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## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motions

#### **S4M-15680 Neil Findlay: Treatment of Asylum Seekers and the Serco Contract—**

That the Parliament expresses its extreme concern regarding the allegations made in *The Times* on 18 February 2016 about what it sees as the dehumanising treatment and very poor accommodation provided to people seeking asylum who have been dispersed to Glasgow; understands that these allegations pertain in particular to the property management firm, Orchard and Shipman, which is under the contractual responsibility of, Serco, which, itself, is under contract from the Home Office, to deliver a lifeline housing service for women, children, and men from war-torn countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, and Eritrea; believes that it should always be remembered that they are resilient, but deeply vulnerable, fellow human beings who have often lost everything precious to them and who have made perilous journeys to seek refuge and find the secure home and respectful treatment that everyone deserves; considers that the seriousness of the allegations merit a full and independent investigation to be

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commissioned by the Home Office, with appropriate referrals made to Police Scotland where any criminal conduct is suspected; believes that, more broadly, the claims add weight to the calls for the Home Affairs Committee of the UK Parliament to conduct a full and comprehensive inquiry into the COMPASS contracts for the provision of asylum-seeker accommodation across the UK, and believes that the Scottish Government, and Scotland's local authorities and communities, must be fully consulted and involved in any future Home Office efforts to widen asylum dispersal.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-15680&ResultsPerPage=10>

### **S4M-15652 John Wilson: Lanarkshire Mosque Community Support for Refugees—**

That the Parliament congratulates Lanarkshire Mosque on the welcome and assistance that it has provided to newly arrived refugees from Syria; understands that the mosque community gathered together to provide support and food supplies to those who have fled horrific circumstances in their homeland; recognises what it sees as the valuable community work that the mosque undertakes throughout the local area, and considers that the bestowal of the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in December 2015 reflects the hard work of the community and the dedication of the mosque committee.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-15652&ResultsPerPage=10>

## UK Parliament Questions

### Immigration

**Lord Kinnoek** [HL5700] To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the net migration to the UK in the year to March 2013.

**Reply from Lord Bridges of Headley:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

... In the year ending March 2013, net migration to the UK was 175,000 (+/-34,000).

Estimates of Long-Term International Migration (LTIM) are produced by ONS based primarily on data from the International Passenger Survey. Adjustments are made for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regard to their length of stay, and migration to and from Northern Ireland. LTIM estimates are based on the United Nations definition of a long-term international migrant, that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least one year. More detail surrounding this estimate can be seen in the table at

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/publications/re-reference-tables.html?edition=tcm%3A77-393357>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-01/HL5700/>

### Immigration

**Lord Stoddart of Swindon** [HL5714] To ask Her Majesty's Government what was the total net immigration into the UK between 1997 and 2015.

**Reply from Lord Bridges of Headley:** The information requested falls within the responsibility of the UK Statistics Authority. I have asked the Authority to reply.

... Net international migration is calculated as immigration to the UK minus emigration from the UK. As you have requested information on total net immigration, I have provided data on international immigration, emigration and net migration in Table 1 below.

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Table 1: Long-term International Migration, United Kingdom, 1997 to 2014  
calendar years Thousands

Year	Immigration	(+/-CI)	Emigration	(+/-CI)	Revised Net Migration <sup>1</sup>	(+/-CI)	Original Net <sup>1</sup>	(+/-CI)
Total <sup>2</sup>	9,444	N/A <sup>3</sup>	6,063	N/A <sup>3</sup>	3,392	N/A <sup>3</sup>		
1997	327	27	279	24	+48	36		
1998	391	27	251	22	+140	35		
1999	454	31	291	24	+163	39		
2000	479	31	321	27	+158	41		
2001	481	30	309	25	+179	:	+171	40
2002	516	32	363	29	+172	:	+153	43
2003	511	33	363	32	+185	:	+148	46
2004	589	40	344	28	+268	:	+245	49
2005	567	37	363	31	+267	:	+206	49
2006	596	39	398	34	+265	:	+198	52
2007	574	40	341	27	+273	:	+233	48
2008	590	39	427	41	+229	:	+163	57
2009	567	30	368	22	+229	:	+198	37
2010	591	31	339	20	+256	:	+252	37
2011	566	28	351	22	+205	:	+215	35
2012	498	27	321	20	+177	34		
2013	526	29	317	19	+209	35		
2014	632	36	319	22	+313	43		

Source: ONS LTIM estimates Table 2.01a

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/long-term-international-migration/2014/table-2-01a.xls>

1. Net migration figures for the UK for 2001 to 2011 have been revised in light of the results of the 2011 Census. The original published estimates are shown to the right of the table. The revisions are not reflected in the remainder of the table. The sums of the disaggregated estimates will not therefore match the revised balances. Users should continue to use the estimates in the table to analyse detailed breakdowns of inflows and outflows of long-term international migrants but, in doing so, should bear in mind that the headline net migration estimates have been revised. (: =not available) 2 Totals may not sum due to rounding. 3 Confidence intervals are not available for bespoke totals using LTIM data, and so the totals provided should be used with caution. The latest final data available pertain to the calendar year 2014. However, provisional data for 2015 are available for quarterly rolling years, as in Table 2 below. Table 2: Long-term International Migration, United Kingdom, Rolling annual data, provisional 2015

Thousands

Year	Immigration	(+/-CI)	Emigration	(+/-CI)	Net Migration	(+/-CI)
YE Mar 2015	642	35	306	21	+366	40
YE Jun 2015	636	34	300	20	+366	39

Source: ONS Provisional LTIM estimates

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/migration1/migration-statistics-quarterly-report/november-2015/rft-table-1.xls>

Final 2015 data will be published in December 2016. Estimates of Long-Term International Migration (LTIM) to and from the UK are produced by ONS based primarily on data from the International Passenger Survey. Adjustments are made

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for asylum seekers, people whose intentions change with regard to their length of stay, and migration to and from Northern Ireland. LTIM estimates are based on the United Nations definition of a long-term international migrant, that is, someone who changes their country of usual residence for a period of at least one year.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-01/HL5714/>

### Refugees: Children

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch** [HL6024] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the percentage of child refugees to the UK from Syria and elsewhere who are from Muslim families, and whether the families of such refugees will be able to follow them in due course.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The Home Office does not record the religion of those granted refugee status or humanitarian protection for statistical purposes.

There is no provision in the Immigration Rules for children granted refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK to sponsor family members to join them. The policy is designed to avoid creating incentives for children to be encouraged, or even forced, to leave their country and risk hazardous journeys to the UK, which would play right into the hands of people smugglers and traffickers. Where a family reunion application fails under the Immigration Rules, there is provision in the policy to consider whether there are exceptional circumstances or compassionate reasons to justify granting a visa outside the Rules in individual cases.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-09/HL6024/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Tom Brake** [26220] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, how much funding the Government is providing to local authorities for each refugee for housing under the Syrian resettlement scheme (a) in London and (b) outside London.

**Reply from Richard Harrington:** The first 12 months of local authorities' resettlement costs are centrally funded using the overseas aid budget. In years 2-5, local authorities receive a per person tariff tapering from £5,000 to £1,000 over the four years. This is unringfenced funding and it is for local authorities to decide how best to use it to support refugees.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-02-08/26220/>

### Asylum

**Lord Green of Deddington** [HL5975] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of whether, were the UK to leave the EU, they would be obliged to consider the case of an applicant for asylum who was known to have arrived directly from a safe country; and if so, as a result of which treaty or instrument.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** EU negotiations are ongoing and the UK is engaging with European partners to reach a positive outcome. The Government firmly supports the well-established principle that those seeking international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach, a principle reflected within the Dublin Regulation. We are cooperating fully with the EU Commission's review of the Dublin Regulation and will continue to make the case that its long-established principles should continue to be the basis for any future regulation.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-08/HL5975/>

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

### Human Trafficking: Children

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Baroness Doocey** [HL5509] To ask Her Majesty's Government what data they collect, and from whom, about the number of children trafficked, and attempted to be trafficked, on Eurostar services.

**Baroness Doocey** [HL5510] To ask Her Majesty's Government what training on UK child trafficking patterns has been provided to French border officials at St Pancras International and Ashford International to help identify vulnerable children being trafficked out of the UK, and by whom.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The UK Government takes child trafficking extremely seriously. All Border Force officers at the Eurostar ports in the UK France and Belgium have received training in keeping children safe and all operational processes involving children comply with requirements as set out in the Children and Young Persons Act. Border Force and Eurostar have daily contact on operational matters. When passengers are identified by Border Force officers as potential victims of trafficking, immediate action is taken to safeguard the individual by following Home Office guidance on the treatment of the victims of trafficking. Border Force collects data on these cases in order to notify the Human Trafficking Centre. Contact is also made with Camden Social Services Safeguarding Team as soon as possible in order to establish safe care of the child. Eurostar has its own policy on unaccompanied children travelling on its services which can be found on the internet at:

[http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travel-info/travel-planning/accessibility#unaccompanied\\_children](http://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/travel-info/travel-planning/accessibility#unaccompanied_children)

Border Force has not provided training to French border officials on UK child trafficking patterns. All cases of suspected trafficking detected by the French border officials at St Pancras are handed to the BTP to action. In France and Belgium any concerns Border Force officers have about vulnerable children attempting to travel to the UK would be referred to the French and Belgian frontier control authorities. The Home Office has not had any discussions with Patina Rail about a proposed new routing between St Pancras and Ashford.

Eurostar Policy - Unaccompanied Minors:

<http://gna.files.parliament.uk/gna-attachments/448119/original/Eurostar%20Policy%20-%20Unaccompanied%20Minors%20Travelling%20with%20Eurostar.pdf>

Eurostar Policy - Special Travel Needs:

<http://gna.files.parliament.uk/gna-attachments/448120/original/Eurostar%20Policy%20-%20Special%20Travel%20Needs.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-01-27/HL5509/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-01-27/HL5510/>

### Human Trafficking: Children

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Baroness Doocey** [HL5921] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of how many suspected child victims of modern slavery were subsequently re-trafficked after being referred to the National Referral Mechanism in each of the last three years.

**Baroness Doocey** [HL5922] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many cases of re-trafficking were recorded in the pilot child trafficking advocacy scheme.

**Baroness Doocey** [HL5923] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment the

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National Crime Agency has made of the methods used by criminals in the UK to re-traffic Vietnamese child victims out of foster care.

**Reply from Lord Bates:** The National Crime Agency is responsible for the assessment of threats, including methods of trafficking by criminals. Information on this is not centrally recorded on the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). Data included in NRM referral forms concentrates on detail specifically required to prove the three constituent elements of human trafficking. This would not necessarily include the detail required to assess methodology used to re-traffick victims and as such does not form part of assessment reporting. The independent evaluation of the trial by the University of Bedfordshire collected data on the number of all potentially trafficked children referred to the trial, along with their characteristics including age, gender and geographical location, as well as the number of children that were recorded as missing. However the evaluation did not collect data on the number of children in the trial that were re-trafficked and it is not possible to determine how many of those children who went missing were subsequently re-trafficked.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-04/HL5921/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-04/HL5922/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-04/HL5923/>

### Human Trafficking: Children

**Baroness Doocey** [HL6035] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many prosecutions have been double flagged by the Crown Prosecution Service over the past three years using the flag for monitoring human trafficking, and the flag for monitoring child abuse.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) identify both human trafficking and child abuse cases by way of a database monitoring flag applied to the electronic case record.

The number of defendants prosecuted for flagged human trafficking offences where the child abuse flag was also applied are as follows:

2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
19	59	24

The figures provided represent the number of defendants prosecuted. Cases of trafficking for child exploitation (particularly child sexual exploitation) can involve networks of multi-defendants who have sexually exploited young female victims. Therefore, in the relatively low numbers of cases cross flagged, a small number of additional cases in one year involving upwards of 9 to 12 defendants each will have a significant effect on the annual figures. This, in part, explains the reduction in the number of defendants prosecuted for both human trafficking and child abuse; down from 59 in 2013/14 to 24 in 2014/15.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-02-09/HL6035/>

## Press Release

### Helping Syrian students

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Helping-Syrian-students-22b8.aspx>

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

### **New Publication**

#### **Post-study work schemes**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmselect/cmsscota/593/593.pdf>

### **News**

#### **MPs join calls for return of post-study visas in Scotland**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-35573195>

#### **Post-study visa to help education and economy**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/stuart-mcwilliams-post-study-visa-to-help-education-and-economy-1-4030450>

#### **Pressure mounts for Scottish student visa as MPs back calls for overhaul**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14276432.Pressure\\_mounts\\_for\\_Scottish\\_student\\_visa\\_as\\_MPs\\_back\\_calls\\_for\\_overhaul/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/14276432.Pressure_mounts_for_Scottish_student_visa_as_MPs_back_calls_for_overhaul/)

#### **Second report calls for post-study work visas to be reintroduced**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/education/second-report-calls-for-post-study-work-visas-to-be-reintroduced-1-4030515>

#### **Business leaders: Graduate visa restrictions are nonsensical and stifling Scotland's economy**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14281181.Business\\_leaders\\_Graduate\\_visa\\_restrictions\\_are\\_nonsensical\\_and\\_stifling\\_Scotland\\_s\\_economy/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14281181.Business_leaders_Graduate_visa_restrictions_are_nonsensical_and_stifling_Scotland_s_economy/)

#### **Home Office must scrap harsh work visa scheme**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/14281223.Herald\\_View\\_Home\\_Office\\_must\\_scrap\\_harsh\\_work\\_visa\\_scheme/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/14281223.Herald_View_Home_Office_must_scrap_harsh_work_visa_scheme/)

#### **Pressure grows over foreign graduate visas**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4690847.ece>

#### **Scottish Refugee Council calls for investigation into housing for people seeking asylum**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2819\\_scottish\\_refugee\\_council\\_calls\\_for\\_investigation\\_into\\_housing\\_for\\_people\\_seeking\\_asylum](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2819_scottish_refugee_council_calls_for_investigation_into_housing_for_people_seeking_asylum)

#### **Vaz to visit Glasgow over asylum seeker claims**

[http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4695438.ece?acs\\_cjd=true](http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4695438.ece?acs_cjd=true)

#### **Politicians outraged at 'ill-treatment of refugees'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4694423.ece>

#### **Call for review of asylum accommodation contract after abuse claims**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14287890.Call\\_for\\_review\\_of\\_asylum\\_accommodation\\_contract\\_after\\_abuse\\_claims/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14287890.Call_for_review_of_asylum_accommodation_contract_after_abuse_claims/)

#### **Home Office urged to probe claims of dehumanising treatment of a asylum seekers in Glasgow**

[http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14286540.Home\\_Office\\_urged\\_to\\_probe\\_claims\\_of\\_dehumanising\\_treatment\\_of\\_a\\_asylum\\_seekers\\_in\\_Glasgow/](http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/14286540.Home_Office_urged_to_probe_claims_of_dehumanising_treatment_of_a_asylum_seekers_in_Glasgow/)

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

### **Inquiry call over 'callous treatment' of refugees**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4693483.ece>

### **Draft EU rules could tighten migration loophole for foreign-born spouses**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/16/immigration-loophole-for-foreign-born-spouses-could-close-under-draft-eu-rules>

### **Education Secretary says Syrian refugees will be able to access student support**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/education-secretary-says-syrian-refugees-will-be-able-to-access-student-support-1.924792>

### **Syrian refugees able to access student support**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14284064.Syrian\\_refugees\\_able\\_to\\_access\\_student\\_support/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14284064.Syrian_refugees_able_to_access_student_support/)

### **Man arrested over alleged offensive social media posts about Syrian refugees**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14280240.Man\\_arrested\\_over\\_alleged\\_offensive\\_social\\_media\\_posts\\_about\\_Syrian\\_refugees/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14280240.Man_arrested_over_alleged_offensive_social_media_posts_about_Syrian_refugees/)

### **Man arrested for Facebook posts about Syrian refugees in Scotland**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/16/man-arrested-facebook-posts-syrian-refugees-scotland>

### **Man, 40, appears in court over 'grossly offensive' Facebook posts about Syrian refugees settling on Scottish island of Bute**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3450961/Police-arrest-man-40-grossly-offensive-Facebook-posts-Syrian-refugees-settling-Scottish-Island-Bute.html>

### **Fifers helping Syrian refugees - 'They feel they have no choice but to make this incredibly dangerous journey'**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/international/fifers-helping-syrian-refugees-they-feel-they-have-no-choice-but-to-make-this-incredibly-dangerous-journey-1.924511>

### **Mass EU migration into Britain is actually good news for UK economy**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/18/mass-eu-migration-into-britain-is-actually-good-news-for-uk-economy>

### **EU migrant surge has seen 1m come to Britain in past five years**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/12162120/EU-migrant-surge-has-seen-1m-come-to-Britain-in-the-past-five-years.html>

### **EU migrant workers top 2m in blow to Cameron**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4693348.ece>

### **New visa rules mean foreign doctors will leave health service, says BMA**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/new-visa-rules-mean-foreign-doctors-will-leave-the-health-service-says-bma-a6877911.html>

### **LSBF students demand refund after being told to leave UK**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-35562052>



## Immigration and Asylum

### News (continued)

#### **Charities criticise Scots councils over wish to aid refugees**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/charities-criticise-scots-councils-over-wish-to-aid-refugees-1-4035275>

#### **From Sardinia to Scotland: A new wave of Italian immigration**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-35558738>

#### **Deportation of woman, 92, 'against human rights'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-35620981>

#### **Deportation of 92-year-old widow postponed after public outcry**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/19/deportation-of-92-year-old-widow-postponed-after-public-outcry>

#### **Home Office cancels order to deport frail widow, 92, back to South Africa where she has no close family after public outcry**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3455268/Home-Office-CANCELS-order-deport-frail-widow-92-South-Africa-no-close-family-public-outcry.html>

#### **Luqman Onikosi's deportation shows we are all being asked to become border guards**

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/feb/19/luqman-onikosi-deportation-shows-being-forced-to-become-border-guards>

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## Community Relations

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**Anne McTaggart (S4M-15675) Many cultures make Glasgow** – That the Parliament welcomes the event, Many Cultures Make Glasgow, which will take place on 27 February 2016; understands that it will be held in Glasgow City Chambers and will include a fantastic selection of performances from the groups and people across different nationalities and cultures that have chosen to make the city their home; notes that it aims to celebrate what it sees as the important contribution that these communities make to the city and how they have helped in shaping it; understands that the performances will include traditional singing, African drumming and storytelling, Polish poetry and Slovakian and Roma folk music; believes that there will be a chance to sample food from the various nationalities represented and that there will be information stalls for people to browse; encourages the people of Glasgow to support the event, which it considers an opportunity to explore and learn about other cultures, and wishes all of the performers every success on the day.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S4M-15675&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## Equality

### News

**Racial diversity: Civil service recruitment scheme 'has less diverse intake than Oxford'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/racial-diversity-civil-service-recruitment-scheme-has-less-diverse-intake-than-oxford-a6875851.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### New Publication

**Hate Online - A guide to reporting online hate speech and hate crime**

<http://www.crer.org.uk/images/PDFs/HateOnlineReportingGuide.PDF>

### News

**Faith leader points finger at Donald Trump as attacks on Muslims reach 'worst ever' level**

<http://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/faith-leader-points-finger-at-donald-trump-as-attacks-on-muslims-reach-worst-ever-level-1.924919>

**Paisley man fined after posting anti-Muslim rant on Twitter**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14281048.Paisley\\_man\\_fined\\_after\\_posting\\_anti\\_Muslim\\_rant\\_on\\_Twitter/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14281048.Paisley_man_fined_after_posting_anti_Muslim_rant_on_Twitter/)

**Mother and her teenage twin daughters appear in court accused of racially abusing a Muslim woman and pulling off her hijab on the school run**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3450929/Mother-teenage-twin-daughters-appear-court-accused-racially-abusing-Muslim-woman-pulling-hijab-school-run.html>

**When my Muslim father was murdered by a terrorist in Birmingham, I realised something about the way we label killers**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/when-my-muslim-father-was-murdered-by-a-terrorist-in-birmingham-i-realised-something-about-the-way-a6877261.html>

**Oxford University Labour Club in anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-35595460>

**Minister for Universities calls for an inquiry on anti-semitism at Oxford University**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/12161636/Could-you-pass-the-worlds-hardest-test-from-Oxford-University.html>

**Oxford University's Labour club embroiled in anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/12160167/Oxford-Universitys-Labour-club-embroiled-in-anti-Semitism-row.html>

**Labour opens inquiry into antisemitism allegations at Oxford student club**

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/feb/17/labour-condemns-antisemitism-oxford-university-labour-club-claims>

## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### News (continued)

**Universities Minister tells Oxford to curb anti-Semitism at its student Labour club after member resigned over 'poisonous' attitudes towards minority groups**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3452177/Universities-Minister-tells-Oxford-curb-anti-Semitism-student-Labour-club-member-resigned-attacks-Jews.html>

**Oxford Labour Club: Investigation into anti-Semitism allegations set to commence as Jewish Society 'will complain to Proctors' Office'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/oxford-labour-club-investigation-into-anti-semitism-allegations-set-to-commence-as-jewish-society-a6881606.html>

**Anti-Semitism row: Ed Miliband postpones talk at Oxford Labour Club as Jo Johnson calls on university investigation**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/anti-semitism-row-ed-miliband-postpones-talk-at-oxford-labour-club-as-jo-johnson-calls-on-university-a6880921.html>

**Labour Students launches 'immediate investigation' after more allegations emerge of anti-Semitism within Oxford University Labour Club**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/labour-students-launches-immediate-investigation-after-more-allegations-emerge-of-anti-semitism-a6879071.html>

**Oxford University Labour Club co-chair, Alex Chalmers, resigns amid anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/oxford-university-labour-club-co-chair-alex-chalmers-resigns-amid-anti-semitism-row-a6878826.html>

**Anti-Semitism a major problem in UK universities, says former co-chair of Oxford University Labour Club**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/anti-semitism-a-major-problem-in-uk-universities-says-former-co-chair-of-oxford-university-labour-a6879701.html>

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## Scottish Devolution

### Press Release

**Joint Exchequer Committee Communique**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Joint-Exchequer-Committee-Communique-22ca.aspx>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Press Release

**Community voices could face restrictions**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Community-voices-could-face-restrictions-22bb.aspx>

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## Other News

### **The South Asian Walking Study**

Research study being undertaken by the Physical Activity for Health Research Centre at the University of Edinburgh and funded by the Medical Research Council to understand the issues South Asians may have with being physically active as well as their previous health experiences. For information see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/16ii\\_saws.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/16ii_saws.pdf) or contact Tasneem Irshad [Tasneem.Irshad@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Tasneem.Irshad@ed.ac.uk) / 07759 692 826.

### **Muslim leaders call for calm after suspected murder of Rochdale imam**

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/feb/19/muslim-leaders-call-for-calm-after-suspected-murder-rochdale-imam>

### **Rochdale imam 'murder': Suspect released after being 'completely eliminated' from police enquiries**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/rochdale-imam-murder-suspect-released-after-being-completely-eliminated-from-police-enquiries-a6886701.html>

### **Muslims call for calm after Rochdale imam dies from head injury while walking home after evening prayer**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/rochdale-imam-murder-qari-jalal-uddin-a6883956.html>

### **Mosques on alert after imam murdered following evening prayers**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/crime/12165079/Imam-dies-after-suffering-serious-head-injury-following-evening-prayers.html>

### **Imam found battered to death in children's playground: Fears of racist motive as man, 31, held as murder suspect**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3454723/Popular-imam-murdered-children-s-playground-walked-home-dinner-friend-praying-mosque.html>

### **Imam beaten to death in Rochdale**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4695325.ece>

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## Bills in Progress

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### **Scottish Parliament**

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

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

## Bills in Progress Scottish Parliament (continued)

### **\*\* Lobbying Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/93324.aspx>

Supplementary Delegated Posers Memorandum

[http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4\\_Bills/Lobbying%20\(Scotland\)%20Bill/SPBill82ADPMS042016.pdf](http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/S4_Bills/Lobbying%20(Scotland)%20Bill/SPBill82ADPMS042016.pdf)

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

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

## Bills in Progress UK Parliament

### **Asylum (Unaccompanied Children Displaced by Conflict)**

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

### **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 Act 1998 (Amendment) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/scotlandact1998amendment.html>

### **Scotland Bill**

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

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## Consultations

**\*\* new or updated this week**

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

**Employment opportunities for Muslims in the UK** (closing date 28 February 2016)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/women-and-equalities-committee/news-parliament-2015/employment-opportunities-muslims-in-uk-launch-15-16/>

**Hate Crime in Scotland** (closing date 29 February 2016)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDVLKYR>

**Overseas visitors and migrants: extending charges for NHS services** (closing date 7 March 2016)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/overseas-visitors-and-migrants-extending-charges-for-nhs-services>

## Consultations (continued)

### **Unaccompanied minors in the EU** (10 March 2016)

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

### **Tackling migrant smuggling: is the EU legislation fit for purpose?** (closing date 6 April 2016)

[http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting\\_0031\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/what-is-new/public-consultation/2015/consulting_0031_en.htm)

### **Fife Third Sector Equality and Diversity Mapping Exercise** (no closing date given)

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/1b154e99301/feb61f61-2119-499f-9591-cfe96044bd63.pdf>

### **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://fairer.scot/get-in-touch/>

### **Primary care for new migrants** (no closing date given)

<https://newmigrantsinprimarycare.wordpress.com/survey/>

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund (PECF)**

***closing date for applications: 16 March 2016***

Scottish Government fund to support projects that work with or on behalf of, people who are disadvantaged due to their protected characteristics. The fund outcomes are:

- Discrimination against people who share protected characteristics is reduced, and multiple discrimination is addressed so that barriers to participation are reduced.
- People covered by hate crime legislation experience lower levels of hate crime.
- People and communities are supported to participate in and engage with services and civic society; their contribution is recognised and community cohesion is increased.
- Current imbalances in representation in all aspects and levels of public life, including education and employment, are addressed to better reflect our communities.

For detailed information and an application form contact [equalitiesenquiries@vaf.org.uk](mailto:equalitiesenquiries@vaf.org.uk) or see <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/>

## Funding Opportunities (continued)

### Violence Against Women and Girls Fund (VAWGF)

**closing date for applications: 16 March 2016**

Scottish Government fund to assist the development of measures to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls. **The fund outcomes are:**

- The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are minimised due to an increased focus on prevention.
- The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are reduced due to the provision of early interventions and appropriate, high quality services.
- The harmful effects of violence and abuse against women and girls are reduced due to services working together to maximise their effectiveness.
- The harm to women and children with protected characteristics and other vulnerabilities is reduced through increased inclusive service provision.
- Service design and delivery is improved as a result of the participation of women and children affected by violence and abuse.

For detailed information and an application form contact [vawenquiries@vaf.org.uk](mailto:vawenquiries@vaf.org.uk) or see <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/violence-against-women/>

### \*\* Volunteering Support Grant

**closing date for applications: 31 March 2016**

Voluntary Action Fund grants to support third sector organisations to create new volunteering projects to increase the diversity of their volunteers (especially those experiencing disadvantage); and improve opportunities, skills and personal development through volunteering. For detailed information and an application form contact [VSFenquiries@vaf.org.uk](mailto:VSFenquiries@vaf.org.uk) / 01383 620780 or see

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants>

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## Events/Conferences/Training

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### Your Scottish Parliament: Your Voice

23 February 2016 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (10.00-12.30)

24 March 2016 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (10.00-12.30)

Scottish Parliament workshops providing an opportunity to learn more about how the Parliament works and how to make your voice heard. For information see

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/gettinginvolved/95009.aspx> or contact [your\\_SP@scottish.parliament.uk](mailto:your_SP@scottish.parliament.uk)

**\*\* this week!**

### Many Cultures make Glasgow

27 February 2016 (10.00-1.00) in Glasgow

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership celebration of Glasgow's many cultures through song, dance, music, words, and food. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/z9lbnap>

### Understanding the implications of the new Children and Young People (Scotland) Act

9 March 2016 in Glasgow

Gathered Together / BEMIS workshop for community practitioners and parents to share their experiences and explore changes to the legislative framework around children in Scotland with a particular focus on understanding the "Getting It Right For Every Child"

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approach (GIRFEC). For information contact Judy Wasige [judy.wasige@bemis.org.uk](mailto:judy.wasige@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047 or see <http://gatheredtogether.bemis.org.uk/event/keeping-children-safe-healthy-and-happy/>

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

Thursday 17 March 2016 in Glasgow

Wednesday 25 May 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an introduction to the issues and legal systems affecting people seeking safety in Scotland. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951.

### **Working with Interpreters**

Tuesday 22 March 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate clearly and effectively with people when working with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951.

### **Facilitating events with Interpreters**

Tuesday 22 March 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training to provide an understanding of how to communicate clearly and effectively when facilitating events with interpreters. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951.

### **Engaging Hard to Reach Groups**

Thursday 21 April 2016 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council training about engaging with hard to reach groups For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7951.

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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>



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

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

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

**Volunteer Development Scotland** [www.vds.org.uk](http://www.vds.org.uk)

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

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

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

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

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

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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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