

## Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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## Immigration and Asylum

### Westminster Early Day Motion

**Chris Mullin (139) Detention of children** – That this House notes with concern that around 2,000 children are detained each year in immigration detention centres, some for periods of several months; further notes the opinion of Save the Children and the Children's Commissioner that this is unjustified and damaging; further notes that families with children are among the least likely to abscond; further notes that some EU and Commonwealth countries have successfully introduced solutions other than secure detention for families who have exhausted their asylum claims; and urgently calls on the Government to end the practice of holding children in immigration detention centres.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=39676&SESSION=903>

### Press Release

**High tech border control success**

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/high-tech-border-control>

## Immigration and Asylum (continued)

### New publication

#### Migrants Rights News

[www.migrantsrights.org.uk/downloads/newsletters/MRN\\_Newsletter\\_Nov09.pdf](http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/downloads/newsletters/MRN_Newsletter_Nov09.pdf)

### News

#### Five arrested in people trafficking raids

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/crime-courts/five-arrested-in-people-trafficking-raids-1.932768>

#### Colleges rig immigrants' English tests

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/politics/article6927026.ece>

#### Michael Palin's hand of friendship gives asylum seekers a human face

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2009/nov/22/michael-palin-asylum-seeker-crisis>

#### Student visa numbers soar after new rules take effect

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/8368709.stm>

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## Race Relations

### Westminster Early Day Motion

**Diane Abbott (110) Black History Month** – That this House celebrates the success of Black History Month 2009; recognises that black people have played a vital role in the history of the country and that everybody benefits by learning more about it; further believes that black and ethnic minority history should be fully integrated into the curriculum to this end; and calls on the Government to look at how the history learnt by everybody all year round might be broadened.

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=39647&SESSION=903>

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## Equality

### Press Releases

#### Equality and Human Rights Commission: New appointments to strengthen the Commission's work

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/new-appointments-to-strengthen-the-commission-s-work/>

#### FCO wins overall Civil Service Diversity & Equality Award

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=21201527>

#### EU Equality Summit: Equality must finally become more than words on paper

<http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/pdfpress/2009-11-16%203rd%20Equality%20Summit.pdf>

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# Racism and Religious Hatred

## Holyrood Ministerial Statement

### Sectarianism

**Fergus Ewing (Minister for Community Safety):** For too long, sectarianism has plagued the lives of too many. We must eradicate it once and for all. In the past, sectarianism was the elephant in the room; we did not want to face up to the bigotry in some of our communities. In 2004, the previous Administration called time on sectarianism. It was time for communities, organisations and individuals to face up to sectarianism and to challenge it. The Government acknowledges the work of Jack McConnell and his Administration in taking that bold step to tackle sectarianism. There is no doubt that progress has been made. Sectarianism is not as prominent as it was when I grew up, but it is still part of the backdrop to Scottish life.

Our strategy is based on funding key projects and bringing together co-ordinated partnerships of organisations to deliver a spectrum of work in communities, the workplace and the courts. We are funding Nil by Mouth to tackle sectarianism in the workplace and to deliver a project supported by the Scottish Trades Union Congress; sense over sectarianism to work in communities; and Show Racism the Red Card to develop work to tackle sectarianism. Last December I launched the anti-sectarianism education resource that we funded YouthLink Scotland to develop. The Iona Community adapted that resource for inmates at Polmont young offenders institution. When I visited Polmont, I was so impressed that I asked the Iona Community to work in partnership with us to look at developing the resource for adult prisons.

By working in partnership, we can eradicate duplication of effort and ensure that our work is co-ordinated, focused and effective. ...

***To continue reading the lengthy statement and subsequent question and answer session see***

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-09/sor1118-02.htm#Col21250>

## Press Release

### Tackling sectarianism

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/18150430>

## New publications

### Hate crimes in the OSCE region - incidents and responses. Annual Report for 2008

[http://www.osce.org/publications/odihr/2009/11/41314\\_1386\\_en.pdf](http://www.osce.org/publications/odihr/2009/11/41314_1386_en.pdf)

### The EU Lisbon Treaty: What implications for anti-racism?

[http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/publications/lisbontreaty\\_EN\\_LRfinal.pdf](http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/publications/lisbontreaty_EN_LRfinal.pdf)

### "Sectarianism" and the Workplace: Report to the Scottish Trades Union Congress & the Scottish Government (dated August 2008 but only published this week)

<http://www.stuc.org.uk/files/Reports/Sectarianism/STUC08.pdf>

## News

### New campaign faces up to the scourge of racism

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/politics/new-campaign-faces-up-to-the-scourge-of-racism-1.933722>

## Racism and Religious Hatred

### News (continued)

#### Shocking return of poisonous, murderous creed

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/comment/ron-ferguson/shocking-return-of-poisonous-murderous-creed-1.932591>

#### Scottish Defence League plan Edinburgh protest

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/latestnews/Scottish-Defence-League-plan-Edinburgh.5830947.jp>

#### Police officer in trouble over racist e-mail

<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland/Police-officer-in-trouble-.5843518.jp>

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## Other Holyrood

### Parliamentary Questions

#### Queen's Speech

**Brian Adam** (S3W-29028): To ask the Scottish Executive what legislative consent motions it will lodge in the Parliament in connection with the legislative programme of the UK Government to be announced in the Queen's Speech on 18 November 2009.

**Reply from Bruce Crawford:** In accordance with the Sewel Convention, the UK Parliament does not legislate with regard to devolved matters in Scotland without the consent of the Scottish Parliament.

This is an important part of the devolution settlement, which acknowledges the special constitutional position of the Scottish Parliament and the democratic mandate conferred on this Parliament by the people of Scotland. In the view of the Scottish Government, the Sewel Convention will remain an essential part of the constitution of the UK for as long as the UK Parliament retains its current powers and functions in relation to Scotland.

In the normal course of business, legislation on devolved matters should be scrutinised and determined in the Scottish Parliament. There may however be situations in which it is helpful and appropriate for legislation dealing with devolved matters to be taken forward at Westminster. ...

The UK bills which we currently expect to give rise to Legislative Consent Motions (LCMs) in the Scottish Parliament cover:

**Bribery** – to modernise the law on bribery by creating two new offences covering the bribery of foreign public officials and corporate liability for negligently failing to prevent bribery.

**Crime and Security** - to extend regulation of the private security industry in Scotland in a manner which is consistent with analogous new provisions for England and Wales.

**Energy** – to support movement by the UK to a low carbon economy, including through the funding of up to four Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) commercial-scale demonstration projects.

**Financial Services** - to promote stability, efficiency and competition in financial markets, including through the provision to the public of advice and education in relation to financial matters.

**Flood and Water Management** - to ensure clarity in relation to the regulation of cross border reservoirs, in the context of measures to better protect England and Wales from flooding.

## Other Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

... In addition, three UK bills are being carried over from the 2008-09 session. LCMs for these bills have already been lodged in the Scottish Parliament.

**Child Poverty** – to provide statutory underpinning for the UK commitment to eradicate child poverty by 2020, and to place new duties on Scottish ministers in relation to the Scottish child poverty strategy; the new Child Poverty Commission (CPC), and the appointment of a commissioner to the CPC.

**Constitutional Reform and Governance** - to place management of the Civil Service on a statutory basis and place a reporting duty on the First Minister in relation to the employment of Special Advisers. The bill also revokes the devolution of competence which enabled the Scottish Parliament to legislate in relation to human rights claims against the devolved administrations ("Somerville"). It maintains the effect of that legislation and extends similar arrangements to Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Equality** – to revise and extend the law on discrimination and to enable Scottish ministers to make regulations to assist disabled people in the adaption of common parts of buildings. A Scottish Government consultation on the extension to Scotland of a further socio-economic duty concluded on 26 October 2009 and will inform consideration of this aspect to the bill.

**To read the full answer see**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/Default.aspx>

### Gypsies/Travellers

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28668):** To ask the Scottish Executive how many of its consultations have received input from Gypsy/Traveller groups or their representatives in each year since 2001.

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28670):** To ask the Scottish Executive how many of its working groups include representation from Gypsy/Travellers or their representative organisations.

**Reply from Alex Neil:** We are unable to answer this question as the information requested could only be obtained at disproportionate costs.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-28670>

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28669):** To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will reconvene its Strategic Group on Gypsies/Travellers, given the poor progress reported by the Equal Opportunities Committee.

**Reply from Alex Neil:** The Strategic Group on Gypsies/Travellers was set up in 2006 as a short-term working group. The priorities it identified were reflected in the *Scottish Government Race Equality Statement*, published on 8 December 2008. We are working with partners to deliver the commitments in the statement.

We are committed to engaging with Gypsy/Traveller communities and to seeking solutions to the barriers they face. Our forthcoming race equality conference events will provide a further opportunity to discuss issues affecting Gypsy/Traveller communities and how to overcome them.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-28669>

## Other Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28671):** To ask the Scottish Executive what funding it has provided to Gypsy/Travellers and their representative organisations since May 2007 (a) in total and (b) specifically to support capacity-building.

Reply from Alex Neil: The following funding has been provided to projects representing the interests of Gypsies/Travellers. All of these projects seek to build the capacity of communities or groups representing the interests of Gypsies/Travellers.

Name of Organisation	Year	Amount Since May 2007	Project
Scottish Traveller Education Programme	2007-10	£235,000	To work with Scottish education authorities in promoting and developing inclusive educational approaches for both settled and mobile Gypsy/Traveller families.
Save the Children Young Gypsy/Traveller Project	2007-08	£40,000	The project worked with a team of young people from the Gypsy/Traveller community to run awareness raising events and develop an educational pack for delivery to education authorities and other organisations seeking to reduce discrimination.
Gypsy/Traveller Education and Information Project	2007-08	£39,788	Provide information, advice, awareness and support to Gypsies/Travellers, the settled community, local authorities and the Police and the promote culture and history of the travelling community.
Gypsy/Traveller Education and Information Project - Gypsy/Traveller Advice and Support Project	2008-11	£105,000	To develop an information and advice service for Gypsies/Travellers to build a peer-led approach to information and advice around housing/site options. Providing direct access to legal advice and build the capacity of the community to understand their rights, how to challenge decisions and develop a community response to challenges.
Scottish Traveller Education Programme - e-learning community	2009-11	£125,000	To develop an e-learning community for Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller children which will support learning and teaching by enabling mobile children and their teachers to stay in touch during the travelling season.
Article 12 – Young Gypsy/Traveller Project	2009-11	£125,500	To work with a group of 30 young Gypsies/Travellers to develop key personal and life skills which will allow them to achieve their fullest potential and maximise their skills.

In addition to the funding listed, we have allocated a total of £30,000 over 2007-09 to Hilton Associates to deliver a project which works with Gypsy/Traveller groups to help in building capabilities within the community. The overall outcomes include more confidence in skills areas, including collaborative working, facilitation skills, planning and managing projects and governance.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-28671>



## Other Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28672):** To ask the Scottish Executive what resources it has allocated to improving the position of Gypsy/Travellers in line with the commitment set out in its December 2008 *Race Equality Statement*.

**Reply from Alex Neil:** The following table sets out resources committed to projects taking forward the commitments made in the *Race Equality Statement*.

Race Statement Commitment	Amount Allocated	Date	Project
To develop and implement an education strategy for Gypsies/Travellers.	£125,000	2009-11	The Scottish Traveller Education Project e-learning community for Scotland's Gypsy/Traveller children.
Meeting the accommodation needs of Gypsies/Travellers through providing direct support to local authorities to develop Gypsy/Traveller transit sites.	£81,375	2008-11	£2 million over 2008-10 was made available to local authorities seeking to improve existing sites or create new transit sites. Only one local authority submitted a bid for a transit site. The Scottish Government provided £81,375 to support South Ayrshire Council to develop a new transit site in Ayr. An issue has arisen with the transit site location and we are currently considering how to support South Ayrshire Council and other local authorities to meet transit site need in their areas.
To support community development work with the Gypsies/Travellers communities, aimed at laying the ground work for the eventual emergence of representative bodies for the communities.	£30,000	2007-09	Hilton Associates community development project has been funded to work with Gypsy/Traveller groups to help in building capabilities within the community.
To develop further engagement work with young Gypsies/Travellers.	£125,500	2009-11	Article 12 will work with a group of 30 young Gypsies/Travellers to develop key personal and life skills which will allow them to achieve their fullest potential and maximise their skills. Gypsies/Travellers are disadvantaged by the relative absence of community-led groups or associations, the project could provide the opportunity for the youths of the community to form such a group without previous prejudice becoming a problem.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-28672>

**Marlyn Glen (S3W-28673):** To ask the Scottish Executive what response it has received from the UK Government to its request that Scottish Gypsies/Travellers be established as a minority ethnic group in the Equality Bill, as set out in the letter dated 26 June 2007 from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government; what discussions have since taken place on this matter, and what further actions it will take to ensure that Scottish Gypsy/Travellers are accorded this legal status.

**Reply from Alex Neil:** The subject matter of the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended) is reserved to the UK Government. Any change to such legislation is therefore a matter for the UK Government. Interpretation of race relations legislation is a matter for the tribunals or courts. The Deputy First Minister wrote to Ruth Kelly MP, then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 26 June 2007, raising the concerns of Scottish Gypsies/Travellers around legal status. We have not had any response to that letter.

## Other Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

However, the Scottish Government recognises Gypsies/Travellers as minority ethnic communities and we have stated this in our *Race Equality Scheme* and *Race Equality Statement* published on 8 December 2008. Therefore, for all practical purposes, Gypsies/Travellers count alongside all Scotland's minority ethnic communities in the Scottish Government's work to tackle racism and promote race equality. We also encourage other public bodies to adopt this approach.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-28673>

## Press Releases

### Queen's Speech

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/18133443>

### Arbitration Bill passed by Parliament

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/11/18154137>

### Suggest a Speaker, Event or Theme for the Festival of Politics 2010

<http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/>

## New publications

**National Conversation Paper focussing on health, housing, law and order, transport and children's issues**

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/292518/0090213.pdf>

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## Other Westminster

### Queen's Speech

#### Transcript

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page21361>

#### Full list of Bills

[Bribery Bill](#)

[Children, Schools and Families Bill](#)

[Cluster Munitions \(Prohibitions\) Bill](#)

[Crime and Security Bill](#)

[Digital Economy Bill](#)

[Energy Bill](#)

[Financial Services Bill](#)

[Fiscal Responsibility Bill](#)

[Flood and Water Management Bill](#)



## Other Westminster Queen's Speech (continued)

Personal Care at Home Bill

Child Poverty Bill - carried over from the 2008-09 session

Equality Bill - carried over from the 2008-09 session

Constitutional Reform and Governance Bill - carried over from the 2008-09 session

International Development Spending Draft Bill

House of Lords Reform Bill Draft Bill

### Other items

Economic Recovery

Agency Workers Regulations

High speed rail services between London and Scotland

Royal visit to Bermuda

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

Afghanistan

Pakistan

The Middle East Peace Process

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## New Publication

### All Wales Convention Report

<http://wales.gov.uk/docs/awc/publications/091118thereporten.pdf>

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## Other News

### Forced marriage helpline to close

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/8365066.stm>

### Landmark report on devolution in Wales reflects public mood on a referendum

<http://allwalesconvention.org/newsandevents/news/landmarkreport/?lang=en>

### 'Muslim suffragettes' fight for mosque vote

<http://news.scotsman.com/politics/39Muslim-suffragettes39--fight-for.5846743.jp>

### The new suffragettes

<http://scotlandonsunday.scotsman.com/leaders/The-new-suffragettes.5846769.jp>

## Other News (continued)

**Forthcoming changes have slipped under radar, according to the Charity Tax Group**

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/FinanceBulletin/967177/Charities-not-prepared-new-VAT-rules-services-say-experts/DC9FEC6664FB7D8A2CFB4EF17C6CA6AD/?DCMP=EMC-FinanceBulletin>

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

### Holyrood

#### **\*\* Arbitration Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/index.htm>

Subordinate Legislation Committee Report

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/subleg/reports-09/sur09-45.htm>

Stage 3 amendments

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/b19as3-stage3-ml.pdf>

Stage 3 consideration of amendments and debate

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/officialReports/meetingsParliament/or-09/sor1118-02.htm#Col21260>

Bill as passed

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/19-Arbitration/b19bs3-aspassed.pdf>

#### **Criminal Justice and Licensing Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/24-CrimJustLc/index.htm>

#### **Public Services Reform Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/26-PubSerRef/index.htm>

## **Bills in Progress Westminster**

#### **Equality Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2009-10/equality.html>

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## **Consultations** (closing date)

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**Charging for immigration and visa applications** (1 December 2009)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/charging09/>

## Consultations (continued)

**Integrated Reporting** (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, 29 December 2009)

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=ae8a56f1-3abd-4d53-b0c1-0ee5708f4c39>

**A Road Less Travelled - A Draft Gypsy Traveller Strategy** (Welsh Assembly Government, 5 January 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/housingcommunity/gypsytravellers/?lang=en>

**Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Specific Duties** (15 January 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/286361/0087195.pdf>

**1st year Implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings** (15 January 2010)

[http://www.antislavery.org/includes/documents/cm\\_docs/2009/c/2\\_call\\_for\\_evidence\\_final.pdf](http://www.antislavery.org/includes/documents/cm_docs/2009/c/2_call_for_evidence_final.pdf)

**UK Border Agency Equality Scheme** (15 January 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/Stakeholder-questionnaire.pdf>

**Consultation on Revising the OISC's Guidance on Competence** (29 January 2010)

<http://www.oisc.gov.uk/servefile.aspx?docid=82>

**UNHCR, Canada, Denmark and the UK: A Joint Institutional Strategy Working Together for the World's Displaced Persons** (31 January 2010)

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/consultations/jt-org-stgy-unhcr-2007-2009.pdf>

**Protection of Vulnerable Groups Implementation: Consultation on Significant Draft Secondary Legislation, Guidance and Regulatory Impact Assessment** (2 February 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/children-families/pvglegislation/Consultation09>

**Simplifying Immigration Law - A New Framework for Immigration Rules**

(3 February 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/simplifying-imm-law-new-framewrk/>

**Reforming asylum support** (4 February 2010)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/aboutus/consultations/221878/simplifying-imm-law-new-framew1/>

**\*\* Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005: Consultation on Options for the Implementation of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)** (26 February 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/292195/0090094.pdf>

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## Job Opportunities

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**Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator consultation on Integrated Reporting**

24 November 2009 in Edinburgh (6.00pm)

25 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.30 and 1.30)

1 December 2009 in Dumfries (1.30)

OSCR is looking for comments on our consultation 'Integrated Reporting - The future of reporting and the register' which aims to streamline reporting procedures and to enhance the information about charities made available to the public. For information see <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Events.aspx>

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**A public appointment – no way? Think again**

25 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.15 – 4.45)

20 January 2010 in Edinburgh (9.15 – 4.45)

The Equalities and Human Rights Commission, the Commissioner for Public Appointments and Queen Margaret University are working together to increase the diversity of people like who apply for board positions with our public bodies. To attend a seminar contact Karen Elder [karen.elder@publicappointments.org](mailto:karen.elder@publicappointments.org) / 0131 718 6268 or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi\\_ocpas.pdf](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi_ocpas.pdf)

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**Building our Futures: The voluntary sector's vision for equalities and human rights in Scotland**

25 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.15 – 2.30)

SCVO conference to provide space for the voluntary sector to articulate its own vision for building equalities in our society over the next 5 years, and to identify priority actions to deliver this. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / [helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk](mailto:helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk) or see [http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi\\_hr.doc](http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/09xi_hr.doc) and <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1157&from=EventHome>

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**Making Human Rights Matter**

25 November 2009 in Glasgow (5.30 – 7.00)

SCVO lecture by Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / [helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk](mailto:helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk)

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**Human Trafficking and the Criminal Process**

26 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.30)

Legal Services Agency conference to include defence of victims of trafficking prosecuted for trafficking related offences, criminal prosecution of traffickers and trafficking related offences in Scotland, and police protection of victims of trafficking in Scotland. For information see <http://www.lsa.org.uk/humantraffickingandthecriminalprocess.aspx>

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**Young Scot: Sounds Right!**

26 November 2009 in Edinburgh (7.00pm – 10.00)

For 11 to 17 year olds coming as part of a recognised group. Young Scot: Sounds Right is designed to champion key articles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, including the right to get, and to share, information and the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of activities. For information see <http://www.youngscotsoundsright.org/> or contact Graeme Park [graemep@youngscot.org](mailto:graemep@youngscot.org) / 0131 313 2488 Ext – 2223.

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

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### **Migrant Workers Rights**

27 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

Govanhill Law Centre conference about the housing, employment, welfare rights and education rights of A8 and A2 nationals. For information see

[http://www.govanhilllc.com/?page\\_id=194](http://www.govanhilllc.com/?page_id=194)

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### **Migrant Welfare from an EC & Human Rights Law Perspective**

27 November 2009 in Glasgow (10.00 – 5.00)

Legal Services Agency seminar on how to use EC and human rights law to further migrants' interests with regards access to accommodation, community care support and social security and tax credits. For information see

<http://www.isa.org.uk/migrantwelfarefromanehumanrightslawpers.aspx>

### **Scottish Charity Accounts and Reporting to OSCR**

30 November 2009 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.30)

SCVO seminar to look at what OSCR expects from charities in terms of compliance. For information contact Jane Baillie 0131 474 8019 / [jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk](mailto:jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk)

### **Glasgow, a city of sanctuary?**

30 November 2009 in Glasgow (3.00 – 4.30)

The City of Sanctuary movement is active in 15 towns and cities throughout the UK. It aims to build city-wide support for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. It does this by working with local groups and organisations so that people seeking sanctuary can participate fully in the life of their communities. For information contact

[craig@cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:craig@cityofsanctuary.org)

### **Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees**

8 December 2009 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to identify the issues and concerns participants have in relation to working with asylum seekers and refugees, provide information on legal, political, economic and historical factors in relation to people seeking asylum, share ideas for developing good practice, and to identify strategies and resources for work with refugees. For information contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 /

[train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk) or see

<http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=73>

### **Supporting Identity, Diversity and Language in the Early Years**

15 December 2009 in Edinburgh

The first six years are crucial for young children in developing their first language and cultural identity. This Children in Scotland seminar explores theory and research in second language acquisition, particularly the relationship between children's identity and self-esteem and positive outcomes for learning. For information see

<http://www.childreninScotland.org.uk/html/trashow.php?ref=1354>

### **BEMIS AGM**

16 December 2009 (6.00 – 8.00)

GO Business & Training Centre, Thornwood Suite, Second Floor, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow G1 2AD. For information contact Sue Barnes [sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk](mailto:sue.barnes@bemis.org.uk) / 0141 548 8047

## Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

### **\*\* Scottish Refugee Council AGM and Public Meeting**

15 January 2010 (2.00 - )

The theme of the AGM will be that asylum is a human right. Keynote speeches will come from Roland Schilling, UK representative of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Professor Alan Miller, Chair of the Scottish Human Rights Commission. For more information contact Graeme Corbett on (0141) 223 7930 or [graeme.corbett@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:graeme.corbett@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Introduction to Professional Practice in Race Equality**

Course starting 3 February 2010 in Paisley (Wed evenings 6.15 – 9.00pm)

Course jointly organised by the University of the West of Scotland, and West of Scotland Race Equality Council to develop a critical understanding of the concepts 'race', racism and ethnicity, develop a working knowledge of the content and impact of the 1976 Race Relations Act and Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000, identify key elements of best practice towards race equality in employment and service delivery, and analyse and evaluate current progress and challenges in managing change towards race equality in his/her own workplace. For information see

<http://www.wsrec.co.uk/newsite/images/PaisleyUni/new%20ippire%20leaflet%20print%202009-10.pdf> or contact Duncan Sim [duncan.sim@uws.ac.uk](mailto:duncan.sim@uws.ac.uk), or WSREC 0141 337 6626

### **Judge a Book by its Cover? Not me!**

11 March 2010 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 12.00)

SCVO seminar to discover more about the process of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements may lead to prejudice and discrimination. For information contact Jane Baillie [jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk](mailto:jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk) / 0131 474 8019

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**Scottish Parliament** <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

**Scottish Government** <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

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

**Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)**

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw](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](http://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/>



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

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

Volunteer Development Scotland [www.vds.org.uk](http://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](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm)

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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 Charity 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. <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/>