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**The UK Parliament is prorogued until 14 October 2019.**

**Prorogation is the period between the end of one session of Parliament and the State Opening of Parliament that begins the next session.**

**Because of the Jewish Festivals of Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Succot, the next four issues of MEMO will be published midweek on 3, 10, 17, and 24 October.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### Scottish Parliament Debate

#### Family Migration

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12256&i=110786#ScotParlOR>

## Scottish Parliament Written Answer

### Stay in Scotland Campaign

**S5W-25070 Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat):** To ask the Scottish Government whether it has plans to extend the Stay in Scotland campaign to people from Turkey, already living in Scotland, under the terms of the Ankara Agreement.

**Reply from Ben Macpherson:** The Scottish Government welcomes non-UK citizens from all over the world, not only for their contribution to our economy and society, but for the diversity they bring to our communities. Scotland is stronger for our multi-culturalism and non-UK citizens are an important part of Scotland's future. The Scottish Government launched the Stay in Scotland campaign in April 2019 to raise awareness of the UK Government's EU Settlement Scheme and encourage EU citizens who have made Scotland home to stay. The Stay in Scotland campaign provides practical information and support.

The EU Settlement Scheme is open to EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and close family members living in the UK. Turkish citizens are not eligible to apply to the scheme and will continue to follow separate immigration routes through the UK Government's transitional agreement if the UK leaves the EU. The UK Government have stated in relation to Turkish citizens that:

"as a transitional agreement, the UK will seek to replicate the effect of the European Communities Association Agreement (ECAA) arrangements for the resident Turkish population. Allowing resident ECAA workers and ECAA business persons and their family members to apply for further leave with similar eligibility requirements as they have now, and apply to settle in the UK."

The Scottish Government therefore currently has no plans to extend the Stay in Scotland campaign to Turkish citizens living in Scotland, as this resource provides information and support for those directly affected by the EU Settlement Scheme. However, we will keep this situation under review.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-25070>

Information about the Stay in Scotland campaign, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/eu-citizens-staying-in-scotland-package-of-support/>

Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

## Scottish Parliament Motions

**S5M-18970 John Mason (SNP): EU Nationals Welcome in Scotland –** That the Parliament welcomes the *EU families and Eurochildren in Brexiting Britain* report, published by the University of Birmingham Institute for Research on Superdiversity, which finds that EU citizens feel safer and more welcome in Scotland compared with other parts of the UK; considers that these feelings are partly the result of what it sees as Scotland's convincing majority vote to remain as part of the EU, the Scottish Government's positive messages regarding migration and the First Minister's words of reassurance in the post-referendum period; is not complacent and accepts that there is some anti-immigration feeling in Scotland, but understands that EU citizens living in Scotland feel more valued for their societal contribution than anywhere else the UK, and calls on the UK Government to automatically guarantee EU nationals the right to reside here post-Brexit in law.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-18970>

The report referred to above can be read at  
<https://eurochildren.info/publications/#jp-carousel-2262>

**S5M-18885 Fiona Hyslop (SNP): The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland** – That the Parliament notes that the UK Government's family migration policies are considered to be one of the least family-friendly immigration policies in the developed world, according to research such as the *Migration Integration Policy Index 2015*; further notes that the current rules are not fit for purpose and are leading to forced family separation in communities across Scotland; believes that Conservative administrations have steadily eroded the family reunification rights of UK citizens and that its proposals to end free movement of people will mean further detrimental impacts on the families of EU and UK citizens; notes that Scotland's distinct population needs mean that all of its future population growth is projected to come from migration, and calls on the UK Government to end its increasingly restrictive and arbitrary approach to family migration, scrap the minimum income threshold of £18,600, implement a fair and humane approach to family migration and allow families to build their lives in Scotland and make a positive contribution to society and the economy.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-18885>

The *Policy Index* referred to above can be read at  
<http://www.mipex.eu/>

**S5M-18885.1 Alexander Stewart (Conservative): The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland** – As an amendment to motion S5M-18885 in the name of Fiona Hyslop (The Impact of the UK Government's Family Migration Policy on Scotland), leave out from "the UK Government's family migration policies" to end and insert ", in June 2019, the Home Secretary asked the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to review salary thresholds and to consider whether more flexibility was required; further notes that, in September, the Prime Minister announced plans for fast-track visas for scientists, two-year post-study visas for international students were also announced, and the Home Secretary asked the MAC for further evidence on flexibility in migration rules; believes that these actions amount to a fresh approach for UK migration policy; further believes this should be sustained into family migration; notes that net migration to Scotland remains positive, and believes that the Scottish Government has many other powers to attract families to Scotland, including tax, economic and education powers."

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-18885.1>

## Press Releases

### Urgent need for immigration powers

<https://www.gov.scot/news/urgent-need-for-immigration-powers/>

### Get help applying to the EU Settlement Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme>

### Home Office staff deployed to migrant camps in northern France

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-office-staff-deployed-to-migrant-camps-in-northern-france>

**Asylum applications up by 26% in July, but remain dramatically lower than during the 2015-2016 crisis**

<https://www.easo.europa.eu/news-events/asylum-applications-26-july-remain-dramatically-lower-during-2015-2016-crisis>

**Children's best interests take priority in migrant returns**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2019/childrens-best-interests-take-priority-migrant-returns>

## New Publications

**Updated Guidance: Right to rent checks for EU, EEA and Swiss citizens after Brexit**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/right-to-rent-checks-for-eu-eea-and-swiss-citizens-after-brexit#history>

**EU Families in Scotland after the Brexit referendum: Fears, Hopes and Belonging**

<https://eurochildren.info/publications/#jp-carousel-2262>

**English language tests for overseas students**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmpublic/2039/2039.pdf>

**Returning unaccompanied children: fundamental rights considerations**

[https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/fra-2019-returning-unaccompanied-children\\_en.pdf](https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2019-returning-unaccompanied-children_en.pdf)

## News

**No asylum seeker evictions in Glasgow 'without a court order'**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-49722080>

**Asylum seekers: no eviction without court order**

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/asylum-seekers-no-eviction-without-court-order>

**Lock-change evictions for Glasgow asylum seekers dropped**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/lock-change-evictions-for-glasgow-asylum-seekers-dropped-kx0w5nnjm>

**Channel migrants: Border Force intercepts 41 on four boats**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-49707720>

**Migrant boats intercepted off UK coast after French camp clearances**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/migrant-boats-intercepted-off-uk-coast-after-french-camp-clearances-1-5004718>

**Hundreds evicted from France refugee camp, reigniting fears of spike in Channel crossings**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/france-refugee-camp-channel-crossing-asylum-seekers-dunkirk-evict-a9109466.html>

**British border force helps clear Dunkirk migrant camp**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/09/17/british-border-force-helps-clear-dunkirk-migrant-camp/>

**Calais clamps down as asylum seekers say: 'They just beat us'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/18/migrants-in-calais-suffering-from-random-police-raids>

**Far-right Britain First vigilantes pelted with rocks before mounting patrols on cliffs of Dover**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/far-right-britain-first-beach-patrols-calais-dover-anti-migrant-a9113471.html>

**EU citizens feel 'safer' in Scotland than in England, finds report**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/eu-citizens-feel-safer-in-scotland-than-in-england-finds-report-1-5005534>

**Home Office 'rushed to penalise' students accused of cheating**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/18/home-office-rushed-to-penalise-students-accused-of-cheating>

**Asylum seeker denied cancer treatment by Home Office dies**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/sep/19/asylum-seeker-denied-cancer-treatment-nhs-home-office-hostile-environment>

**UK deportation of three men halted after detention centre death**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/17/deportation-flight-halted-detention-centre-death-oscar-okwurime>

**Nigerian man who died in detention centre 'had been unwell for weeks but not seen by a doctor'**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigerian-man-detention-death-immigration-centre-oscar-okwurime-home-office-a9109281.html>

**Teenage refugee was fourth of friendship group to kill himself**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/17/teenage-refugee-was-fourth-of-friendship-group-to-kill-himself>

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## Community Relations

### News

**Why Scotland must reconsider religious segregation in schools**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/why-scotland-must-reconsider-religious-segregation-in-schools-tom-wood-1-5003795>

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## Equality

### New Publication

**UK Government Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs: FoI response: staff race and ethnicity**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/831676/FOI2019\\_16800\\_Response\\_Redacted.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/831676/FOI2019_16800_Response_Redacted.pdf)

### News

**Racial inequality in ‘danger of being accepted as fact’, think tank warns**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/universities-racial-inequality-racism-research-funding-a9110861.html>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### Press Release

**Teenage neo-Nazi jailed over 'how to make guns' guides**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/teenage-neo-nazi-jailed-over-how-make-guns-guides>

### News

**Islamophobia: Conservative Party members suspended over posts**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-49763550>

**Muslim Council of Britain response to comments by former Conservative MEP Sajjad Karim**

<https://mcb.org.uk/press-releases/response-to-comments-by-former-conservative-mep-sajjad-karim/>

**Tory Islamophobia: Conservative members suspended over Facebook posts including 'Muslim scum'**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-islamophobia-conservative-members-suspended-facebook-racist-posts-islam-a9113131.html>

**Antisemitism: Labour criticised for failing to consult Jewish members**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/sep/18/antisemitism-labour-criticised-for-failing-to-consult-jewish-members>

**Jeremy Corbyn adviser describes Labour’s anti-Semitism crisis as “hysteria”**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/09/17/jeremy-corbyn-adviser-describes-labours-anti-semitism-crisis/>

**Rise of the far right: a disturbing mix of hateful ideologies**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/19/rise-of-the-far-right-a-disturbing-mix-of-hateful-ideologies>

**Paratroopers win Colchester barracks racial harassment claim**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-essex-49716541>

**Ex-soldiers suffered degrading racial abuse in army, tribunal finds**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/sep/16/ex-soldiers-suffered-degrading-racial-abuse-in-army-tribunal-finds>

**Arrest after 'Nazi salute' synagogue video**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-49718008>

**Teenager charged over 'Nazi salute' video at Scottish synagogue**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/teenager-charged-over-nazi-salute-video-at-scottish-synagogue-1-5005155>

**Scottish teenager charged after video shows boy with Hitler moustache performing Nazi salute outside synagogue**

<https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/scottish-teenager-charged-after-performing-nazi-salute-outside-local-synagogue-1.488650>

**Muslim man told “this is a Christian country and Muslims have no right to be here” on crowded train**

<https://tellmamauk.org/muslim-man-told-this-is-a-christian-country-and-muslims-have-no-right-to-be-here-on-crowded-train/>

**'Racist' passport photo system rejects image of a young black man despite meeting government standards**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/09/19/racist-passport-photo-system-rejects-image-young-black-man-despite/>

**'Rosetta Stone' of AI slammed for 'racist' classification of people's faces**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/09/17/rosetta-stone-ai-slammed-racist-classification-peoples-faces/>

**'Racist' AI can only be stopped if tech bosses share secrets, warns viral selfie app creator**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/09/21/racist-ai-can-stopped-tech-bosses-share-secrets-warns-viral/>

**Government AI rules to require diverse teams to prevent racist and sexist algorithms**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2019/09/20/government-ai-rules-require-diverse-teams-prevent-racist-sexist/>

**Tracy Ann Oberman: I get trolled for being a Jewish woman – but I'll fight back**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/life/tracy-ann-oberman-get-trolled-jewish-woman-fight-back/>

**Remove hook-nose sign language gesture, Jewish group demands**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/sep/18/remove-hook-nose-sign-language-gesture-jewish-group-demands>



**Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day is charming, but it is also racist**

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2019/sep/17/miss-pettigrew-lives-for-a-day-is-charming-but-it-is-also-racist>

**Young British Jews show hope amid the hate**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/young-british-jews-defy-rising-tide-of-antisemitism-rkcjbmbxw>

**Any change to hate crime laws in Scotland must protect faith groups**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/any-change-to-hate-crime-laws-in-scotland-must-protect-faith-groups-dr-stuart-weir-1-5005603>

**If we want to end sectarianism, we must abolish Catholic schools**

<https://www.heraldsotland.com/news/17909605.rosemary-goring-want-end-sectarianism-must-abolish-catholic-schools/>

**Abolish Catholic schools to end sectarian divisions, says ex-police chief Tom Wood**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2019-09-17/scotland/abolish-catholic-schools-to-end-sectarian-divisions-says-ex-police-chief-tom-wood-ggrfcs5kk>

**Football hate crimes rise by 50 per cent**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/09/19/football-hate-crimes-rise-50-per-cent/>

**Peter Beardsley barred from football for seven months over racist language**

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/sep/19/peter-beardsley-banned-football-seven-months-racist-language>

**Peter Beardsley banned: Former Newcastle academy coach suspended for racism after calling black players ‘monkeys’**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/peter-beardsley-banned-newcastle-academy-coach-suspended-the-fa-a9112091.html>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Scottish Parliament Oral Answer

#### St Andrew's Day Events

**Tom Arthur (SNP):** To ask the Scottish Government how it will support St Andrew's day events this year. (S5O-03557)

#### **Reply from the Minister for Europe, Migration and International Development**

**(Ben Macpherson):** Modern Scotland's sense of national identity is proudly and passionately inclusive, diverse, compassionate, open and outward looking, as is emphasised by the Scottish Government's we are Scotland campaign. Reflecting those values, the Scottish Government supports a range of initiatives on and around St Andrew's day—including funding and supporting with partners the Scotland's winter festivals events fund, which is administered by VisitScotland's events directorate; BEMIS Scotland's multicultural events programme; and Scotland's participation in the global fair Saturday movement—in order to develop unique and distinctive events in Scotland that celebrate Scotland's national identity in an inclusive manner and internationalist spirit. ...

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12260&i=110819#ScotParlOR>



## Scottish Parliament Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee

**Evidence session: National Records of Scotland (Census Order)**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12252&i=110744#ScotParlOR>

### Press Release

**Review of the senior phase of Scottish education is needed, says Committee**

<https://www.parliament.scot/newsandmediacentre/112900.aspx>

### New Publication

**Report: Subject choices in schools**

[https://www.parliament.scot/S5\\_Education/Reports/ESS052019R6.pdf](https://www.parliament.scot/S5_Education/Reports/ESS052019R6.pdf)

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### Other News

**Why I decided to remove my hijab after 26 years**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/09/19/decided-remove-hijab-26-years/>

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### Bills in Progress \*\* new or updated this week

#### Scottish Parliament

**Children (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/112632.aspx>

**Disclosure (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111895.aspx>

**\*\* Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111850.aspx>

Equalities and Human Rights Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=12250&i=110737#ScotParlOR>

#### UK Parliament

**\*\* Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationandsocialsecuritycoordinationeuwithdrawal.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Immigration (Time Limit on Detention) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationtimelimitondetention.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill**

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Online Forums Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

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

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

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

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

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

## **\*\* Unauthorised Encampments**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/unauthorisedencampments.html>

The Bill failed to complete its passage through Parliament before the end of the session. This means the Bill will make no further progress.

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## Consultations

\*\* new or updated this week

**\*\* closes next week!**

**Islamophobia in Scotland** (closing date 30 September 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

**Strategic police priorities for Scotland** (closing date 4 October 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5qo62n3>

**\*\* Children (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 15 November 2019)

<https://www.parliament.scot/gettinginvolved/112981.aspx>

**Independent Child Trafficking Guardians** (closing date 17 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/looked-after-children-unit/independent-child-trafficking-guardians/>

**Freedom of Information extension of coverage** (closing date 22 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/constitution-and-cabinet/freedom-of-information-extension-of-coverage/>

**Widening the scope of the current victim statement scheme** (closing date 24 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/justice/current-victim-statement-scheme/>

**Financial Redress for Historical Child Abuse in Care** (closing date 25 November 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/redress-survivor-relations/financial-redress-historical-child-abuse-in-care/>

**Use of interpreters in the asylum process** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-use-of-interpreters-in-the-asylum-process>

**Experiences of Islamophobia** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/amina-islamophobia>

**Raising skills and standards of supporters of refugees and asylum seekers** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3R8SDYN>

**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

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

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## Funding Opportunities

\*\* new or updated this week

### **\*\* Glasgow Communities Fund**

*Closing date for applications: 20 October*

Glasgow City Council funding of between £20,000 and £200,000 per year for up to three years for community and Third Sector organisations in Glasgow. The Fund aims to tackle poverty and inequality through building the skills, capacity and resilience of individuals and communities, and supporting activities and services that will enable and empower communities to become involved in the social, economic and cultural life of the city.

The Fund has the following overarching outcomes:

- People and communities have access to services, support and opportunities that improve their lives and well-being
- People and communities are more self-reliant and are better able to identify ways to improve and take control of their lives and well-being
- People are better able to gain the skills, capacity and confidence to play an active role in their communities
- People and communities are better able to influence and participate in decision making and service development
- People and communities are better able to identify and deliver solutions that meet their needs

For information see <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowcommunitiesfund>

and for Guidance and application forms see

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/24983/Application-Process>

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## Events, Conferences, and Training

\*\* new or updated this week

### **\*\* *this week and next week!***

#### **Islamophobia Definition Workshop**

23 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-12.30) WOMEN ONLY

30 September 2019 in Edinburgh (10.00-12.30)

Scottish Government consultation meetings to hear the views of faith and belief stakeholders and communities in Scotland on the All-Party Parliamentary Group on British Muslims' definition of Islamophobia, including whether this definition is appropriate within the Scottish context. This will inform the Scottish Government's consideration of a working definition for Islamophobia. For information about the first Glasgow session see

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ecxogw>, for the women-only Glasgow session see

<https://tinyurl.com/y3ex2rl2>, and for the Edinburgh session see

<https://tinyurl.com/y5t3h5gq>

### **\*\* *this week!***

#### **The Situation of Separated Children in Europe**

24 September 2019 in Glasgow (6.00-7.30)

Scottish Refugee Council event in association with the Aberlour Childcare Trust to discuss what life is like for separated children in different European countries, how they are supported, and what more national governments and the EU should do to better support this group of resilient but highly vulnerable group of children and young people. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yy5tqgny>

**\*\* this week!**

**Voice and Visibility – The New Scots**

25 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.30-2.00)

Refugee Health Policy and Strategy Action Group launch of resources relating to refugees and asylum seekers. For information see

[https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19ix\\_voice\\_and\\_visibility.pdf](https://www.scojec.org/memo/files/19ix_voice_and_visibility.pdf)

**\*\* this week and next week!**

**Meet the Charity Regulator**

25 September 2019 in Glasgow (1.15-4.00)

1 October 2019 in Fort William (9.30-12.15)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator events to give charity trustees and staff the opportunity to hear about latest developments, meet OSCR staff and board and ask questions. For information see <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/meet-the-scottish-charity-regulator-2019/>

**\*\* this week!**

**Working with unaccompanied refugee children**

26 September 2019 in Glasgow

6 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to enable service providers to better understand separated children, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

**\*\* this week!**

**Brexit & EU Citizens: briefing sessions for third sector workers and volunteers**

27 September 2019 in Glasgow (10.00-12.15)

28 September 2019 in Edinburgh (10-12.15)

EU Citizens Rights Project briefing about the EU settlement scheme and the right of EEA citizens and their families to reside in the UK after Brexit, as well as other questions about UK citizenship and matters such access to housing, benefits and services. For information about the Glasgow event see <https://tinyurl.com/y6lbha8s> and for the Edinburgh event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxqkznht>

**\*\* this week!**

**Brexit and EU Citizens: briefing session for third sector workers**

28 September 2019 in Edinburgh (10.00-12.15)

EU Citizens' Rights Project briefing session to provide a clear understanding of the EU Settlement Scheme, explain the changes to EU citizens' status, explain the changes to EU citizens' rights to work, study, access public services, and to vote, signpost sources of further information and support, and give practical information on the steps EU citizens, and the organisations that work with them, can take to resolve any problems. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yxqkznht>

**\*\* next week!**

**Black History Month**

1 to 31 October 2019

Black History Month illuminates Scotland's 'hidden history', and brings into sharp relief the various strands of suffering, humiliation, exploitation and denigration of African, Caribbean and Asian people, as well as being about solidarity and the building of allies in relation to experiences of racism in Scotland. To read the full programme of events see [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5\\_bee1dd34a1e849af9dba0c7afc3112d5.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5_bee1dd34a1e849af9dba0c7afc3112d5.pdf)

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### **Working with refugees and VPRS resettlement**

2 October 2019 in Glasgow

21 November 2019 in Glasgow

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 fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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### **Home Office Fees Scandal**

2 October 2019 in Glasgow (6.00)

Many people with legal status and few resources are required to pay repeated enormous fees to the Home Office to maintain their legal status in this country, The government's own figures show that they make vast profits out of this; meanwhile the victims are at constant risk of extreme poverty or losing their legal status. Gairth, Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees, and the Scottish Refugee Council are holding an open meeting to discuss starting a Scottish campaign against Home Office fee levels. For information contact David Bradwell [dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:dbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk) / 07341 478 174

### **Islam in Scotland - Teacher's Toolkit Training**

3 October 2019 in Aberdeen (1.00-4.30)

Training by Amina and the University of Edinburgh's Centre for the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World to expand on topics covered in "From Mecca to Musselburgh", including an introduction to Islam as a religious tradition and lived reality across history and the Scottish context. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y68zzcqd>

### **Supporting Refugees**

6 October 2019 in East Calder

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees events to explore the situation of refugees in Scotland, consider what refugee integration looks like, and find out how to get involved in supporting refugees. For information about the Gordon event see <http://www.sfar.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-gordon/> and for East Calder see <http://www.sfar.org.uk/6-october-supporting-refugees-in-east-calder/>

### **Introduction to Fundraising**

8 October 2019 in Benbecula (9.30)

15 October 2019 in Kirkintilloch (9.30)

23 October 2019 in Tranent (9.30)

Institute of Fundraising introduction to the rules governing fundraising and how it has to be carried out legally and ethically. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y3ebmqeb>

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

9 October 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

23 October 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

20 November 2019 in Stirling (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training to explore fundamental issues of settled and pre-settled status, welfare and housing entitlements of EEA nationals. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training>

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

9 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

23 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)



20 November 2019 in Stirling (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to explore how the asylum system works, the process involved in making a claim for asylum, barriers faced by both refugees and asylum seekers building a new life in Scotland, and their respective entitlement to services. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training>

### **Festival of Politics**

10-12 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament

Scottish Parliament festival that includes debates on the political and social issues that matter most to you, and a programme of free entertainment. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/>

### **The Macpherson Report at 20**

11 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament (1.15-2.45)

Festival of Politics debate about whether Britain and its public bodies have changed in acknowledging and tackling racism since the publication of the Macpherson Report into the police's handling of the death of Stephen Lawrence. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/events/the-macpherson-report-at-20>

### **Islamophobia – does it exist?**

11 October 2019 at the Scottish Parliament (3.30-5.00)

Festival of Politics discussion on the blurred lines on religion, race and freedom of speech and the issue of Islamophobia in the UK today. For information see <https://www.festivalofpolitics.scot/events/islamophobia>

### **Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities 2019**

15 October 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-4.00)

BEMIS and Police Scotland follow up to last year's Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities conference. The 2019 conference will return to last year's key outcomes and will include presentations and practical discussion opportunities with key stakeholders on these critical approaches to helping to shape a Scotland that is responsive, just, and cognisant of our ethnic minority communities. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y33z6h2k>

### **Interpreting Culture – Improving Cross-Cultural Communication**

16 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.00-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider the wide-ranging influence of cultural background on people's behaviour, expectations and beliefs, consider responses to the behaviour of others, and improve communication skills with people from other cultures. For information about the August event see <https://tinyurl.com/y374w8md> and the October event see <https://tinyurl.com/y4r8ed8f>

### **Challenging the Hostile Environment**

25 October 2019 in Glasgow (11.00)

Positive Action in Housing AGM Conference and workshops to discuss the challenges for refugee, migrant and EU citizens rights, the impact of poverty and discrimination, and ways to further develop crisis services for destitute and homeless people from BME, refugee and migrant communities. For information see <https://paih.typeform.com/to/O2yYFH>

### **Working with refugees and the asylum process**

31 October 2019 in Glasgow

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 exist for rebuilding their

lives here in Scotland. Reduced fees available for relevant organisations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee rights to housing**

7 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course identifying the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Age assessment awareness**

13 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to give social workers and other relevant staff an awareness of the components that are used to build a picture of a person's age. It draws on a variety of existing Age Assessment practice guidelines and demonstrates how these apply in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8f2z7p4> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Engaging with seldom heard voices**

5 December 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee community sponsorship**

11 December 2019 in Glasgow

For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/training](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_we_do/training) or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **\*\* No Recourse to Public Funds**

11 December 2019 in Glasgow (1.30-4.30)

PAiH training to help frontline workers identify a tenant's current status, clarify what this means in terms of access to public funds and plan effective support where difficulties arise. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training>

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## Useful Links

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

**Scottish Government** <https://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

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

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

**Refugee Survival Trust** <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

**Freedom from Torture** <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

**Interfaith Scotland** <https://interfaithscotland.org/>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission** <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

**Equality Advisory Support Service** <http://www.equalityadvisoryservice.com/>

**Scottish Human Rights Commission** <http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/>

**ACAS** <http://www.acas.org.uk/>

**SCVO** <https://scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Scotland** <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

**Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel** <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

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

**Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services**

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

**BBC News** <https://www.bbc.com/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) <https://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://www.gov.scot/>*

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