, and further considers that the displays of Chinese dance and music and the inclusion of Scottish music and dance added to the enjoyment of all those who attended.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-14510&ResultsPerPage=10>



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### News

**Jewish-Muslim women's network is launched with government support**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/15/government-supports-jewish-muslim-womens-network-with-30000-grant>

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**New drive under way to recruit ethnic minorities and women to a Scottish police force** that is too white and too male

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13876887.New\\_drive\\_under\\_way\\_to\\_recruit\\_ethnic\\_minorities\\_and\\_women\\_to\\_a\\_Scottish\\_police\\_force\\_that\\_is\\_too\\_white\\_and\\_too\\_male/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/13876887.New_drive_under_way_to_recruit_ethnic_minorities_and_women_to_a_Scottish_police_force_that_is_too_white_and_too_male/)

**Would Muslims get better jobs if bosses didn't know they were Muslim?**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/would-muslims-get-better-jobs-if-bosses-didn-t-know-they-were-muslim-a6690621.html>

**Stop being afraid over diversity, culture secretary tells British creative industries**

<http://www.theguardian.com/culture/2015/oct/15/stop-being-afraid-over-diversity-culture-secretary-tells-british-creative-industries>

**Quota for female and ethnic minority judges would be 'demeaning,' says Lord Justice Leveson**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/quota-for-female-and-ethnic-minority-judges-would-be-demeaning-says-lord-justice-leveson-a6692741.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament Questions

#### Hate Speech

**Fiona Bruce:** What steps the Government are taking to tackle hate speech. [901487]

**Kwasi Kwarteng:** What steps the Government are taking to tackle hate speech. [901497]

**Reply from the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Home Department (Karen Bradley):** No one in this country should live in fear because of who they are. We have made progress in tackling hate crime, but we are determined to do more, including challenging those who spread extremist messages and seek to divide our society. We will therefore develop a new hate crime action plan, working in partnership with communities and across Government to ensure that we have strong measures to stop these deplorable crimes.

**Fiona Bruce:** Can my right hon. Friend reassure me that in tackling hate speech, the Government will continue to protect and cherish freedom of speech in this country, and, in particular, that Christian Ministers need have nothing to fear when preaching biblical principles in their own pulpits, as their predecessors have done for more than 1,000 years?

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**Reply from Karen Bradley:** I assure my hon. Friend, who campaigns so much for the protection of religious freedoms, that we value the role of faith in society, and will protect everyone's right to practise their faith. Freedom of speech is a fundamental value that binds our society together, and we will always protect that right. Nothing that we are doing, or planning to do, to tackle hate crime and extremism will stop the United Kingdom's long tradition of preaching.

**Kwasi Kwarteng:** ... Will she assure the House that nothing in legislation will undermine not just Christianity, but people who preach other faiths?

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** I assure my hon. Friend that we are doing nothing in legislation that will prevent the right to believe, and the right to practise and preach. What we are doing is focusing on people who seek to use religious texts as an excuse to promote hatred and extremism. That is what we want to stop. ...

**Gavin Robinson:** Is the Minister aware of the current case of Pastor James McConnell in Belfast, who is being prosecuted for a sermon he delivered in his church to his congregation, and does the Minister accept that, with all the best will in the world, it is ordinary, decent citizens who are fearful of stepping over a line who will be prosecuted and persecuted under the crime of hate speech, and not those paramilitaries and terrorists we need to focus on? ...

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** ... I clearly cannot comment on that matter, but I do want to assure the hon. Gentleman that using religious texts as an excuse for hatred and as a reason to incite hatred is not acceptable and we will not stand for it. ...

**Jonathan Reynolds:** ... what practical funding does the Home Office offer to support communities like mine that want to run initiatives to bring diverse communities together and promote that more cohesive society?

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** ... we are looking to introduce a new hate crime action plan and we are looking at all the ways we can support those local communities who want to work actively to promote community cohesion and our shared values. ...

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm151012/debtext/151012-0001.htm#1510121000016>

### Caste Discrimination

**Bob Blackman:** If she will bring forward legislative proposals to repeal the provisions relating to caste discrimination in the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013. [901558]

**Reply from the Minister for Women and Equalities (Nicky Morgan):** The Government completely oppose caste discrimination and the judgments in the *Tirkey v. Chandhok* case suggest that legal protection against such discrimination already exists under the Equality Act 2010. We are considering the legislative position in the light of those judgments.

**Bob Blackman:** I thank my right hon. Friend for that answer. She will be aware that the case was brought under the Equality Act 2010, not the ill-thought-out and unnecessary amendment made in the other place to the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act. This unnecessary and divisive legislation has caused consternation in the Hindu community. Will she undertake not only not to trigger that legislation but to repeal it so that the Hindu community will know where it stands legally?

**Reply from Nicky Morgan:** I thank my hon. Friend for that question and I know that he feels passionately about this matter. There are, of course, strong opinions on both sides of the debate. It is important, given the case that I have just mentioned, to remember that the law as it stands has changed because of that judgment. A litigant could now seek to bring a case of caste discrimination in an

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employment tribunal using the ethnic origin provisions in the Equality Act, which is why we should take time to look at the judgment before making further decisions.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm151015/debtext/151015-0001.htm#15101528000022>

#### Religiously Aggravated Offences: Islam

**Greg Mulholland** [11409] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what progress has been made on ensuring police record instances of Islamophobic hate crime.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** Hate crime has no place in Britain and this government is determined to make further progress to tackle this crime. We have asked police forces in England and Wales to record anti-Muslim hate crime as a specific category in the recorded crime statistics from April 2016. This will help forces to build community trust, target their resources and enable the public to hold them to account. Addressing the harm that Islamophobia causes is a key part of our new Counter-Extremism Strategy which will be published later this month.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-12/11409/>

## UK Parliament Early Day Motion

**Alistair Carmichael (491) Caste discrimination** – That this House recognises that caste-based discrimination potentially affects tens of thousands of UK residents; therefore views with considerable concern the delayed implementation of section 9(5) of the Equality Act 2010; and so calls on the Government to implement that subsection as soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event before 31 December 2015.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2015-16/491>

## Press Release

**New group to tackle hate crime**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/New-group-to-tackle-hate-crime-1e54.aspx>

## New Publications

**What works to reduce prejudice and discrimination? - A review of the evidence**

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00487370.pdf>

**Hate crime, England and Wales, 2014 to 2015**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/467366/ho\\_sb0515.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/467366/ho_sb0515.pdf)

**We Fear for our Lives: Offline and Online Experiences of Anti-Muslim Hostility**

<http://tellmamauk.org/wp-content/uploads/resources/We%20Fear%20For%20Our%20Lives.pdf>

## News

**Anti-Muslim crimes get own category in statistics**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-34511274>

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**Hate crimes aimed at Muslims to get own category, bringing Islamophobia in line with anti-Semitism**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/anti-muslim-hate-crimes-to-get-own-category-bringing-islamophobia-in-line-with-anti-semitism-a6691811.html>

**Police told to record hate crimes against Muslims separately: Cameron wants figures to be published alongside other offences to help gauge scale of the problem**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3270089/Police-told-record-hate-crimes-against-Muslims-separately-Cameron-wants-figures-published-alongside-offences-help-gauge-scale-problem.html>

**Muslim Council of Britain Welcomes Initiative to treat all hate crimes equally**

<http://www.mcb.org.uk/muslim-council-of-britain-welcomes-initiative-to-treat-all-hate-crimes-equally/>

**'Anti-Muslim hate is normal': research reveals impact of Islamophobic attacks**

<http://tellmamauk.org/anti-muslim-hate-is-normal-research-reveals-impact-of-islamophobic-attacks/>

**Muslim woman was doused in alcohol on train in Islamophobic attack, study reveals**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/13/muslim-woman-was-doused-in-alcohol-on-train-in-islamophobic-attack-study-reveals>

**Academic who led review into sectarianism will head up independent advisory group to tackle hate crime**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/academic-who-led-review-sectarianism-6633573>

**Sectarianism adviser moves to hate crime**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4586437.ece>

**Speak up to battle hate crime**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/opinion/13842867.Speak\\_up\\_to\\_battle\\_hate\\_crime/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/opinion/13842867.Speak_up_to_battle_hate_crime/)

**Reported hate crimes rise by almost a fifth**

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/oct/13/reported-hate-crimes-rise-by-almost-a-fifth>

**Hate crimes soar by 18 per cent in England and Wales**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4584521.ece>

**Hate crime offences rise by a fifth**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4585198.ece>

**Hate crime rises by fifth, official figures show**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11928162/Hate-crime-rises-by-fifth-Home-Office-figures-show.html>

**Hate crime soars by 18% in just a year in blow to David Cameron's pledge to end discrimination**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3270474/Hate-crime-soars-18-just-year-blow-David-Cameron-s-pledge-end-discrimination.html>

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#### Hate crimes in Wales jump by 20%

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-34518379>

#### Hate crimes against Muslims will be recorded separately

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4584051.ece>

#### Black people 'three times more likely' to be Tasered

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/oct/13/black-people-three-times-more-likely-to-have-taser-used-against-them>

#### Black people 'three times more likely' to be Tasered

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11928003/Black-people-three-times-more-likely-to-be-Tasered.html>

#### 'Let's Blow Her Face Off' - Understanding the Experiences of Muslims Who Suffer Anti-Muslim Hostility

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/imran-awan/anti-muslim-hostility\\_b\\_8300380.html?utm\\_hp\\_ref=uk-news](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/imran-awan/anti-muslim-hostility_b_8300380.html?utm_hp_ref=uk-news)

#### 'Racist' London bus rant video: Woman, 36, charged

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-34564901>

#### Video shows woman shouting abuse at two Muslims on London bus

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/16/video-shout-abuse-muslims-women-bus-london>

#### This black woman's anti-Muslim rant shows how deep British racism goes

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/oct/16/black-woman-anti-muslim-rant-british-racism-islamophobia>

#### 'Talk your own language, f\*\*\*ing Isis b\*\*\*\*es': Mother with a PRAM launches vile racist rant at two Muslim women on a London bus

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3275447/Vile-racist-rant-London-bus-caught-camera.html>

#### Racist teacher who posted picture of Hitler on Facebook with the words 'you were right' is banned from the classroom

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3276461/Racist-teacher-posted-picture-Hitler-Facebook-words-right-banned-classroom.html>

#### It's time to claim football back from the bigots

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/features/its-time-to-claim-football-back-from-the-bigots>

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## Scottish Devolution

### Press Release

#### Call for progress on amending Scotland Bill

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Call-for-progress-on-amending-Scotland-Bill-1e47.aspx>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Motion

**S4M-14523 David Torrance: Awards for All Grant for the Jewels of Islam, Kirkcaldy** – That the Parliament congratulates the Kirkcaldy-based community group for Muslim women, the Jewels of Islam, on receiving a £9,360 Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund; understands that the group, which was founded in 2012, encourages women of all faiths to come together with a view to educating people of the true meaning of Islam and to break stigma surrounding Muslims; believes that its hard work has raised much-needed funds and awareness for local and national good causes including the local foodbank, the Race for Life, the Feed the World Campaign and the area's mosque, as well as support for people in the Philippines and Syria; notes the establishment of GEMS (Giving Every Muslim a Say), which is a youth group for the younger members; believes that this award will allow the members to organise and participate in a series of key events over the forthcoming year; notes what it considers the welcome contribution that the group makes to the community, and wishes everyone involved with it the best of luck.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-14523&ResultsPerPage=10>

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#### **Charities: Islam**

**Chris Leslie** [11422] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will meet representatives of the British Muslim charities sector to discuss concerns about the level of prejudice and unfair stigmatisation they may encounter in the course of their work; and if she will make a statement.

**Reply from Karen Bradley:** Home Office Ministers and officials have meetings with a wide variety of organisations and individuals. Details of these meetings are published on the Cabinet Office website on a quarterly basis.

I would be happy to consider further engagement as appropriate.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-10-12/11422/>

#### **Financial Services: Islam**

**Matthew Offord** [10496] To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what progress his Department has made on the introduction of an Islamic bond.

**Reply from Harriett Baldwin:** In June last year the UK became the first country outside of the Islamic world to issue sovereign Sukuk, the Islamic equivalent of bonds, cementing Britain's position as the western hub for Islamic finance.

The £200 million of Sukuk will mature in 2019. They were sold to investors based in the UK and in the major hubs for Islamic finance around the world.

The Sukuk received very strong demand, delivering good value for the taxpayer. Orders for the Sukuk totalled around £2.3 billion.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2015-09-16/10496/>

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**£5 million to build a national coalition against extremism – in communities and online**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/5-million-to-build-a-national-coalition-against-extremism-in-communities-and-online>

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## New Publications

**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Review 2014-15**  
<http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2056/2015-10-15-annual-review-2014-15-a4.pdf>

**Local Charity & Community Group Sustainability Report**  
[https://localgiving.com/reports/Local\\_Charity\\_Community\\_Group\\_Sustainability\\_Report\\_2015.pdf](https://localgiving.com/reports/Local_Charity_Community_Group_Sustainability_Report_2015.pdf)

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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>

Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment  
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00487438.pdf>

**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>

**Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill**  
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/90125.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>

## Bills in Progress

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#### **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>

Second Reading, House of Commons

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm151013/debtext/151013-0002.htm#15101362000002>

Proposed amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0074/amend/pbc0741310a.1-2.html>

and

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/2015-2016/0074/amend/pbc0741310a.1-2.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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**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/>

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**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>

**\*\* Tomorrow's BBC** (closing date 5 November 2015)

<https://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/bbc/future-ideas>

**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

\*\* new or updated this week

**\*\* closing date extended!**

**Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund**

**Deadline for applications extended to 16 November 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

\*\* new or updated this week

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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!**

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!**

### **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>

**\*\* this week!**

### **Volunteer open evening**

20 October 2015 in Glasgow (4.30 – 6.00)

Opportunity to find out about Scottish Refugee Council volunteering opportunities. For information contact Rosanne or Gün [volunteering@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 248 9799 or see

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/events/2779\\_volunteer\\_open\\_evening](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events/2779_volunteer_open_evening)

**\*\* this week!**

### **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.

**\*\* this week!**

### **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>



## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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

#### **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.

#### **\*\* Fundraising Information Event**

3 November 2015 in Glasgow (6.00 – 8.00)

Scottish Refugee Council event to share ideas for organising events or challenges to raise funds to support their work with refugees in Scotland. For information contact [funding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:funding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/events/2786\\_fundraising\\_information\\_event](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events/2786_fundraising_information_event)

#### **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>

#### **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>

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **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.

### **\*\* A 'Scottish Approach' to race equality?**

19 November 2015 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 5.30)

Event to stock of approaches to race equality in Scotland and look forwards as a new Framework for Race Equality in Scotland is developed. For information see <http://www.runnymedetrust.org/news/625/273/A-Scottish-Approach-to-race-equality.html> or contact Nasar Meer [nasar.meer@strath.ac.uk](mailto:nasar.meer@strath.ac.uk)

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## Useful Links

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Scottish Refugee Council** <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk>

**Interfaith Scotland** <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>

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

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

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](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/>

## Useful Links (continued)

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

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