

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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**The Scottish and UK Parliaments return from recess on 20 February 2017.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

#### Entry Clearances

**Julian Sturdy** [63483] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of non-settlement visa applications was processed within 15 working days in the last 12 months.

**Reply from Robert Goodwill:** The Home Office regularly publishes quarterly statistics on the processing of non-settlement visa applications within 15 working days (the latest of which were published on 1 December 2016).

Reports covering the last 12 months can be found here:

[https://www.gov.uk/search?q=international+operations+transparency+data&show\\_organisations\\_filter=true](https://www.gov.uk/search?q=international+operations+transparency+data&show_organisations_filter=true)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-07/63483/>

## Refugees: Children

**Tom Brake** [63231] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether she plans to continue the implementation of section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 for the rest of the current Parliament.

**Reply from Robert Goddwill:** Under the Immigration Act we made a commitment to transfer a specified number of unaccompanied refugee children to the UK, following consultation with local authorities on capacity.

On 8 February, the Government announced that we will transfer the specified number of 350 children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act. This includes the more than 200 children already transferred from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance.

We will announce in due course the basis on which further children will be transferred from Europe to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act to the specified number.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-06/63231/>

## Refugees: Children

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

**Louise Haigh** [63510] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many unaccompanied children have come to the UK under the Dubs amendment.

**Louise Haigh** [63531] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, which (a) individuals and (b) teams in her Department are responsible for bringing unaccompanied children into the UK under the Dubs amendment.

**Louise Haigh** [63532] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what assessment the Government has made of its effectiveness in implementing the Dubs amendment.

**Reply from Robert Goodwill:** In 2016, we transferred over 900 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to the UK from Europe. This included more than 750 from France as part of the UK's support for the Calais camp clearance. Over 200 of those children met the published criteria for section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016.

The Government takes its obligations under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 extremely seriously and we have teams across Government, including policy, operational and legal teams, involved with the efforts to implement section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016. We are also working closely with our European partners, whose agreement we need in order to implement the legislation.

The Government has committed to transferring more eligible children to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 up to the specified number of 350, in the coming months. The basis on which further children will be transferred to the UK from Europe under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 will be published in due course.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-07/63510/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-07/63531/>

and

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-07/63532/>

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

### Immigration: EU Nationals

**Lord Greaves** [HL5210] To ask Her Majesty's Government by what process a permanent resident right of an EU citizen living in the United Kingdom, that has been accepted by the issue of a Certificate of Residence in the UK, can be lawfully removed.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Under EU law, European Economic Area (EEA) nationals qualify for a right of permanent residence in the UK provided that certain conditions are met. For those EEA nationals who are in the UK and have a right of permanent residence, it is not mandatory to apply for documentation confirming that right.

EEA nationals with a permanent right of residence may be deported from the UK on serious grounds of public policy or public security, where their personal conduct represents a genuine, present and sufficiently serious threat to one of the fundamental interests of society.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-02-03/HL5210/>

### Overseas Students: EU Nationals

**Lord Beith** [HL5145] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether former higher education students who are EU nationals who apply for permanent residence in the UK are required to have held comprehensive private health insurance during the time during which they were in higher education; and if so, whether students from EU countries are notified of the existence of such a requirement when, or before, they begin their courses of study.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** EU citizens and their family members have the right to enter, live and acquire permanent residence in other Member States when certain conditions are met, as set out in EU law. This includes a requirement to hold comprehensive sickness insurance where they have been exercising their Treaty rights as students and later rely on such periods to qualify for permanent residence.

Guidance on the conditions for exercising Treaty rights as a student has always been publicly available to EU nationals. This can currently be found from page 21 onwards of the guidance on 'qualified persons' available on the UKGOV website via the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-economic-area-nationals-qualified-persons>

The guidance is also attached to this answer.

[EEA Qualified Persons](#)

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-01-31/HL5145/>

### Refugees: Children

**Lord Alton of Liverpool** [HL5066] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 25 January (HL Deb, cols 665–6) what support they have given to Europol in determining the fate of the 10,000 refugee children whom Europol reported in January as having gone missing.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The UK has committed significant resources to helping the EU deal with the migration crisis, including seconding staff to Europol.

The UK government recognises the vital role Europol has to play in coordinating law enforcement activity against migration related criminality. The National Crime Agency (NCA) and Immigration Enforcement second staff to Europol to work on these issues specifically, including within the European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC). The UK continues to encourage international partners to share relevant

information with Europol, supporting the EMSC's aim of strengthening support for EU Member States through enhanced intelligence exchange.

In addition to the support we give to Europol, the Government has established a £10 million Refugee Children Fund for Europe to support the needs of vulnerable refugee and migrant children arriving in Europe. The UK is the largest bilateral contributor to the humanitarian response to the crisis in Europe and the Balkans with a total allocation of £70 million.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-01-30/HL5066/>

*The answer referred to in the above question can be read at*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2017-01-25/debates/EA195F28-3E16-4D71-985F-F761E4E706BA/ChildMigrantsItaly#contribution-8DCBC1C3-7C9E-4733-8B4D-0278DF6D0DF8>

## New Publications

**Passport Please: The impact of the Right to Rent checks on migrants and ethnic minorities in England**

[https://www.jcwi.org.uk/sites/jcwi/files/2017-02/2017\\_02\\_13\\_JCWI%20Report\\_Passport%20Please.pdf](https://www.jcwi.org.uk/sites/jcwi/files/2017-02/2017_02_13_JCWI%20Report_Passport%20Please.pdf)

**The World's Stateless Children**

<http://children.worldsstateless.org/assets/files/worlds-stateless-full-report.pdf>

## News

**SNP Westminster leader in plea to Prime Minister to help child refugees**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15102399.SNP\\_Westminster\\_leader\\_in\\_plea\\_to\\_Prime\\_Minister\\_to\\_help\\_child\\_refugees/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15102399.SNP_Westminster_leader_in_plea_to_Prime_Minister_to_help_child_refugees/)

**Children's commissioners call for Dubs amendment reversal**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-38988321>

**Children's commissioners express 'deep concern' over child refugees decision**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15094995.Children\\_s\\_commissioners\\_express\\_deep\\_concern\\_over\\_child\\_refugees\\_decision/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/15094995.Children_s_commissioners_express_deep_concern_over_child_refugees_decision/)

**Children's commissioners express 'deep concern' over child refugees decision**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/370865/childrens-commissioners-express-deep-concern-over-child-refugees-decision-2/>

**Child refugees U-turn is 'heartless'**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-02-13/news/child-refugee-offer-u-turn-is-heartless-rrtcsjn6k>

**Dubs rule put child refugees at greater risk**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-02-14/comment/dubs-rule-put-child-refugees-at-greater-risk-fwdtws5xr>

**Brexit: NHS 'may struggle' without more non-UK staff**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-politics-38981129>

**EU citizens 'denied residency documents'**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-39014191>

**Spike in EU family visas**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/spike-in-eu-family-visas-2ggjxk7mp>

**Foreign tenants turned down under new Right to Rent rules, report finds**

[http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime\\_courts/15087951.Foreign\\_tenants\\_turned\\_down\\_under\\_new\\_Right\\_to\\_Rent\\_rules\\_report\\_finds/](http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime_courts/15087951.Foreign_tenants_turned_down_under_new_Right_to_Rent_rules_report_finds/)

**Immigration checks on tenants fuelling discrimination, report warns**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/368901/immigration-checks-on-tenants-fuelling-discrimination-report-warns/>

**Landlords' immigration checks 'fueling discrimination', report says**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/right-to-rent-immigration-checks-discrimination-a7576716.html>

**Immigration checks on tenants fuelling discrimination, report warns**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4219120/Immigration-checks-tenants-fuelling-discrimination-report-warns.html>

**Red Cross figures show refugee destitution on the rise**

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/en/About-us/News/2017/February/Red-Cross-figures-show-refugee-destitution-on-the-rise>

**Our door is open, but there are no easy answers to immigration issues**

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/brian-wilson-our-door-is-open-but-there-are-no-easy-answers-to-immigration-issues-1-4368922>

**The Kindertransport saved my sister. Britain must make that effort again**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/14/kindertransport-sister-britain-refugee-lord-dubs-children>

**Syrian refugees to call London synagogue home**

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-4227668/Syrian-refugees-call-London-synagogue-home.html>

**Number of British-born workers falls as non-UK employees increase by almost 450,000 in a year**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/15/number-british-born-workers-falls-non-uk-employees-increase/>

**Rise in foreign workers pushes employment to record high**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/rise-in-foreign-workers-pushes-employment-to-record-high-sjpmnzt6m>

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## Equality

### UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

#### Young Offenders: Travellers

**Lord Beecham** [HL5073] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will consider targeted education and vocational skills interventions for Gypsy, Traveller and Roma children in youth custody in the light of the Traveller Movement's finding in *Overlooked and Overrepresented: Gypsy, Traveller and Roma children in the youth justice system* that 55 per cent of Gypsy, Traveller and Roma children in Secure Training Centres had learnt skills for jobs they would like to do in the future.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** We want all children in custody to be fully occupied in education and training throughout the day with a core curriculum focussed on preparing them for employment, an apprenticeship or continued education when they are resettled back into their communities. As part of our reforms we will ensure governors have increased flexibility to work with providers to decide how education is best delivered to meet the different needs of the young people in their establishments.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-01-30/HL5073/>

The report referred to in the above question can be read at

<http://travellermovement.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Overlooked-and-Overrepresented-Gypsy-Traveller-and-Roma-children-in-the-youth-justice-system.pdf>

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## Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### Antisemitism

**Tom Brake** [63230] To ask the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, what steps (a) he and (b) the Government has taken to make public its policy against Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism since May 2015.

**Reply from Marcus Jones:** The Government has a clear policy of tackling anti-Semitism and condemns any organisation or individual that attempts to deny the Holocaust. In December 2016, the Prime Minister announced that the UK is the first European Union country formally to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism. We believe that the definition, although legally non-binding, is an important tool for criminal justice agencies, and other public bodies to understand how anti-Semitism manifests itself in the 21st century. In addition we recently published a progress report on our efforts to tackle anti-Semitism which can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-semitism-update>

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2017-02-06/63230/>

The announcement referred to in the above answer can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-leads-the-way-in-tackling-anti-semitism>

## Press Release

**Rise in hate crime reporting: we must do all we can to discourage hate attacks**  
<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/rise-hate-crime-reporting-we-must-do-all-we-can-discourage-hate-attacks>

## New Publication

**Post-referendum racism and xenophobia: The role of social media activism in challenging the normalisation of xeno-racist narratives**  
<http://www.irr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PRRX-Report-Final.pdf?platform=hootsuite>

## News

**'Record hate crimes' after EU referendum**  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-38976087>

**Hate crime soared to record levels in most areas after Brexit vote**  
<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/370127/hate-crime-soared-to-record-levels-in-most-areas-after-brexit-vote/>

**You're dismissing the latest hate crime figures because you don't want to deal with the problem**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/hate-crime-figures-racism-brexit-trump-isnt-going-to-solve-the-problem-a7583201.html>

**Black and mixed race people in London more likely to be Tasered**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/16/black-and-mixed-race-people-in-london-more-likely-to-be-tasered>

**UK universities urged to tackle rising tide of antisemitism on campus**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/feb/18/uk-universities-urged-tackle-rising-tide-antisemitism-campus>

**Nazi Swastika carved into Exeter University door and 'rights for whites' sign under investigation**  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/student/news/nazi-swastika-exeter-university-door-rights-for-whites-sign-investigation-racism-students-a7579311.html>

**Swastika and 'Rights for Whites' sign found in Exeter halls of residence**  
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/feb/13/swastika-and-rights-for-whites-sign-found-in-exeter-halls-of-residence>

**Complacency towards the Far-Right will only help spread antisemitism on campus**  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2017/02/17/complacency-far-right-will-help-spread-antisemitism-campus/>

**Disney drops YouTube star PewDiePie over anti-Semitism**  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-38965377>

**YouTube star PewDiePie axed by Disney after hailing Hitler and making anti-Semitic jokes**  
<http://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/youtube-star-pewdiepie-axed-disney-9817476>

### **Disney ends deal with YouTube star PewDiePie over anti-Semitic stunt**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/uk-world/369979/disney-ends-deal-with-youtube-star-pewdiepie-over-anti-semitic-stunt/>

### **YouTube follows Disney in severing ties with PewDiePie over antisemitic videos**

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/feb/14/youtube-ends-relationship-pewdiepie-antisemitic-videos>

### **PewDiePie thinks 'Death to all Jews' is a joke. Are you laughing yet?**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/15/youtube-pewdiepie-thinks-death-to-all-jews-joke-laughing-yet>

### **PewDiePie dropped from YouTube's advertising platform after publishing 'death to all Jews' videos**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/pewdiepie-youtube-google-preferred-ads-anti-semitic-death-to-all-jews-a7580206.html>

### **PewDiePie: Disney drops YouTube millionaire over anti-Semitic video controversy**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/2017/02/14/pewdiepie-disney-drops-youtube-star-anti-semitic-video-controversy/>

### **YouTube star dropped by Disney over Nazi videos**

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-02-15/news/youtube-star-dropped-by-disney-over-nazi-videos-23q72r0rd>

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## **Other UK Parliament and Government**

### **UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer**

#### **Youth Justice: Ethnic Groups**

**Lord Beecham** [HL5075] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they have consulted, or had representations from, the National Police Chiefs' Council on the merits of updating the ethnicity data collection used in the youth justice system to include the 2011 Census ethnic group classifications.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** Following a letter received from the National Police Chief's Council lead for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller issues, in December we responded by acknowledging their interest and to confirm that the Youth Justice Board (YJB) are keen in principle to move to the 18+1 ethnicity monitoring system from the 2011 Census. The YJB is examining the requirements and dependencies with existing IT systems and identifying the feasibility and indicative costs of moving to the revised classification system.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-01-30/HL5075/>

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## **Other News**

### **Child protection experts receive report of possible FGM daily, figures show**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/politics/371618/child-protection-experts-receive-report-of-possible-fgm-daily-figures-show/>



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

### **UK Parliament**

#### **Ethnicity Pay Gap Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/ethnicitypaygap.html>

#### **EU Citizens Resident in the United Kingdom (Right to Stay)**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/eucitizensresidentintheunitedkingdomrighttostay.html>

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

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

#### **Student Support (Non-Interest-Bearing Finance) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2016-17/studentsupportnoninterestbearingfinance.html>

## **Consultations** \*\* new or updated this week

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

#### **Measurement framework for equality and human rights** (closing date 21 February 2017)

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-measurement-framework/measurement-framework-consultation>

#### **Racism at work** (closing date 27 February 2017)

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

#### **Brexit and Immigration** (closing date 28 February 2017)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B22hK1jLWDQKWkg4VkRLQmo4ajq/view>

#### **Destitution and asylum in Scotland** (closing date 8 March 2017)

[http://www.parliament.scot/S5\\_Equal\\_Opps/Inquiries/Destitution\\_and\\_Asylum\\_Call\\_for\\_Evidence\\_Final\\_20170125.pdf](http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Inquiries/Destitution_and_Asylum_Call_for_Evidence_Final_20170125.pdf)

#### **Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation: increasing numbers of successful donations** (closing date 14 March 2017)

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00511160.pdf>

#### **Draft Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 17 March 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/equality-unit/draft-gender-representation-on-public-boards/>

#### **Changes to The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) Rules 2014 arising from the Immigration Act 2016** (closing date 23 March 2017)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/590887/tpc-bail-consultation.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/590887/tpc-bail-consultation.pdf)

**\*\* Commission on Parliamentary Reform** (closing date 27 March 2017)

<https://parliamentaryreform.scot/have-your-say/>

**\*\* EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020** (closing date 31 March 2017)

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item\\_id=54326](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/item-detail.cfm?item_id=54326)

**Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

**Police Scotland: Your view counts** (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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## **Job Opportunities**

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## **Funding Opportunities**

\*\* new or updated this week

### **Europe of Diversities**

***closing date for applications: 28 February 2016***

European Union funding for projects to promote unity in diversity, support sharing of good practices in fighting discrimination and promoting diversity at local and regional level, and help to identify and target discriminatory practices at local and regional level and build understanding between majority and minority societies. For information see

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/rec/topics/rec-rppi-eudi-ag-2016.html>

### **\*\* Scottish Government Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund**

***closing date for applications: 17 March 2017***

Scottish Government funding for projects that work with, or on behalf of, people who are disadvantaged due to protected characteristics covered by the Equality Act 2010: age, disability, gender (sex), gender identity/ reassignment, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation. Applications can be made by incorporated third sector organisations, community interest companies, statutory bodies, and partnerships where the lead applicant must be an incorporated Third Sector organisation. For information see

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/>

### **\*\* Scottish Government Equally Safe (Violence Against Women and Girls) Fund**

***closing date for applications: 17 March 2017***

Scottish Government funding fund for projects to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls, including projects that build capacity in local partnerships to strengthen responses to violence and abuse, the delivery of frontline services, or projects which focus on prevention and early intervention. Applications can be made by incorporated third sector organisations, community interest companies, statutory bodies, and partnerships where the lead applicant must be an incorporated Third Sector organisation. For information see

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/violence-against-women/>

## Events, Conferences, and Training

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### **Share My Table**

20 February 2017 in Glasgow (10.30-2.30)

Launch of Scottish Refugee Council and Tramway project to bring people together through food and conversation in response to recent debate and media attention surrounding migration. For information see <https://www.facebook.com/events/825479087590846/> or contact Deborah May [Deborah.May@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:Deborah.May@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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

### **The Holocaust: an Introduction - Part 2**

Online – three sessions: 20 and 28 February, and 6 March

Yad Vashem course about the Holocaust, an inconceivable historical event, an idea so inhumanly warped that spread like wildfire through an entire continent, instigating the systematic annihilation of millions of Jews. For information see <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/holocaust-part-2>

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

### **Being a Muslim woman in Scotland**

21 February 2017 in Edinburgh (6.00-8.30)

Amina community conversation to discuss hate crime and islamophobia. For information see <http://www.mwrc.org.uk/events/edinburgh-roadshow/> or contact [info@mwrc.org.uk](mailto:info@mwrc.org.uk) / 0141 212 8420

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

### **New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees**

22 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

7 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

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

### **Leadership Skills for BME Workers**

25 February 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

11 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

STUC training to improve or develop leadership skills. For minority workers who hold positions of responsibility in their union, or who would like to become more involved in their union in the future. For information contact Kirsten McTighe [kmctighe@stuc.org.uk](mailto:kmctighe@stuc.org.uk) / 0141 337 8148.

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

### **Make sectarianism a history lesson**

25 February 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-4.00)

Xchange Scotland training to explore group and dialogue facilitation to challenge hate and nurture togetherness. For information contact [sos@xchangescotland.org](mailto:sos@xchangescotland.org)

### **Working with Interpreters**

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Introduction to Child Protection**

1 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.30-12.30)

GCVS session in partnership with Children in Scotland to discuss child protection, your individual and organisation's roles and responsibilities and the steps should you feel a child requires your support. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zqw4ays> or contact 0141 332 2444.

### **Integration and Working with Syrian Families**

2 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Equality and Fair Work – Taking Action in your Workplace**

3 March 2017 (registration until 24 February) in Edinburgh (10.00-4.30)

Scottish Union Learning and the Equality and Human Rights Commission event to consider equality legislation such as the Equality Act 2010 and the Fair Work Framework, with an emphasis on how these can be used in the workplace to ensure fairer and more equal workplaces. For information contact Alan White [awhite@stuc.org.uk](mailto:awhite@stuc.org.uk) / 0141 337 8153

### **\*\* Your Parliament, Your Voice - The voice of ethnic minorities in the Scottish Parliament**

6 March 2017 in Glasgow (10.00-12.00)

Commission on Parliamentary Reform and CEMVO Scotland event to consider how the Parliament can engage better with the people of Scotland and how its work can be improved to deliver better scrutiny. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jvfo8yl>

### **Engaging hard to reach groups**

8 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about engaging with hard to reach groups. For information please contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Human Rights Tour**

8 March 2017 in Aberdeen (9.30)

British Institute for Human Rights event to raise awareness about human rights and their relevance in everyday life. For information see <https://www.bih.org.uk/Event/human-rights-tour-aberdeen>

### **\*\* Equality and Human Rights Law after Brexit**

13 March 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-1.00)

Equality and Human Rights Commission event to consider what Brexit might mean for equality and human rights in Scotland, and how we can secure strong protection for equalities and fundamental rights following Brexit. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jpg5r6b> or contact Kyle Mulholland 0141 228 5925 / [equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com)

### **Honour-Based Violence: Who is Doing What to Whom, and Why?**

14 March 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-1.00)

Scottish Women's Aid workshop to discuss the meaning of Honour in the context of Honour-based violence, the influence of family, community, faith, tradition, migration and gender in victims/survivors' experiences, links to domestic abuse and gender-based violence, the long term impact and consequences of Honour-based violence on minority ethnic women children and young people, and appropriate service responses to supporting survivors. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hzeo96f>

### **Employability & Muslim Women in Scotland**

20 March 2017 in Edinburgh (12.00)

Amina event bringing together employability providers to facilitate discussion, create new partnerships and work together to foster best practice, ensuring that services address the needs of Muslim women. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hm4wf4p>

### **\*\* Race Equality Framework anniversary**

21 March 2017 in Edinburgh (1.00-4.00)

Scottish Government event one year after the official launch of the Race Equality Framework to explore the story so far with Scottish Government's recently appointed Race Equality Framework Adviser, Kaliani Lyle, and Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities. The outcomes of discussion on the day will help develop future work towards achieving the Framework's goals and visions. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zdx9ndb>

### **Rights and entitlements of EEA nationals**

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (9.30-12.30)

PAiH training on issues related to EEA nationals' access to services and important changes in regulations. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

### **Rights of refugees and asylum seekers**

21 March 2017 in Dumfries (1.15-4.15)

PAiH course to explore how the asylum system operates, and barriers faced by refugees and asylum seekers. For information see <http://www.paih.org/training/>

### **\*\* Engaging Young Refugees: An equipping day for Youth Workers**

23 March 2017 in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Ayr, and Inverurie (1.00-4.30)

Church Response For Refugees online training for those wanting to engage with young refugees and unaccompanied minors in their community. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/hbthqpg>

### **Talking to Young People about Equality**

23 March 2017 in Fife (venue tbc) (6.00-9.00)

Youth 1<sup>st</sup> workshop to help Youth Workers to begin a dialogue about equality with young people and to understand that good knowledge of equality and inclusion will improve their employability. For information contact Gayle Brown 01592 645 355 / [gayle@youth1st.co.uk](mailto:gayle@youth1st.co.uk) or see <https://www.fivevoluntaryaction.org.uk/news.asp?id=8004>

### **Refugee Rights to Housing**

30 March 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Course about refugee housing rights. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Cultural Competence**

25 April 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course focusing on how culture affects all of our lives, and

examines the extent to which culture influences and governs our beliefs, attitudes, behaviours and decision-making. It explores our own practice and attitudes to cultural differences, and examines different worldviews, so that participants can confidently work with people no matter where they come from. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jdfkz2> or contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

### **Separated Children**

11 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course about supporting separated child refugees. For information contact Martha Harding [train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) / 0141 223 7982.

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

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

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

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

**UK Government Honours system** <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

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

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

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

**Interfaith Scotland** <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

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

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

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

**ACAS** [www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

**SCVO** <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

**Volunteer Development Scotland** <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

**Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS)** [www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services](http://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services)

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

**BBC News** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <http://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://onescotland.org/>

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