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# Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

## **Press Releases**

8,500 refugees arrive on the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8500-refugees-arrive-on-the-vulnerable-personsresettlement-scheme

Member States still struggling with migration situation http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2017/member-states-still-struggling-migration-situation

## **New Publications**

#### Overview of the immigration system

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-april-to-june-2017/overview-of-the-immigration-system

#### **Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: August 2017**

https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/international migration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/august2017/pdf

#### Provisional Long-Term International Migration (LTIM) estimates

https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/interna tionalmigration/datasets/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreportprovisionallongterminternationalmigrati onltimestimates/current/provisionalestimatesoflongterminternationalmigrationyemarch2017.xls

# Entry clearance visas granted outside the UK data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

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#### Extensions of stay data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

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#### Settlement data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

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#### Citizenship data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

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#### Detention data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

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#### European Economic Area data tables immigration statistics April to June 2017

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/638610/eeaapr-jun-2017-tables.ods

#### **Immigration Enforcement data: August 2017**

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/639492/Immigr ation\_Enforcement\_Transparency\_Data\_Q2\_2017.ods

#### Border and immigration cross-cutting data: August 2017

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/639494/Cross\_ Cutting\_Transparency\_data\_Q2\_2017.ods

#### Analysis of migrants' access to income-related benefits

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/639597/analysi s-of-migrants-access-to-income-related-benefits.pdf

#### International student migration research update: Aug 2017

https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/international migration/articles/internationalstudentmigrationresearchupdate/august2017

#### International Students in the UK: Perspective and Plans

http://www.cpc.ac.uk/publications/cpc\_briefing\_papers/pdf/BP40\_International\_students\_in\_t he\_UK\_Perspective\_and\_Plans.pdf

#### News

Big net migration fall since Brexit vote, latest estimates show <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-41036236">http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-41036236</a>

New migration figures show largest annual outflow of EU citizens from UK for nearly a decade at 122,000

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15493520.New\_migration\_figures\_show\_largest\_ann ual\_outflow\_of\_EU\_citizens\_from\_UK\_for\_nearly\_a\_decade\_at\_122\_000/

#### Net migration to Britain falls to 3-year low in wake of Brexit

http://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/net-migration-to-britain-falls-to-3-year-low-in-wake-ofbrexit-1-4541112

#### Net migration to UK drops to lowest level for three years

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/24/net-migration-to-uk-drops-to-lowest-levelfor-three-years

Brexodus quickens122,000 EU citizens leave UK as net migration hits lowest level for three years

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/24/brexodus-quickens-migration-uk-hits-lowestlevel-three-years/

# Immigration figures under review as new checks suggest numbers are far lower than thought

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/23/immigration-figures-review-new-checkssuggest-numbers-far-lower/

UK immigration latest: Net migration falls to 246,000 in lead-up to Brexit as thousands of EU citizens leave

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-immigration-latest-numbers-brexit-eucitizens-refugees-migrants-students-eastern-europe-a7909681.html

#### Net migration falls as EU citizens quit Britain

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/net-migration-falls-as-eu-citizens-quit-britain-mj85r2s66

# Overall migration falls to a three year low of 246,000 as arrivals from the EU plunge by 51,000 in just 12 months after the Brexit vote

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4819000/Migration-EU-citizens-Britain-PLUNGES.html

#### The immigration stats blunder shows how far perception is from the truth

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/24/immigration-stats-blunder-farperception-truth-media-warp-truth

# May faces fresh calls to ditch her Government's immigration target as new figures show most students don't overstay their visas

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15494728.May\_faces\_fresh\_calls\_to\_ditch\_her\_Gove rnment\_39\_s\_immigration\_target\_as\_new\_figures\_show\_most\_students\_don\_39\_t\_overs tay\_their\_visas/

UK immigration levels may be lower than thought, new border checks find https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/24/almost-all-international-students-leave-ukafter-finishing-studies

Exit checks data raises questions over May's focus on student overstayers https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/24/exit-checks-data-raises-questions-overmays-focus-on-student-overstayers

Few foreign students overstaying their visas https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/few-foreign-students-overstaying-their-visas-bwh0vfjf8 Net migration to Britain could be almost 100,000 lower than official figures suggest because 97% of foreign students leave when they are supposed to http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4819922/Net-migration-Britain-100-000-LOWER.html

# UK migration figures underscore acute risk of labour shortage, leading business groups warn

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/uk-migration-figures-brexit-underscorelabour-shortage-risk-eu-immigration-job-market-economy-a7910306.html

Number of EU citizens detained in UK rises almost a third after Brexit http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/eu-nationals-uk-detention-centresimmigration-rises-third-brexit-a7909506.html

Number of EU citizens detained in UK up by 27%, figures show

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/23/number-of-eu-citizens-detained-in-uk-upby-27-figures-show

We are locking up people indefinitely. This inhumane practice needs to end https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/24/migrants-europe-detention-centrestime-limit

UK government to investigate impact of overseas students <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-41030304">http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-41030304</a>

Expert panel to assess impact of international students on UK jobs https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/aug/24/expert-panel-impact-internationalstudents-uk-jobs-migration-advisory-committee

Home Office accused of basing foreign student policy on 'fantasy' http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/overseas-students-home-office-policy-highereducation-exit-check-data-foreign-visa-expire-a7910351.html

EU citizen detention letters sent in error

http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-41027671

Home Office mistakenly threatens 100 people with deportation

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-deportation-mistake-100-people-government-finnish-a7908306.html

EU nationals deportation letters an 'unfortunate error', says May https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/aug/23/home-office-apologises-for-lettersthreatening-to-deport-eu-nationals

Home Office sends EU nationals deportation letters by 'error' http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/24/home-office-sends-eu-nations-deportationletters-error/

Home Office sent 100 deportation letters by mistake https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/home-office-sent-100-deportation-letters-bymistake-t975q63nr

Home Office mistakenly sends 100 letters to EU nationals telling them they are going to be deported from Britain

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4816288/Home-Office-accidentally-sends-EUdeportation-letter.html

#### EU migrants rush to secure British citizenship

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-26/news/eu-migrants-rush-to-secure-britishcitizenship-hp658r3rs

Number of EU nationals applying for British citizenship has nearly doubled in the wake of the Brexit vote, official statistics reveal

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4823252/EU-nationals-applying-British-citizenshipsurges.html

Border police foil 56,000 migration attempts to Kent

http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-41029999

100 suspected trafficking victims intercepted at Glasgow Airport http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15493513.100\_suspected\_trafficking\_victims\_intercepted at Glasgow\_Airport/

Judge condemns Amber Rudd for ignoring orders to release torture victim https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/23/judge-amber-rudd-orders-torture-victimasylum-seeker-detention

Despite its promises, the government is still locking up migrants indefinitely https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/24/migrants-europe-detention-centrestime-limit

### To the victors the spoils – but only if you're a racist

http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/euan-mccolm-to-the-victors-the-spoils-but-only-if-you-rea-racist-1-4543120

Poisonous Leave campaign fuelled demonisation of immigrants, says Chuka Umunna http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4822094/Poisonous-Leave-campaign-fuelleddemonisation-immigrants-says-Chuka-Umunna.html

# 'I don't recognise my country anymore': British citizens leaving UK because of Brexit amid exodus of Europeans

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/brexit-british-citizens-leaving-migrationimpact-irish-passports-latest-eu-referendum-fears-racism-a7914606.html

#### Pope Francis: prioritise migrants' dignity over national security

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/21/pope-francis-prioritise-migrants-dignity-overnational-security

#### Refugee picture exhibition to open in London

http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-41011318

### How do you live on £36.95 a week? Asylum seekers on surviving on their allowance

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/21/asylum-seekers-allowance-survivingcharities-counting-pennies

#### How charities helped to deport homeless migrants

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/22/homelessness-charities-targetmigrants-deportation

'It's unfair. I came to the UK aged six'

http://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-41030219/it-s-unfair-i-came-to-the-uk-aged-six

#### Church of Scotland minister calls for two new towns to house refugees

http://www.scotsman.com/regions/inverness-highlands-islands/church-of-scotland-ministercalls-for-two-new-towns-to-house-refugees-1-4541873

#### World's most and least welcoming countries for migrants

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/world-welcoming-migrant-countries-leastmost-uk-refugee-crisis-us-australia-eastern-europe-a7908766.html

#### Arab arts showcase at Edinburgh fringe beset by visa difficulties

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/17/arab-arts-showcase-at-edinburgh-fringebeset-by-visa-difficulties

#### Abusive refugee spared prison to learn English

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-18/scotland/abusive-refugee-spared-prisonto-learn-english-hz3g2pnc5

Experts invited to Wales by charities 'refused visas' <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-41030727">http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-41030727</a>

#### Judge spares illegal migrant and husband for being 'decent'

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/judge-patricia-lynch-spares-illegal-migrant-andhusband-for-being-decent-39mfzd7p2

#### Council powerless over refugee child bride

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/council-powerless-over-refugee-child-bride-37r8krv6x

Judge who once called a defendant a 'c\*\*\*' shows leniency to illegal immigrant who cheated her way into Britain using someone else's passport because her baby is still breast feeding

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4816728/Controversial-judge-refuses-jail-illegalimmigrant.html

#### Irene Clennell finally granted visa to live in Britain

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/aug/25/irene-clennell-deported-british-womanfinally-granted-uk-visa

#### Deported grandmother allowed to return to her family in UK

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-25/news/deported-grandmother-allowed-toreturn-to-her-family-in-uk-g5dmjhg7p

Singaporean grandmother, 53, who was slammed in a detention centre and deported despite having lived in Britain for 30 years is granted a last minute reprieve by the Home Office

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4823938/Singaporean-grandmother-53-given-visadeportation.html

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## **Community Relations**

## Scottish Parliament Written Answer

#### **Gypsy/Traveller sites**

**S5W-10529 Alexander Burnet (Conservative):** To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5O-01184 by Angela Constance on 28 June 2017, what steps

are being taken to (a) identify and (b) establish suitable Gypsy/Traveller sites to assist this group to integrate into communities and wider society.

**Reply from Kevin Stewart:** Local authorities have a statutory duty to produce a Local Housing Strategy that sets out their strategy, priorities and plans for delivering housing and related services. Strategies should include plans for meeting any Gypsy/Traveller housing needs in an authority's area. Where necessary, authorities should provide Gypsy/Traveller sites in line with their strategies.

The Scottish Government recognises the contribution that Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller communities have made to our national life. It will publish a strategic programme of work in Autumn 2017, which will describe all the relevant policies across the Scottish Government that help to secure improved outcomes for Gypsy/Travellers.

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R eferenceNumbers=S5W-10529

The answer referred to above can be read at <u>http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R</u> <u>eferenceNumbers=S50-01184</u>

## **Scottish Parliament Motion**

**S5M-07224 Fulton MacGregor (SNP): Pakistan Welfare Trust** – That the Parliament notes the 30th anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust, which coincides with the 70th anniversary of Pakistan's independence; understands that the trust, whose current president, Dr Imtiaz Majid is from Coatbridge, was founded in 1987 with the purpose of providing advice and support on a range of issues relevant to the Pakistani community, includes, but not exclusively, issues related to immigration, race relations, education, health and social services; notes that it is completely non-religious and apolitical and is run solely on income from donations of its members, and wishes it well. <a href="http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-07224">http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-07224</a>

### **News**

Brexit campaign 'harmed integration,' MPs claim http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-41041946

#### Joint faiths school set to make history

http://www.glasgowsouthandeastwoodextra.co.uk/news/joint-faiths-school-set-to-makehistory-1-4530826

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## **Equality**

## **Scottish Parliament Written Answers**

#### **NHS workforce**

**S5W-10444 Anas Sarwar (Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government what proportion of the NHS workforce identifies as black and minority ethnic (BME), and how this compares to the proportion of BME people in the wider population.

**Reply from Shona Robison:** NHSScotland Workforce Statistics, as at 31 March 2017, show where staff provided data on their ethnic background, that 3.0% of respondents identify as belonging to a 'Non-White' ethnic group. 18% declared 'Not Known' and 13.2% of respondents declined to answer.

Further information is available at the linked table:

https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/2017-06-06/Equality\_and\_Diversity\_M2017.xls

Information from Scotland's 2011 census indicates that visible and non-visible minority ethnic groups make up 8% of Scotland's population.

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R eferenceNumbers=S5W-10444

#### Health and social care workforce

**S5W-10445 Anas Sarwar (Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government what steps it is taking to encourage black and minority ethnic (BME) people to work in the health and social care sector.

**Reply from Shona Robison:** The Scottish Government is determined to show leadership in advancing race equality in Scotland. Through the Race Equality Framework we have identified a number of actions to promote the participation of traditionally underrepresented groups in all arenas of Scottish life, including two specific actions to promote the participation of black and minority ethnic people within the NHS and social care workforces.We work actively with NHS Boards to promote equality and diversity issues, which are underpinned by fair and inclusive recruitment policies, supported by clear and unequivocal Staff Governance Standards.Furthermore, on behalf of the Scottish Government, the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) provides a range of resources, through various sources, to promote career opportunities for people from all backgrounds in the social care sector in Scotland.

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R eferenceNumbers=S5W-10445

#### **NHS Boards**

**S5W-10446 Anas Sarwar (Labour):** To ask the Scottish Government what action each NHS board is taking to increase the (a) recruitment, (b) retention and (c) development of black and minority ethnic (BME) people in its workforce.

**Reply from Shona Robison:** The Scottish Government and NHS Scotland actively promote the participation of traditionally underrepresented groups within the NHS workforce; this is underpinned by fair and inclusive recruitment policies, supported by clear and unequivocal Staff Governance Standards.

Our nationally agreed Partnership Information Network (PIN) policy "Embracing Equality, Diversity and Human Rights" was published in December 2013 (available at <u>http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/12/3747</u>). This policy, developed in partnership with NHS Boards and employee representatives, is explicitly designed to further embed a culture that promotes equality and values diversity.

More broadly, the Scottish Government is committed to showing leadership in advancing race equality in Scotland. Through the Race Equality Framework we

are taking forward a series of actions that seek to eradicate the barriers faced by people from minority ethnic backgrounds. This includes specific actions to increase BME participation in the health and social care workforces, and requires Health Boards to provide relevant equality and diversity training for their staff. <u>http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R</u> <u>eferenceNumbers=S5W-10446</u>

## **New Publications**

#### Fair opportunities for all: A strategy to reduce pay gaps in Britain

https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/fair-opportunities-allstrategy-reduce-pay-gaps-britain

#### Understanding Diversity in the Arts 2016

http://www.creativescotland.com/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0020/42923/Diversity-In-The-Arts-Final-Report.pdf

#### Summary report

http://www.creativescotland.com/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0017/42920/Arts-and-Diversity-Survey-Summary.pdf

## News

Non-English speaking victims of crime to be given priority, police chief suggests <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/25/non-english-speaking-victims-crime-given-priority-police-chief/">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/25/non-english-speaking-victims-crime-given-priority-police-chief/</a>

#### Police to prioritise vulnerable victims

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-26/news/police-to-prioritise-vulnerablevictims-x2v89pp9g

Gypsy traveller project to combat homelessness http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/gypsy-traveller-project-to-combat-homelessness

#### Islamic girls' school has a lesson for all

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/islamic-girls-school-has-a-lesson-for-all-2grwmpnh9

#### Black people have had a presence in our history for centuries. Get over it

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/aug/12/black-people-presence-inbritish-history-for-centuries

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# Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

## Scottish Parliament Written Answer

#### **Education campaign on Hate Crime**

**S5W-10608** Annie Wells (Conservative): To ask the Scottish Government how the three aims of its public education campaign on hate crime were chosen; whether other aims were considered; whether it intends to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign, and, if so, which measures will be used.

**Angela Constance:** Our Independent Advisory Group on Hate Crime, Prejudice and Community Cohesion found that the public are not clear what is meant by hate crime and therefore many instances of hate crime can go unreported. We are working in partnership with stakeholders to develop a campaign which will increase awareness of what hate crime is among victims and bystanders in Scotland, how to recognise it and how to report it.

Once the details of the campaign have been finalised an appropriate evaluation will be conducted and published on the Scottish Government website once available.

This Government is clear that any form of hate crime is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We would encourage anyone who either experiences or witnesses any form of hate crime to report it immediately to the Police either directly or via a third party reporting centre.

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&R eferenceNumbers=S5W-10608

## **Press Release**

Crime Prosecution Service publishes new public statements on hate crime (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest\_news/cps-publishes-new-public-statements/

## **New Publications**

Revised Prosecution Guidance: Racist and Religious Hate Crime (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/p\_to\_r/racist\_and\_religious\_crime/

Public statement on prosecuting racist and religious hate crime (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/racist-religious-hate-crime-statement-2017.pdf

**Revised Prosecution Guidance: Homophobic, Biphobic and Transphobic Hate Crime** (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/h to k/homophobic and transphobic hate crime/

Public statement on prosecuting homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/homophobic-biphobic-transphobic-hate-crime-public-statement-2017.pdf

Revised Prosecution Guidance: Disability Hate Crime and other crimes against Disabled people (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/legal/d\_to\_g/disability\_hate\_crime/

Public statement on prosecuting disability hate crime and other crimes against disabled people (England and Wales) http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/disability-hate-crime-public%20statement-2017.pdf

Hate Crime: A guide for those affected https://tellmamauk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Hate-Crime-A-guide-for-those-affected.pdf

### News

#### Hate crimes: Fresh guidance on online offences

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-40981235

#### Online abuse to be treated as hate crime under new guidelines

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/08/20/online-hate-crime-treated-seriouslyoffences-committed-person/

#### Tackling online abuse 'will overwhelm police'

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-22/news/tackling-online-abuse-willoverwhelm-police-smcqm5grc

#### Don't waste police time on the online bigots

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-23/comment/dont-waste-police-timeon-the-online-bigots-89k85rxj9

#### Calls for controversial Football Act to include arts venues

http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/calls-for-controversial-football-act-to-include-artsvenues-1-4532176

## Equalities charities caution hasty repeal of the Football Act

http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/equalities-charities-caution-hasty-repeal-of-the-football-act

# Calls for controversial Football Act bigot laws to cover music venues and festivals after Jews abused at Edinburgh Fringe

https://www.thescottishsun.co.uk/news/1421645/calls-for-football-act-bigot-lawsextended-music-venues-festivals/

#### Rangers and Celtic fans show united front in calling for anti-bigotry law scrapping http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15480491.Rangers\_and\_Celtic\_fans\_sh ow\_united\_front\_in\_calling\_for\_anti\_bigotry\_law\_scrapping/

#### Football sectarianism law dismissed as pointless

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/football-sectarianism-law-is-pointless-hfvz7g7jt

#### Sectarianism is still at heart of Scottish football

http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/call-for-action-after-survey-reveals-sectarianism-isstill-at-heart-of-scot

#### Anti-Islam UKIP leadership candidate 'demonised'

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-politics-40923093

# Twitter needs to act more quickly to remove racist and misogynistic abuse from website, says Cooper

http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/political\_news/15486793.Twitter\_needs\_to\_act\_m\_ ore\_quickly\_to\_remove\_racist\_and\_misogynistic\_abuse\_from\_website\_\_says\_Cooper/

# The Sun can't pretend saying we have a 'Muslim Problem' isn't reminiscent of Nazi propaganda

http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/the-muslim-problem-islamophobia-ira-northernireland-racism-fuelling-hatred-a7894691.html Muslim victim 'too afraid to leave house' after knife attack on train https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/494940/schizophrenic-man-wanted-to-kill-allthe-muslims-in-knife-attack-court-hears/

'I am now too scared to leave the house': Commuter who was stabbed in the head by a man screaming 'I want to kill all Muslims' as he sat next to his burka-clad wife on a train reveals the attack's devastating impact

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4815222/Commuter-stabbed-head-reveals-attacks-impact.html

One third of British Jews have considered quitting the UK because of anti-Semitic hate crimes reveals shock new survey

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4806578/One-British-Jews-considered-quitting-UK.html

Eight out of 10 British Jews believe Labour is too tolerant of anti-Semitism, suggests poll http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15484207.Eight\_out\_of\_10\_British\_Jews\_believe Labour\_is\_too\_tolerant\_of\_anti\_Semitism\_suggests\_poll/

British Jews believe Labour Party too tolerant of anti-Semitism, poll suggests https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/494101/british-jews-believe-labour-party-tootolerant-of-anti-semitism-poll-suggests/

Over 80 per cent of British Jews believe Labour is too tolerant of anti-Semitism within its ranks, poll finds

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-anti-semitism-jeremy-corbyninquiry-shami-chakrabarti-yougov-poll-a7902251.html

#### Anti-semitism taints Labour and the law

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/anti-semitism-taints-labour-and-the-law-2rf5650x0

Anti-semitism 2.0 - why everything always comes back to the Jews <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/anti-semitism-20-everything-always-comes-back-jews2/">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/anti-semitism-20-everything-always-comes-back-jews2/</a>

#### Antisemitic solicitor gets £25,000 fine

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-22/news/antisemitic-solicitor-gets-25-000-fine-33sj23dtl

Catholic Church calls for action on religious hate crime

http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/catholic-church-calls-for-action-on-religious-hatecrime-1-4532084

#### Hibs boss Neil Lennon says no place for sectarianism in football

http://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/politics/hibs-boss-neil-lennon-says-no-place-for-sectarianism-in-football-1-4537303

#### Minister fury at hate symbols carved into tree

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\_and\_events/news/recent/minister\_hit\_out\_at\_h ate\_symbols\_carved\_into\_tree

Right-wing hatemongers flee Glasgow pub after anti-fascist group arrive to confront them <a href="http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/right-wing-nerds-flee-glasgow-11023129">http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/right-wing-nerds-flee-glasgow-11023129</a>

#### Far-right marchers clash with protesters

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-08-21/news/far-right-marchers-clash-withprotesters-95t6gr0xm Jewish black banker sues Goldman Sachs for 'racial and religious discrimination' after bank 'steered top clients to her white colleagues and denied her a promotion' <a href="http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4797932/Jewish-black-woman-accuses-Goldman-Sachs-discrimination.html">http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4797932/Jewish-black-woman-accuses-Goldman-Sachs-discrimination.html</a>

Central Station yobs shout vile sectarian abuse at schoolchildren 'wearing uniforms from Catholic school'

http://www.eveningtimes.co.uk/news/15496286.Central\_Station\_yobs\_shout\_vile\_sectari an abuse at schoolchildren wearing uniforms from Catholic\_school\_/

Carer, 44, racially abused a Muslim radiography student by calling him a 'terrorist' and a 'petrol bomber' in a drink-fuelled tirade on a packed train http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4822372/Racist-faces-sack-branding-Muslimterrorist.html

Advertisers move away from using pictures of white, straight customers for fear of being seen as racist or gay-hating

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4825294/Advertisers-away-using-white-straightcustomers.html

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# **Other Scottish Parliament and Government**

## **New Publications**

The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill: Implications for Scotland <u>https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdnep.azureedge.net/published/2017/8/24/The-European-Union--</u> <u>Withdrawal--Bill--Implications-for-Scotland/SB17-54.pdf</u>

Brexit: Citizens' Rights and the Withdrawal Agreement https://sp-bpr-en-prod-cdnep.azureedge.net/published/2017/8/25/Brexit--Citizens--Rights-andthe-Withdrawal-Agreement/%20Citizens'%20Rights%20and%20the%20Withdrawal%20Agreement.pdf

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# **Other UK Parliament and Government**

## **New Publications**

#### Modern slavery is closer than you think: infographic

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/640349/UK slavery\_infographic\_v3.pdf

### Modern slavery: briefing

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/638368/M S\_abriefing\_NCA\_v2.pdf

Modern slavery: frequently asked questions

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/638369/W hat is Modern Slavery NCA v1.pdf

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## **New Publication**

#### Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Review 2016-2017

https://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2838/oscr-annual-review-2016-2017.pdf

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## **Other News**

### **Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service**

COPFS is in the process of changing its 0844 telephone numbers to 0300 telephone numbers to reduce the cost of calls.

If you have an 0844 number for COPFS you can continue to use it until the end of September 2017. Please ask your COPFS contact for their new 0300 number; this will also be available from their email correspondence with you.

If you have any problems, please contact the COPFS Enquiry Point for assistance; their number has changed to 0300 020 3000.

http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site-news-from-copfs/1578-our-telephone-numbers-arechanging

#### Strong interest in charity annual reports and accounts

https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/strong-interest-in-charity-annual-reports-and-accounts

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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

Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) Bill

http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/105269.aspx

## Bills in Progress UK Parliament

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/immigrationcontrolgrosshumanrightsabuses.html

## Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html

### EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html

## **European Union (Withdrawal) Bill**

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/europeanunionwithdrawal.html

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

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html

### Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html

### **Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill**

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html

### Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html

## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill

http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/unaccompaniedasylumseekingchildrenlegaladviceandappeals.html

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## **Consultations**

\*\* new or updated this week

\*\* closes this week!

Home Office's immigration statistics – arrivals data (closing date 2 September 2017) https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/635919/La nding\_Cards\_consultation\_letter\_\_Statistics\_.pdf

\*\* closes next week! Citizenship and Civic Engagement (closing date 8 September 2017) https://www.parliament.uk/documents/lords-committees/Citizenship-civic-

engagement/Citizenship-civic-engagement-call-for-evidence.pdf

The Socio-Economic Duty (closing date 12 September 2017) http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00522478.pdf

**Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law** (closing date 18 September 2017) <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consulation</u> European Union's (EU) legislation on the legal migration of non-EU citizens (closing date 18 September 2017) https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/content/consultation-european-unions-eu-legislation-legal-migration-non-eu-citizens-fitness-check-eu\_en

**European Union (Withdrawal) Bill** (closing date 29 September 2017) <u>http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/105772.aspx</u>

Evaluation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 (closing date 25 October 2017) http://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-evaluation-eu-frameworknational-roma-integration-strategies-2020 en

**EEA-workers in the UK labour market** (closing date 27 October 2017) <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/call-for-evidence-and-briefing-note-eea-workers-in-the-uk-labour-market</u>

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given) https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL

Impact of the 2016 EU referendum on EU citizens (no closing date given) https://lse.eu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\_8qflh2MsoQ4agZf&Q\_JFE=0

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year) http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policingconsultation

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## Funding Opportunities

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#### 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

#### Scotland's Winter Festivals 2017/2018

*No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated* BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is once again offering a small grants programme which invites multicultural communities across Scotland to join in with Scotland's Winter Festivals 2017/18 and host events for St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay and Burns Night.

Community groups, unincorporated associations, charities, and not for profit organisations working in, with, or for Scotland's diverse communities, can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to put on events that engage, inspire, and mobilise communities across Scotland in the celebration of Scotland's national days.

#### For more information see

http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/swf-2017-guidelines.pdf

#### For an application form see

http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/swf-2017-application-form.docx

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

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#### **Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals**

29 August 2017 in Perth (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training to provide information about housing, employment and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals and explore how service users might prepare themselves to avoid possible threats of Brexit. For information see <u>http://www.paih.org/training/</u> or contact <u>training@positiveactionh.org</u>

#### \*\* this week!

#### **Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

29 August 2017 in Perth (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant, the process involved in making a claim for asylum, the barriers faced in building a new life in Scotland, and entitlement to services. For information see <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">http://www.paih.org/training/</a> or contact <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">training/</a> or contact <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">http://www.paih.org/training/</a> or contact <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">training/</a> or contact <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">training/</a> or contact <a href

#### \*\* this week!

#### Meet the Charity Regulator

29 August 2017 in Glasgow (1.15-4.30)

7 September 2017 in Selkirk (1.15-4.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) event providing an opportunity to meet OSCR staff, hear about latest developments, and ask questions. For information and to book for the Glasgow event see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2">http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2</a> and for the Selkirk event see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2">http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2</a> and for the Selkirk event see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2">http://tinyurl.com/y72dmzv2</a>

#### \*\* next week!

Find out about becoming an Equality and Human Rights Commission Scotland Committee Member

4 September 2017 in Dundee (11.30-2.00)

6 September 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-6.30)

The EHRC Scotland Committee is a statutory committee which advises the Commission on its work in Scotland. These sessions will provide information about the work of the Committee, what is involved in being a member and how to apply. For information see <a href="https://goodmoves.com/vacancy/32342-scotland-committee-members">https://goodmoves.com/vacancy/32342-scotland-committee-members</a> or contact Gillian Lawrence <a href="mailto:Gillian.lawrence@equalityhumanrights.com">Gillian.lawrence@equalityhumanrights.com</a>

#### \*\* next week!

#### Immigration Act 2016 – "The Hostile Environment" basics

5 September 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

PAiH training to ensure that people providing services to or working with immigrants have up to date information to make sure their clients are able to access services without delay and prepare for being excluded when it is inevitable. For information see <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">http://www.paih.org/training/</a> or contact <a href="http://www.paih.org/training/">training@positiveactionh.org</a>

#### \*\* Unaccompanied Refugee Children

12 September 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30) 15 November 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30) 8 February 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

2 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course to better understand where unaccompanied refugee children are, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv">http://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv</a> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / <a href="mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk">martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk</a>

#### **BME Health and Wellbeing Survey Launch**

14 September 2017 in Glasgow (4.00-6.00) Information about the 2016 Black and Minority Ethnic Study which was carried out in Glasgow. For information see <u>http://tinyurl.com/y9bcbjt4</u>

#### \*\* New Scots: Refugees and the Asylum Process

20 September 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 2 November 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 23 January 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

1 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

17 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

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. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8">http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8</a> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / <a href="mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk">martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk</a>

#### **Big Lottery funding surgery**

27 September 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)
25 October 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)
BEMIS funding surgeries in partnership with the Big Lottery, to develop potential projects and help secure funding. For information contact <u>events@bemis.org.uk</u> / 0141 548 8047.

#### **Equality Workshop**

27 September 2017 in Kirkcaldy (12.00-1.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities workshop to improve understanding of the Equality Act 2010, and how it applies to you and your organistion. For information contact Elric Elric@centreforequalities.org.uk /01592 645 310.

### \*\* Hate Crime and 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting advisory panel

28 September 2017 in Glasgow (10.30-12.30)

30 November 2017 in Glasgow (10.30-12.30)

1 February 2018 in Glasgow (10.30-12.30)

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council are setting up an advisory panel to challenge issues and barriers around under-reporting of hate crime, and 3<sup>rd</sup> party reporting. For information see <u>https://scojec.org/memo/files/17-18\_wsrec.pdf</u> or contact Rabeea rqureshi@wsrec.co.uk / 0141 337 6626.

#### New Scots: Refugees and VPRS Resettlement

3 October 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 23 November 2013 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 6 February 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 19 April 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlight the challenges and opportunities they face as they build new lives in Scotland. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog">http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog</a> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / <a href="mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk">martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk</a>

#### \*\* Working with Interpreters

5 October 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 29 November 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 31 January 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 8 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm) 22 May 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

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. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <u>http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr</u> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 /

martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

#### **Festival of Politics**

19-21 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh <a href="http://festivalofpolitics.scot/">http://festivalofpolitics.scot/</a>

#### **Black History Month 2017**

19 October 2017 at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh (6.00-7.30)

Festival of Politics event to discuss Scotland's role and the legacy of slavery and colonialism in the acknowledgement of an uncomfortable history. For information see <a href="http://festivalofpolitics.scot/events/black-history-month-2017/">http://festivalofpolitics.scot/events/black-history-month-2017/</a>

#### Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Workshop

25 October 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-1.00)

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop to provide practical help and advice on how to create a meaningful Holocaust Memorial Day activity. Includes information about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and subsequent genocides, as well as challenges, such as hate crime, facing the UK today. For information see <u>http://tinyurl.com/ydegrweb</u> or contact Rhys Prosser <u>enquiries@hmd.org.uk</u>

#### \*\* Refugee Rights to Housing

9 November 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30pm)

21 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course to identify the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, learn how to identify their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. Reduced rates available for small voluntary organisations. For information see <a href="http://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r">http://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r</a> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

#### Scottish Interfaith Week

12-19 November 2017

This year's theme is Creativity and the Arts; through art, poetry, music, and dance we can

break down barriers and celebrate the creative and cultural diversity within our local communities. For information see <a href="http://scottishinterfaithweek.org/about-sifw">http://scottishinterfaithweek.org/about-sifw</a>

\*\* Engaging Hard to Reach Groups 12 December 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30) 28 March 2018 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30) Scottish Refugee Council Course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. Reduced rates available small voluntary organisations. For information for see http://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 1 martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

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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/

Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel https://www.goodfundraising.scot/

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

Disclosure Scotland https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/



Scottish Council of Jewish Communities



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) <u>http://www.scojec.org/</u>

**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) <u>http://www.bemis.org.uk/</u>



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. <u>http://www.gov.scot/</u>

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