

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Debate

Human Trafficking and Exploitation

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11003&i=100549#ScotParlOR>

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

University Education: Refugees

S5W-09536 Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support refugees living in Scotland to enrol at university.

Reply from Shirley-Anne Somerville: Students or prospective students living in Scotland who have been granted refugee status, or another form of asylum (such as Humanitarian Protection), are eligible to apply to the Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) for payment of their tuition fees and financial help towards living-costs. This support is available for those who are, or aim to be, engaged in higher education at a university or college in Scotland.

In addition to free tuition, our support package for students provides a minimum income guarantee of £7,625 for students on the lowest incomes. This is comprised of a combination of bursaries and loans. Eligible students with a household income of less than £19,000 can apply for a bursary of £1,875 for each year of study. The remainder of the guarantee is comprised of a student loan. All eligible students, irrespective of financial circumstances are eligible for a living-cost loan of up to £4,750 a year.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09536>

University Education: Refugees

S5W-09537 Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to support refugees who enrol at university to complete an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) qualification during their first year, and whether additional support is provided through summer school places.

Reply from Shirley-Anne Somerville: The Scottish Government recognises that having English language skills is key to enabling full civic participation, including in education, and that is why we provide funding for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses via the Scottish Funding Council, the body responsible for funding universities and colleges in Scotland.

Although it is up to individual universities to decide the entry requirements for any course, including language requirements, the Higher ESOL Course which is delivered mainly in colleges and schools across Scotland is recognised by all Scottish universities as one of a list of qualifications which meet general entrance requirements.

Whilst there is currently no specific government funding directed at students undertaking IELTS qualifications, support through programmes like summer school places may be available from individual universities in Scotland.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-09537>

Scottish Parliament Motions

S5M-06031 Michael Matheson: Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective Support for Victims – That the Parliament recognises that the abhorrent crimes of human trafficking and exploitation are an abuse of human rights and dignity, which can cause lasting physical and psychological damage to victims, both adults and children; recognises the cross-party support that exists to make Scotland a hostile place for those who traffic and exploit other human beings; welcomes the publication of Scotland's first *Trafficking and Exploitation Strategy* on 30 May 2017; further welcomes the vision set out in the strategy to eliminate human trafficking and exploitation by identifying victims and supporting them to safety and recovery, identifying perpetrators and disrupting their activity, and addressing the issues that foster trafficking and exploitation; welcomes the contribution made by external stakeholders to the development of the strategy, including those who have directly experienced trafficking, and recognises the contribution that will continue to be made by stakeholders in its implementation.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-06031>

S5M-06031.1 Claire Baker: Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective Support for Victims – As an amendment to motion S5M-06031 in the name of Michael Matheson (Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Making Scotland a Hostile Place for Traffickers and Providing Effective

Support for Victims), insert at end “; notes the role to be played by local authorities in tackling human trafficking, and believes that they, along with Police Scotland, must be properly resourced and funded to tackle trafficking and exploitation in communities.”

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-06031.1>

Scottish Parliament Time for Reflection

The Presiding Officer (Ken Macintosh): Good afternoon. The first item of business is time for reflection. Our time for reflection leader today is Hannah Rose Thomas, who is a creative director for art projects with refugees to commemorate world refugee day.

Hannah Rose Thomas: It is a great honour to have been invited to speak today.

I would like to invite you to imagine yourselves in the shoes of a refugee, forced to flee your homeland and the unimaginable horrors of war. Consider how it would feel to have lost loved ones, your home and all that is known; to be plunged into the unknown, desperately seeking a place of refuge.

There are more than 65 million people across the world who have been forced to flee their homes. Too often, we lose sight of the people who have been affected by this global crisis. We forget that they are people and not just numbers. It is easy to perceive them solely as refugees, an economic burden or a terrorist threat. Yet those men, women and children have lives like yours and mine, which are defined by the same basic human needs, hopes and aspirations.

Over the past couple of years, I have spent time in camps in Calais and Jordan, where I partnered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Relief International to organise art projects for Syrian refugees. My unusual position as an English artist who is fluent in Arabic has enabled me to cross cultural barriers and communicate refugees' stories. Stepping so far out of my comfort zone has not been easy, but, through reaching out and seeking to understand, my life has been enriched.

It is human nature to fear those who are different from us, especially in the current tense political climate that accentuates difference and fear. However, when we close down the borders of our hearts to those who are different, we impoverish ourselves and restrict and limit our own lives. It is important, now more than ever, to recognise our common humanity with the people fleeing their homes across the world. As Jo Cox said in her maiden speech, we have more in common than we have that divides us.

I believe that nothing is more important than compassion for one another. Through my portrait paintings of refugees whom I have met, I seek to convey that each of us is created in the image of God and is equally valuable in his eyes, regardless of race, religion, economic circumstance or social status.

Let us seek to keep the borders of our heart open to those who are different from us. That is essential if we are to overcome the distorted agendas of violence and extremism that seek to divide us.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11003&i=100541#ScottParlOR>

Press Releases

Human trafficking

<https://news.gov.scot/news/human-trafficking-1>

Three men sentenced for modern slavery offences

http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/three-men-sentenced-for-modern-slav/

Protection of migrant and refugee children must be at core of new global compacts
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=56960#.WUFLshOGM5s>

New Publications

Scottish Refugee Council 2017 Strategic Plan

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/assets/0001/3397/2017_Strategic_Plan_A5.pdf

Immigration detention in the UK: an overview

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7294/CBP-7294.pdf>

Migrant workers in agriculture

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7987/CBP-7987.pdf>

Written Response by the Welsh Government to the report of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee entitled "I used to be someone": Refugees and asylum seekers in Wales

<http://www.assembly.wales/laid%20documents/gen-ld11074/gen-ld11074-e.pdf>

Recognised refugees should get five-year renewable residence permits

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20170615IPR77507/recognised-refugees-should-get-five-year-renewable-residence-permits>

Ethnic variations in internal migration in the UK, 2009-2015

http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc_briefing_papers/pdf/BP38_Ethnic_variations_in_internal_migration_in_the_UK.pdf

News

Now judges make it even harder to kick out foreign criminals: They say 'deport first, appeal later' rule breaches human rights law

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4605412/Judges-make-harder-kick-foreign-criminals.html>

Number of illegal immigrants in Britain hits 250,000 a year

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-06-16/news/number-of-illegal-immigrants-in-britain-hits-250-000-a-year-8nx2tw6lp>

Why it is difficult to find and send illegal immigrants home

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-06-16/news/why-it-is-difficult-to-find-and-send-illegal-immigrants-home-zlm86mt9m>

Home Office estimates 150,000 illegal migrants: Figure is almost half as much as the official total with claims true scale of the influx 'has been hidden'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4609396/Home-Office-estimates-150-000-illegal-migrants.html>

Real immigration scale hidden as illegal migration estimates held back – study

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/450116/real-immigration-scale-hidden-as-illegal-migration-estimates-held-back-study/>

EU nurse applicants drop by 96% since Brexit vote

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-40248366>

Thousands of youngsters caught in passport trap

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/thousands-of-youngsters-caught-in-passport-trap-xll07x3lc>

Destitute immigrants in UK are threatened with having children removed

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jun/13/destitute-immigrants-uk-threatened-with-having-children-removed>

'She was screaming': father tells of how council tried to take girl, 3, from asylum family

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jun/13/she-was-screaming-council-tried-to-take-girl-3-from-asylum-family>

Criminals win reprieve on deportation

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/criminals-win-reprieve-on-deportation-hjlrbs58n>

The kindness of strangers: the challenges and rewards of opening your home to refugees

http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/15354847.The_kindness_of_strangers_the_challenges_and_rewards_of_opening_your_home_to_refugees/?ref=mrb&lp=16

The Unwritten Letters Project: exploring migration stories

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/recent/the_unwritten_letters_project

Grenfell shows just how Britain fails migrants

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/jun/16/grenfell-britain-fails-migrants-north-kensington-london-refugee>

New plan sets out priorities for the years ahead

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3217_new_plan_sets_out_priorities_for_the_years_ahead

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Equality

New Publication

Unemployment by ethnic background

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06385/SN06385.pdf>

News

Where are all the BME councillors?

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/blog/where-are-all-the-bme-councillors>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Ministerial Statement and Q&A

**Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion
The Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities (Angela**

Constance): There is absolutely no excuse for hate crime and prejudice. The Scottish Government is committed to tackling it wherever it happens, whenever it happens and whomever it happens to.

An attack on one is an attack against us all, and recent events have emphasised the importance of unity in the face of those who would seek to divide us. The terrorist atrocities in Manchester and London serve to remind us not just of the terrible dangers of hatred and intolerance, but of the hugely inspiring way in which whole communities can rally round to demonstrate unity, to support each other and to stand up to hatred. ...

We know that inclusive and cohesive communities that embrace diversity provide a better quality of life for everyone. Communities thrive when they feel a shared sense of belonging, when they learn and grow together, and when they feel able to live their lives in peace. However, cohesion is weakened when the things that push us apart come to the fore: isolation and loneliness, poverty and inequality, and intolerance and prejudice. Those are the issues that need to be tackled if we are to remain united. We have therefore worked tirelessly to promote equality and tackle discrimination, and I think that Scotland is in a relatively good place. We know that social attitudes have changed for the better, and equality is very much at the forefront of how we do our business.

However, it is absolutely vital that we are not complacent. Last week's hate crime statistics show that we still have work to do. A minority of the population still think that it is acceptable to be prejudiced, and we know that people continue to experience hate crime and discrimination. That experience is all too real for too many people....

The advisory group's recommendations are wide ranging, so breadth and depth are required in the approach to implementation. Important though the matter is, dealing with it is not the sole responsibility of the justice system; rather, it requires a truly cross-Government endeavour in which the communities, education, transport and justice portfolios work together to tackle the issues. That is why I am announcing today that we are establishing a multi-agency delivery group, which will have ministerial oversight, to ensure that the advisory group's recommendations are progressed. In particular, the delivery group will carefully consider the barriers to reporting hate crime and how to remove them. ...

Important as having strong services and quick responses to hate crime are, we know that they are not enough on their own. Awareness of hate crime needs to increase. In November last year I announced that we would run a public awareness campaign on hate crime in 2017. It aims to raise awareness, to help people to understand the impact of their actions and to increase wider societal understanding. ...

Later this month, I will be announcing funding, through the equality budget, to promote equality and cohesion across Scotland. We will continue to support interfaith dialogue, and we are formally adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of anti-Semitism. We will ensure that the advisory group's recommendations are locked into our work to promote race equality and the rights of disabled people. ...

Adam Tomkins: ... In 2015, the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities published a report called "What's Changed About Being Jewish in Scotland?" I will read two quick quotations from that report.

"For the first time in 62 years I did not attend high holiday services this year due to my security concerns."

"I'm scared to tell people at work that I'm Jewish—I talk about going to church instead".

Figures that were released last week show that, since that 2015 report, both offensive conduct towards Jews and offensive communication about Jews have increased in Scotland. What, specifically, is the Scottish Government doing to address the on-going rise of anti-Semitism in Scotland? ...

Reply from Angela Constance: ... I received a copy of the report that SCoJeC prepared in 2015 and I am very familiar with its content; indeed, I am very familiar with SCoJeC, which is an organisation that I have met on more than a few occasions across various portfolios. Charges for hate crime against Jews or

Judaism are indeed up by 28 per cent. That is an increase from 18 to 23 charges. The figures remain very low; nonetheless, I accept that we must not be complacent and that there may well be underreporting. Underreporting is raised as an issue time and time again in relation to other hate crime, disability-related hate crime being another example. The interfaith work is particularly important in that regard, as is work done through our equality budget. ...

Pauline McNeill: ... Religiously aggravated offences have increased and we need to understand in some detail the nature of crimes that are committed because of anti-Semitism or Islamophobia—indeed, all offences that are committed on the ground of faith. When will more detailed figures be available so that we can all have a more detailed analysis of the issue? ...

Reply from Angela Constance: ... it is imperative that we ensure that no community is scapegoated for the actions of a mindless minority. Although we have not seen an increase in community tension following the tragic events in London and Manchester, it is vital that we are focused on that issue. ...

Emma Harper: Last week, a gentleman who is a citizen of the European Union came into my regional office in Dumfries because he had been on the receiving end of extreme verbal abuse at work and had been quite affected by it. Can the cabinet secretary confirm that the further action outlined will reassure EU citizens who are living in the south of Scotland that tackling hate crime is an extremely important priority for the Scottish Government? ...

Reply from Angela Constance: ... We always need to get behind the headline statistics. For example, religiously aggravated offences have indeed increased, although there has been a decrease in the number of charges for hate crime committed against the Muslim community. However, we need to be hypervigilant around underreporting and emphasise the need to engage with our communities and the organisations that represent them. In addition, there can be absolutely no scapegoating. ...

John Finnie: ... Anti-Semitism has been touched on, and the rise of the far right has clearly played a part in that unacceptable and heinous crime. On the redefinition of anti-Semitism, will the cabinet secretary outline the deficiencies of the previous definition, say whether she also has plans to redefine Islamophobia and give her response to concerns that the definition of anti-Semitism could be abused to stop legitimate criticism of the apartheid state of Israel?

Reply from Angela Constance: I reassure Mr Finnie that we engage with all communities without fear or favour, whether it is the Jewish or the Muslim community. If the Muslim community approached the Government about reshaping definitions that have a practical impact on how it is supported on the ground, there would be an open door for that. We looked at the definition of anti-Semitism very carefully. We spoke to a range of stakeholders and were persuaded coolly and calmly of the merits of the definition. ...

To read the full question and answer session see

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11003&i=100547&c=2008181#ScotParlOR>

Scottish Parliament Oral Answers

Islamophobia (Schools)

Ben Macpherson: To ask the Scottish Government what it is doing to tackle Islamophobia in schools. (S5O-01106)

Reply from the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney): There is no place in Scotland for any sort of discrimination, prejudice or bullying in schools or elsewhere, and that includes Islamophobia.

The Government is clear that schools should be peaceful and safe environments that have a positive influence on children and young people by promoting inclusion and equality and challenging discrimination. That is why all young people in Scotland experience religious and moral education as part of curriculum for excellence, helping them to understand the world's major religions and allowing them to be challenged by different beliefs and values, as well as developing their own capacity for moral judgment.

We have established and funded respectme, our national anti-bullying service, and are working with a range of stakeholders, including the Parliament's Equalities and Human Rights Committee, to refresh our national approach to anti-bullying for Scotland's children and young people.

Ben Macpherson: I thank the cabinet secretary for that comprehensive and reassuring answer. Has he seen the recent report "Islamophobia in Edinburgh Schools" by Samena Dean, which was released on 2 June at Annandale Street mosque? Does the cabinet secretary share my concerns about its content, and will he agree to meet me, Samena Dean, the imam of Annandale Street mosque and, potentially, other stakeholders to discuss the report's findings and how to tackle Islamophobia in our schools?

Reply from John Swinney: I welcome the material that Ben Macpherson has drawn to my attention, and I will certainly look at it. The Government finds it completely unacceptable that any individuals experience Islamophobia and we have to ensure that we take the steps within our education system to ensure that our approach to the tackling of bullying in that respect is comprehensive and effective. I will be very happy to hear further from Mr Macpherson on the material and those questions, and look forward to exploring in detail the material that he has drawn to my attention.

Annie Wells: Statistics released last week showed that cases of religiously aggravated crimes have increased by 14 per cent over the past year. In Edinburgh, funding has been made available by the Scottish Government, in collaboration with the council and police, to eradicate Islamophobia at a local level through the shared vision project. Are there plans to extend such projects beyond Edinburgh to cities such as Glasgow?

Reply from John Swinney: The Government will look with great care at the steps that are taken across my portfolio and across those of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities to ensure that we have in place all the necessary interventions and programmes to tackle issues of discrimination. The Government has on-going reviews of the projects and proposals that it funds to ensure that it can deliver on its ambitions.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11005&i=100576#ScotParlOR>

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-06097 Elaine Smith: Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2016-17 – That the Parliament regrets that there has been a 14% increase in crimes with a religious aggravation in Scotland in 2016-17 from the previous year; understands that the report, Religiously Aggravated Offending in Scotland 2016-17, cites Roman Catholicism as the religion most often the subject of reported abuse, with 384 charges for 2016-17, constituting 57% of all reported offences, an increase of 28% from the previous year; considers it regrettable that any religious aggravation is on the rise in Scotland, however expresses specific concern that abuse against Catholics far outstrips that of any other group, and believes that, in order to adequately tackle all acts of religious aggravation, the Scottish Government must make further efforts to understand why one group features disproportionately in these results.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-06097>

Scottish Parliament Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Evidence session: Bullying and Harassment of Children and Young People in Schools
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11011&i=100630#ScotParLOR>

Press Release

Next steps on tackling hate crime
<https://news.gov.scot/news/next-steps-on-tackling-hate-crime>

New Publication

Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities - Scottish Government response to the report of the Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion
<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00520818.pdf>

News

George the Poet and the Equality and Human Rights Commission team up on hate crime film
<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/george-poet-and-commission-team-hate-crime-film>

Minister to chair new group focused on tackling hate crime
<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/448127/minister-to-chair-new-group-focused-on-tackling-hate-crime/>

Survey finds Muslim pupils called “terrorists” and “ISIS” at Scottish schools
http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/education/15351344.Survey_finds_Muslim_pupils_called_terrorists_and_ISIS_at_Scottish_schools/

Ayr schoolboy 'radicalised' by far-right groups plastered town with bigoted Nazi stickers
<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/ayr-schoolboy-radicalised-far-right-10608540>

Manchester police investigate arson attacks on Jewish restaurants
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jun/12/jewish-restaurants-arson-attacks-manchester-police-taam-js>

Bag of vomit thrown at Muslim woman's car in suspected hate crime
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/muslim-woman-vomit-bag-thrown-car-blackburn-hate-crime-suspected-a7790006.html>

Far-right protesters 'abuse Sikh volunteers feeding homeless people in Manchester'
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/edl-sikh-manchester-homeless-abuse-volunteers-feeding-english-defence-league-racist-a7787241.html>

'Have you left a bomb in there?' Mum subjected to sickening hate crime as she used foodbank
<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/have-you-left-bomb-there-10630814>

Teenage girls 'shaken' by racial abuse

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-40242974>

Mum subjected to racist abuse on train thanks hero who stepped in after bigoted moron said 'You don't deserve to be here'

<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/mum-subjected-racist-abuse-train-10631001>

Police launch hate crime probe after a Muslim woman had her hijab torn off in the street while out walking with her three-year-old daughter

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4611206/Hate-crime-probe-Muslim-woman-s-hijab-torn-off.html>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Press Release

£3.8m for volunteering projects

<https://news.gov.scot/news/gbp-3-8m-for-volunteering-projects>

New Publication

How did Scotland Vote? - UK General Election 2017

<https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdnp.azureedge.net/published/2017/6/12/How-did-Scotland-Vote--UK-General-Election-2017/SB/2017/40.pdf>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

State Opening of Parliament

The State Opening of Parliament and Queen's Speech, which were to have taken place on 19 June, have been postponed to 21 June.

Ministerial Appointments

Ministers of State

Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Claire Perry

(Joint) Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy & Department for Education

Jo Johnson

Department for Communities and Local Government

Alok Sharma

Department for Culture Media and Sport

Matt Hancock

Ministry of Defence

Mark Lancaster
Earl Howe (and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords)

Department for Education

Nick Gibb
Anne Milton
Robert Goodwill

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

George Eustice

Department for Exiting the European Union

Baroness Anelay

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Alan Duncan
Mark Field
Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon

Department of Health

Philip Dunne

Home Office

Nick Hurd
Ben Wallace
Baroness Williams of Trafford

Department for International Development

Lord Bates

(Joint) Department for International Development & Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Rory Stewart

(Joint) Department for International Development & Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Alistair Burt

Department for International Trade

Greg Hands (and also Minister for London)
Lord Price

Ministry of Justice

Dominic Raab

Department for Transport

John Hayes

HM Treasury: Financial Secretary

Mel Stride

Department for Work and Pensions

Damian Hinds
Penny Mordaunt

Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State**Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy**

Richard Harrington
Margot James
Lord Prior of Brampton

Cabinet Office

Caroline Nokes
Chris Skidmore

Department for Communities and Local Government

Marcus Jones
Jake Berry

(Joint) Department for Communities and Local Government and the Northern Ireland Office

Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

John Glen

Ministry of Defence

Tobias Ellwood
Harriett Baldwin

Department for Education

Lord Nash

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Thérèse Coffey
Lord Gardiner of Kimble

Department for Exiting the European Union

Robin Walker

Department of Health

Jackie Doyle-Price
Steve Brine
Lord O'Shaughnessy

Home Office

Sarah Newton

Department for International Trade

Mark Garnier

Ministry of Justice

Sam Gyimah
Phillip Lee

Northern Ireland Office

Chloe Smith

Department for Media, Culture and Sport

Tracey Crouch
Lord Ashton of Hyde

Department for Transport

Paul Maynard
Jesse Norman
Lord Callanan

HM Treasury: Economic Secretary to the Treasury

Stephen Barclay

Wales Office

Guto Bebb

Department for Work and Pensions

Guy Opperman
Caroline Dinenage

Office of the Leader of the House of Commons

Michael Ellis

In addition:

Captain of the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms (Lords Chief Whip)

Lord Taylor of Holbeach

Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard (Deputy Chief Whip)

Earl of Courtown

Treasurer of HM Household (Deputy Chief Whip)

Julian Smith

Advocate General for Scotland

Lord Keen of Elie

Paymaster General

Mel Stride

Solicitor General

Robert Buckland QC

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/election-2017-ministerial-appointments>

New Publications

General Election 2017: results and analysis

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7979>

What happens after an indecisive election result?

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-7163/CBP-7163.pdf>

News

Brexit: 2018 Queen's Speech cancelled by government

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-40317814>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Domestic Abuse Bill

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

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Consultations

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**** Closes this week!**

Scottish Government Equality Evidence Finder website (closing date 20 June 2017)

https://response.questback.com/isa/qbv.dll/SQ?s=vI0HBNQS4jNrPbl92rWZgxd_L7zkmEM0wPfOyZ0N3hJ_9r8QnU3jch5ULZs9erF0

(The Equality Evidence Finder website is at

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/Equality/Equalities/DataGrid>)

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 July 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

Recommendation on Promoting social inclusion and shared values through formal and non-formal learning (closing date 11 August 2017)

http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/social-inclusion-shared-values-learning_en#documents

Social Enterprise Census 2017 (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>

Here to Stay? Young Eastern Europeans' experiences of life in the UK (no closing date given)

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

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017

No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated
BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is delighted to continue the themed years programme and invite multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the 2017/18 Scottish Winter Festivals.

This programme will enable Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations which are taking place across Scotland.

Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to stage an event to tell the story of their

community's history and heritage in Scotland using 'intangible cultural heritage' – for example: language, music, song, dance or storytelling.

For more information see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-grant-guidelines.pdf>

For an application form see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-application-form.docx>

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellowships: Migration – Living Well Together Closing date: 19 September 2017

Applications are welcome for projects focused on strengthening cohesion and communication, tackling isolation and supporting communities to live harmoniously together and realise their economic potential. For information see

<http://www.wcmt.org.uk/categories/migration-living-well-together>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

**** This week!**

Legal perspectives on human trafficking in Scotland – is the law working as it should?

19 June 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-7.00)

Experts in asylum, immigration and criminal law discuss responses to human trafficking, and how to develop interventions which support trafficking victims. For information see

<http://tinyurl.com/yaachlj6>

**** This week!**

Refugee Festival Scotland

20 June to 2 July

The full calendar of events is available at

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

**** This week!**

The Art of Connection

21 June 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (6.00-7.45)

Interfaith Scotland, The Scottish Refugee Council, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, and The Mental Health Foundation event in celebration of Refugee Festival Scotland 2017. Hear and see how renowned artist Hannah Rose Thomas connected through her art with refugees in Jordan and Calais, view refugees art, and explore how you and your community can more deeply connect with the global refugee crisis. For information contact

admin@interfaithscotland.org

**** This week!**

Unaccompanied Minors: Law, Policy and Practice: Integration

23 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Royal Society of Edinburgh workshop to explore the needs and concerns of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y9gcvg38>

**** This week!**

My Journey: From a Refugee to a Member of the Scottish Society

24 June 2017 in Glasgow (5.00)

Scottish International Youth event with speakers sharing their unique experiences from their journey to Scotland as refugees, the various challenges encountered during their

journey, how they were overcome, and organisations that assisted them in the course of becoming settled in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y7z2rgh8>

1 Day Without Us: A human-centred immigration policy for Scotland?

26 June 2017 in Dumfries (6.30-8.30)

Public discussion on what principles should govern Scottish immigration policy, and whether Scotland should have a human-centred immigration policy. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/y7lajp85>

**** Creating a Fairer Future for All**

29 June 2017 in Edinburgh (12.00-4.30)

Young Scot Fairer Future Panel event to explore the Race Equality Framework, share stories, and collectively create actions for change. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ydehz8af>

**** Understanding of Muslim women**

29 June 2017 in Edinburgh (5.30-7.30)

Amina Muslim Women's Resource Centre training to enhance understanding of Muslim women, their needs and the issues they face. For information contact David Bradwell dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk

Connect with the UK Parliament - how can people get their voices heard at the UK Parliament?

30 June 2017 in Glasgow (2.00-4.00)

UK Parliament interactive workshop to find out how you can take forward the issues you care about, and get your voice heard. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/ycpzzmu2>

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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>

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>

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 <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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 <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

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

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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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