

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Motions

S3M-6506 Patrick Harvie: UK Border Agency and International Volunteering—That the Parliament notes the valuable contribution of short-term visitors coming to Scotland to volunteer in the country's communities and contribute positively to important intercultural exchange; is concerned that recent changes to tier 5 of the UK Border Agency (UKBA) Points Based System do not distinguish between volunteer and migrant worker and therefore may prevent volunteers from coming to Scotland due to the extra bureaucracy, expense and delay involved with this change; urges the UKBA to amend the Points Based System to remove volunteer from the work category or at least make an exemption for short-term volunteers, and recommends that the UKBA considers the merits of the approach used in the Australian points-based system, which allows tourist visitors to volunteer as part of their stay without the need for a specific temporary worker visa.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19223>

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Motions (continued)

S3M-6535 Bill Butler: Refugee Week 2010—That the Parliament notes that 14 to 20 June is Refugee Week 2010; congratulates the Scottish Refugee Council for co-ordinating a wonderfully diverse range of events across mainstream arts and cultural organisations along with a wide variety of community celebrations, and considers that, after fleeing persecution and making difficult and often dangerous journeys to Scotland, it is important that people seeking asylum are welcomed, treated fairly and feel safe from the day that they arrive and throughout their stay and that those recognised as refugees under the 1951 UN convention are helped to rebuild their lives and make a full contribution to Scotland's future.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19252>

Holyrood Committee

Equal Opportunities Committee Inquiry into Migration and Trafficking
Evidence from Glasgow Housing Association, Govanhill Housing Association, Positive Action in Housing, Scottish Association of Landlords, ACPOS, Strathclyde Police Diversity Unit, Tayside Police, and the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/or-10/eo10-1102.htm#Col1799>

UK Parliament Ministerial Statement

English Language Requirement

The Secretary of State for the Home Department (Mrs Theresa May): I wish to inform the House that I am today announcing the introduction of a new English language requirement for migrants applying to come to or stay in the UK as a spouse. Changes to the immigration rules will be laid before Parliament to bring this policy into effect in the autumn.

Non-European migrants joining a British citizen or non-European national settled in the UK will have to demonstrate a basic command of English in order to be considered for a visa. The rules will apply to spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, same sex partners, fiancés and proposed civil partners, and will be compulsory for people applying from within the UK, as well as visa applicants overseas.

The Government believe that speaking English should be a pre-requisite for those wishing to settle here. This new English requirement for spouses will help promote the economic well-being of the UK, for example by encouraging integration and protecting public services. It will assist in removing cultural barriers, broaden opportunities for migrants and help to ensure that they are equipped to play a full part in British life.

This is only the first step. We are reviewing English language requirements across the immigration system with a view to tightening the rules further in the future. We will inform the House of our conclusions in due course.

Today's announcement is one of a range of new measures the Government will be taking to ensure that immigration is properly controlled for the benefit of the UK. These include an annual limit on non-EEA migrants coming to the UK to live and work and measures to minimise abuse of the immigration system, for example via student routes.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100609/wmstext/100609m0001.htm#10060936000012>

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Westminster Parliamentary Questions

British Nationality: Assessments

David Hamilton: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many people with learning difficulties have applied to be exempted from the citizenship test; how many have been exempted; and how many who were not exempted subsequently (a) passed and (b) failed the test. [522]

Reply from Damian Green: Neither requests for exemption from the requirement to demonstrate a sufficient knowledge of life in the United Kingdom nor the outcomes of such requests are recorded centrally. The information requested could be obtained only by detailed examination of individual case records at disproportionate cost.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100607/text/100607w0006.htm#10060726000005>

Migrant Workers: Volunteering

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government how migrant domestic workers will be able to undertake volunteering or study to pass the Life in the UK Test in the light of their possible working conditions.[HL65]

The Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): Before an employer is able to employ an overseas domestic worker, they are required to provide a statement of the terms and conditions of employment. As part of this statement they are required to confirm the level of annual leave and free time which the domestic worker will be entitled to. All those under this route should therefore have sufficient time in order to prepare and undertake the Life in the UK test.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100608w0002.htm#10060835000168>

Immigration

Lord Pearson of Rannoch: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the status of the European Union's proposed common immigration policy; and what is their stance on it.[HL29]

Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones: Any EU legislation giving effect to the common immigration policy for non-EU migrants under Article 79 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union would be subject to opt-in arrangements. The Government will not opt into any measures that are contrary to their policies for immigration control.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100607w0003.htm#10060710000763>

Immigration: Detention

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government, once the practice of detaining children for immigration purposes ceases, what alternatives they propose before a failed asylum seeker's family is deported.[HL101]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): My Lords, the arrangements prior to a family's departure are clearly important. We are committed to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes and my honourable friend, the Minister of State for Immigration, is leading a review to find a way forward which protects the welfare of children, while ensuring the removal of those who have no right to be in the UK. He will be setting out the way forward in the coming weeks.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100607w0003.htm#10060710000764>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have for ending immigration detention of parents with young children.[HL63]

Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones: My Lords, the Government are committed to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes. My honourable friend, the Minister of State for Immigration, is leading a review to find a way forward which protects the welfare of children, while ensuring the removal of those who have no right to be in the UK. He will be setting out the way forward in the coming weeks.

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their response to the recommendations made in December 2009 by the Royal College of General Practitioners, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and the Royal College of Psychiatrists, concerning the detention of children.[HL64]

Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones: My Lords, the reports made recommendations about the treatment of children in detention. This Government have already stated that they are committed to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes. My honourable friend, the Minister of State for Immigration, is leading a review to find a way forward which protects the welfare of children, while ensuring the removal of those who have no right to be in the UK. He will be setting out the way forward in the coming weeks.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100607w0003.htm#10060710000764>

Detention Centres: Children

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children have been transferred from Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre to centres elsewhere in the UK since 6 May 2010. [655]

Reply from Damian Green: Four children (from two families) have been transferred from Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre to centres elsewhere in the UK since 6 May 2010.

The data are normally used for management information only and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics publications.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department what plans the Government has to end child detentions at all immigration removal centres in the UK. [656]

Reply from Damian Green: This Government are committed to ending the detention of children for immigration purposes and we have already begun a review to find a way forward which protects the welfare of children, while ensuring the removal of those who have no right to be in the UK.

Pete Wishart: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether Ministers in her Department have signed authorisations for the continued detention of children at immigration removal centres beyond 28 days since taking office. [657]

Reply from Damian Green: Local management information indicates that no authorisations have been sought for the continued detention of a child beyond 28 days since 12 May 2010.

These data are normally used for management information only and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics publications.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100607/text/100607w0006.htm#10060726000008>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Detention Centres: Children

Tony Baldry: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department how many children were detained in immigration removal centres on the latest date for which figures are available. [888]

Reply from Damian Green: As at 31 March 2010, there were 30 people detained solely under Immigration Act powers recorded as being less than 18 years of age. This information is available in tables 3.5 to 3.8 of the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, January to March 2010 published on 27 May 2010 available in the Library of the House and the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html>

I recently announced a review into the detention of children for asylum purposes so it can be brought to an end this summer. We have already ended the detention of children at Dungavel.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm100609/text/100609w0003.htm#10060949000040>

Asylum Seekers

Lord Roberts of Llandudno: To ask Her Majesty's Government what measures they will take to reduce the 400-day average time spent in the United Kingdom following a failed asylum claim.[HL100]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): In March 2007, the UK Border Agency introduced the new asylum model, to manage asylum claims more effectively. A case owner manages each asylum case from application to conclusion. The 2009 National Audit Office report, the Management of Asylum Applications by the UK Border Agency, included a costing report which showed the following:

detained fast track removals take an average of 79 days; enforced removals take an average of 250 days; and voluntary removals take an average of 300 days.

The Government and the UK Border Agency are committed to improving the asylum system and will review elements of the system to speed up the processing of applications.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100607w0001.htm#10060710000755>

Asylum Seekers: Legal Advice

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government why only 16 per cent of new asylum applications will get early access to legal advice from October; and whether they have considered applying the results of the Solihull pilot project more widely.[HL66]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): Legal help is currently available to all eligible asylum seekers from the outset of their claim. UKBA and LSC are working with key asylum partners and plan to test the 2007 Solihull pilot principles of an enhanced legal service across an entire UKBA region.

The process aims to improve the quality of initial asylum decision-making by front-loading the system and achieving cultural change in the asylum determination process on the part of the decision maker and adviser.

This will allow Government and their delivery partners robustly to test the benefits of the process and assess the viability of a national rollout.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100608w0001.htm#10060835000153>

Immigration and Asylum Westminster Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Refugee and Migrant Justice

Lord Avebury: To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they are making to find legal representatives for clients who will be without representation if Refugee and Migrant Justice closes, and in which areas Refugee and Migrant Justice is the sole or main provider.[HL169]

Reply from the Minister of State, Ministry of Justice (Lord McNally): The Legal Services Commission (LSC) will implement provisions and issue further guidance to ensure the safeguarding of the legal aid fund and the client should Refugee and Migrant Justice (RMJ) close their offices. The LSC will liaise with any appointed agents to facilitate an orderly referral to alternative quality-assured, accredited legal providers. It is expected that clients, and also caseworkers, will be able to transfer to other organisations. The LSC tender exercise for asylum and immigration contracts from October has seen significant interest in expansion by providers.

There are three areas where RMJ is currently the sole provider; these are the Kent Coast, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight and Suffolk. However, should RMJ close its offices in these areas, the LSC will seek additional providers to ensure the service that RMJ supplied continues.

Lord Crisp: To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the effect of their late payment of bills on the charity Refugee and Migrant Justice.[HL211]

Lord McNally: The Legal Services Commission (LSC) does not accept that payments are being made late. Standard monthly payments are received by all contracted providers which are then reconciled periodically by the LSC against bills submitted for cases that have either closed or have reached the stage where a claim may be made.

The current billing arrangements enable both immigration and asylum providers to claim costs in a reasonable period for the vast majority of their cases. The LSC analysis of claims submitted suggests that approximately 80 per cent of stage claims are made within six months of a file being opened and approximately 90 per cent are made within nine months.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/100610w0002.htm#10061035000166>

Westminster Early Day Motion

Caroline Lucas (191) Refugee and Migrant Charity Justice - That this House notes that the legal advice charity Refugee and Migrant Justice (RMJ) is in danger of closing because it is facing a cash crisis because a large proportion of legal aid work is now paid upon completion, meaning payment can take anything up to two years; further notes that as a result the charity has a £1.8 million backlog of payments; further notes that senior legal and human rights experts, faith leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Citizens Advice, Liberty and Mind all back the campaign to rescue the legal advice charity from the cash crisis that is not of their own making; is aware that RMJ is not asking for new money but simply prompt payment of legal aid by the Legal Services Commission, or failing that, interest-free loans by the Government to cover the gap; and calls for the legal aid payment system to be changed to ensure charities are paid promptly for their work.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=41114&SESSION=905>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **Press Releases**

Language tests for partners

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/english-language-tests>

Migrants marrying UK citizens must now learn English

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/migrants-learn-english>

Survivors of human trafficking – breaking the silence

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/SurvivorstraffickingBreakingthesilence.aspx>

New publications

European Commission First Annual Report on Immigration and Asylum

<http://www.statewatch.org/news/2010/may/eu-com-1st-annual-report-immigration-asylum-2009.pdf>

Irregular Migration, Migrant Smuggling and Human Rights: Towards Coherence

http://www.ichrp.org/files/reports/56/122_report_en.pdf

Migration: a question of survival

http://www.eapn.eu/images/stories/docs/MAG/mag132en_web.pdf

News

UK plans Kabul 'reintegration centre' for boys

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/10261456.stm>

English rules tightened for immigrant partners

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/10270797.stm>

Support for child asylum seekers

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/10264141.stm>

Help for child asylum seekers

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/help-for-child-asylum-seekers-1.1033652>

Precious ruled too popular to stay in Scotland

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/home-news/precious-ruled-too-popular-to-stay-in-scotland-1.1034148>

Fury as Precious and mother lose court extradition fight

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/scotland/Fury-as-Precious-and-.6355637.jp>

Immigrants' contribution to entrepreneurialism revealed

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/jun/13/immigration-entrepreneurs>

Expecting immigrants to speak English is hypocritical

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/10/expecting-immigrants-speak-english-hypocritical>

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Race Relations

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Ad campaign to counter negative views of Muslims

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/ad-campaign-to-counter-negative-views-of-muslims-1993538.html>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Press Release

World Cup offers chance to tackle racism and intolerance

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=34942&Cr=racism&Cr1>

New publication

European Network Against Racism Annual Report 2009

http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/publications/AnnualReport2009_LR.pdf

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Other Holyrood

Parliamentary Motion

S3M-6529 Anne McLaughlin: Congratulations Awaz FM—That the Parliament congratulates the 50 volunteers at Awaz FM, whose ages range from 11 to 65, on receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service; notes that this award is recognised as the MBE for volunteer groups; further notes that Awaz was one of the first community radio stations in the United Kingdom to win a broadcasting licence; recognises that the station serves Glasgow's Asian and African community in delivering entertainment, community information and news in Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi, Swahili and English; commends the work that has been done to attract more than 200,000 listeners per week, and wishes all the staff and volunteers at Awaz FM every success for the future.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/business/motions/Default.aspx?motionid=19246>

Petition

PE1333 Petition by Shamus McPhee, on behalf of the Scottish Gypsy Traveller Law Reform Coalition, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to investigate the inequalities and discrimination faced by Scottish Gypsy Travellers and other members of the settled community residing in mobile homes in terms of assessing council tax liability and water and water and sewerage charges.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/petitions/pdfs/PE1333.pdf>

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Other Westminster

Press Release

Alistair Burt meets with members of the Bahá'í faith

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=22351931>

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New Publications

Counter Terrorism Protective Security Advice for Places of Worship

<http://www.nactso.gov.uk/documents/CT%20Advice%20Places%20Of%20Worship.pdf>

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights Annual Report 2010

http://fra.europa.eu/fraWebsite/attachments/AR_2010-conf-edition_en.pdf

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Other News

Scottish Asian awarded top honour by Queen

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/tayside_and_central/10277265.stm

HRH Prince Charles speaks on Islam and the Environment

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=22350511>

Warning over sight loss 'timebomb'

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/health/warning-over-sight-loss-timebomb-1.1034506>

100 most 'women-friendly' mosques revealed

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/religion/7812310/Directory-lists-100-most-women-friendly-mosques.html>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

Holyrood

Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/46-ComVic/index.htm>

End of Life Assistance Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Palliative Care Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/index.htm>

Bills in Progress

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**** Scottish Parliamentary Commissions and Commissioners etc. Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/39-SPCC/index.htm>

Stage 3

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-10/sor0609-02.htm#Col27064>

Bill as passed

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/39-SPCC/b39bs3-aspassed.pdf>

Bills in Progress

Westminster

House of Lords Reform Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/houseoflordsreformhl.html>

Identity Documents Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

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Consultations

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Draft National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (17 September 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/313390/0099355.pdf>

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Refugee Week 14 - 20 June 2010

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity to discover and celebrate the contributions refugees bring to the UK. During Refugee Week events take place all across the UK, all of which explore refugee experiences. This year, everyone is being asked to do a Simple Act - one small, everyday action that can change perceptions of refugees and help create a society we all want to live in. For information see <http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/>.

[Click here](#) for a calendar of events.

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Rural Diversity Uncorked... Putting the fizz back into community action

16 June 2010: central event in Inverness linking with events throughout Scotland (9.30 – 4.30)
Scottish Rural Equality Network national networking conference using internet technology to link people from across rural Scotland to share experiences and ideas about how to involve communities in making life better for everyone in their own local areas. For information see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/SRENOline/showthread.php?t=241> or contact srenadmin@scvo.org.uk / 01463 251 734

Show Racism the Red Card Intercultural Summer Camp

5-10 July 2010 in Co Donegal, Ireland

Summer camp for young people between the ages of 11 and 16 to enable them to acknowledge diversity whether it is cultural, linguistic, religious or other and to explore differences in a positive way, break down social barriers, which may prevent positive interaction, and empower young people by enhancing their communication skills and allowing them to engage in community building exercises. For information see http://www.theredcard.ie/camp/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=3

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

22 July 2010 in Glasgow

26 August 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course is for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. It is particularly relevant to people working in social work, housing, welfare, education, employment, health, community development or the justice system. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=87>

Third Sector Research Conference

15 October 2010 in Edinburgh

For information contact Helen Swatton 01412258019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org

The needs and experiences of refugee women

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency.

Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

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Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Index.stm>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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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. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



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.scotlandagainstracism.com/>