

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

UK Parliament Questions

Immigration: EU Nationals

Ian Murray [52122] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will grant existing EU national university staff and students leave to remain in the UK in advance of Article 50 being triggered.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: While the UK remains in the EU, EU national university staff and students will continue to have the same rights and status that they had before the referendum. The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living and working in the UK after the UK leaves the EU, and the only circumstances in which that would not be possible is if British citizens' rights in other EU Member States were not protected in return.

The Government has provided repeated assurances on this point. It has also been clear that the timeframe for resolving this issue is through an agreement with the EU to ensure fair treatment of British citizens living in other EU countries.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-07/52122/>

Immigration: Appeals

Vicky Foxcroft [52569] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, what steps her Department is taking to reduce waiting times for immigration tribunals.

Reply from Oliver Heald: The Immigration and Asylum Chambers of the First-tier and Upper Tribunal are administered by HM Courts & Tribunals Service (HMCTS). HMCTS has provided an additional 4,500 First-tier tribunal sitting days for this financial year compared to 2015/16. Clearance times for statutory appeal applications and judicial review applications in the Upper Tribunal have decreased from June 2015 to June 2016. HMCTS keeps performance and resource levels under close review. The Government has also recently published a consultation on expediting appeals from immigration detainees.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-11/52569/>

Visas

Diana Johnson [52372] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many (a) student visitor visas and (b) visitor visas for academics were (i) applied for and (ii) turned down in each year since 2009-10.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Information on applications for, and refusals of, short term study (previously referred to as 'student visitor') visas and for total visitor visas (which include academics using visitor visas) is published in table vi_01_q (Visa data tables volume 1) in 'Immigration Statistics, April-June 2016', available from the Home Office website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2016/list-of-tables#visas>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-08/52372/>

Visas: Overseas Students

Paul Blomfield [51921] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many investigations have been undertaken in each of the last 12 months into UK Visas and Immigration officials failing to carry out Tier 4 interviews fairly and consistently; and what action was taken on each such occasion.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The information requested on investigations is not

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held centrally and is only available at disproportionate cost.

All decisions to refuse students on the basis of an interview can be appealed under the Administrative Review process and by an independent decision-maker.

UK Visas and Immigration also have a specialist international assurance function that will review decisions on Tier 4 applications.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-04/51921/>

Visas: Overseas Students

Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh [52798] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate her Department has made of the potential financial benefits to universities involved in the introduction of the Tier 4 visa pilot scheme.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Tier 4 visa pilot scheme is designed to test the benefits of a differentiated approach within Tier 4, whilst ensuring any changes do not undermine the robust application of immigration requirements. No estimate has been made of financial benefits to the participating institutions. The results of the pilot will be carefully monitored to determine whether the scheme should be rolled out more widely. We will carefully monitor any impacts and liaise with stakeholders before any further steps are taken.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-14/52798/>

Visas: Research

Royston Smith [48746] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what her policy is on issuing visas for overseas academics to participate in research at UK institutions (a) during negotiations on the UK leaving the EU and (b) once the UK has exited the EU.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: There will be no immediate changes to the immigration status of foreign students or the way universities are able to recruit students. While the UK remains in the EU, European Economic Area and Swiss students will continue to have the same rights and status they had before the referendum. The Prime Minister has been clear that she wants to protect the status of EU nationals already living and working in the UK, and the only circumstances in which that would not be possible is if British citizens' rights in other EU Member States were not protected in return. The precise way in which the Government will control the movement of EU nationals, including students, to the UK after the UK has left the EU is yet to be determined and will be subject to the wider negotiations on the UK's exit from the EU.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-10-14/48746/>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Stephen Timms [53164] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many students detained under section 10 of the Immigration and Asylum Act (1999) had their visas revoked as a result of investigations into the Test of English for International Communication operations of Educational Testing Services.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We do not hold this information in a format that allows us to provide the information by the provision of the Immigration Rules under which people were present in the UK. To answer this question would require individual analysis of all ETS related case files.

We continue to release information as part of our Transparency Data and more than 1,400 people were served removal notices in connection with ETS (including

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those whose leave was revoked) and were detained.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-15/53164/>

Entry Clearances: Overseas Students

Stephen Timms [53032] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many students have submitted appeals from (a) inside the UK and (b) outside the UK after revocation of their visas as a result of investigations into the Test of English for International Communication operations of Educational Testing Services.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We do not hold the data in a format that would allow us to provide the information requested. All data relating to Educational Training Services (ETS) is published in the UKVI Transparency Data, please see link aside:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/temporary-and-permanent-migration-data-august-2016>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-15/53032/>

Overseas Students

Stephen Timms [53417] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what recent estimate she has made of the contribution to the UK economy of (a) non-UK EU students and (b) non-EU international students.

Joseph Johnson: The most recent estimate of the value of international education to the UK can be found in the Government's International Education Strategy, published in July 2013. This analysis showed that EU and Non-EU students at UK universities contributed an estimated £9.7bn in 2011 to the UK economy (tuition fees and living expenditure). The analysis does not separate non-UK EU students and non-EU international students.

The Department will shortly be publishing the latest estimates of the total value of education exports to the UK economy for 2014.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-16/53417/>

Overseas Students

Lord Teverson [HL2405] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of Home Office research indicating that only one per cent of foreign students fail to leave the country once they have completed their course, whether they intend to encourage more such students to study in the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: There remains no limit on the number of genuine international students who can come to study in the UK and visa applications from international students to study at British universities are up by 14% since 2010.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-10-18/HL2405/>

Refugees

Stuart Donaldson: According to figures released last week, Scotland has taken over a third of the Syrian refugees in the UK to date. However, the UK Government plan to take only a third as many as Sweden by 2020. How does the Foreign Secretary explain to his counterparts in Europe the UK's shirking of its responsibilities?

Reply from Boris Johnson: I must reject the hon. Gentleman's assertion that this country is not doing enough to help the people of Syria or the region. As he will

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know fine well, this country is the second biggest global donor to the response to the humanitarian crisis in that region, and we can be proud of our record in giving humanitarian support there, and in offering sanctuary and refuge here in the UK.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-11-22/debates/FD015A48-5BBD-4C3F-81C1-058BFEC6CF/TopicalQuestions#contribution-6F1AF847-3475-4CC4-8004-4921F0FD6E3B>

Refugees

Stuart McDonald [52758] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people who have applied under the statelessness determination procedure have not yet received a decision; and how many such people have waited over (a) six months, (b) a year, (c) two years and (d) three years from their application.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office regularly shares information with UNHCR, relating stateless applications and decisions made. The information provided is published by UNHCR, in regular trend reports, the latest published report by UNHCR on mid year trends June 2015 can be found at link below;

<http://www.unhcr.org/uk/statistics/unhcrstats/56701b969/mid-year-trends-june-2015.html>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-14/52758/>

Refugees: Young People

Baroness Lister of Burtersett [HL3146] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children they estimate are now able to be reunited with their families as a result of the publication in July of the revised guidance on family reunion for refugees and those with humanitarian protection, which refers explicitly to children aged 18 years and over.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The family reunion policy allows those granted refugee status or humanitarian protection in the UK to sponsor their pre-flight family members, i.e. spouse or partner and children under the age of 18, who formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled their country, to reunite with them in the UK.

Young adults over the age of 18 are considered on an exceptional basis outside the Immigration Rules. As each case is considered on its individual merits, it is not possible to estimate the number of cases that will be granted.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-09/HL3146/>

Asylum

Jim McMahon [52690] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum seekers there are in each local authority area.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The Home Office publishes quarterly figures on the number of asylum seekers housed in dispersed accommodation by local authority in the Immigration Statistics release, in table as_16q in volume 4 of the Asylum data tables.

These figures do not include those asylum seekers who do not receive Home Office support and who either accommodate themselves or stay with family and friends.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-11/52690/>

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Asylum: EU Law

The following two questions both received the same answer

Steve McCabe [46261] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many asylum applications have been transferred from other EU member states to the UK under the Dublin regulations in each year from 2010 to 2016; and how many cases resulting from such applications have been completed in each of those years.

Steve McCabe [51736] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 10 October 2016 to Question 46261, on asylum: EU law, how long she expects it will take her Department to prepare the information requested.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: We will always fully consider cases passed to us under the Dublin Regulation, and have made significant progress in improving and speeding up the existing processes via Dublin especially since the beginning of the year.

Any request to unite family members under the Dublin Regulation is carefully considered. Where someone seeking asylum elsewhere in the EU can demonstrate they have close family members legally in the UK, we will take responsibility for that claim. At present we do not publish data on cases covered by the Dublin Regulation.

The latest release of published data on asylum can be found at:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-transparency-data-august-2016

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-09-13/46261/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-02/51736/>

Asylum: France

Lord Hylton [HL3026] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many of the Centres d'Accueil in France and the Grande Synthe camp at Dunkirk have been visited by British officials to identify persons eligible to come to the UK; and whether they intend to ask the government of France to provide English-speaking interpreters for those who need them in those centres.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The protection of migrants in France, including those present in the camp in Dunkirk, remains the responsibility of the French Government. We have supported the French in their efforts to move all children from the camp in Calais to safe alternative accommodation across France. We are absolutely committed to safeguarding and protecting these children. Home Office staff escorted children on coaches during this operation, and are attending these centres, along with social workers and interpreters, to make sure those children who may be eligible to come to the UK continue to be assessed.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-07/HL3026/>

Asylum: Children

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL3225] To ask Her Majesty's Government what long-term mental health service provision they have made for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children arriving in the UK.

Reply from Lord Prior of Brampton: The key mechanism to deliver the vision set out in *Future in mind: Promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing* (March 2015), to transform children and young people's mental health, is the Local Transformation Plans (LTPs) that

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all clinical commissioning groups have produced. These plans outline how local areas will meet the mental health needs of all their population of children and young people, including addressing the needs of the most vulnerable. LTPs are backed by £1.5 billion of Government funding and should cover the full spectrum of mental health issues: from prevention and resilience building, to support and care for existing and emerging mental health problems including addressing the needs of the most vulnerable, such as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. A copy of *Future in mind* is attached.

From 2016-17, children and young people's mental health is being brought into the normal NHS England planning cycle so that LTPs are integrated into the wider Sustainability and Transformation Planning process. However, they will continue to be published annually.

Most unaccompanied asylum-seeking children are likely to be looked after by local authorities. An Expert Working Group (EWG) has been established to lead the development of models of care for looked-after children's mental health. The group is co-chaired by Peter Fonagy and Alison O'Sullivan (The Association of Directors of Children's Services) with members being drawn from across the health, youth justice, social care and education sectors, with input from children, young people, carers and families with experience of the care system.

The scope of the EWG is to primarily focus on three main groups: looked after children, care leavers, and children who have been adopted from care or are under Special Guardianship Orders. It is anticipated that there are groups within the looked after children population with specific needs and these will be considered by the Group as the work develops (for example, unaccompanied asylum seekers, children on remand, children returning to their birth parents). The Group has now met three times, with five further meetings to come, and expects to make their recommendations in October next year.

[Future in Mind](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-15/HL3225/>

Asylum: Children

Lord Roberts of Llandudno [HL3228] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Statement by Lord Nash on 1 November (WS231) that the new safeguarding strategy will not be published until May 2017, what specific interim measures have been put in place to ensure that the wellbeing of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children is safeguarded.

Reply from Lord Nash: The Government already has in place a comprehensive framework for safeguarding children, including unaccompanied asylum-seeking and refugee children.

We have been working with local authorities, non-government organisations and other public bodies over a number of months to make sure unaccompanied children receive the immediate support they need. At the beginning of October, new training commenced for foster carers and support workers looking after unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, and in the coming weeks we will assess what the additional training needs are. We are providing ongoing responsive advice and guidance to local authorities working with children being transferred under new legislation and we are working with key partners to increase the number of suitable placements for them.

The safeguarding strategy for unaccompanied children will bring together the extensive programme of work already underway, as well as set out areas where we will go further by building on existing good practice. We will consult local

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authorities, non-government organisations and other public bodies to ensure the strategy is comprehensive and supports the best outcomes for unaccompanied children.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-15/HL3228/>

Immigrants: Detainees

Robert Flelo [53574] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many people are held in immigration detention who have been detained for (a) less than three months, (b) between three months and one year, (c) between one year and three years and (d) for more than three years.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: The information requested is published in table dt_11_q (detention data tables) in 'Immigration Statistics, April - June 2016', available from the Home Office website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/546763/detention-q2-2016-tabs.ods

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-17/53574/>

Detention Centres: Renfrewshire

The following three questions all received the same answer

Gavin Newlands [53914] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to appeal Renfrewshire Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a short-term immigration detention facility.

Dungavel House Immigration Removal Centre

Gavin Newlands [53915] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to Renfrewshire Council's refusal of planning permission for a short-term immigration detention facility, whether the Government still plans to close Dungavel Detention Centre.

Detention Centres: Scotland

Gavin Newlands [59323] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government plans to build another short-term detention facility in Scotland as a result of the decision by Renfrewshire Council to refuse planning permission for a short-term immigration detention facility.

Reply from Robert Goodwill: Following Renfrewshire Council's refusal of planning permission for a short term holding facility near Glasgow airport the Government is considering its position in relation to the right of appeal.

The intended closure of Dungavel immigration removal centre is dependent upon a successful planning application for a new short term holding facility.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-21/53914/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-21/53915/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-21/59323/>

Human Trafficking

Lady Hermon [51667] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of victims of human trafficking rescued in the UK during 2016 have been allowed to remain in the UK; and if she will make a statement.

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Reply from Robert Goodwill: All potential victims of modern slavery are eligible for support through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), but not all of those confirmed as victims of modern slavery will require permission to remain in the UK. Some potential victims are British Citizens, others will already have valid leave to remain in the UK or will be EEA nationals exercising Treaty Rights. Many victims who do not have an automatic or pre-existing right to remain in the UK also claim asylum.

Some of them will be granted leave to remain if eligible for international protection. Where appropriate, confirmed victims of modern slavery can also be considered for a grant of Discretionary Leave to remain in the UK based on the particular circumstances of the individual case. This can include needing to stay in the UK in order to pursue a claim for compensation against their traffickers or the need to assist with police enquiries. An overall figure for the proportion of confirmed victims of modern slavery allowed to remain in the UK could only be provided at disproportionate cost by examination of individual records.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-02/51667/>

Press Releases

Projected Population of Scotland: Additional variants using alternative European Union migration assumptions

<http://news.gov.scot/news/statistical-news-release>

Migrant hate widespread, reveals Fundamental Rights Agency report

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2016/migrant-hate-widespread-reveals-fundamental-rights-agency-report>

New Publications

Projected Population of Scotland: Additional variants using alternative European Union migration assumptions

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/population-projections/2014-based-euro-var/pp-2014-based-add-var-euro.pdf>

A fairer deal on migration: Managing migration better for Britain

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/sites/default/files/A%20fairer%20deal%20on%20migration.pdf>

Restricting the economic rights of asylum seekers: cost implications

<https://asylumwelfarework.files.wordpress.com/2015/03/welfare-costs-working-paper.pdf>

Heading back to harm: A study on trafficked and unaccompanied children going missing from care in the UK

http://www.ecpat.org.uk/sites/default/files/hbth_report2016_final_web.pdf

Proving Torture Demanding the impossible: Home Office mistreatment of expert medical evidence

https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/sites/default/files/documents/proving_torture_a4_final.pdf

Current migration situation in the EU: hate crime - November 2016

http://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2016-november-monthly-focus-hate-crime_en.pdf

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Ministry of Justice axes 500% rise in fees for immigration tribunals

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/25/ministry-of-justice-scraps-500-rises-in-immigration-tribunal-fees>

Government U-turns on 500 per cent increase on immigration tribunal fees

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/25/government-u-turns-500-per-cent-increase-immigration-tribunal/>

Migrants are spared rise in case fees

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/migrants-are-spared-rise-in-case-fees-vwcvqtqjvp>

Rudd forced to rethink work visa plans for foreign students

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2016-11-23/news/rudd-forced-to-rethink-work-visa-plans-for-foreign-students-6gmpf5rqb>

UK immigration centres record 218 hunger strikers in three months

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/25/immigration-centres-record-218-hunger-strikes-uk-asylum-seekers>

Deporting parents of EU-citizens

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/deporting-parents-of-eu-citizens-gfzvd3shq>

Torture evidence ignored by Home Office, says charity

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38017463>

'You're hame noo, help yourself to biscuits': Jungle refugee children will find warm welcome when they arrive in Scotland

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/youre-hame-noo-help-yourself-9309670>

Highland housing officer hailed for 'compassion' to refugees

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/highland-housing-officer-hailed-for-compassion-to-refugees-1-4296055>

'Please help my friends in France,' say Syrian minors allowed in UK

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/nov/24/please-help-my-friends-in-france-say-syrian-minors-allowed-in-uk>

'My parents' dream was for me to learn. I want to fulfill their dream': Syrian refugees speak about their education journey

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2016/11/24/parents-dream-learn-want-fulfill-dream-syrian-refugees-speak/>

Glasgow groups shares stories of migration and integration

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/blogs/3058_glasgow_groups_shares_stories_of_migration_and_integration

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Question

Inter Faith Week 2016

Jenny Gilruth: To ask the Scottish Government how it is marking Inter Faith Week 2016. (S5W-4574)

Reply from Angela Constance: The Scottish Government is pleased to support Scottish Interfaith Week and is providing £145,000 to Interfaith Scotland in 2016-17 to help support its work to develop interfaith dialogue. The First Minister hosted the second Interfaith Summit on 8 November 2016. The Summit brought together faith leaders and interfaith workers to discuss how interfaith work can help to build good relations, understanding and co-operation between different faith communities. This year the discussion had a particular focus on interfaith work by young people; support by faith communities for refugees and asylum seekers; and community support following the EU Referendum. As well as attending the Interfaith Summit, I will also be speaking at the launch of the Food for Justice Declaration at the Interfaith Food Justice Network on 17 November.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-04574>

News

Scotland and Islam's marriage of convenience result of English imperialism - academic

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/14921338.Scotland_and_Islam_39_s_marriage_of_convenience_result_of_English_imperialism_says_academic/?ref=mr&lp=5

Why do so many Muslim women find it hard to integrate in Britain?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/nov/27/bradford-muslim-women-integration-casey-report>

Bosses told to bring back Christmas

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bosses-told-to-bring-back-christmas-hmf3mk2d9>

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Equality

UK Parliament Questions

Youth Custody: Travellers

Rehman Chishti [53135] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, pursuant to the Answer of 11 November 2016 to Question 51837, what steps her Department plans to take to reduce the difference between Gypsy, Romany or Traveller understanding of written English in young offender institutions and that of other young males.

Reply from Philip Lee: The learning programmes and the Curriculum in Young Offender Institutions (YOIs) are built on a foundation of literacy and numeracy in line with expectations set out in the National Curriculum.

In March last year we introduced new education contracts in all public-sector YOIs, which significantly increased the amount of education provision available to young people.

All children on arrival go through a comprehensive assessment of their education

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needs, building on any available information from their time in the community. These assessments shape their education programme, if they identify significant literacy issues these will be targeted.

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) and HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) publish an annual report on 'Children in Custody' that monitors gypsy, traveller and Romany (GRT) children in YOIs and secure training centres (STCs). There is also a direct measure within the education contract which reports on the progress young people make, which is an analysis of the performance and achievement of minority groups against the performance and achievement of wider YOI population. We recognise the importance of improving the literacy of young offenders and will monitor the findings of the latest 'Children in Custody' report for 2015-16, including how it relates to GRT children and their ability to understand written English.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-15/53135/>

Health Services: Travellers

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger [HL3209] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Prior of Brampton on 8 November (HL2865), what steps have been taken to encourage joined up working by local authorities, the National Health Service and responsible health agencies, and local public health services to improve the health outcomes of Gypsies and Travellers.

Reply from Lord Prior of Brampton: The *NHS Five Year Forward View* (2014) sets out the ambition to improve the nation's health and reduce inequalities, including among the most vulnerable groups. Through the inequality duties introduced through the 2012 Health and Social Care Act, local areas must have regard to inequalities in access to, and the outcomes from, National Health Service services in developing their plans. Clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), health and wellbeing boards and the rest of the local health system work together to undertake joint strategic needs assessments of local health needs and develop strategic plans, working with key stakeholders to deliver outcomes and reduce health inequalities.

All CCGs are provided with local and national data from Public Health England and NHS England to support the planning and commissioning process. These tools help to identify differences in access to services and health outcomes across the local population, including among vulnerable groups. For example, on-line resources available to local areas include Commissioning for Value Packs, the NHS Atlas of Variation in Healthcare, and the Marmot indicator local authority profiles.

Guidance on addressing the health needs of vulnerable groups including Gypsies and Travellers was developed under the DH-sponsored inclusion health programme. It included *Inclusion of Gypsy Traveller health needs in Joint Strategic Needs Assessments: A review*, a report compiled by Friends, Families and Travellers (2015), *Standards for commissioners and service providers*, by the Faculty for Homeless and Inclusion Health (2013) and *Improving access to health care for Gypsies and Travellers, homeless people and sex workers*, by Royal College of General Practitioners (2013). Copies of these documents are attached. NHS England published guidance for the service on the rights of vulnerable groups in registering with GPs to reduce the risk of exacerbating health inequalities for vulnerable groups, *Patient Registration: Standard Operating Principles for Primary Medical Care (General Practice)*, NHS England, 2015. A copy has been placed in the library.

Equality

UK Parliament Questions (continued)

Improving access to healthcare

Standards for commissioners

Inclusion of Gypsy Traveller health needs

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2016-11-15/HL3209/>

News

Black and Asian executives quit ‘snowy white peak’ BBC

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/black-and-asian-executives-quit-snowy-white-peak-bbc-xqzlvp85j>

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Scottish Parliament Question

Hate Speech (Schools)

Gail Ross: To ask the Scottish Government whether the European Union referendum has led to an increase in hate speech in schools and, if so, what action its education directorate is taking to tackle it. (S5O-00373)

Reply from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney): All forms of hate crime and prejudice are unacceptable. I am concerned by recent reports from Moray House school of education and the Educational Institute of Scotland about incidents of that nature, which highlights the need for constant vigilance. We want all children and young people to learn tolerance, respect, equality and good citizenship, in order to address and prevent prejudice.

I welcome the Equalities and Human Rights Committee’s interest in prejudice-based bullying and have sought its input to development of the refreshed national anti-bullying strategy for children and young people. I will carefully consider the issues that the committee raises, as well as anything further that can be done to support our diverse communities, over and above our holistic approach to anti-bullying.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10642&i=97812#ScotParlOR>

UK Parliament Questions

Anti-Semitism

Diana Johnson: What steps the Church of England is taking to tackle anti-Semitism. [907447]

Reply from Caroline Spelman: The Church of England takes anti-Semitism very seriously and is supporting the work of the Chief Rabbi and the Holocaust Memorial Trust to counteract the growing anti-Semitic and extreme language evidenced in a report by the Home Affairs Committee.

Diana Johnson: With the incidence of anti-Semitic attacks rising by 11% in the first six

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UK Parliament Questions (continued)

months of this year, and the documented rise in hate crimes since the Brexit vote in June, what more could the Church of England, as the established Church in England, do in its leadership role in communities throughout the whole of England?

Reply from Caroline Spelman: I could not commend strongly enough to all Members the Home Affairs Committee report recording the very disturbing rise in anti-Semitism. That is precisely why, last week, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi launched In Good Faith, a twinning arrangement between rabbis and priests in local neighbourhoods around the country. It is in its early stages, but it will involve a commitment to work together to counteract anti-Semitism.

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-11-24/debates/5CF69E0E-93D6-445C-AEAA-206D81FCD386/Anti-Semitism>

Church of England: Antisemitism

Karl McCartney [907445] To ask the right hon. Member for Meriden, representing the Church Commissioners, what steps the Church of England is taking to tackle anti-semitism.

Reply from Caroline Spelman: The Church of England takes anti-Semitism very seriously and is supporting the work of the Chief Rabbi and the Holocaust Memorial Trust to counteract the increase in reported anti-Semitic incidents over the last year. Last week, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chief Rabbi launched 'In Good Faith', a twinning arrangement between rabbis and priests in local neighbourhoods around the country. It is in its early stages, but it will involve a commitment to work together to counteract anti-Semitism.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-21/907445/>

New Publication

Equality and Human Rights Commission: A letter to all political parties in Westminster

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/letter-all-political-parties-westminster>

News

Hate crimes: Avoid polarising language, politicians urged

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38120596>

Human rights watchdog asks UK to dampen divisive Brexit rhetoric

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/nov/27/human-rights-watchdog-ehrc-uk-dampen-divisive-brexit-rhetoric>

Politicians warned to tone down Brexit rhetoric by equality body

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-3975530/Politicians-warned-tone-Brexit-rhetoric-equality-body.html>

Party chiefs warned on inflaming racism

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/party-chiefs-warned-on-inflaming-racism-tnwkjmmql>

As a judge, I can see the racism embedded in the system

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/22/judge-racism-judicial-system-black-communities>

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Tell MAMA Partnerships with UK Police Forces in 2016

<http://tellmamauk.org/tell-mama-partnerships-uk-police-forces-2016/>

Sikhs in UK are 'invisible to government' despite hate crime increase

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/nov/25/sikhs-in-uk-are-invisible-to-government-despite-hate-increase>

Sikhs 'suffering racial abuse' from police, doctors and public officials

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/sikhs-suffering-racial-abuse-from-police-doctors-and-public-officials-mzmzqxlbw>

Jewish students accuse Cambridge of hushing up anti-Semitic attack

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/26/jewish-students-accuse-cambridge-hushing-anti-semitic-attack/>

Far-right fanatics use Facebook to help fund 'migrant hunters'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/far-right-fanatics-use-facebook-to-help-fund-migrant-hunters-0qn8s5vfz>

Pastor became extremists' marketing mastermind

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/pastor-became-extremists-marketing-mastermind-nxls0lwhb>

Hate groups style themselves as knights waging a holy crusade

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/hate-groups-style-themselves-as-knights-waging-a-holy-crusade-pfkp9rnm>

Refugee crisis gave ferocious rivals a cause to rally round

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/refugee-crisis-gave-ferocious-rivals-a-cause-to-rally-round-lq3bjqb2g>

Anti-racism STUC march held in Glasgow

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-38116709>

Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights Statement on withdrawal of support for STUC St. Andrew's Day March and Rally Against Racism

<http://www.crer.org.uk/81-front-page-articles/628-withdrawal-of-support-for-stuc-st-andrew-s-day-march-and-rally-against-racism>

Anonymity is the mask that licenses hatred

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/anonymity-is-the-mask-that-licenses-hatred-hvzxql6r9>

We wouldn't play black v white football now, but that's hardly an end to racism

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/25/black-v-white-football-west-bromwich-albion-players>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Release

First Minister: Outward-looking, welcoming approach key to growth and opportunity

<http://news.gov.scot/news/first-minister-outward-looking-welcoming-approach-key-to-growth-and-opportunity>

New Publications

National Strategy for Community Justice

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00510489.pdf>

Scotland: A European Nation

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00510265.pdf>

Mitzvah Day 2016

<https://firstminister.gov.scot/mitzvah-day-2016/>

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Parliamentary Questions

Female Genital Mutilation

Helen Goodman [53567] To ask the Secretary of State for Health, if he will take steps to make training on how to respond to cases of female genital mutilation mandatory for all doctors, nurses and medical staff.

Reply from David Mowat: The Department's Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Prevention programme is continuing its work with NHS England and across the health service to tackle FGM. Launched in 2014 with total funding of over £4 million the programme has delivered training and outreach nationally reaching thousands of National Health Service professionals, introduced data collection and statistics, and developed policy and guidance on safeguarding and commissioning services. The programme in 2016/17 is focussing on the mental health needs of survivors and on embedding change across the NHS.

Last year the Department commissioned Health Education England to develop a range of FGM e-learning sessions available free of charge to NHS staff. These sessions include training on the mandatory reporting duty.

As part of the Department's FGM Prevention Programme an FGM Mandatory Reporting awareness pack was sent to all hospitals and general practitioner practices in February 2016. In addition, the Department has worked with partners to support them in hosting articles and awareness raising information; one example of this was the provision of a flyer insert about the new FGM mandatory reporting duty which was included in the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) magazine, sent to approximately 45,000 RCM members.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-17/53567/>

Forced Marriage Unit

Mark Hendrick [52364] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many cases the Forced Marriage Unit has dealt with since its inception; and how many

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such cases have been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Reply from Sarah Newton: The UK is a world-leader in the fight to stamp out the brutal practice of forced marriage, with our joint Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) leading efforts to combat it both at home and abroad. We made forced marriage a criminal offence in 2014 to better protect victims and send a clear message that this abhorrent practice is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in the UK.

Figures on the number of cases reported to the FMU via its public helpline and email inbox are published annually on GOV.uk at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage#statistics-on-forced-marriage-collected-by-fmu>

The FMU acts in an advisory capacity and therefore does not refer cases directly to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). The FMU will refer cases to the police. The police will consider when to refer a case to the CPS, who will take a decision as to whether a prosecution should be brought.

The recent CPS Violence Against Women and Girls Crime Report, published in September 2016, shows that the volume of forced marriage prosecutions completed in 2015-16 rose to 53 – a rise from 46 in 2014-15.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-08/52364/>

USA: British Nationals Abroad

Jim McMahon [53148] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what steps he is taking to ensure that British Muslims wishing to travel to the US can do so within normal terms applied to non-Muslims and not prescribed by the comments of President-Elect Trump on 7 December 2015.

Reply from Alan Duncan: US immigration policy is a matter for the US.

I note that US Customs and Border Protection states that "the religion, faith, or spiritual beliefs of an international traveller are not determining factors about his/her admissibility into the US".

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2016-11-15/53148/>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

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>

Bills in Progress

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

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

Third Reading, House of Lords

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-11-22/debates/6C0AE7CE-93BE-4890-9EF2-6AF03B1EE062/ModernSlavery\(TransparencyInSupplyChains\)Bill\(HL\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2016-11-22/debates/6C0AE7CE-93BE-4890-9EF2-6AF03B1EE062/ModernSlavery(TransparencyInSupplyChains)Bill(HL))

Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill

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

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy (closing date 7 December 2016)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/human-trafficking-team/a-human-trafficking-and-exploitation-strategy>

Section 9(2)(b)(i) of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 - support for adult victims (closing date 23 December 2016)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00509045.pdf>

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

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>

Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Public Policy Statement on Racially and Religiously Aggravated Hate Crime [England and Wales] (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_rr_consultation_2016.html

Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Policy on Prosecuting Crimes against Disabled People [England and Wales] (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_dhc_consultation_2016.html

Consultation on the Crown Prosecution Service Public Policy Statement on the prosecution of offences involving hostility on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity [England and Wales] (closing date 9 January 2017)

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_ht_consultation_2016.html

Draft Referendum Bill (closing date 11 January 2017)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0050/00507743.pdf>

**** Tackling inequalities faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities [England and Wales]** (closing date 27 January 2017)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/women-and-equalities-committee/news-parliament-2015/gypsy-roma-and-traveller-communities-inquiry-launch-16-17/>

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

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

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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>

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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Events/Conferences/Training

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New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

30 November 2016 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

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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 / 0141 223 7982.

**** this week!**

Enhanced by our Diversity, Combined by our Humanity

30 November 2016 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

BEMIS and TRACS conference bringing together practitioners, policy-makers and academics to discuss how best to foster good relationships at a community level and promote a dynamic, inclusive Scottish national identity for the future. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/j7qkzq7>

**** this week!**

I Can: Confidence and Wellbeing Workshop

30 November 2016 in Edinburgh (11.00-2.00)

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre workshop for ethnic minority women to explore strategies for confidence building, knowing your strengths, and self care. For information contact 01382 787 450 / info@mwrc.org.uk

**** 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!**

Knowing your rights: Disability Discrimination

2 December 2016 in Edinburgh (10.30-3.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission training for those who work with disabled people and may provide people with advice or be involved in promoting disability rights. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/16xii_ehrc2.pdf or contact Kyle Mulholland equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5925.

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 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 / 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

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opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

**** LGBT Migrants in Scotland**

8 December 2016 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Discussion linked to the research project 'Intimate Migrations' (based at the University of Glasgow), which explores the experiences of lesbian, gay and bisexual migrants who have moved to Scotland from Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hrl87tq> or contact socpol-intimatemigrations@glasgow.ac.uk

The Legal and Human Rights Implications of Brexit on EU Migration

8 December 2016 in Glasgow (5.00-6.30)

JUSTICE Scotland and the Equality and Human Rights Commission event to consider the implications of Brexit for work and retirement; private and family lives; study; housing and property ownership and capital interests. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/16xii_ehrc.pdf or contact Kyle Mulholland equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5925.

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

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 / 0141 223 7982.

Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals

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

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/>

Discrimination Law in 2017

23 January 2017 in Glasgow (9.00-4.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission Conference to review recent changes in employment law. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/17i_ehrc.pdf or contact Kyle Mulholland equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5925.

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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

Rape Crisis Scotland volunteer information evening

27 January 2017 in Glasgow (6.30-8.30)

Rape Crisis Scotland is looking for women, particularly disabled, BME, older and trans women, to volunteer to volunteer on the national helpline supporting survivors of sexual violence. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hz2vfv9>

Cultural Competence

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 / 0141 223 7982.

Separated Children

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 / 0141 223 7982.

Refugee Rights to Housing

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 / 0141 223 7982.

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Useful Links

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

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

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

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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

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

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

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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/>

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. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



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