

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Press Releases

Refugee children are five times more likely to be out of school than others

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53994#.V0HWh5N96nY>

Commission adopts first Report on progress in the fight against trafficking in human beings

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-1757_en.htm?locale=en

5 crucial areas to better support trafficked victims

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2016/5-crucial-areas-better-support-trafficked-victims>

New Publications

England's forgotten refugees: Out of the fire and into the frying pan

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/Englands_Forgotten_Refugees_final_0.pdf

Immigration and Asylum New Publications (continued)

No more excuses: Provide education to all forcibly displaced people

<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002448/244847E.pdf>

A new deal for every forcibly displaced child

https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/images/A_New_Deal_for_Every_Forcibly_Displaced_Child.pdf

Report on the progress made in the fight against trafficking in human beings

<http://tinyurl.com/zkxoyfl>

News

EU migrant workers rise 250,000 in a year as British job market thrives

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/french-and-italians-push-eu-workers-in-britain-to-record-levels-l35825drm>

Number of EU workers in Britain surges to record 2.2m

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/05/18/number-of-eu-workers-in-britain-surges-to-record-22m/>

Immigration from Europe 'cost the British taxpayer £3m a day' last year

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/05/16/immigration-from-europe-cost-the-british-taxpayer-3m-a-day-last/>

Europe migrant crisis: EU faces 'populist uprising'

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36304721>

Migrant crisis: Majority would welcome refugees - survey

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36328566>

Charity Save the Children urges 'new deal' for child refugees

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36299538>

Home Office to pay £13,000 to Iranian sex offender in deportation case

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/may/19/home-office-to-pay-13000-iranian-sex-offender-deportation-case-echr>

European human rights judges order the Government to pay an Iranian criminal more than £13,000 in damages after officials were too slow to deport him

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3599102/European-human-rights-judges-order-Government-pay-damages-Iranian-offender.html>

Chinese, Germans and Britons most welcoming to refugees, says report

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/19/refugee-crisis-china-germany-uk-most-welcoming-countries-amnesty-international>

Dying woman's chance of life-saving kidney is blocked by Home Office: Admin issue prevents Sudanese mother from entering the country to donate an organ

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3600747/Dying-woman-s-chance-life-saving-kidney-blocked-Home-Office-Admin-issue-prevents-Sudanese-mother-entering-country-donate-organ.html>

Immigration and Asylum

News (continued)

Chris Hoy, Andy Murray back action on Syrian refugee kids

<http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/our-region/edinburgh/chris-hoy-andy-murray-back-action-on-syrian-refugee-kids-1-4134351>

Schools have to hire Poles to help children

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/schools-print-newsletters-in-lithuanian-fhft9jr2h>

Quality, not quantity, is the big issue when talking about migration

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/quality-not-quantity-is-the-big-issue-when-talking-about-migration-bp25z7dhs>

UK's 'chaotic system' leaving refugees homeless, says charity

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/20/refugees-facing-homelessness-says-refugee-council-charity>

Save The Children Video Shows Harrowing Journey Of British Girl 'Becoming Child Refugee'

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/save-the-children-british-girl-refugee-girl-most-shocking-second_uk_5731b469e4b05c31e5728fb0?utm_hp_ref=migration-crisis

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Community Relations

New Publication

Promoting Good Relations New Approaches, New Solutions

<http://www.crer.org.uk/images/PDFs/PromotingGoodRelations.pdf>

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Equality

Press Release

Insights into key equality outcomes across Scotland

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Insights-into-key-equality-outcomes-across-Scotland-24d1.aspx>

New Publications

Scottish Surveys Core Questions 2014

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00500401.pdf>

SSCQ 2014 Supplementary Tables

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00500383.xlsx>

Equality

New Publications (continued)

Scottish Human Rights Commission: Strategic Plan 2016 -2020

http://scottishhumanrights.com/application/resources/documents/Strategic_Plan_2016-2020_final.pdf

Changing the Race Equality Paradigm Key concepts for public, social and organizational policy

<http://www.crer.org.uk/images/PDFs/Changingtheraceparadigm.pdf>

Police diversity

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmhaff/27/27.pdf>

Success as a Knowledge Economy: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice

Includes a short section about the introduction of Islamic finance student loans

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/523396/bis-16-265-success-as-a-knowledge-economy.pdf

News

Muslim students to be given 'charitable' sharia loans

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/05/17/muslim-students-to-be-given-charitable-sharia-loans/>

Sharia students loans that do not conflict with the rules of Islam to be offered for the first time in drive to get more Muslims to university

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3593821/Sharia-students-loans-not-conflict-rules-Islam-offered-time-drive-Muslims-university.html>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

News

Racism is embedded in our culture, warns archbishop

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-05-20/news/racism-is-embedded-in-our-culture-warns-archbishop-7ggdzjn2l>

Scots graphic novel helps to tackle sectarianism

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/scots-graphic-novel-helps-to-tackle-sectarianism-1-4130348>

Headstones smashed in 'sickening antisemitic act' at Jewish cemetery

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/may/19/jewish-headstones-smashed-cemetery-abhorrent-antisemitic-manchester>

Jewish cemetery vandalised in Manchester in 'abhorrent act of anti-Semitism'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/jewish-cemetery-vandalised-in-manchester-in-abhorrent-act-of-antisemitism-a7038146.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Releases

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon to lead next Scottish Government

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/nomination/>

New Scottish Cabinet unveiled

- First Minister: Nicola Sturgeon
- Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills: John Swinney
- Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Constitution: Derek Mackay
- Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport: Shona Robison
- Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform: Roseanna Cunningham
- Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs: Fiona Hyslop
- Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities: Angela Constance
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice: Michael Matheson
- Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work: Keith Brown
- Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity: Fergus Ewing

For detailed information see

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/New-Scottish-Cabinet-unveiled-24d3.aspx>

First Minister completes ministerial team

- Minister for Childcare and Early Years: Mark McDonald
- Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Science: Shirley-Anne Somerville
- Minister for Parliamentary Business: Joe FitzPatrick
- Minister for Transport and the Islands: Humza Yousaf
- Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy: Paul Wheelhouse
- Minister for Employability and Training: Jamie Hepburn (Reporting to cabinet secretaries for economy and education)
- Minister for Public Health and Sport: Aileen Campbell
- Minister for Mental Health: Maureen Watt
- Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs: Annabelle Ewing
- Minister for Local Government & Housing: Kevin Stewart
- Minister for Social Security: Jeane Freeman
- Minister for International Development and Europe: Alasdair Allan

For detailed information see

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/First-Minister-completes-ministerial-team-24d6.aspx>

First Minister on Queen's Speech

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/FM-on-Queen-s-Speech-24d5.aspx>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Releases

Queen's Speech 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/queens-speech-2016>

Other UK Parliament and Government Press Releases (continued)

Queen's Speech 2016: what it means for you

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/queens-speech-2016-what-it-means-for-you/queens-speech-2016-what-it-means-for-you>

Queen's Speech 2016: background briefing notes

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/524040/Queen_s_Speech_2016_background_notes_.pdf

Queen's Speech 2016: What it means for Scotland

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/queens-speech-2016-what-it-means-for-scotland>

David Mundell: New Parliament, New Powers, New Partnership

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/david-mundell-new-parliament-new-powers-new-partnership-speech>

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Other News

Sikhs of the best: Thousands celebrate opening of £8m temple after 16 years

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/sikhs-best-thousands-celebrate-opening-7979139#jbpI5KtR6qWRMoxd.97>

New guidelines on improving care for female genital mutilation issued by UN health agency

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=53947#.VzyMapN96na>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

Racism and religious discrimination (closing date 31 May 2016)

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/offices/commons/media-relations-group/news/youth-select-committee-tackles-racism-and-religious-discrimination/>

Proposals to amend Immigration and Asylum Chamber fees (closing date 3 June 2016)

<https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/first-tier-tribunal-and-upper-tribunal-fees>

Draft Code of Practice for Stop and Search (closing date 15 July 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/organised-crime-and-police-powers-unit/stop-and-search>

Police Powers to Search Children and Young People for Alcohol (closing date 15 July 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/organised-crime-and-police-powers-unit/under18search>

Developing black and minority ethnic talent: issues faced by businesses (closing date 22 August 2016)

<https://bisgovuk.citizenspace.com/lm/baroness-mcgregor-smith-review>

Police Scotland: local policing (consultation open during the whole year)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8LMB9WX>

Consultations (continued)

The rise of anti-Semitism (closing date not listed)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry2/>

Suicide and BME Communities in North East Glasgow (closing date not listed)

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BME_suicide_NorthEastGlasgow

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Job Opportunities

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Events/Conferences/Training

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New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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 / 0141 223 7951.

Gender Based Violence and BME Women, Children, and Young People

31 May (9.30-4.30) & 1 June 2016 (9.30-4.30)

Shakti Women's Aid awareness-raising training for any practitioner or interested individual. For information see <http://shaktiedinburgh.co.uk/events-training/> or contact 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

**** Refugee Festival Scotland**

14-26 June throughout Scotland

Refugee Festival Scotland is an annual Scotland-wide programme of arts, cultural, educational, heritage and sports events, coordinated by Scottish Refugee Council. For detailed information about events see

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/refugee_festival_scotland

**** Child Refugees, Past and Present - Practitioners Event**

14 June 2016 in Glasgow (9.30-2.30)

GRAMNet knowledge-exchange workshop for practitioners working with child refugees, and academic researchers, especially historians. For information see or contact David Wright David.Wright@glasgow.ac.uk

**** Child Refugees, Past and Present - Public Event**

14 June 2016 in Glasgow (3.00-5.00)

GRAMNet talk on child refugees in history. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/h2kfmnx> or contact David Wright David.Wright@glasgow.ac.uk

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**** Make sectarianism a history lesson**

14 June 2016 in Glasgow

X-change Scotland training day to support and inspire practitioners and group leaders to challenge sectarianism while promoting empathy within groups. For more information contact sos@xchangescotland.org / 0141 237 2430

**** How the UK Parliament Works**

15 June 2016 in Glasgow (2pm)

GramNet and UK Houses of Parliament Outreach and Engagement Service event to find out how the UK Parliament works, and how to raise issues that you want heard by policy makers at Westminster. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jfg9u55>

**** Immigrants to Scotland: 1945 to the Present**

16 June 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.45)

ESRC conference to explore the cultural diversity of Scotland's refugee and migrant groups since 1945. For information and to book see <http://tinyurl.com/jg36dvb>

**** Celebrating Solidarity' – Refugee Festival Scotland Launch**

18 June 2016 in Glasgow (12.00-4.00)

Show solidarity with refugees across Scotland at a gathering for all the family to launch Refugee Festival Scotland 2016, featuring live music, dance, arts and crafts, sports and games, face painting and free food. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zr2gfxl> or contact festival@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

**** Being Roma in Glasgow**

18 June 2016 in Glasgow (6pm)

Glasgow Anew discussion on the Roma experience in Glasgow. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hknm2o>

**** Who Cares in Dundee?**

20 June 2016 in Dundee (12.00-6.00)

Opportunity to view the work done by national and local agencies and ask questions about their work. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hw4q695> or contact John Clark john_d_clark@btinternet.com

**** GRAMnet Research Open Day 2016**

21 June 2016 in Glasgow (10.00-1.00)

GRAMNet event for postgraduate research students with an interest in issues around refugees, asylum and migration. For information and to book see <http://tinyurl.com/ha9vmjn>

Working Together in Faith Refugee information and advocacy

21 June 2016 in Edinburgh (10.30-3.30)

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees conference to provide information about the current humanitarian refugee catastrophe and explores practical ways in which local faith groups can make an effective difference. For information and to register see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-together-in-faith-registration-25160800632> or contact Sabine Chalmers schalmers@churchofscotland.org.uk or David Bradwell dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

**** The Immigration Bill 2015/16: impact on asylum seekers and migrants, and consequences for Scottish services**

22 June 2016 in Glasgow (5.30-7.00)

GRAMnet and Scottish Detainee Visitors event to explore immigration legislation that will make changes to support for asylum seekers, and which has major implications for human rights and discrimination law. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/j8t9m48>

'Meet the Artists' of Transit Zone

23 June 2016 in Glasgow (5.30-6.30)

Scottish Refugee Council open discussion with photographer Iman Tajik and cinematographer Frederik Subei about their exhibition and film Transit Zone which gives an insight into what life is like for refugees in the makeshift camps of Calais. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jxrgebc>

**** Are open borders the way to deal with the 'migration crisis'?**

23 June 2016 in Glasgow (6.00-7.30)

GRAMNet and Open Borders Scotland discussion about ways of responding to the 'migration crisis' in Europe today. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zhl3dwr>

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.parliament.scot/>

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

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

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

Useful Links (continued)

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

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

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

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

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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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