

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**Due to the Jewish festival of Succot, the next two issues of MEMO will be published midweek, on 19 and 26 October.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**S5M-01863 Lewis Macdonald: Aberdeen Welcomes its First Child Born to Syrian Refugee Parents** – That the Parliament welcomes the birth of Ibrahim Al Hussein, the first child to be born to Syrian refugee parents in Aberdeen; understands that Ibrahim, the second son of Khalid Al Hussain and his wife Fadila, was born on 9 September 2016 at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, a younger brother for two-year-old Shadea; recognises that Ibrahim's family is one of a number of Syrian refugee families who have been housed in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, all of whom are hoping to make a new start after escaping the horrendous situation in their home country; further recognises the warm welcome that the family have received since arriving in Aberdeen, including at the recent Eid in the

## Immigration and Asylum Scottish Parliament Motions (continued)

Garden celebration in Rubislaw Terrace Gardens; welcomes Ibrahim, his parents and his brother to Aberdeen, and hopes that they enjoy a safe and happy future as a family.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01863>

**S5M-01841 Christina McKelvie: Condemnation of Conservative Party Future Immigration Policy** – That the Parliament condemns what it sees as the vitriolic and concerning rhetoric emanating from the Conservative Party conference regarding future immigration policy, including what it considers the prevalent anti-migrant, anti-immigration future direction of UK Government policy; believes that, in the aftermath of Brexit, Scotland has welcomed and reassured EU citizens living in the country that it remains their home; is deeply troubled by the reported Conservative Party proposals for private companies to record the number of foreign workers in their employ; believes that such a practice would result in an inherently xenophobic "British jobs for British workers" recruitment strategy; considers such rhetoric as degrading and insulting to all; believes that suitability for employment should not be judged on people's nationality but instead on their potential; reinforces what it sees as the position of the Scottish Government that citizens of other European countries living in Scotland should be valued and welcomed, and strongly implores the UK Government to deviate from, what it believes to be, the scapegoating of other EU nationals living in the UK.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01841>

**S5M-01904 Johann Lamont: Tearfund Scotland's Work to Prevent Human Trafficking** – That the Parliament recognises the work that Tearfund Scotland does to prevent human trafficking and to provide rehabilitation for those rescued from trafficking; notes that, last year, Tearfund delivered protection programmes for 125,000 children across Asia who were highly vulnerable to trafficking by working with poor families, and congratulates Martha Collison, author and former contestant on *The Great British Bake Off*, for coming to Queen's Park Baptist Church in Glasgow's south side and to St Paul's and St George's Church in Edinburgh's city centre to highlight Tearfund's work to prevent trafficking, which she saw first-hand on a visit to Thailand and Cambodia.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01904>

## UK Parliament Questions

### Refugees: Syria

**Stuart McDonald** [46164] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what assessment he has made of the implications for his policies of the finding in the report by the National Audit Office, *The Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme*, published in September 2016, that lack of access by resettled Syrians to personal independence payments and carer's allowance may cause difficulties to some refugees and have a negative impact on their experiences.

**Reply from Penny Mordaunt:** The UK is a world leader in supporting vulnerable people fleeing conflicts around the world and, as such, we have established an effective system to accommodate and shelter resettled people.

Refugees and those who have humanitarian protection status, such as persons resettled under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme, are entitled to work and have access to some benefits upon arrival.

DWP has decided that the application of the Past Presence Test (PPT) should not

## Immigration and Asylum UK Parliament Questions (continued)

apply to refugees for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and are currently considering how best to implement that change, including the impact to other benefits which use a similar PPT.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46164/>

### Refugees: Syria

**Nigel Dodds** [46189] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what recent discussions she has had with the devolved administrations on the implementation of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement scheme.

**Reply from Robert Goodwill:** Officials from the UK Government's Resettlement Programme are in regular dialogue with the devolved administrations in relation to the delivery of the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement scheme.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46189/>

### Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Kate Osamor** [46156] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many detainees were threatened with the Kingfisher Isolation Unit as a result of peaceful protest activities in conjunction with the demonstration outside Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre on 10 September 2016.

**Kate Osamor** [46157] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many Yarl's Wood Immigration Removal Centre detainees were held in the Kingfisher Isolation Unit on the weekend of 10 September 2016.

**Reply from Robert Goodwill:** Kingfisher Unit at Yarl's Wood is managed by Serco, the service provider, in accordance with Rules 40 (removal from association) and 42 (temporary confinement) of the Detention Centre Rules 2001. Detainees may only be separated from others for reasons of safety, either their own or for others, for security reasons or when an individual is being refractory or violent. There is no provision in the Rules for separation to be used as punishment.

Provisional management information from Serco shows that no detainees were re-located to Kingfisher Unit on either 10 or 11 September. There is no record of any complaints having been made by detainees alleging that they have been threatened with placement on Kingfisher Unit in connection with the demonstration on 10 September.

Detainee Custody Officers must not threaten detainees in order to manage their behaviour but may advise detainees that they may be separated if their behaviour is judged to risk compromising the safety and security of the centre, themselves or others.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46156/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46157/>

## Press Releases

### Action on child refugees

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Action-on-child-refugees-2ca4.aspx>

## Immigration and Asylum Press Releases (continued)

### **Overseas doctors welcome in Scotland**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Overseas-doctors-welcome-in-Scotland-2c75.aspx>

### **Calais refugee camp: TUC statement**

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/care4calais>

### **Securing Europe's external borders: Launch of the European Border and Coast Guard Agency**

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2016/10/06-launch-ebcg-agency/>

### **Questions & Answers: the new European Border and Coast Guard Agency**

[http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_MEMO-16-3308\\_en.htm?locale=en](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-16-3308_en.htm?locale=en)

### **UK urged to improve protection of child victims of human trafficking**

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/uk-urged-to-improve-protection-of-child-victims-of-human-trafficking>

## New Publications

### **Our Migration Story: the Making of Britain**

<http://www.ourmigrationstory.org.uk/>

### **Ethical Guidelines on Migration Reporting**

[http://ethicaljournalismnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Migration-infographic\\_final-1.pdf](http://ethicaljournalismnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Migration-infographic_final-1.pdf)

### **Europe's refugees and migrants: Hidden flows, tightened borders and spiralling costs**

<http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/files/news/10870.pdf>

### **Refugees' Right to Work and Access to Labor Markets – An Assessment**

<http://tinyurl.com/josmske>

## News: Politics

### **Sturgeon reacts to Tory immigration row with pledge to increase Syrian refugees**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14787412.Sturgeon\\_reacts\\_to\\_Tory\\_immigration\\_row\\_with\\_pledge\\_to\\_increase\\_Syrian\\_refugees/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14787412.Sturgeon_reacts_to_Tory_immigration_row_with_pledge_to_increase_Syrian_refugees/)

### **UK firms 'won't have to list foreign workers', says Fallon**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37600566>

### **Firms must list foreign workers**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/firms-must-list-foreign-workers-gw20ndp5x>

### **Sturgeon: I'll back firms who refuse to list foreign workers**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/nicola-sturgeon/sturgeon-i-ll-back-firms-who-refuse-to-list-foreign-workers-1-4251132>

## Immigration and Asylum News: Politics (continued)

**Sturgeon: I'll back businesses flouting law on foreign workers**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-07/scotland/sturgeon-ill-back-businesses-flouting-law-on-foreign-workers-cq9w9smnm>

**Scottish Tory leader Ruth Davidson tells foreign workers they are welcome in the UK**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/ruth-davidson-speech-tory-conference-2016-immigration-foreign-workers-welcome-a7346481.html>

**Davidson defies party view of migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/davidson-defies-party-view-of-migrants-srgqf8xwk>

**Amber Rudd defends proposal to make firms reveal foreign staff numbers**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/oct/05/amber-rudd-defends-proposal-to-make-firms-reveal-foreign-staff-numbers>

**Theresa May criticised for confusion over whether foreign doctors can stay in the country**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/theresa-may-criticised-for-confusion-over-whether-foreign-doctors-can-stay-in-the-country-a7345246.html>

**You're only welcome until 2025! Theresa May suggests foreign NHS workers will be replaced by British staff as Jeremy Hunt vows to boost the number of home-grown doctors to cut dependency on overseas employees**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3820653/An-extra-1-500-doctors-cut-reliance-foreign-staff-says-Health-Secretary.html>

**Amber Rudd vows to stop migrants 'taking jobs British people could do' and force companies to reveal number of foreigners they employ**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/04/jeremy-hunt-nhs-doctors-theresa-may-conservative-conference-live/>

**Amber Rudd announces crackdown on overseas students and work visas**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/04/rudd-announces-crackdown-on-overseas-students-and-new-work-visas>

**Principal of the University of the West of Scotland attacks Home Secretary Amber Rudd over cuts to overseas student numbers**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14787531.Scottish\\_university\\_principal\\_attacks\\_Home\\_Secretary\\_over\\_visa\\_curbs\\_for\\_overseas\\_students](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14787531.Scottish_university_principal_attacks_Home_Secretary_over_visa_curbs_for_overseas_students)

**Amber Rudd on immigration speech backlash: Don't call me racist for suggesting foreigners are taking British jobs**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/amber-rudd-immigration-speech-tory-conference-brexit-foreign-workers-british-jobs-a7345536.html>

**Amber Rudd says 'don't call me a racist' as Labour accuses Tories of 'xenophobia' over stance on migrants**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/05/amber-rudd-says-dont-call-me-a-racist-as-labour-accuses-tories-o/>

**I'm not racist, insists Rudd after outcry at foreign workers plan**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/im-not-racist-insists-rudd-after-outcry-at-foreign-workers-plan-g2ktwz393>

## Immigration and Asylum

### News: Politics (continued)

**It is not racist to tackle immigration, Amber Rudd insists after she is slammed for 'shocking' plans to make firms reveal how many foreigners they employ**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3822886/Plans-force-firms-foreign-staff-employ-branded-shocking-slammed-business-chiefs-warn-Amber-Rudd-s-new-immigration-crackdown-goes-far.html>

### News: Brexit

**All 3.6 million EU nationals 'can stay in the UK after Brexit'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/eu-referendum-brexit-latest-nationals-uk-stay-immigration-a7351446.html>

**No special migration deal for Scotland, insists UK Government**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14770420.No\\_special\\_migration\\_deal\\_for\\_Scotland\\_insists\\_UK\\_Government/?ref=mr&lp=7](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14770420.No_special_migration_deal_for_Scotland_insists_UK_Government/?ref=mr&lp=7)

**Sadiq Khan says plans for post-Brexit 'London work permits' are being 'discussed with the government'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/sadiq-khan-says-plans-for-post-brexit-london-work-permits-are-being-discussed-with-the-government-a7334176.html>

**European builders can stay, says Javid**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/european-builders-can-stay-says-javid-1qfkn7qkz>

**Polish builders will still be welcome here after EU exit, says Sajid Javid**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3816808/Polish-builders-welcome-EU-exit-says-Sajid-Javid.html>

**Third of Scots worried about Eastern European immigration as SNP calls for free movement after Brexit**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/01/third-of-scots-worried-about-eastern-european-immigration-as-snp/>

### News: Refugee crisis

**Asylum seekers who fled terror to come to Scotland living in fear and squalor**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/campaigners-slam-homes-asylum-seekers-9005180>

**Asylum seekers arrive for a future but find only misery in squalid conditions in Glasgow**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/asylum-seekers-arrive-future-find-8954178>

**Asylum seekers in Scotland at risk of being moved to England**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/29/asylum-seekers-in-scotland-at-risk-of-being-funnelled-out-of-country>

**Refugees welcome but the poor must not suffer, says Welby**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/refugees-welcome-but-the-poor-must-not-suffer-says-welby-mb8d8mzq0>

## **Immigration and Asylum**

### **News: Refugee crisis** (continued)

**EU nations 'shunting migrants' to UK says Archbishop of York**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/eu-nations-shunting-migrants-to-uk-says-archbishop-of-york-1-4245552>

**Archbishop of York says EU countries are 'shunting migrants' towards UK**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/30/archbishop-of-york-says-eu-countries-are-shunting-migrants-towards-uk>

**Schengen countries must own up to what they have created and stop 'shunting' migrants towards UK, says Archbishop of York**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/29/schengen-countries-must-own-up-to-what-they-have-created-and-sto/>

**Europe sees UK as soft touch on migration, says archbishop**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-30/news/archbishop-uk-is-seen-as-soft-touch-on-immigration-w7cq5rtlm>

**At last! A bishop who talks sense on migrants: Senior cleric says Britain should not be seen as a 'soft touch' and demands other EU nations take asylum seekers**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3814643/At-bishop-talks-sense-migrants-Senior-cleric-says-Britain-not-seen-soft-touch-demands-EU-nations-asylum-seekers.html>

**Asylum seekers in UK 'face longest wait for work permit in Europe'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/29/uk-asylum-seekers-face-longest-wait-for-work-permit-in-europe>

## **News: Calais**

**Calais camp: Unicef urges UK to transfer refugee children**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37528227>

**Unicef urges UK government to speed up transfer of unaccompanied child refugees as Calais camp closes**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/unicef-unaccompanied-children-refugees-calais-camp-closed-uk-a7340651.html>

**Britain 'ignored plea by France' to aid stranded Calais child refugees**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/08/child-refugees-calais-camp-stranded-britain-ignored-pleas-home-office>

**Jungle migrant camp: Faith leaders urge Calais child action**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-37599188>

**Senior church leaders including ex-Archbishop of Canterbury tell Theresa May to welcome 400 refugee children to UK before Calais Jungle where they are trapped is razed to the ground**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3828702/Senior-church-leaders-tell-PM-welcome-400-refugee-children-UK.html>

## **Immigration and Asylum** (continued) **News: Schools census**

**Pupil nationality data 'will not be passed to Home Office'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-37474705>

**Parents urged to boycott requests for children's country of birth information**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/26/parents-boycott-requests-childrens-country-of-birth-information>

**Scrap this pupil data collection: it's a divisive threat to our children's safety**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/27/pupil-data-collection-scheme-dangerous-threat-children-safety-teacher-parent>

**Parents urged to boycott schools' requests for non-white pupils to prove they're not asylum seekers**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/parents-urged-boycott-schools-requests-non-white-pupils-census-asylum-seekers-a7330691.html>

**#BoycottSchoolCensus: why parents are refusing to reveal their child's nationality**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/oct/08/boycottschoolcensus-why-parents-are-refusing-to-reveal-their-childs-nationality>

## **News: Other immigration and asylum**

**New immigration curbs needed 'to change tide of opinion'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37549800>

**Tory MSP hopeful over return of post-study work visa scheme**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14781472.Tory\\_MSP\\_hopeful\\_over\\_return\\_of\\_post\\_study\\_work\\_visa\\_scheme/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14781472.Tory_MSP_hopeful_over_return_of_post_study_work_visa_scheme/)

**First the UK deports people, then it denies them justice**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/27/deport-first-out-of-country-appeal-jamaica-mass-deportations-home-office>

**First Syrian refugee baby born in the Outer Hebrides**

<http://www.scotsman.com/regions/inverness-highlands-islands/first-syrian-refugee-baby-born-in-the-outer-hebrides-1-4248447>

**Syrian refugee family celebrates arrival of newborn**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14787988.Syrian\\_refugee\\_family\\_celebrates\\_arrival\\_of\\_newborn/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14787988.Syrian_refugee_family_celebrates_arrival_of_newborn/)

**The one with the refugee kid who learned English watching Friends**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791138.The\\_one\\_with\\_the\\_refugee\\_kid\\_who\\_learned\\_English\\_watching\\_Friends/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791138.The_one_with_the_refugee_kid_who_learned_English_watching_Friends/)

**EU student numbers at Scotland's universities double**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/eu-student-numbers-at-scotland-s-universities-double-1-4241930>

**Rejected foreign brides should be allowed to stay**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-28/news/rejected-foreign-brides-should-be-allowed-to-stay-g0rptlxb>



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### News: Other immigration and asylum (continued)

#### **War refugee pleads to get out of Swansea**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-28/news/war-refugee-pleads-to-get-out-of-swansea-jwmj5sxxx>

#### **Here, no one will drop a bomb on you**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/times2/here-no-one-will-drop-a-bomb-on-you-7jnx9crp>

#### **Home to Scotland's Poles since dark days of Hitler, Sikorski Club faces closing its doors for good**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791156.Home\\_to\\_Scotland\\_s\\_Poles\\_since\\_dark\\_days\\_of\\_Hitler\\_Sikorski\\_Club\\_faces\\_closing\\_its\\_doors\\_for\\_good/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791156.Home_to_Scotland_s_Poles_since_dark_days_of_Hitler_Sikorski_Club_faces_closing_its_doors_for_good/)

#### **Charity launches legal action against Home Office over failure to accept unaccompanied child refugees**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/legal-action-challenge-against-home-office-calais-jungle-launched-unaccompanied-help-child-refugees-a7351526.html>

#### **Mother of two's deportation over visa delayed**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-37540578>

#### **Scottish visa dispute threatens to separate mother from children**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/sep/29/scottish-visa-dispute-threatens-separate-mother-children>

#### **MP fights to save Highland mum-of-two from deportation**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/mp-fights-to-save-highland-mum-of-two-from-deportation-1-4245153>

#### **Visa row may split mother and children**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/visa-row-may-split-mother-and-children-qkpt9dtrg>

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## Community Relations

### Press Release

#### **Black History Month 2016: Theresa May's message**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/black-history-month-2016-theresa-mays-message>

### News

#### **Living in harmony: Scots become more tolerant of homosexuality and migrants**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/living-in-harmony-scots-become-more-tolerant-of-homosexuality-and-migrants-dvjqfgfbf>

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## Equality

### Press Release

**Promoting public, political participation of Roma and Sinti fundamental to effective policy making**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/269771>

### New Publication

**Diversity in the UK's democratic institutions**

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7720/CBP-7720.pdf>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Scottish Parliament Debate

**Hate Crimes against Polish Migrants**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10560&i=97186#ScotParlOR>

### Scottish Parliament Questions

#### Hate Crime

**Sandra White:** To ask the Scottish Government what recent discussions it has had with Police Scotland regarding tackling hate crime. (S5O-00205)

**Reply from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs (Annabelle Ewing):** Scottish Government officials and Police Scotland are in regular touch to discuss tackling hate crime. Police Scotland takes all forms of hate crime extremely seriously and it monitors the level and type of incidents that are reported on a daily basis in order to provide the most effective and robust response to safeguard victims and community groups. It has not seen a significant increase in the level of reports being received since the European Union referendum in June. We encourage anyone who believes that they may have been a victim of hate crime to report it to the police, either directly or through their network of third-party reporting centres.

**Sandra White:** The minister might be aware of the recent incident outside the St Enoch centre in Glasgow, where a far-right group calling itself national action organised a food bank collection for whites only. What steps can and will Police Scotland take to ensure that such discriminatory and racist action is stamped out?

**Reply from Annabelle Ewing:** The behaviour that Sandra White mentioned is, of course, completely unacceptable, and we as a Government are committed to doing all that we can to stamp it out. Police Scotland is closely monitoring the situation and will not hesitate to take action against hate crime.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10546&i=97049#ScotParlOR>

## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination (continued) Scottish Parliament Motions

**S5M-01814 Ross Greer: 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street** – That the Parliament notes that 4 October 2016 marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street, at which the Oswald Mosley-led British Union of Fascists was prevented from marching through an area in the east end of London that had a large Jewish community by a combined force of trade unionist, socialist, Jewish, Irish and other groups, but believes however that, although fascism in the 20th century was confronted and defeated, recent events across the UK and the rest of Europe prove once again that everyone has a duty to stand up to xenophobia, intolerance and hatred.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01814>

**S5M-01834 Neil Findlay: No Pasaran - Battle of Cable Street** – That the Parliament celebrates the 80th anniversary of the victory of the Battle of Cable Street where over a quarter of a million local people, trade unionists and other anti-fascist activists defeated and prevented Oswald Moseley's Blackshirt fascists from marching through London's east end; suggests that the Battle of Cable Street, to this day, still symbolises the importance of standing up to racism and racists; considers that the actions of those brave people standing up to fascists at the Battle of Cable Street stand in the best traditions of the Labour and trade union movement, which has often been the first to stand up to racism and fascism, and calls on today's activists to stand true to those traditions and always be on their guard and stand against the simplistic, dangerous voices of present day racism and fascism and ensure that, as the activists at Cable Street did, they shall not pass.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-01834>

## Press Releases

**Scotland “a more tolerant place”**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Scotland-a-more-tolerant-place-2c07.aspx>

**Equality Commission welcomes improvement in social attitudes in Scotland**

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/equality-commission-welcomes-improvement-social-attitudes-scotland>

**Hate Crime Awareness Week 2016: Theresa May's message**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hate-crime-awareness-week-2016-theresa-mays-message>

**Education, security and coalition-building at the heart of Office for Security and Cooperation in Europe/ Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights project on addressing anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/269926>

**Anti-racism experts highlight increasing hate speech and racist violence in the UK**

<http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/Library/PressReleases/GBR-PR-V-2016-226-EN.asp>

## New Publications

**Scottish Social Attitudes 2015: Attitudes to discrimination and positive action**

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506463.pdf>

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## New Publications (continued)

**European Commission against Racism and Intolerance Report on the United Kingdom**

[http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/Country-by-country/United\\_Kingdom/GBR-CbC-V-2016-038-ENG.pdf](http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/Country-by-country/United_Kingdom/GBR-CbC-V-2016-038-ENG.pdf)

**The politics of hate must be opposed, says TUC boss at Cable Street memorial**

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/union-issues/politics-hate-must-be-opposed-says-tuc-boss-cable-street-memorial>

## News

**Brexit vote has led to noticeable rise in UK xenophobia, watchdog warns**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/brexit-vote-has-led-to-noticeable-rise-in-uk-xenophobia-watchdog-warns-a7343646.html>

**The Sun and Daily Mail accused of 'fuelling prejudice' in report on rising racist violence and hate speech in UK**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/media/press/the-sun-and-daily-mail-fuelling-prejudice-racist-violence-hate-crime-speech-uk-ecri-report-a7351856.html>

**Map of anti-migrant violence, hatred and sentiment in Europe**

<http://enar-eu.org/Map-of-anti-migrant-violence-hatred-and-sentiment-in-Europe>

**Eighty years after the Battle of Cable Street the far-right isn't dead – it's gone mainstream**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/brexit-immigration-battle-of-cable-street-anniversary-far-right-isnt-dead-its-mainstream-a7344511.html>

**Police Scotland chief says hate crime 'absolute priority'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-37584951>

**Police watchdog accused over botched racism case**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/police-watchdog-accused-over-botched-racism-case-sgrcqvvpvpx>

**NI race discrimination laws 'are behind the rest of UK'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-37545896>

**British Muslims 'should be allowed to bypass police' when reporting hate crime, Andy Burnham says**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/prevent-anti-extremism-strategy-legitimising-islamophobic-hate-attacks-andy-burnham-warns-a7330951.html>

**Googles, Skypes and Yahoos: Racist trolls have made up their own slang so they can use vile slurs online without being caught by automatic filters**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3821215/Googles-Skypes-Yahoos-Racist-trolls-slang-make-vile-slurs-online-without-caught-automatic-filters.html>

**Racists using code to thwart online censors**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-04/news/racists-using-code-to-thwart-online-censors-373drx86h>

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## News (continued)

**Ofcom: TV viewers 'less tolerant' of discrimination**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-37504481>

**'Hun' and 'Jock' not offensive, says Ofcom research**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/hun-and-jock-not-offensive-says-ofcom-research-1-4248100>

**Use of word 'hun' and 'Jock' of limited concern but 'fenian' and 'prod' is unacceptable, says Ofcom**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/14781611.Use\\_of\\_word\\_hun\\_and\\_Jock\\_of\\_limited\\_concern\\_but\\_fenian\\_and\\_prod\\_is\\_unacceptable\\_says\\_Ofcom/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/14781611.Use_of_word_hun_and_Jock_of_limited_concern_but_fenian_and_prod_is_unacceptable_says_Ofcom/)

**The word 'Hun' not considered offensive by communications watchdog Ofcom**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/word-hun-not-considered-offensive-8975541>

**Pepe the Frog: yes, a harmless cartoon can become an alt-right mascot**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/29/pepe-the-frog-alt-right-mascot-racist-anti-semitic>

**Fifa says anti-racism taskforce had 'completed work'**

<http://www.bbc.com/sport/football/37470473>

**Fifa says it's solved racism in football – but it's nowhere near**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/26/fifa-anti-racism-football-taskforce-solved-nowhere-near>

**Jackie Walker stripped of Momentum post in antisemitism row**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/oct/03/momentums-vice-chair-removed-antisemitism-row-jackie-walker>

**Corbyn ally sacked over antisemitism comments**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-10-05/news/corbyn-ally-sacked-over-antisemitic-comments-0xs639z9r>

**Corbyn's words ring hollow on anti-Semitism**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/euan-mccolm-corbyn-s-words-ring-hollow-on-anti-semitism-1-4246221>

**Momentum vice-chair 'suspended by Labour' amid anti-Semitism row**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-37526320>

**Momentum chief Jackie Walker suspended from Labour over Holocaust Memorial Day comments**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/30/momentum-chief-jackie-walker-suspended-from-labour-over-holocaust/>

**BBC sacked me for being a white man: Radio 4 comic was told you have to go. We need more women and minorities**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3817609/BBC-sacked-white-man-Radio-4-comic-told-need-women-minorities.html>

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### News (continued)

**Charity Commission opens formal inquiry into mosque where 'Kill Ahmadis' leaflets were allegedly found**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/muslim-islam-kill-ahmadi-leaflet-found-charity-commission-investigation-stockwell-green-mosque-hate-a7340911.html>

**Campaigning schoolgirl reveals harrowing racist abuse ordeal as she helps to launch Black History Month**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/campaigning-schoolgirl-reveals-harrowing-racist-8944386>

**Tragedy after mum-to-be kicked in the stomach in 'race hate attack' loses unborn twins**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/tragedy-after-mum-kicked-stomach-8923902>

**'Smash a P\*ki': Gang of school pupils launch vile race attack on Asian boy and post sick video online**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/smash-pki-gang-school-pupils-8927215>

**Gang of Edinburgh teenagers beat up Asian boy in suspected hate crime**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/edinburgh-gang-beat-up-asian-boy-suspected-hate-crime-a7334556.html>

**Torment of boy, 6, forced out of school by race hate kids who battered and spat on him for colour of his skin**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/torment-six-year-old-racially-8966687>

**Woman has hijab ripped from her face in race-hate attack in London**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/woman-has-hijab-ripped-from-her-face-in-race-hate-attack-in-london-a7352356.html>

**Woman's hijab pulled down in busy London street in 'shocking racially-motivated attack'**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/09/womans-hijab-pulled-down-in-busy-london-street-in-shocking-racia/>

**Woman's hijab pulled down on London street**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/oct/09/woman-hijab-pulled-down-london-haringey-racially-motivated-attack>

**Man made racist posts after daughter's kidnap attempt claim**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/perth-kinross/292273/man-made-racist-posts-after-daughters-kidnap-attempt-claim/>

**Welby: Church is to blame for antisemitism**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-09-26/news/welby-church-is-to-blame-for-antisemitism-frhx5dtcc>

**Jewish group 'threatened by man with axe' in hate crime**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-manchester-37595429>

**Rabbi says anti-Semitism is "on the rise" in Northern Ireland**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-37533746>

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### News (continued)

**NUS president accused of 'anti-Semitic rhetoric'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/education-37489745>

**Twitter under fire after it was slow to react to Jewish Labour activist being subjected to anti-Semitic abuse**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/twitter-anti-semitism-abuse-trolling-jewish-woman-attacked-racism-sexism-social-media-a7340851.html>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Question

#### Female Genital Mutilation

**Mary Fee:** To ask the Scottish Government what NHS services are available to support women who have undergone female genital mutilation. (S5W-02644)

**Reply from Aileen Campbell:** The aim was to have a consistent approach to the delivery of multiagency services that was required locally according to assessed need. This is expected to be delivered jointly with other public sector and third sector agencies. As part of the work of the Multiagency Short Life Working Group for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Guidance for Service Specification for Healthcare to prevent FGM and Healthcare to respond to the needs of survivors of FGM, and service standards to consider, was published in February 2016.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-02644&ResultsPerPage=10>

### Press Releases

**Fifty actions to achieve a fairer Scotland**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Fifty-actions-to-achieve-a-fairer-Scotland-2c80.aspx>

**Recorded crime at a 42 year low**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Recorded-crime-at-a-42-year-low-2bbf.aspx>

**Life for people in Scotland in 2015**

<http://news.scotland.gov.uk/News/Life-for-people-in-Scotland-in-2015-2bc8.aspx>

**Happy Rosh Hashanah**

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/happy-rosh-hashanah/>

### New Publications

**Scottish Parliament web resource: How laws are passed**

<http://www.parliament.scot/visitandlearn/100529.aspx>

**Fairer Scotland Action Plan**

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506841.pdf>

## Other Scottish Parliament and Government New Publications (continued)

### Recorded Crime in Scotland 2015-16

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506122.pdf>

### Scotland's People: Results from the 2015 Scottish Household Survey

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506173.pdf>

### Independent Report on Marches, Parades and Static Demonstrations in Scotland

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506722.pdf>

### Scottish Government Response to the Independent Report on Marches, Parades and Static Demonstrations in Scotland, October 2016

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00506738.pdf>

### MEMO+ The Scottish Parliament and Government 2016-17

[http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16x\\_sp\\_and\\_sg\\_2016-17.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16x_sp_and_sg_2016-17.pdf)

### MEMO+ The Scottish Government Legislative Programme 2016-17

[http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16x\\_sg\\_legislative\\_programme\\_2016-17.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2016/16x_sg_legislative_programme_2016-17.pdf)

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Police: Uniforms

*The following two questions both received the same question*

**David Davies** [46012] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether it is her policy to allow police officers to cover their faces for religious purposes.

**David Davies** [46013] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she has the ability to overrule chief constables on decisions about uniform policy.

**Reply from Brandon Lewis:** Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) are best placed to decide the uniform requirements for different roles within their force.

The police remain operationally independent and it is for local leadership to ensure that officers can perform their duties effectively whilst taking officer safety, appropriate risk assessments and effective engagement with the public into consideration.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-12/46012/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-12/46013/>

#### Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders

**Baroness Smith of Basildon** [HL1750] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders have been (1) applied for, and (2) granted, since the Serious Crime Act 2015 came into force.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** Statistics on Female Genital Mutilation Protection Orders are available on gov.uk. Up to 31 March 2016, 60 applications had been



## Other UK Parliament and Government Parliamentary Questions (continued)

submitted, and 46 Orders had been made.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-09-09/HL1750/>

## Press Releases

**Rosh Hashanah 2016: Theresa May's message**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rosh-hashanah-2016-theresa-mays-message>

**Rosh Hashanah message from the Foreign Secretary**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rosh-hashanah-message-from-the-foreign-secretary>

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## Other News

**Police Scotland told to focus on local communities**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-37562789>

**Police Scotland to strengthen focus on local policing as one of seven priority areas**

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/police-scotland-strengthen-focus-local-8982096>

**Survivors speak out about 'hidden' child sexual abuse in ethnic minority communities**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791176.Survivors\\_speak\\_out\\_about\\_39\\_hidden\\_39\\_child\\_sexual\\_abuse\\_in\\_ethnic\\_minority\\_communities/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/14791176.Survivors_speak_out_about_39_hidden_39_child_sexual_abuse_in_ethnic_minority_communities/)

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## Bills in Progress

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### UK Parliament

**Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/ethnicitypaygap.html>

**EU Citizens Resident in the United Kingdom (Right to Stay)**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/eucitizensresidentintheunitedkingdomrighttostay.html>

**Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

**Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/studentupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

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## Consultations

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**The role and purpose of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service** (closing date 19 October 2016)

<http://www.parliament.scot/Inquiries/CallForEvidenceCOPFS.pdf>

**Proposed Football Act (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 23 October 2016)

[http://www.parliament.scot/S4\\_MembersBills/20160628\\_FINAL\\_CONSULTATION\\_Word\\_-\\_version\\_for\\_publication.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/S4_MembersBills/20160628_FINAL_CONSULTATION_Word_-_version_for_publication.pdf)

**\*\* Police Scotland Equalities Outcomes Review** (closing date 9 November 2016)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/equalities-outcomes-review>

**Issues for migrants on early settlement in the UK** (closing date December 2016)

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RTYR\\_orgs\\_1](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RTYR_orgs_1)

**Empowering teachers, parents and communities to achieve excellence and equity in education: A Governance Review** (closing date 6 January 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/empowering-schools/a-governance-review>

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

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

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

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BME\\_suicide\\_NorthEastGlasgow](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BME_suicide_NorthEastGlasgow)

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## Job Opportunities

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Scottish Winter Festivals**

***All applications will be considered until all available funds have been distributed.***

Scotland's Winter Festivals aim to mobilise the people of Scotland and those with an affinity to Scotland to join in the St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns celebrations, boosting Scotland's key tourism and events sectors and the wider economy, enhancing community engagement and raising Scotland's international profile. Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so the Scottish Government, BEMIS Scotland, and other national partners are committed to ensuring that our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities participate fully within this year's Winter Festival celebrations. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/swf-grant-guidelines.pdf>.

An application form is available at

<http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/swf-grant-application.docx>

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### Year of Innovation, Architecture & Design

**All applications will be considered until all available funds have been distributed.**

Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so we want to ensure that your story, history, innovation and narrative plays a full part in the celebration of the themed year.

The Scottish Government and BEMIS Scotland, and other national partners are committed to ensuring that our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities participate fully within this year's celebrations. We believe that in order to fulfil our potential as individuals and communities of place, culture and ethnicity that we should celebrate and promote our diversity. This reflects our shared objective to build an 'Inclusive National Identity' which celebrates Scotland's vibrant, diverse, confident and dynamic people. For information see

<http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/yiad-grant-guidelines.pdf> and the application form is available at <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/yiad-grant-application.docx>

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### Black History Month

1-31 October 2016-09-11

Black History Month provides an opportunity to learn, understand and honour the role that minority ethnic men, women and children have played in shaping both Glasgow and Scotland's history. The full programme is available at

<http://www.crer.org.uk/images/BHM2016.pdf>

**\*\* this week!**

### Dare to Dream

Until 30 November 2016-

The Scottish Storytelling Centre festival invites everyone to discover the stories of the past and dream the stories of the future. For information see

<http://www.daretodream.scot/#home>

**\*\* this week!**

### Arts, Creativity and the Integration of Refugees in Scotland

11 October 2016 in Glasgow (4.30-6.30)

Scottish Refugee Council workshop on their experiences of using arts and creativity in the integration of refugees. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/js6t4kh>

### Cultural Competence

19 October 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

25 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course focusing on how culture affects all our lives, and examines the extent to which culture influences and governs our beliefs, attitudes, behaviours and decision-making. It explores our own practice and attitudes to cultural differences, and examines different worldviews, so that participants can confidently work with people no matter where they come from. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jdfkkz2> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

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### **\*\* GRAMNet Film Series**

19 October 2016 in Glasgow (5.30-7.30)

Screening of the films "The Crossing" and "Stateless on Lesbos". For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/event/gramnet-film-series-oct-2016/>

### **Refugee Rights to Housing**

10 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

30 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course about refugee housing rights. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Launch of Scottish Interfaith Week**

13 November 2016 in Paisley

The theme of the launch will be "Religion and the Media". For information please contact Frances Hume [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org)

### **Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals**

15 November 2016 in Dundee (9.30-12.30)

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training on issues related to EEA nationals' access to services and important changes in regulations. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

### **Rights of refugees and asylum seekers**

15 November 2016 in Dundee (1.15-4.15)

17 January 2017 in Glasgow (1.15-4.15)

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (1.15-4.15)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system operates, and barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

### **Separated Children**

17 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

9 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

11 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about supporting separated child refugees. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

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

30 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

22 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

8 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **\*\* Working with Interpreters**

6 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and

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their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **\*\* Integration and Working with Syrian Families**

7 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Engaging hard to reach groups**

13 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

8 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about engaging with hard to reach groups. For information please contact Frances Hume [frances@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:frances@interfaithscotland.org)

### **Community Sponsorship – What Do You Need to Know?**

15 December 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

5 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about the new UK Government scheme to enable community groups to sponsor refugee families. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **National Holocaust Memorial Day**

26 January 2017 in Bishopbriggs (6.00 – 8.30)

The theme of this year's memorial event is "How can life go on?" For information please contact Maureen Sier [maureen@interfaithscotland.org](mailto:maureen@interfaithscotland.org)

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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/>

## Useful Links (continued)

**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/>

**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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <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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