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**The Scottish and UK Parliaments are in recess until 4 September 2023.
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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

Michael Marra (Labour) [S6M-10139] Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme – That the Parliament understands with regret that, to date, only 54 Afghan refugees have been resettled in the UK under the UK Government's Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme; notes that this number falls well below the UK Government's reported promise to resettle 5,000 Afghan refugees under the scheme; understands that the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme was established in 2022 for those who worked with the British Armed Forces in Afghanistan and for vulnerable groups; notes recently published figures that reportedly show that over 8,000 Afghans arrived in the UK on small boats in the last

year; considers this statistic to be an indictment of the UK Government's failure to implement a functioning Resettlement Scheme; recognises the significant contribution of Afghans to the work of the British Armed Forces in Afghanistan, and urges the UK Government to urgently improve the Resettlement Scheme so that many more Afghans may safely resettle in the UK.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-10139>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Refugees: Scotland

Alison Thewliss (SNP) [192107] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of 27 June 2023 by the Minister for Immigration, Official Report column 152, what the evidential basis is for the statement that the SNP does not house refugees in Scotland; and if he will publish the Minister's brief.

Reply from Robert Jenrick: Under successive Conservative Governments since 2015 we have welcomed into the United Kingdom more than half a million people seeking sanctuary through our country-specific routes and our global routes run in coordination with the UNHCR. These safe and legal routes have prioritised the UK's finite resources on those most in need, bypassing the people smuggling gangs to reach those directly in conflict zones. These schemes represent one of the most generous offerings in the UK's recent history.

The SNP Government are accommodating just 4.5% of the total asylum population being housed in the UK under s95 duty, when Scotland makes up 8.1% of the UK population. Whereas Manchester houses around 1,800 asylum seekers, Edinburgh – a city of similar size – houses fewer than 50 asylum seekers. Just recently the Scottish Government and Edinburgh City Council opposed the berthing of a vessel in Leith, despite the exact same vessel being used to house Ukrainian refugees.

I am happy to clarify that as of 3rd July, of the local authorities in Scotland where the SNP are the largest party, Clackmannanshire, Dundee, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, Midlothian and North Ayrshire all housed zero asylum seekers under the s95 duty.

Despite continued numbers of small boat crossings, the latest published data shows that the SNP Government in Scotland is housing fewer asylum seekers than at the start of the year.

We continue to work closely with the Scottish Government and Scottish local authorities to ensure they play their part in housing asylum seekers.

If you would like to put forward specific proposals, please do contact the Home Office at:

rasengagementhubregionalconsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk

and officials will happily discuss this in greater detail with you.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-07-03/192107>

The oral contribution referred to above can be read at

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2023-06-27/debates/ABE8419C-FAF8-4D97-A09F-DC765DAD72CF/IllegalMigrationBillEconomicImpactAssessment#contribution-FD31973E-A7B3-4CF8-8246-0AC8F267DB17>

Press Releases

Local communities welcome hundreds of refugee families

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-communities-welcome-hundreds-of-refugee-families>

Government to build cases to prosecute rogue immigration lawyers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-to-build-cases-to-prosecute-rogue-immigration-lawyers>

New Publications

Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme in Scotland – Modelling Report

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-in-scotland-modelling-report/>

Learn to speak, read and write English: Homes for Ukraine

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/learn-to-speak-read-and-write-english-homes-for-ukraine>

Updated: Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-visa-data-by-country-upper-and-lower-tier-local-authority>

Ukraine homelessness management information: 24 February 2022 to 31 July 2023

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1178226/Ukraine_Homelessness_Pressures_Publication_July_2023.ods

Pre-matching households: letter to Afghan families

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-matching-accommodation-letter-to-afghan-households/pre-matching-households-letter-to-afghan-families-english>

Updated: Migrants detected crossing the English Channel in small boats – last 7 days

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats-last-7-days>

News: Rwanda Refugee Policy

Rwanda block could force Britain to leave ECHR, says minister

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/britain-leave-echr-robert-jenrick-rwanda-policy-ch5tbpqgd3>

UK may try to send small boat arrivals to Ascension Island, minister confirms

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/07/uk-may-try-to-send-small-boat-arrivals-to-ascension-island-minister-confirms>

Tories consider sending migrants 4,000 miles to Ascension Island if Rwanda plan fails

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/government-illegal-migrants-ascension-island-rwanda-b2388582.html>

News: Channel Migrants

Channel migrants: More than 100,000 crossings made since 2018

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-66473852>

How many people cross the Channel in small boats and how many claim asylum?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-53699511>

On the move: Small boats, big numbers

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-66492790>

Pregnant woman and children among hundreds to cross Channel

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/pregnant-woman-and-children-among-hundreds-to-cross-channel-glzt9jm9w>

Ministers face renewed pressure over boat crossings

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66490218>

Rishi Sunak's pledge to 'stop the boats' runs into rough waters

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rishi-sunak-stop-the-boats-pledge-progress-6nfskthhp>

PM urged to resurrect Priti Patel's Channel migrant 'pushback' policy

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/pm-urged-to-resurrect-priti-patels-channel-migrant-pushback-policy-3zxs35fz9>

Home Office spent £35k on ads to deter small boat migrants - but targeted tourists instead

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-seeker-adverts-small-boats-facebook-b2391097.html>

How Rishi Sunak's 'small boats week' ended in disaster

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/small-boats-week-bibby-stockholm-sunak-b2392236.html>

The government's migration policy: Channel Crisis

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-times-view-on-the-governments-migration-policy-channel-crisis-m7lfz9pjw>

France stops fewer Channel migrants – despite £480m funding from UK

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/08/17/france-stops-fewer-channel-migrants-480m-funding-from-uk/>

EU rejects new deal for return of migrants

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/eu-rejects-new-deal-for-return-of-migrants-7scbvsw7>

Afghans challenge Kurds for control of Channel people smuggling

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/afghans-challenge-kurds-for-control-of-channel-people-smuggling-bqsl25grf>

Migrant boat sinks in Channel killing six people

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66484699>

Six die in Channel as migrant boat sinks

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-migrants-evacuated-disease-bacteria-075xkhph3>

How the fatal Channel migrant tragedy unfolded

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/how-the-fatal-channel-migrant-tragedy-unfolded-zqdbqx0s6>

Channel boat deaths prompt fresh anger over asylum policy

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/12/channel-boat-deaths-prompt-fresh-anger-over-asylum-policy>

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<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/12/channel-boat-deaths-prompt-fresh-anger-over-asylum-policy>

Stopping Channel crossings: Border Disorder

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-times-view-on-stopping-channel-crossings-border-disorder-3n83dc5nd>

We know people seeking asylum die in the Channel, but callous hardline policy kills them too

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/aug/14/people-seeking-asylum-channel-deaths>

News: Afghanistan

We must not forget Afghanistan

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/afghanistan-kabul-anniversary-uk-government/>

Helping Afghan communities thrive

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/helping-afghan-communities-thrive/>

Afghanistan refugees being let down by UK, says think tank

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66502379>

News: Ukraine

Number of Ukrainians stuck in hotel rooms not likely to reduce significantly, government admits

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/number-of-ukrainians-stuck-in-hotel-rooms-not-likely-to-reduce-significantly-government-admits-4251412>

News: Use of Barges for Housing Asylum Seekers

Bibby Stockholm: Sunak committed to housing asylum seekers on barge

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-66511123>

Lee Anderson: Bibby Stockholm barge? I've stayed in worse in Skegness

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/lee-anderson-asylum-seekers-bibby-stockholm-b2390962.html>

Bibby Stockholm: justice secretary defends Lee Anderson's F-word jibe

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-barge-to-welcome-its-first-migrant-residents-w3kbf69wb>

Diane Abbott deletes tweet saying migrants who drowned off Italy have 'indeed f---d off'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/09/diane-abbott-deletes-tweet-migrants-drowned-italy/>

Lee Anderson's vile anti-migrant comments pose this question: do we want politics like this?

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/aug/09/lee-anderson-migrant-politics-margaret-thatcher-rishi-sunak>

Ministers want more barges for asylum seekers

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/12/more-barges-asylum-seekers-bibby-stockholm-legionnaires/>

Labour says it would 'temporarily' house refugees on offshore barges

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-immigration-policy-barges-b2388409.html>

Migrant barge not a floating prison, Home Office says

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-office-portland-people-gardening-dorset-police-b2379737.html>

Bibby Stockholm: First asylum seekers board housing barge in Dorset

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-66289857>

Bibby Stockholm: Asylum seekers warned over failure to board Dorset barge

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-66438086>

Bibby Stockholm: Asylum seekers describe life on barge

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66444120>

Bibby Stockholm barge migrants moved after Legionella bacteria found

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-66476538>

Suella Braverman under pressure to scrap refugee barge plan after legionella found

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/11/legionella-discovery-forces-asylum-seekers-off-bibby-stockholm-just-days-after-arrival>

Bibby Stockholm evacuation shows 'startling incompetence'

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-dorset-66485051>

Council claims it told Home Office about migrant barge Legionella three days before evacuation

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/13/bibby-stockholm-legionella-dorset-council-tests-kept-hidden/>

Bibby Stockholm: No-one harmed over discovery of Legionella on barge - health secretary

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66495308>

Bibby Stockholm migrants could be back on barge 'within days' after Legionella scare

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/bibby-stockholm-migrants-return-days-b2393176.html>

Bibby Stockholm: migrants won't be sent back to barge for weeks

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-berge-migrants-legionella-disease-qvvlb5wlx>

Syrian refugee challenges his move to Bibby Stockholm barge

<https://www.independent.co.uk/tv/news/portland-bibby-stockholm-berge-syrian-refugee-b2390056.html>

Glasgow City Council reject asylum seeker barge request

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-66431715>

UK Government accused of trying to house refugees on barge in Glasgow

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/uk-government-accused-of-trying-to-house-refugees-on-barge-in-glasgow-4245950>

The atrocious backlog behind barge plea to Glasgow

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/23707130.atrocious-backlog-behind-barge-plea-glasgow/>

Glasgow City Council reject asylum seeker barge request

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-66431715>

Glasgow says no to mooring refugee barge

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/glasgow-says-no-to-mooring-refugee-barge-58pb8w7b6>

SNP council leader says Glasgow will never be home to asylum barge

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23707308.snp-council-leader-says-glasgow-will-never-home-asylum-barge/>

Glasgow's Susan Aitken 'a hypocrite' on Home Office barges

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23707335.glasgows-susan-aitken-a-hypocrite-home-office-barges/>

Housing asylum seekers on barges 'will not stop small boat crossings'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/british-public-migrant-barge-poll-channel-crossings-uk-2023-nd5npvbkw>

UK asylum seekers who refuse to live on barges could lose government support

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/09/uk-asylum-seekers-who-refuse-to-live-on-barges-could-lose-government-support-bibby-stockholm>

News: Other Immigration and Asylum

Apply now for New Scots leadership programme 2023/24

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/apply-now-for-new-scots-leadership-programme-2324/>

Windrush compensation scheme 'to be scaled back due to low uptake' – despite claimants struggling to apply

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/windrush-compensation-scheme-scaled-back-b2386434.html>

What cheerful expats really think of their new lives in Britain

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/what-cheerful-expats-really-think-of-their-new-lives-in-britain-2rcw9cpzs>

Migrant crisis 'to last at least five more years', government memo says

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/13/migrant-crisis-last-five-more-years-leaked-government-memo/>

Fines hiked for firms employing illegal migrants

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66422763>

Suella Braverman to target 'crooked' immigration lawyers

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-66437588>

'Crooked' lawyers who coach small boat migrants to lie face life in jail, announces Braverman

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/08/07/lawyers-coach-boat-migrants-to-lie-life-in-jail-braverman/>

I'm an immigration lawyer, and now the target of a Braverman smear campaign. It will backfire

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/aug/08/immigration-lawyer-braverman-smear-campaign-rightwing-press-deported-to-rwanda>

Wethersfield: Priti Patel accuses government of being 'secretive' over asylum housing plan

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-66502375>

Tories under fire over plan to cram another 900 asylum seekers in shared bedrooms in hotels

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/tories-under-fire-over-plan-30621537>

Painting over murals for children at asylum centre cost Home Office £1,550

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/08/painting-over-murals-for-children-at-asylum-centre-cost-home-office-1550>

'Unscrupulous' landlords and bosses accepting undocumented workers face fine surges

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/landlords-fines-undocumented-migrants-robert-jenrick-b2388637.html>

Thousands of refugees could face homelessness after Home Office policy change

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/15/thousands-of-refugees-could-face-homelessness-after-home-office-policy-change>

Compassion should be our watchword in dealing with people fleeing tyranny and war

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/asylum-seekers-compassion-should-be-our-watchword-in-dealing-with-people-fleeing-tyranny-and-war-scotsman-comment-4246636>

Fact-checking claims about asylum seekers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66451620>

Can we stop more migrant tragedies: do deterrents ever work?

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/which-policies-could-help-stop-more-small-boat-tragedies-c9905b6fk>

Who's making money from the UK's asylum system?

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/whos-making-money-from-the-uks-asylum-system-tnqnn5p5f>

UK's inhumanity to migrants is channelling an older hatred

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/23722333.uks-inhumanity-migrants-channelling-older-hatred/>

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Equality

News

Government targeting UK minorities with social media ads despite Facebook ban

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2023/aug/13/government-targeting-uk-minorities-with-social-media-ads-despite-facebook-ban>

Ethnic minority workers in insecure jobs up 132% since 2011

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-66428851>

Piccadilly: Church commemorates forgotten black history figure

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-66546675>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Religious Hate Crime

Donald Cameron (Conservative) [S6W-20219] To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide details of the number of religious hate crimes recorded in Scotland since 2016, broken down by police division.

Reply from Siobhian Brown: The following table details the number of hate crimes that included a religion aggravator in Scotland, by police division.

Table 1: Religious hate crimes by police division: 2016-17 to 2021-22

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Argyll and West Dunbartonshire	25	11	10	8	20	24
Ayrshire	33	38	51	63	25	44
Dumfries and Galloway	10	9	9	5	8	4
Edinburgh	90	81	68	58	63	32
Fife	22	29	28	21	18	11
Forth Valley	58	39	51	70	83	48
Greater Glasgow	271	263	189	227	167	163
Highland and Islands	3	7	7	6	4	2
Lanarkshire	96	104	59	99	100	70
North East	11	25	27	17	13	18
Renfrewshire and Inverclyde	28	39	24	18	26	21
Tayside	19	21	14	15	18	14
The Lothians and Scottish Borders	39	45	28	43	33	27
Scotland	705	711	565	650	578	478

Source: Police recorded hate crime - characteristics: updated study (2020-21 and 2021-22)

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-20219>

New Publication

Tackling Online Hate: Responding to online hate speech and hate crime

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/615c1bee105b4f55a98326d0/t/64da026c9368c43a476e8242/1692009079285/08.23+Online+Hate+Guide-V4.pdf>

News

Humza Yousaf urges people to tell bigots: 'F* you'**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23709771.humza-yousaf-urges-people-tell-bigots-f-you/>

Humza Yousaf: Tell bigots to 'f* you'**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/humza-yousaf-tell-bigots-to-f-you-4248416>

Humza Yousaf's two words for bigots — 'and it's not ministerial language'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/humza-yousaf-tory-party-f-you-scottish-first-minister-xpzgrjkgp>

Tory party urged to investigate Welsh secretary's 'racist' leaflet about Travellers

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/15/david-tc-davies-welsh-secretary-leaflet-travellers>

Police rule out action over MP Gypsy site leaflet

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cxekmgjvpevo>

Police drop inquiry against minister for 'racist' traveller leaflet

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/07/racist-traveller-leaflet-inquiry-dropped-welsh-police/>

Home Office official 'has to work 10 times harder than white counterparts'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/19/home-office-official-critical-race-theory-white-people/>

Metropolitan Police: Ex-officers charged over racist WhatsApp posts

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-66512440>

22% of UK employees report facing discrimination in workplace, survey finds

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/workplace-discrimination-black-asia-lgbtq-b2389952.html>

Data on insecure work in UK shows 'structural racism in action', TUC says

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2023/aug/14/tuc-says-uk-insecure-work-structural-racism-in-action-black-minority-ethnic-workers>

Man who threatened to murder worshippers and urinated on mosque jailed

<https://tellmamauk.org/man-who-threatened-to-murder-worshippers-and-urinated-on-mosque-jailed/>

Man who travelled from Yorkshire to London to attack Jewish people sentenced
<https://www.thenational.scot/news/national/23733583.man-travelled-yorkshire-london-attack-jewish-people-sentenced/>

Man who travelled from Yorkshire to London to attack Jewish people sentenced
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/stamford-hill-dewsbury-jewish-london-wood-green-crown-court-b2395642.html>

UCU Scotland urged to clarify support for David Miller
<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23717885.ucu-scotland-urged-clarify-support-david-miller/>

Protect Jewish students from Iran's hate speakers
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/protect-jewish-students-from-irans-hate-speakers-wr6x5crb9>

UK schools cut classic books in antiracism drive
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/uk-schools-classic-books-curriculum-racism-students-pupils-tfbhjv1b5>

Fragility of Freedom is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024
<https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/>

Man charged after cricket umpire Majid Haq 'racially abused' in Greenock
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-66496170>

Man charged after Majid Haq allegedly racially abused as umpire at match
<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2023/aug/13/majid-haq-allegedly-racially-abused-as-umpire-at-greenock-cricket-club>

Majid Haq: Scottish cricket racism whistleblower 'abused while umpiring'
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/majid-haq-scottish-cricket-racism-whistleblower-abused-while-umpiring-ghgbcfv5p>

Bradley Cooper sparks 'Jewface' row with prosthetic nose in Leonard Bernstein biopic Maestro
<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/bradley-cooper-nose-maestro-jewish-leonard-bernstein-b2393886.html>

Bradley Cooper playing Bernstein? No one should be wearing a big fake nose when portraying a Jewish man
<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/bradley-cooper-bernstein-jewface-fake-nose-b2394161.html>

Bradley Cooper in 'Jewface' storm after Leonard Bernstein trailer reveals prosthetic nose
<https://www.theguardian.com/film/2023/aug/16/bradley-cooper-in-jewface-storm-after-leonard-bernstein-trailer-reveals-prosthetic-nose>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

News

Rishi Sunak: My Hindu faith guides me in every aspect of life

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/08/16/rishi-sunak-hindu-faith-guides-me-cambridge-university/>

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Cost of Living

Scottish Government Website

Help during the cost of living crisis

Most households are concerned about the cost of living, with worries about issues such as rent and mortgages, food and utility bills, energy costs, and debt.

In response, the Scottish Government has launched a new website that provides information to help people access support with

- Energy and Bills
- Benefits and Income
- Children and Families
- Debt and Money
- Health and Wellbeing

Your local council might be able to help if you need urgent help with money, food or fuel – contact the council for information.

<https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/>

Publication

UK Parliament House of Commons Library Briefing: Rising cost of living in the UK

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-9428/CBP-9428.pdf>

News

Higher food prices may be here to stay, says Bank economist

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-66433014>

Cost-of-living crisis: Over 1.3 million Scots struggling on income as Scottish Government blames Brexit

<https://www.scotsman.com/business/consumer/cost-of-living-crisis-over-13-million-scots-struggling-on-income-as-scottish-government-blames-brex-4253588>

Cost-of-living crisis 'devastating' Glasgow's disabled

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23708845.cost-of-living-crisis-devastating-glasgows-disabled/>

Disabled people 'face choice between eating or breathing'

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/23726793.disabled-people-face-choice-eating-breathing/>

Rents 'likely to continue rising sharply despite cost-of-living squeeze'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/royal-institution-of-chartered-surveyors-bank-of-england-zoopla-generation-rent-government-b2390566.html>

UK's rental shame: Tenants paying four times as much of income as homeowners on housing

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-rent-income-mortgages-living-costs-b2388687.html>

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Other New Publication

Seven Years On: disabled people's rights to independent living, employment and standard of living in the UK

<https://www.scottishhumanrights.com/media/2469/ukim-submission-to-uncrpd.pdf>

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Other News

Volunteers and the State – where does volunteering fit in 21st century Scotland?

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/news/policy-blog/volunteers-and-the-state-where-does-volunteering-fit-in-21st-century-scotland>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/charities-regulation-and-administration-scotland-bill>

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/gender-recognition-reform-scotland-bill>

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/police-ethics-conduct-and-scrutiny-scotland-bill>

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3257>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3263>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3304>

Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3264>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3248>

Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3249>

Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3282>

Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff)

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3436>

Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3164>

Scotland (Self-Determination) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3413>

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-protection-of-premises-draft-bill-overarching-documents>

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Consultations

**** new or updated this week**

**** closes next week!**

Disability and Race (closing date 31 August 2023)

<https://durham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/disability-race-survey>

**** closes in two weeks!**

Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (closing date 8 September 2023)

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/justice/victims-witnesses-justice-reform-bill/>

A Human Rights Bill for Scotland (closing date 5 October 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/equality-and-human-rights/a-human-rights-bill-for-scotland-consultation/>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Improvements to the Annual Return (closing date 6 October 2023)

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/share-your-feedback-on-improvements-to-the-annual-return/>

The future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales (closing date 26 October 2023)

<https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/ons/futureofpopulationandmigrationstatistics/>

Let's Be Heard – Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience (closing date 31 October 2023)

<https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot/>

Experiences of Racism in Scotland's Night-Time Economy (closing date not stated)

<https://t.co/UabNPI1nK>

ITV/Tell MAMA survey on mosque safety in the UK (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V7V5B6L>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

** new or updated this week

People's Postcode Trust

Note that this application will only be open for 24 hours. Applications can be submitted from 10 am on 2 October 2023

*Application forms will go live at the above date and time and must be **started and submitted** within the submission window. In the meantime, a copy of the application questions can be downloaded in order to help you prepare your submission.*

National Lottery funding of between £500 and £25,000 for projects on a wide range of themes including supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality. Funding priorities include communities experiencing racial inequity, people with disabilities, and the LGBT+ Community. For information and to apply see

<https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

and

https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/media/2724/3_ppt_fundingguide_2023.pdf

Cost-of-Living Support Scotland

Application deadline not stated

National Lottery funding from £10,001 to £75,000 for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases. The programme aims to fund activity that reduces the impact of, or prevents financial insecurity so that people have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives, are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living, and have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living. For information and to apply see

Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

**** *this week!***

A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach – The Basics

21 August 2023 (online, 10.00–3.00)

THRE course for people who are just starting out and want to learn the fundamentals or who know a bit about human rights and equalities and want to know more or are just curious about what a human rights and equalities first approach might be. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/d4rznvxx>

**** *this week, next week, and the week after!***

A Human Rights Bill for Scotland

22 August 2023 (Glasgow (10.00–12.00)

28 August 2023 (Inverness (2.00–4.00)

5 September 2023 (online, 6.00–8.00)

11 September 2023 (Portree, 10.00–12.00)

19 September 2023 (Dundee, 10.00–12.00)

Scottish Government consultation on proposals for a new Human Rights Bill, including information about the proposals, and an opportunity to tell the Scottish Government your views in order to inform development of the Bill. For information about each event see:

Glasgow <https://tinyurl.com/2jmfp49z>

Inverness <https://tinyurl.com/yckx35jz>

Online (September) <https://tinyurl.com/9ss2hnpm>

Portree <https://tinyurl.com/3kny2u5j>

Dundee <https://tinyurl.com/yckunjtv>

Developing a Volunteer Strategy

19 September 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)

Volunteer Scotland course to discuss the purpose of developing a strategy for volunteering, the benefits of a volunteering strategy for the wider organisation, and steps to develop a strategy. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/mu3dkx53>

Supporting Volunteers

4 October 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)

Volunteer Scotland course to discuss building a positive relationship with volunteers, plan and deliver a suitable induction process, identify and apply different support methods, and manage some of the challenges of supporting volunteers. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2nbpr7se>

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

14 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAIH course to find out about fundamental issues of housing, homelessness and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals and look at how service users might prepare themselves for an economy in recession and cost of living spiralling. For information see <https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses>

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

15 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAIH course explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant and the process involved in making a claim for asylum. The course also explores the journeys and barriers faced by both refugees and asylum seekers reaching and building a new life in Scotland and their respective entitlement to services. For information see <https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses>

**** No Recourse To Public Funds**

21 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAIH course 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://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses>

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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>

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

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

New Scots <https://newscots.scot/>

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
Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and
Cultural Minority Communities

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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