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The Scottish Parliament is in recess until 29 August, and the UK Parliament until 6 September. The next issue of MEMO will be published on 6 September.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

Maggie Chapman (Green) [S6M-00788] Recognising the Heroism of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution – That the Parliament recognises the heroic efforts of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in rescuing people at sea, particularly those fleeing war and persecution; understands what it believes is the pressure that the UK Government's so-called "hostile" immigration policies place on the services that it provides; considers that the climate and ecological crises will lead to further pressure on the lives and livelihoods of those in the Global South, and that safe routes need to be established

for people seeking safety and asylum; notes that the RNLI is staffed by dedicated volunteers who put their lives on the line to rescue vulnerable people in danger and distress; recognises that the RNLI carries out its work without prejudice or judgement, and commends it for this work.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/votes-and-motions-search/S6M-00788>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Afghanistan: Immigration

Johnny Mercer (Conservative) [34547] To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many applications his Department has received for the Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy scheme; how many applicants to that scheme have (a) been excluded from the UK relocation option, (b) been accepted for relocation to the UK under category (i) one, (ii) two and (iii) four and (c) not yet been informed of a decision on their application; and how many of those accepted, rejected or pending were terminated from their employment.

Reply from James Heappey: We have significantly accelerated the pace of relocations under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) in line with the military drawdown. Since 1 June 572 people, former Afghan locally employed staff and their families, have been relocated to the UK. The MOD is working with the Home Office and a range of Government departments to ensure their successful resettlement.

This now takes the total number of people from Afghanistan relocated to the UK under the ARAP and the previous Ex-Gratia Policy to nearly 2,000.

Unfortunately for operational security reasons we cannot at this time comment on specific numbers of applications.

Our commitment to those who are eligible under the ARAP, and the process to deliver it, is not time-limited and will endure beyond the military presence in Afghanistan.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-16/34547>

Asylum: Greek Islands

Stephen Flynn (SNP) [33327] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will publish information on which legal routes are available to asylum seekers in camps in Greece's Aegean Islands who are seeking to be reunited with family in the UK.

Reply from Chris Philp: The UK already provides a safe and legal route to bring families together through its refugee family reunion policy. The current refugee family reunion policy allows a partner and children under 18 of those granted protection in the UK to join them here, if they formed part of the family unit before the sponsor fled their country. Over 29,000 visas have been issued under this policy in the last 5 years. Under the family reunion policy, we do not restrict where someone has to be in order to make an application.

As set out in the New Plan for Immigration, the Government committed to review safe and legal routes to the UK and has a statutory duty to conduct a public consultation on family reunion for UASC in the EU. We have now completed the consultation as part of the wider consultation on the New Plan for Immigration. We have carefully considered the responses and a report, laid in Parliament on 22 July 2021, on the outcome of the review of safe and legal routes confirms the UK wants to be bold and ambitious in the safe and legal routes it provides.

[New Plan for Immigration](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-14/33327>

Offenders: Deportation

Jonathan Lord (Conservative) [35621] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to remove foreign national offenders.

Reply from Chris Philp: The Government is clear foreign nationals who abuse our hospitality by committing crimes should be in no doubt of our determination to deport them.

Any foreign national who is convicted of a crime and given a prison sentence is considered for deportation at the earliest opportunity and since January 2019 we have removed 7,985.

For non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals, deportation will be pursued where it is conducive to the public good including where a person receives a custodial sentence of 12 months or more, commits an offence that caused serious harm or is a persistent offender. European Economic Area (EEA) and Swiss citizens, and their family members, who are protected by the EU Withdrawal Agreement Act 2020 are considered for deportation on public policy and public security grounds where it concerns conduct (including any criminal convictions relating to it) committed on or before 31 December 2020.

Our New Plan for Immigration and provisions in the Nationality and Borders Bill will make it easier to deport foreign criminals with no right to be in the UK and keep our citizens safe. Further information can be found in [New Plan for Immigration: policy statement](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-19/35621>

Human Trafficking

Jonathan Lord (Conservative) [35620] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to tackle people smuggling.

Reply from Chris Philp: The Government stands resolute in its commitment to tackle Organised Immigration Crime (OIC). We continue to pursue the Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) who facilitate illegal travel to the UK and who exploit vulnerable migrants, knowingly putting people in life-threatening situations.

In March 2021, the Government published the New Plan for Immigration containing provisions to establish legislation to deter illegal entry into the UK, thereby breaking the business model of criminal people smuggling networks and protecting the lives of those they endanger. In July 2021, the Government introduced this legislation through the Nationality and Borders Bill.

We continue to take action against the highly dangerous and illegal entry methods facilitated by these gangss. Police patrols on French beaches and enhanced intelligence sharing between our security and law enforcement agencies has helped to prevent around 8,000 people from making the Channel crossing to the UK so far this year

The Government has taken steps to tackle organised crime on social media platforms, reducing the space in which gangss operate. In March 2021, I met with the National Crime Agency and senior representatives from social media companies to discuss how they can more effectively tackle organised crime online and a planned approach is being finalised.

Reinforcing this commitment, in June 2021 the Home Secretary wrote to CEOs of key social media companies urging them to do substantially more to proactively identify and remove posts promoting organised crime , particularly illegal Channel crossings.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-19/35620>

The New Plan for Immigration, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-plan-for-immigration/new-plan-for-immigration-policy-statement-accessible>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

The following three questions all received the same answer

British Nationality: Hong Kong

Lord Crisp (Crossbench) [HL1949] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to grant British citizenship to British-Hong Kong Servicemen and their families.

Lord Crisp (Crossbench) [HL1950] To ask Her Majesty's Government when a decision will be made about granting British-Hong Kong Servicemen and families British citizenship.

Lord Crisp (Crossbench) [HL1951] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the reason for delaying the decision about granting British-Hong Kong Servicemen and families British citizenship.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The government remains extremely grateful to those who served in the Hong Kong Military Service Corps.

Under the British Nationality Selection Scheme, introduced in 1990 and run until 1 July 1997, a limited number of Hong Kong Military Service Corps personnel who were settled in Hong Kong could apply to register as British citizens.

We give careful consideration to representations made on behalf of those former Hong Kong Military Service Corps personnel.

Hong Kong Military Service Corps personnel who hold British National (Overseas) status, or are an immediate family member of someone who holds this status, may be eligible for the Hong Kong British National (Overseas) route which was launched on 31 January 2021.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-13/hl1949>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-13/hl1950>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-13/hl1951>

Immigration: Hong Kong

Lord Goodlad (Conservative) [HL1888] To ask Her Majesty's Government what support they are making available to immigrants from Hong Kong; and, in particular, those settling in London.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: On 31 January, the UK launched a new immigration route for British National (Overseas) [BN(O)] status holders and their dependents and on 8 April, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government announced a new UK-wide Welcome Programme to support Hong Kong BN(O) status holders with a package worth £43.1 million. Further detail on the announcement was published (attached) on GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-welcome-for-hong-kong-arrivals>

Alongside this announcement, a comprehensive Welcome Guide was published on GOV.UK for Hong Kong BN(O) status holders settling in the UK, in both English and Cantonese. Further information is available (attached) at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/welcome-a-guide-for-hong-kong-british-national-overseas-visa-holders-in-the-uk>

To co-ordinate support and offer practical advice to BN(O) status holders, MHCLG is working with Strategic Migration Partnerships (SMPs) to establish a network of 12 Welcome Hubs across the UK including in London.

[National Welcome for Hong Kong Arrivals](#)
[Guide for Hong Kong British National](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-12/hl1888>

Migrant Workers: EU Nationals

Lord Taylor of Warwick (Non-affiliated) [HL1923] To ask Her Majesty's Government

what discussions they have had with UK businesses regarding the need for more EU nationals to be permitted to work in the UK; and what steps they are taking as a result.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office regularly engages with other Government Departments and stakeholders on departmental business. Employers should focus on investing in our domestic workforce and, in the first instance, raise general recruitment issues with the Department for Work and Pensions, rather than the Home Office. This is especially relevant at a time when many face the need to look for new employment as a result of the economic impact of the pandemic.

Our Points Based System does not judge people based on whether they hold an EU or Non-EU passport, but based on the requirements of the system, including skills and salary thresholds, being met.

Modelling by the independent Migration Advisory Committee suggests these thresholds strike a reasonable balance between controlling immigration and business access to labour.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-12/hl1923>

Immigration: EEA Nationals

Lord Campbell-Savours (Labour) [HL2061] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 July (HL1628 and HL1629), how someone would check whether they had (1) "UK immigration status", and (2) indefinite leave to enter or remain in the UK.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: A person who is issued with a UK Immigration status or Indefinite leave to Enter or Remain are provided with a visa in their passport, a biometric residence permit or an electronic visa confirming their status. Our decision notices also provide customers with details on their terms of leave.

A person who has applied to the EU Settlement Scheme or via the fully digital processes for the British Nationals (Overseas) and Points Based System routes, will have created a UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) account. They can use their UKVI account credentials to log into the online View and Prove service.

If an individual has been notified they have a digital certificate of application, they are able to use the View and Prove service to prove their rights:

<https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status>

The Home Office also publishes information to assist EU national customers understand their immigration status. Further information can be found on our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/view-and-prove-your-immigration-status-evisa/your-immigration-status-an-introduction-for-eu-eea-and-swiss-citizens-accessible-version>

For longer-term settled residents who wish to replace their visa for a biometric residence permit, they can submit an application for a biometric residence permit.

Further information can be found on the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/biometric-residence-permits/replace-visa-brp>

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2061>

The answers referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1628>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1629>

Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Immigration: EEA Nationals

Lord Campbell-Savours (Labour) [HL2060] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 July (HL1629), whether someone (1) born in an (a) European Economic Area, or (b) European Free Trade Area, state other than the UK, (2) who carries a non-UK passport, (3) who is married to a UK citizen, and (4) has (a) resided, and (b) been employed, in the UK for over 20 years including paying taxes or drawing pension payments, would automatically have "UK immigration status" by dint of those characteristics; or whether they might still need to apply for it under the EU Settlement Scheme.

Lord Campbell-Savours (Labour) [HL2063] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 July (HL1628 and HL1629), what are the additional rights available to EU, EEA and EFTA nationals under the Citizens' Rights Agreements that they will not possess if they do not apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: An EU, European Economic Area (EEA) or European Free Trade Association (EFTA) national who was settled in the UK before 1 January 1973 may have acquired indefinite leave to enter or remain automatically under section 1(2) of the Immigration Act 1971.

Where they hold indefinite leave to enter or remain obtained in this way, or where an EU, EEA or EFTA national holds such leave obtained by applying for it under another immigration route, they do not need to apply for status under the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), but they may do so if they wish given the benefits of doing so.

Indefinite leave to enter or remain granted under the EUSS (referred to as 'settled status') enables the holder to access additional rights in line with the Citizens' Rights Agreements. For example, they can be absent from the UK for five consecutive years, rather than two years, before their settled status lapses, and they can sponsor certain family members to join them in the UK without meeting the requirements of the family Immigration Rules.

Where an EEA national was resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 based on free movement rights, they must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme for status under UK immigration law. The deadline for doing so was 30 June 2021, but late applications will be accepted where reasonable grounds exist for missing the deadline. This includes where someone has lived in the UK for many years and did not realise they needed to apply.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2060>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2063>

The answers referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1628>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1629>

Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Immigration: EEA Nationals

Lord Campbell-Savours (Labour) [HL2062] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 July (HL1628 and HL1629), how they are informing EU, EEA and EFTA nationals who acquired a right of permanent residence in the UK under EU law that (1) they need to apply for status under the EU

Settlement Scheme, and (2) the benefits of applying.

Lord Campbell-Savours (Labour) [HL2064] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 14 July (HL1628 and HL1629), what steps they are taking to inform EU, EEA and EFTA nationals living in the UK about the benefits of the additional rights available to them under the Citizens' Rights Agreements.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Since the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) opened in March 2019, the Home Office has undertaken a broad range of communications and stakeholder engagement activity to encourage EU, European Economic Area (EEA) and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) nationals, and their family members, to apply for status under the EUSS and to explain why they should do so and secure their rights under the Citizens' Rights Agreements.

We launched a further wave of UK-wide advertising in mid-May to help ensure they were aware of the EUSS and its benefits and of how to apply and access support in doing so if they needed it, although existing ILR holders need not apply. This built on the successful campaign already delivered – with £7.9 million having now been invested in such activity – with targeted adverts appearing on social media, website banners, catch up TV and radio up to the application deadline of 30 June.

The Home Office has also made available £22 million in grant funding for a network of now 72 organisations across the UK, which includes charities, local authorities and community groups, to engage with vulnerable groups and help them apply to the EUSS.

We are also continuing to engage with local authorities, the Devolved Administrations, employers, community groups and others to raise awareness of the EUSS and encourage those eligible who are yet to apply to do so.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2062>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2064>

The answers referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1628>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-01/hl1629>

Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green) [HL2055] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to provide funding to agencies and local authorities to support EU citizens facing problems accessing their rights and entitlements in the UK, including issues with the EU Settlement Scheme, given that the Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements does not deal with individual cases.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Home Office remains committed to ensuring those who are eligible can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS), including those who are vulnerable, need extra support or are harder to reach.

£22 million of funding, through to 30 September 2021, has been awarded to a network of 72 charities and local authorities across the UK, to ensure important information and assistance gets through to those who are hardest to reach, and no one is left behind. This support has continued beyond the 30 June 2021 deadline to ensure continuing support for vulnerable citizens applying late

Guidance on how to apply and details of the support available to applicants is available through the EU Settlement Resolution Centre (SRC), which is open seven days a week to provide assistance over the telephone and by email, and the SRC

also provides a direct line for organisations, charities, social workers, and local authorities working with vulnerable groups.

We are working closely with the Grant-funded Network (GFN) and other key stakeholders, collating feedback, to help establish the needs and scale of support beyond September 2021.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2055>

Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Refugees

Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat) [HL2021] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to reported comments by the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that the UK appeared to be trying to "wash its hands" of its international responsibilities for refugees.

Asylum

Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat) [HL2022] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to reports that the United Nations regards their planned asylum overhaul as "almost neo-colonial".

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The UK has a long history of supporting refugees in need of protection. Our resettlement schemes have provided safe and legal routes for tens of thousands of people to start new lives in the UK.

The UK is a global leader in resettlement and resettled more refugees from outside Europe than any EU member state every year between 2016 and 2019.

Overall, since 2015, we have resettled more than 25,000 refugees through safe and legal routes direct from regions of conflict and instability - around half of whom were children.

The UK continues to welcome refugees through the global UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), as well as through the Community Sponsorship and Mandate Resettlement Schemes. This commitment, alongside a fair and firm asylum system, will ensure we continue to offer safe and legal routes to the UK for vulnerable refugees in need of protection. Our focus will remain on helping people directly from regions of conflict and instability.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-14/hl2021>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-14/hl2022>

Asylum

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL2103] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to increase the number of safe routes into the country for those seeking asylum.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Since 2015 we have resettled more than 25,000 refugees through safe and legal resettlement routes direct from regions of conflict and instability - around half of whom were children. In addition to this our current family reunion policy has welcomed over 29,000 individuals to the UK in the last 5 years. The UK continues to welcome people through the global UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), as well as through the Community Sponsorship and Mandate Resettlement Schemes and our refugee family reunion policy. This commitment, alongside a fair but firm asylum system, will ensure we continue to offer safe and legal routes to the UK for refugees in need of protection.

The New Plan for Immigration will strengthen safe and legal protection routes to the

UK by ensuring our resettlement schemes are accessible and fair, resettling refugees from countries where the need is greatest, increasing the integration support of those we welcome, increasing opportunities for community participation in resettlement, supporting access to work visas for highly skilled displaced people and providing more flexibility to help people in truly exceptional and compelling circumstances.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2103>

The New Plan for Immigration, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-plan-for-immigration/new-plan-for-immigration-policy-statement-accessible>

Asylum: Iraq and Syria

Lord Alton of Liverpool (Crossbench) [HL1988] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the possibility of enabling people from endangered (1) ethnic, and (2) religious, communities in (a) Iraq, and (b) Syria, to be considered for resettlement in the UK; and how many people in each of these categories have been resettled to the UK in each year since 2014.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Refugee resettlement to the UK is based on need, as assessed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who adhere to humanitarian principles including impartiality, rather than any specific ethnicity or religion.

Refugee resettlement statistics are published through official statistics at quarterly intervals. These statistics can be broken down by nationality. We do not publish data on ethnicity or religious affiliation. The next set of statistics will be published in August and will include the number of people resettled up to end of June 2021. These are available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immigration-statistics-quarterly-release>

As set out in the New Plan for Immigration, the UK will continue to work with the UNHCR to ensure our resettlement schemes are accessible and fair, resettling refugees from countries where the need is greatest, and ensuring those in need of resettlement can access it.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-14/hl1988>

The New Plan for Immigration, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-plan-for-immigration/new-plan-for-immigration-policy-statement-accessible>

The following two questions both received the same answer

Asylum: Families

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL2102] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to preserve the right of familial reunification for asylum seekers regardless of the route of entry into the UK as part of the New Plan for Immigration, published on 24 March.

Asylum: Children

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL2104] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the New Plan for Immigration, published on 24 March, what assessment they have made of the risk of unaccompanied minors travelling to the UK via unauthorised routes for the purposes of reunification with relatives who previously entered through unauthorised routes.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: We have a proud history of providing protection to those who need it, in-line with our international obligations. But we have been clear that individuals in need of protection should avoid making dangerous journeys and claim asylum in the first safe country they reach – that is

the fastest route to safety. The Nationality and Borders Bill will set up a range of measures to deter people from undertaking dangerous journeys via unauthorised routes.

As set out in the New Plan for Immigration, we are committed to review the refugee family reunion rules. Refugee family reunion will only be permitted where refusing would be a breach of our international obligations. In practice, this means refugees will be able to sponsor their spouse or partner and under-18 children if they can show there are insurmountable obstacles to their relationship continuing anywhere other than the UK and it is in the child's best interests.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2102>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-15/hl2104>

The New Plan for Immigration, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/new-plan-for-immigration/new-plan-for-immigration-policy-statement-accessible>

Migrants: Detainees

The Lord Bishop of Southwark [HL2314] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to reduce unlawful immigration detention; and what common factors they have identified in the erroneous decisions taken to detain.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: Reducing instances of when the Courts find that we have unlawfully detained an individual is a priority. As part of our response to the Home Affairs Committee immigration detention report, the Home Office has begun a programme of work focused on litigation outcomes to ensure that best practice is shared, that lessons are learned, and that we reduce instances of unlawful detention

All detention decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, taking into account all available evidence as well as any safeguarding concerns. Once detention has been authorised, it must be kept under close review to ensure that it continues to be justified; cases are not only reviewed at regular intervals but also whenever new evidence comes to light in respect of removability, vulnerability and risk factors.

Home Office staff working in the detention system are given training and support to ensure detention decisions are lawful and appropriate. Additionally, there are a number of safeguards underpinning detention decisions, including a Detention Gatekeeper who reviews the suitability of individuals for detention and Case Progression Panels, which provide additional assurance and challenge in decisions to maintain detention.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-22/hl2314>

Deportation: Zimbabwe

Lord Roberts of Llandudno (Liberal Democrat) [HL2179] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will halt the deportation of Zimbabwe nationals who are due for removal from the UK on 21 July.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: No, this charter flight is part of our standard operational activity to remove Foreign National Offenders.

Returning Foreign National Offenders to Zimbabwe is also not a new development and recommenced in 2018.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-19/hl2179>

Deportation: Zimbabwe

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green) [HL2289] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they sought legal advice in respect of the Zimbabwean nationals due to be deported on 21 July in relation to (1) non-refoulement, and (2) the risk posed to individuals

being deported from the UK to Zimbabwe by the Emergency Travel Document process; and if so, what steps they took as a result.

Reply from Lord Greenhalgh: FNOs selected for deportation have either been convicted of an offence that has caused serious harm, are a persistent offender, or represent a threat to national security.

Deportation of foreign criminals is subject to several exceptions, including where doing so would be a breach of a person's European Convention on Human Rights or the UK's obligations under the Refugee Convention. All those that were deported on the flight were provided with the opportunity to raise claims, including asylum and human rights claims, prior to their deportation and were given a minimum of 5 working days' notice of their removal directions, in accordance with published policy.

Re-documentation interviews with officials from countries of return are a standard part of Home Office process where an interview is required by the receiving country to enable the confirmation of nationality and identity, in order for a travel document to be produced.

All of those that were returned were free of any legal barriers. Our priority will always be to keep our communities safe, and since January 2019 we have returned 7,985 foreign criminals from the UK.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-22/hl2289>

Press Releases

Helping New Scots settle

<https://www.gov.scot/news/helping-new-scots-settle/>

Windrush monument: share your views

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/windrush-monument-share-your-views>

£2.6 million fund to help Hong Kong arrivals launched

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/26-million-fund-to-help-hong-kong-arrivals-launched>

Thousands more citizens granted status through Settlement Scheme

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/thousands-more-citizens-granted-status-through-settlement-scheme>

Tackling illegal migration tops agenda on Home Secretary visit to Greece

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tackling-illegal-migration-tops-agenda-on-home-secretary-visit-to-greece>

Cornerstone treaty of refugee protection turns 70

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/07/1096562>

World day against trafficking in persons

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/world-day-against-trafficking-in-persons-uk-statement>

New Publications

Updated: Windrush Compensation Scheme: full rules

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1007904/WCS_rules_August_2021_.pdf

Letter from Kevin Foster MP to Yvette Cooper MP regarding the approach to the dependants of British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) status holders who pass away during the application process for the BN(O) route

<http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2021-0670/kevin Foster to HASC Application process for Hong Kong BN O route.pdf>

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<http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2021-0670/ministerial Authorisation Hong Kong route deceased lead applicants.pdf>

EU settlement scheme statistics table: total applications by nationality up to 30 June 2021

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1010270/euss-total-nationality-june-2021.ods

Letter from Kevin Foster MP to Yvette Cooper MP regarding the EU Settlement Scheme: the guidance on reasonable grounds for making a late application in respect of a child whose parent, guardian or Local Authority failed to make an in-time application on their behalf

<http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2021-0575/Kevin Foster MP to Yvette Cooper MP.pdf>

Home Affairs Committee letter to the Home Secretary following a visit to the Kent Intake Unit

<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/7004/documents/72892/default/>

Updated guidance: Hong Kong British Nationals (Overseas) welcome programme – information for local authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hong-kong-uk-welcome-programme-guidance-for-local-authorities>

Healthcare information for visitors and students from the European Union (EU)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009943/nhs leaflet eu visitor student.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009943/nhs_leaflet_eu_visitor_student.pdf)

Supreme Court judgement on deciding whether an asylum seeker is a child (under the age of 18)

Press release

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/press-summary/uksc-2019-0147.html>

Judgement

<https://www.supremecourt.uk/cases/docs/uksc-2019-0147-judgment.pdf>

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The Borders Bill: what you need to know

<https://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/the-borders-bill-what-you-need-to-know/>

Foreign mothers account for half of births in big cities

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/migrant-mothers-half-births-big-cities-uk-kvz5qr53v>

Home Office faces legal challenge over EU family permit refusals

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2021/08/06/home-office-faces-legal-challenge-eu-family-permit-refusals/>

500,000 EU citizens left 'in limbo' over right to stay in UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-eu-settlement-scheme-uk-b1901551.html>

EU citizens who applied to stay in Britain facing threat of deportation

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2021/aug/01/eu-citizens-who-applied-to-stay-in-britain-facing-threat-of-deportation>

Nearly 60,000 EU citizens miss deadline to apply to stay in UK after Brexit

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/12/nearly-60000-eu-citizens-miss-deadline-apply-stay-uk-brexit/>

Immigration: Holyrood and Westminster ready to do battle over refugee policy

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19467823.immigration-holyrood-westminster-ready-battle-refugee-policy/>

Priti Patel urged to force councils to take share of child migrants

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2021/07/30/priti-patel-could-force-councils-take-share-child-migrants/>

Priti Patel risks failing Windrush victims again over compensation scheme 'failures'

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19470944.priti-patel-risks-failing-windrush-victims-compensation-scheme-failures/>

RNLI defends lifeboat crews who help bring migrants ashore

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/28/rnli-defends-lifeboat-crews-rescuing-migrants/>

Channel crossings: RNLI chief hits out over migrant rescue abuse

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-57999224>

Lifeboat crews suffer 'vile abuse' for rescuing migrants

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/english-channel-lifeboat-crew-abuse-b1892029.html>

Nicola Sturgeon says RNLI abuse over channel migrants rescue 'beyond depressing'

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19474966.nicola-sturgeon-says-rnli-abuse-channel-migrants-rescue-beyond-depressing/>

Create safe routes for refugees across the Channel to stop people drowning, MPs tell government

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/refugee-channel-crossings-drowning-b1902367.html>

Migrant who died on sinking Channel dinghy identified as 27-year-old Eritrean man

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/13/migrant-died-sinking-channel-dinghy-identified-27-year-old-eritrean/>

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-58213583>

Channel crossings: Migrant dies as boat sinks

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-58189312>

Migrant dies in English Channel after boat sinks

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/channel-migrant-boat-crossing-latest-b1901442.html>

Charities appeal for new approach on migrant boats, as clampdown forces shift to riskier routes

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/migrant-boats-patel-philp-refugees-b1898281.html>

Charities criticise lack of safer options after 10,000 migrants cross Channel

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/05/charities-criticise-lack-safer-options-10000-migrants-cross-channel>

English Channel migrant crossings pass 10,000 as new daily record reached

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/migrants-english-channel-crossings-record-v4311201a>

More than 10,000 migrants reach UK this year as Channel crossings hit daily record

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/05/10000-migrants-reach-uk-channel-crossings-hit-new-daily-record/>

Number of boat migrants this year hits 10,000

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/number-of-boat-migrants-this-year-hits-10-000-tw6ppq2nf>

Migrant Channel crossings hit new peak amid modern slavery fears

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/migrant-channel-crossings-hit-new-peak-amid-modern-slavery-fears-rs3x6dcv7>

Migrant crossings: Record 482 cross English Channel in one day

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-58100694>

Almost 600 migrant Channel crossings at weekend

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-57966417>

Channel crossings: Hundreds more migrants reach UK after record day

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-58100694>

Thousands of asylum seekers waiting to cross English Channel amid record small boat arrivals

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/channel-crossings-record-migrants-boats-france-b1890842.html>

Thousands of migrants gather on French coast ready to cross the Channel

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/thousands-of-migrants-eye-up-channel-journey-from-northern-france-h252psfqb>

Surge in migrant Channel crossings forecast for mid-August

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/surge-in-migrant-channel-crossings-forecast-for-mid-august-5200lghvh>

People smugglers 'using small boats as decoys for vessels carrying more than 80 migrants'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/26/people-smugglers-using-small-boats-decoys-vessels-carrying-80/>

Police 'buying small boats in attempt to curtail Channel migrant crossings'
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/27/police-buying-small-boats-attempt-curtail-channel-migrant-crossings/>

Officials register Channel migrants in Dover car park
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/immigration-service-forced-to-register-channel-migrants-in-car-park-xxzh15kgv>

Home Office sends lone child refugees to hotels
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/home-office-sends-lone-child-migrants-to-hotels-f5nlr23rd>

Home Office faces legal action over 'unlawful' detention of child migrants
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/05/home-office-faces-legal-action-unlawful-detention-child-migrants/>

Home Office officials warn of risk to child refugees in hotels
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/officials-warn-home-office-of-risk-to-child-refugees-in-hotels-279z0c2cz>

'We were built on immigration': Kent coast reacts after record-breaking week for asylum seekers arrive in UK
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/migrant-crossings-kent-priti-patel-b1889208.html>

Fake Home Office website targeting asylum seekers probed by Information Commissioner
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/english-channel-crossings-home-office-ico-b1898334.html>

Home Office set up fake website to deter asylum seekers from crossing Channel with 'misleading' claims
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/english-channel-crossings-home-office-website-b1894092.html>

UK spends tens of thousands on Facebook ads telling asylum seekers in France 'there is no hiding place'
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/uk-facebook-ads-asylum-france-b1893057.html>

Home Office's Facebook campaign to deter migrants branded 'naive'
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/29/home-office-spends-23000-facebook-ads-warning-migrants-not-cross/>

No need to risk the channel - migrants take the air route
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/no-need-to-risk-the-channel-migrants-take-the-air-route-l7pxr20wl>

Young asylum seeker at high risk of suicide after being blocked from joining brothers in UK, court hears
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-seeker-suicide-brothers-greece-uk-home-office-b1895947.html>

Hotel accommodation for migrants will cost up to £70m this year
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/09/hotel-accommodation-migrants-will-cost-70m-year/>

Migrant women and babies held in shocking conditions, MPs find

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58019981>

UK lawmakers say conditions for Channel migrants 'shocking'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-lawmakers-say-conditions-for-channel-migrants-shocking-home-affairs-committee-yvette-cooper-channel-priti-patel-dover-b1893670.html>

MPs decry 'shocking conditions' at facilities for asylum seekers

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/jul/29/mps-decry-shocking-conditions-at-facilities-for-asylum-seekers>

I visited the migrant detention centre in Dover. What I saw was unacceptable

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/aug/04/migrant-detention-centre-dover-holding-facility-channel>

Napier barracks conditions held not to meet minimum standards

<https://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2021/07/28/napier-barracks-conditions-held-not-to-meet-minimum-standards/>

Napier Barracks: Further cases of Covid-19 among asylum seekers

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-58186216>

More than 50 died in Home Office asylum seeker accommodation in past five years

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/jul/25/more-than-50-died-in-home-office-asylum-seeker-accommodation-in-last-five-years>

Up to 8,000 asylum seekers to be sent to 'basic' accommodation centres

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/asylum-seekers-priti-patel-hotels-b1902610.html>

Priti Patel plans network of centres across the country to hold 8,000 asylum seekers

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/13/priti-patel-plans-network-migrant-centres-england/>

'Simple' reception centres to house up to 8,000 asylum seekers, Home Office documents reveal

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/simple-reception-centres-to-house-up-to-8-000-asylum-seekers-home-office-documents-reveal-9krdrl7hw>

Ban cruel deportation flights, say Labour MPs

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/ban-cruel-deportation-flights-say-labour-mps-675x2zcfp>

Deporting young adult migrant offenders who have spent most of their lives in the UK

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/deporting-young-adult-migrant-offenders-who-have-spent-most-of-their-lives-in-the-uk-z5vc8l206>

Outcry over plan to deport Jamaican nationals who came to UK as children

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/05/outcry-over-plan-to-deport-jamaican-nationals-who-came-to-uk-as-children>

Murderer and rapist among criminals pulled off Jamaican deportation flight

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/11/murderer-rapist-among-40-foreign-criminals-pulled-jamaican-deportation/>

Chaos as more than a dozen people taken off deportation flight from UK to Jamaica
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/10/jamaica-calls-deportation-flight-from-uk-halted-covid-fears>

Criminals due for deportation pulled from Jamaica flight
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/criminals-pulled-from-deportation-flight-to-jamaica-after-last-minute-appeals-5mkt5r150>

Zimbabwean with football dreams to be kicked out of UK
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-57917683>

Afghan interpreter: 'A better life for my wife and children in the UK'
<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-58124249>

'I finally feel at home working as a surgeon in Scotland'
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-57500670>

Four refugees start a new life on a remote Scottish island – what happens next?
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/films/0/four-refugees-start-new-life-remote-scottish-island-happens/>

Limbo: Humour and humanity central to new film about the refugee crisis
<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/priti-patel-scottish-channel-zoom-one-b1891197.html>

Message from Sabir: 70 years of the UN Refugee Convention
<https://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/message-from-sabir-70-years-of-the-un-refugee-convention/>

Refugee Histories
<https://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/refugee-histories/>

New bill would prevent trafficked Britons returning to UK
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/new-bill-would-prevent-trafficked-britons-returning-to-uk-g9xws962l>

Why did this have to happen? Holocaust survivor finally granted leave to remain after 'draining' process
<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/why-did-this-have-to-happen-holocaust-survivor-finally-granted-leave-to-remain-after-draining-process-3338339>

Being humane doesn't mean letting everyone in
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/being-humane-doesn-t-mean-letting-everyone-in-bx0bs9580>

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Archbishop of York calls for new vision of what it means to be English
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/07/archbishop-of-york-stephen-cottrell-calls-for-new-vision-of-what-it-means-to-be-english>

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Equality

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office: Ethnic Groups

Ruth Jones (Labour) [35885] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many Black and ethnic minority staff are employed by his Department.

Reply from Nigel Adams: As of 31 March 2021, 17.67% of UK Based Staff in the FCDO self-identified as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic. We do not currently have the data for our Country Based Staff.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-19/35885>

Department for International Trade: Ethnic Groups

Ruth Jones (Labour) [35887] To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many Black and ethnic minority staff are employed by her Department.

Reply from Greg Hands: As of 31 March 2021, the Department for International Trade, including UK Export Finance, employs 610 people who identify as Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority from a reportable population of 3103 (19.65%). This includes only those on our domestic payrolls and UK based staff working overseas.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-19/35887>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

The following two questions both received the same answer

Further Education: Ethnic Groups

Lord Woolley of Woodford (Crossbench) [HL2283] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to review the (1) guidance, and (2) duty being placed on colleges, to review local skills provision, to include an explicit reference to ethnicity.

Lord Woolley of Woodford (Crossbench) [HL2283] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to ensure that the (1) guidance, and (2) duty being placed on colleges, to review local skills provision includes guidance on advancing race equality in further education.

Reply from Baroness Berridge: Draft statutory guidance makes clear that in carrying their reviews, the governing bodies of colleges will need to ensure that they comply with their existing statutory obligations, including those related to equality law, under the Equality Act 2010.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-21/hl2282>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-21/hl2283>

Further Education: Ethnic Groups

Lord Woolley of Woodford (Crossbench) [HL2284] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to reference race equality in the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill.

Reply from Baroness Berridge: In line with the government's legal duties and its commitment to equalities, care has been taken to ensure that our proposed legislation is informed by assessments of their impacts for those from protected characteristics. The Impact Assessment of the Skills and Post-16 Education Bill was published on 18 May 2021 and includes an assessment of the impacts of its measures on those who share protected characteristics, including in reference to race. This is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skills-and-post-16-education-bill-impact-assessment-and-jchr-memorandum>
<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-21/hl2284>

STEM Subjects: Ethnic Groups

Lord Boateng (Labour) [HL1997] To ask Her Majesty's Government what data they collect regarding (1) the participation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic students in STEM subjects, and (2) their access to engineering qualifications at vocational or degree level.

Reply from Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay: The Education and Skills Funding Agency collects information from further education providers via the Individualised Learner Record (ILR). The ILR specification for the 2019/20 academic year is published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ilr-specification-validation-rules-and-appendices-2019-to-2020>

The attached table contains the number of STEM enrolments for both adult (19+) education and training, and apprenticeships at all ages by people from ethnic minorities in the 2019/20 full academic year, and the 2020/21 provisional academic year. Please note that these counts are of learning aims [1]. If someone were to enrol on more than one learning aim in a given academic year they would be counted twice.

The Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) collects and publishes data on students enrolled in higher education in the UK. Latest statistics refer to the academic year 2019/20.

Data on student enrolments at UK higher education providers are available by subject of study and ethnicity in the academic year 2019/20 in Table 45 of HESA's Higher Education Student Data pages:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/data-and-analysis/students/table-45>

Further details about data collected by HESA is available at the 'Student record 2019/20' and 'Alternative Student record 2019/20' data collection pages, available here:

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c19051/a/locsdv>

and

<https://www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c19054>

More data on access to higher education are published by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS). These include breakdowns by subject of study and ethnicity, available in the End of Cycle Data Resources pages:

<https://www.ucas.com/data-and-analysis/undergraduate-statistics-and-reports/ucas-undergraduate-sector-level-end-cycle-data-resources-2020>

[1] A learning aim constitutes the package of learning being funded and delivered separately, such as an apprenticeship standard, an individual qualification, a module or a short non-qualification bearing course.

[HL1997 table](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-14/hl1997>

New Publications

Life expectancy estimates for England and Wales by age, sex and ethnic group

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/file?uri=%2fpeoplepopulationandcommunity%2fbirthsdeathsandmarriages%2flifeexpectancies%2fdatasets%2flifeexpectancyestimatesforenglandandwalesbyagesexandethnicgroup%2f2011to2014/lepivotfinal.xlsx>

Annual deaths during or following police contact statistics

<https://www.policeconduct.gov.uk/research-and-learning/statistics/annual-deaths-during-or-following-police-contact-statistics>

Actions to increase Black, Asian and minority staff at senior levels within the Home Office

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/black-asian-and-minority-staff-at-senior-levels-within-the-home-office/actions-to-increase-black-asian-and-minority-staff-at-senior-levels-within-the-home-office-accessible-version>

News

Police ‘will take 20 years to be ethnically representative of communities without quotas’

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/30/police-will-take-20-years-ethnically-representative-communities/>

Police diversity ‘is 20 years behind the general public’

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/police-diversity-is-20-years-behind-the-general-public-n7ht689rg>

Black people die disproportionately after contact with police, new figures show

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/black-death-police-contact-watchdog-b1892979.html>

Ethnic minority Britons live longer than their white counterparts, study finds

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/07/26/ethnic-minority-britons-live-longer-white-counterparts-study/>

Mayor of West Yorkshire announces ethnicity pay gap reporting in bid to tackle race inequalities

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/west-yorkshire-ethnicity-pay-gap-b1901154.html>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Press Releases

Urgent action needed to tackle deep rooted and persistent racial disparities in policing

<https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/83/home-affairs-committee/news/157006/urgent-action-needed-to-tackle-deep-rooted-and-persistent-racial-disparities-in-policing/>

Radio host sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment for inciting racial hatred on his radio show

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/radio-host-sentenced-32-months-imprisonment-inciting-racial-hatred-his-radio-show>

Roma Holocaust Memorial Day 2021: letter from Minister for Equalities

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/roma-holocaust-memorial-day-2021-letter-from-minister-for-equalities/>

Building bridges between past and present, to enable a better future: Council of Europe Secretary General statement on European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day
https://search.coe.int/directorate_of_communications/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectId=0900001680a36331

New Publications

The Macpherson Report: Twenty-two years on
<https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/7012/documents/72927/default/>

Antisemitic Incident Report January – June 2021
<https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/f/c/Incidents%20Report%20Jan-Jun%202021.pdf>

Failure to Protect: How tech giants fail to act on user reports of antisemitism
https://252f2edd-1c8b-49f5-9bb2-cb57bb47e4ba.filesusr.com/ugd/f4d9b9_9383f90cb66f423dbb5aa0a3dd03cb64.pdf

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'Fascist' Britain First setting up official Scotland branch
<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19490171.fascist-britain-first-setting-official-scotland-branch/>

Humza Yousaf launches legal action over Dundee nursery 'discrimination'
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-58147135>

Humza Yousaf to sue nursery after claims they rejected his daughter
<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/humza-yousaf-to-sue-nursery-after-claims-they-rejected-his-daughter-3340237>

Scotland's health secretary launches legal action against nursery after daughter denied place
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2021/08/10/scotlands-health-secretary-launches-legal-action-against-nursery/>

Humza Yousaf launches legal action over Dundee nursery's 'discrimination'
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/10/humza-yousaf-launches-legal-action-against-dundee-nursery-discrimination>

Scottish health secretary sues nursery over 'race discrimination'
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/scotland-nursery-race-discrimination-lawsuit-b1900150.html>

Humza Yousaf's wife Nadia El-Nakla says family 'received death threats' by racists
<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19489709.humza-yousafs-wife-nadia-el-nakla-says-family-received-death-threats-racists/>

Humza Yousaf reports nursery over discrimination fears
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-58056234>

Humza Yousaf blasts nursery over 'discrimination'

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19484425.humza-yousaf-blasts-nursery-discrimination/>

Humza Yousaf says he is 'gutted' he could not protect daughter from 'hatred' in nursery discrimination row

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/humza-yousaf-says-he-is-gutted-he-could-not-protect-daughter-from-hatred-in-nursery-discrimination-row-3331673>

Humza Yousaf's nursery story of heartache and discrimination is real for too many

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/19486174.humza-yousafs-nursery-story-heartache-discrimination-real-many/>

Humza Yousaf's claims of bias against his two-year-old child should disturb us all

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk-news/humza-yousafs-claims-of-bias-against-his-two-year-old-child-should-disturb-us-all-scotsman-leader-comment-3332086>

Scottish minister demands investigation into nursery over alleged racism

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/scotland-humza-yousaf-nursery-racism-b1895087.html>

Scottish health secretary claims nursery discriminated against daughter

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/02/snp-humza-yousaf-claims-nursery-discriminated-against-daughter>

Nursery discriminated against my daughter because she is not white, says Scottish health secretary

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2021/08/02/scottish-health-secretary-claims-nursery-discriminated-against/>

Opposition back Humza Yousaf over nursery bias inquiry

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/opposition-back-humza-yousaf-over-nursery-bias-inquiry-xmwrqv2c7>

Priti Patel: Men jailed over racist Snapchat video that went viral

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-58188886>

Race hate crimes on the rise in Scotland

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/race-hate-crimes-on-the-rise-in-scotland-xfw52jk00>

Scottish pride shaken by grim tales of anti-Muslim prejudice

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scottish-pride-shaken-by-grim-tales-of-anti-muslim-prejudice-0zbqp5dzq>

Lawyer who warned police over racism to scrutinise strategy

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/lawyer-who-warned-police-over-racism-to-scrutinise-strategy-85ghvr8h>

'Racism in policing remains an issue, 20 years after Macpherson Report,' say MPs

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/racism-policing-home-affairs-committee-b1893324.html>

Manchester police chief rejects claim of institutional racism

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/jul/27/manchester-police-chief-rejects-claim-of-institutional-racism>

'Look at how they treat us': black Britons despair of police reform

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/jul/30/look-at-how-they-treat-us-black-britons-despair-of-police-reform>

Hospital staff complain to regulator about bullying, harassment and racism

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/barts-health-cqc-imaging-bullying-b1892953.html>

Minority NHS staff told to use 'western' sounding names by line managers

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/nhs-bristol-minority-western-names-b1896897.html>

Minority staff in hospitals told to change names to 'Western' ones

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/04/bame-staff-told-change-names-western-ones/>

Discrimination based on your name alone is a stubborn reality in Britain today

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2021/aug/04/name-racial-discrimination-britain-racism-law>

New CST report shows highest-ever half-year total for antisemitic hate incidents

<https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2021/08/05/antisemitic-incidents-report-january-june-2021>

British Jews suffering worst levels of hatred for decades, says charity

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/british-jews-suffering-worst-levels-hatred-antisemitism-3q90j7txf>

Anti-Semitic social posts 'not taken down' in 80% of cases

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-58058428>

Almost all antisemitic posts stay online despite being reported

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/antisemitism-social-media-facebook-twitter-youtube-tiktok-b1895089.html>

Cornwall radio host, 69, jailed for anti-Semitic broadcasting

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-58120467>

Atheist sacked by West Midlands Trains for Muslim jibe 'is protected by law'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/employee-sacked-for-saying-lockdown-is-like-muslim-caliphate-protected-by-law-says-judge-f0sdsI7zm>

Police investigating 'racial hate crime' after video shows woman calling man n-word

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/hitchin-racist-woman-video-b1893862.html>

Oxford porters stop me because of my skin colour, says senior don

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/03/oxford-porters-question-right-enter-college-time-says-dean-law/>

Twitters says UK 'by far' main origin of racist posts after Euro 2020 final

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/marcus-rashford-england-italy-jadon-sancho-bukayo-saka-b1900029.html>

Most racist abuse aimed at England players came from UK, says Twitter

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/most-racist-abuse-aimed-at-england-players-came-from-uk-says-twitter-rp62w2bgp>

Twitter users banned after racist abuse of England players still posting online

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2021/aug/13/twitter-users-banned-after-racist-abuse-of-england-players-euro-2020-still-posting-online>

PFA highlights lack of action over racist Twitter attacks

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/pfa-highlights-lack-of-action-over-racist-twitter-attacks-j0dc5hqt2>

Euro 2020 racist abuse - 11 people arrested

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-58094408>

Police investigating racist abuse of England players make 11 arrests

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/police-england-bukayo-saka-jadon-sancho-italy-b1897123.html>

Spurs lodge complaint to talkSPORT after presenters fail to call out antisemitic slur aimed at Daniel Levy

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2021/08/04/spurs-lodge-complaint-talksport-presenters-fail-call-antisemitic/>

Portsmouth release three players after investigation into discriminatory texts

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2021/jul/28/portsmouth-release-three-players-after-investigation-into-discriminatory-texts>

Portsmouth release three academy players over racist abuse

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/portsmouth-release-three-academy-players-over-racist-abuse-93s8x9rrl>

London Underground: Teenager charged over anti-Semitic abuse

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-57864226>

Anti-Semitism: Teen football fan admits abusing Jewish man

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-58057165>

'For the first time I didn't stand alone' – Lewis Hamilton on F1 racism reaction

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/motor-racing/formula1/lewis-hamilton-british-max-verstappen-silverstone-fia-b1893212.html>

Red Bull to blame for Lewis Hamilton racist abuse, claim furious Mercedes

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/racial-abuse-of-hamilton-was-stirred-up-by-red-bull-claim-mercedes-pzb2xk6lm>

Racetrack promoter sorry for backing announcer's racist rant

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/racetrack-promoter-sorry-for-backing-announcers-racist-rant-nfl-iowa-tvs-star-tribune-dodge-b1894138.html>

Racists told 'stay away' from Ben Nevis after banner unfurling

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2021/aug/03/racists-told-stay-away-from-ben-nevis-after-banner-unfurling>

National Gallery guide sued employers over badge showing she speaks Arabic
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2021/08/06/national-gallery-guide-sued-employers-asked-wear-badge-showing/>

National Gallery worker loses racism claim over Arabic badge
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/national-gallery-worker-loses-racism-claim-over-arabic-badge-bskfc0pqs>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Motions

Sandesh Gulhane (Conservative) [S6M-00763] Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre – That the Parliament congratulates The Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Garnethill Synagogue Preservation Trust and the Garnethill Hebrew Congregation on the creation of the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre, which is based in the Garnethill Synagogue; recognises that the new centre has interpretative displays, a Scottish Holocaust-era Study Centre, a reference library, digital research resources and new volunteer-led facilities to welcome school parties and visitors; commends the investment of almost £530,000 in building restoration works to improve public access and create the new facilities, which has been funded through grants from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, The Association of Jewish Refugees, The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust, The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany (Edinburgh), the Community Security Trust and the Architectural Heritage Fund - William Grant Foundation, and wishes everyone involved in the project good luck in promoting the new facility and encouraging a wider understanding of Jewish history in the City of Glasgow and in Scotland, as well as an appreciation of the Category A-listed Garnethill Synagogue.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/votes-and-motions-search/S6M-00763>

Pam Duncan-Glancy (Labour) [S6M-00767] Launch of the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre in Garnethill – That the Parliament celebrates the launch of the Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre within the Garnethill Synagogue; understands that the centre is seeking to share the history of the synagogue building and the experiences of Jewish people in Scotland over the last 200 years; thanks everyone involved in the project, which will help increase the visibility of the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre's collections and expand access to the Category A-listed synagogue building through regular tours, and believes that this is an important step in recognising the impact of Jewish immigration on the development of Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/votes-and-motions-search/S6M-00767>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Hospitals: Meat

Andrea Jenkens (Conservative) [36694] To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, what steps he is taking to help ensure that patients at hospitals can access information as to how the meat they are served in hospital meals is slaughtered.

Reply from Edward Argar: This is a matter for local National Health Service trusts. The NHS is required to meet the requirements of the Government Buying Standards for Food and Catering Services which require all food served to meet United Kingdom legislative standards for animal welfare or equivalent standards. The Independent Hospital Food Review, published in October 2020, made recommendations for improving hospital food for patients and an expert panel is now in place to implement these recommendations. This includes how food is best provided to patients given their medical conditions, personal or cultural preferences and religious requirements. This sub-group will include representatives from religious organisations.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-20/36694>

The Review referred to above can be read at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/929234/independent-review-of-nhs-hospital-food-report.pdf

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

Islam: Curriculum

Lord Pearson of Rannoch (Non-affiliated) [HL2235] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have, subject to a parental right to withdraw children from particular lessons, to require depictions of the Prophet Mohammed to be shown to pupils and discussed as part of Religious Studies in the school curriculum; and if they have no such plans, why not.

Reply from Baroness Berridge: The department does not specify what a religious education (RE) curriculum should consist of, or how lessons on particular religions or non-religious beliefs should be taught. This is a matter for the school and the local authority's Agreed Syllabus Conference, depending on whether a school is maintained or an academy, and whether the school has a religious designation or not. The details of these arrangements can be found in department guidance found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/religious-education-guidance-in-english-schools-non-statutory-guidance-2010>

and

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/re-and-collective-worship-in-academies-and-free-schools>

There are therefore no plans for the department to require the depictions of the Prophet Mohammed to be shown to pupils and discussed as part of RE.

Schools are free to include a full range of issues, ideas, and materials in their curriculum, including where they are challenging or controversial, subject to their obligations to ensure political balance. They must balance this with the need to promote respect and tolerance between people of different faiths and beliefs, including in deciding which materials to use in the classroom.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-20/hl2235>

New Publication

Ethnic differences in life expectancy and mortality from selected causes in England and Wales: 2011 to 2014

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/lifeexpectancies/articles/ethnicdifferencesinlifeexpectancyandmortalityfromselectedcausesinenglandandwales/2011to2014/pdf>

News

David Lammy questions why 'Black English' is not a census option

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/david-lammy-black-english-census-b1895736.html>

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Health Information: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

NHS

Coronavirus helpline

Open every day, 8am to 8pm

People living in Scotland who don't have any symptoms but are looking for general information can call the coronavirus helpline. If you're a non-English speaker you can still use this service. Phone 0800 028 2816, tell the call handler that you need an interpreter, give the name of your preferred language and you will be connected to a Language Line interpreter. You will not have to pay for this.

NHS Inform (Scotland)

Latest guidance about COVID-19 from NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government, including social distancing and stay at home advice.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

Protect-Scot contact tracing app

<https://protect.scot/how-it-works>

Healthcare for refugees and asylum seekers

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/access/healthcare-for-refugees-and-asylum-seekers>

NHS Near Me (Scotland)

Near Me is a video consulting service that enables people to have health and social care appointments from home or wherever is convenient. All you need is a device for making video calls like a smartphone and an internet connection. Near Me is a secure form of video consulting approved for use by the Scottish Government and NHS Scotland.

<https://www.nearme.scot/>

NHS (England and Wales)

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Places of Worship: Face Masks

Stephen Kerr (Conservative) [S6W-01556] To ask the Scottish Government whether it is a legal requirement to wear a face mask in places of worship when COVID-19 restrictions are at level zero.

Reply from Christina McKelvie: Through [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus\) \(Restrictions and Requirements\) \(Local Levels\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2020](#) face coverings remain a mandatory legal requirement at all protection levels including at level zero, in most indoor public places and indoor communal spaces, including places of worship.

On 13 July 2021, the First Minister said that the mandatory wearing of face coverings will remain in place for some time to come, stressing that they provide added protection to the population and assurance to those who are at the highest risk.

Further guidance and information on the wearing of face coverings can be found at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): face coverings guidance](#)

Since 31 May 2021, congregational singing and chanting has been permitted in places of worship at protection levels one and zero, subject to a risk assessment and mitigations including use of face coverings and physical distancing. From 19 July 2021, the whole of the Scotland moved to level zero.

Details of all the measures intended to help places of worship operate safely can be found at [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance for the safe use of places of worship](#) Scottish Government officials continue to work with faith and belief groups as we prepare to move beyond level zero.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/written-questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-01556>

Scottish Government Press Releases

Vaccines for 16-17 year olds

<https://www.gov.scot/news/vaccines-for-16-17-year-olds/>

Scotland to move beyond level 0

<https://www.gov.scot/news/scotland-to-move-beyond-level-0/>

Scottish Government Publications

Coronavirus (COVID-19): daily data for Scotland

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-daily-data-for-scotland/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): trends in daily data

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-trends-in-daily-data/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: First Minister's statement – 3 August 2021

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-update-first-ministers-statement-3-august-2021-1/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: First Minister's speech – 27 July 2021

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-update-first-ministers-speech-27-july-2021/>

UK Government Press Releases

Speak up and help beat coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/speak-up-and-help-beat-coronavirus-covid-19>

3 in 4 UK adults receive both doses of a COVID-19 vaccine

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-in-4-uk-adults-receive-both-doses-of-a-covid-19-vaccine>

7 in 10 young people aged 18 to 29 vaccinated with a first dose

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/7-in-10-young-people-aged-18-29-vaccinated-with-a-first-dose>

All young people aged 16 and 17 in England to be offered vaccine by next week

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-young-people-aged-16-and-17-in-england-to-be-offered-vaccine-by-next-week>

New Government survey results underline community spirit generated during pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-government-survey-results-underline-community-spirit-generated-during-pandemic>

REACT study shows fully vaccinated are three times less likely to be infected

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/react-study-shows-fully-vaccinated-are-three-times-less-likely-to-be-infected>

UK Government Publication

The R value and growth rate

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-value-and-growth-rate>

News

Masks to stay at weddings amid claims of 'glaring inconsistencies' in rules over nightclub and school requirements

<https://www.scotsman.com/education/masks-to-stay-at-weddings-amid-claims-of-glaring-inconsistencies-in-rules-over-nightclub-and-school-requirements-3336149>

British Muslims have learnt vital lessons from Covid-19

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/british-muslims-have-learnt-vital-lessons-from-covid-19-3lffl2xd5>

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Other News

Reminder to charities to submit your annual information on time

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/reminder-to-charities-to-submit-your-annual-information-on-time/>

Sikh and Hindu ashes scattering site opens in Cardiff

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-57988853>

Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2995>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2918>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) (No. 2) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3003>

Asylum Seekers (Return to Safe Countries) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2961>

Barnett Formula (Replacement) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2982>

Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3002>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2953>

Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2963>

Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2986>

Immigration (Health and Social Care Staff) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3005>

Modern Slavery (Amendment) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2892>

Nationality and Borders Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023>

**** Online Safety Bill (Draft)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-online-safety-bill>

House of Commons Library: Reaction to the draft Online Safety Bill: a reading list
<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9243/CBP-9243.pdf>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2883>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

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Windrush Monument (closing date 25 August 2021)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/windrush-monument-share-your-views>

Experiences of people with refugee status who are renting private property in Scotland

(closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YDR67MN>

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>

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Job Opportunities

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

[Click here](#) to find out about Graduate, Modern, and Foundation Apprenticeship opportunities.

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

Grants online: Coronavirus

A number of Community Foundations and other organisations have launched funding programmes to assist local organisations in responding to the challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic. To read a list of organisations and the types of funding they have made available, see <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

**** closes next week!**

Volunteering Support Fund 2021-24

Closing date 27 August 2021

Scottish Government funding to support small to medium third sector organisations recruit volunteers who experience disadvantage or barriers to volunteering. The fund also aims to support organisations to specifically recruit skilled volunteers to enhance the capacity of

the organisation as well as the third sector. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/39dyfb27>

Vaccine Information Fund

Running until August 2021

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to eligible organisations to create appropriate resources and activities to ensure that all people in Scotland have informed and equal access to information about the vaccine. For information see <https://bemis.org.uk/vif/>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

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Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

18 August 2021 (online, 10.00–12.30)

20 October 2021 (online, 10.00–12.30)

19 January 2022 (online, 10.00–12.30)

9 March 2022 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant and the process involved in making a claim for asylum. The course will also explore the barriers faced by both refugees and asylum seekers building a new life in Scotland and their respective entitlement to services. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/24ba4stk>

**** *next week!***

Intention Versus Impact – Exploring Challenges Around Group Labels and Unintended Offence

25 August 2021 (online, 13.30–15.30)

Interfaith Scotland workshop exploring the terminology used to describe groups, particularly in relation to protected characteristics such as race, disability, religion and belief. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z7wcfh46> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Debiasing Our Systems, Debiasing Ourselves – An Introduction To Tackling Unconscious Bias

14 September 2021 (online, 10.30–1.30)

Interfaith Scotland session exploring the evidence of unconscious bias, methods for reducing its impact on decisions and behaviour, and describing the steps that we can take to become more aware of potential bias and how to reduce its impact. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/tamye4rv> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

**** *Meet the Charity Regulator***

23 September 2021 (online, 2.00–3.00)

Meet the board of the Scottish Charity Regulator and learn more about how they work to inspire public trust and confidence in charities. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/4dhacsvw>

Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals

6 October 2021 (online, 10.00–12.30)

12 January 2022 (online, 10.30–12.30)

2 March 2022 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAiH training on fundamental issues of housing, homelessness and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals, and look at how service users might prepare themselves to avoid the threats of Brexit. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/24ba4stk>

Interpreting Culture – Improving Cross-Cultural Communication

14 October 2021 (online, 10.30-13.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to explore how culture forms a lens through which we interpret behaviour, and learn how to improve our inter-cultural communication. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/27mj9h3b> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

No Recourse to Public Funds

27 October 2021 (online, 10.30–12.30)

26 January 2022 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAiH workshop 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 <https://tinyurl.com/24ba4stk>

**** Transparency and Trust**

27 October 2021 (online, 1.00–2.00)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator webinar to help charity trustees and advisors to charities think about what they can do to help boost public confidence in charities. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y99b8av3>

Scottish Interfaith Week 2021

31 October to 7 November 2021 (Scotland-wide)

Scottish Interfaith Week will coincide with COP26 (United Nations Climate Change Conference 2021), and the theme for 2021 is Together for Our Planet. Event submissions are now open and can be registered on the [Scottish Interfaith Week website](#). Sign up to the [Scottish Interfaith Week newsletter](#) to receive updates.

3 Mottos For Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

17 November 2021 (online, 13.00–16.30)

Interfaith Scotland course considering diversity in its widest sense, looking at three models which provide insight on our experience of difference: the role of the dominant identity in shaping organisations; why some people overlook the disadvantages that others experience; and how to respond to misunderstandings or offence. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/b762err8> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Working With People From Diverse Religion & Belief Identities

14 December 2021 (online, 13.00–16.30)

Interfaith Scotland course on improving confidence in discussing and responding to the religion and belief of those we work with. The event will explore the core beliefs and cultural practices of the main faiths, and individual needs that may arise from a person's faith or belief identity. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/83rwadrb> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

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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/disclosure-types>

Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services

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

BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news>

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SCoJeC
Scottish Council of
Jewish Communities

Representing, connecting, and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



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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