

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motions

S5M-13447 Mary Fee (Labour): Scotland Welcomes Refugees – That the Parliament notes the action taken by Serco to issue lock change notices on a number of properties occupied by asylum seekers in Glasgow; believes that the UK Conservative administration's "hostile environment" immigration and asylum policy is callous; considers that asylum seekers are vulnerable individuals who have been the victims of some of the world's most cruel dictators and repressive regimes and have had to flee persecution and war; believes that every human being has the right to an affordable, habitable and safe home, free from the threat of forced eviction; understands that Article 14 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights states that everybody is entitled to seek asylum;

recognises what it considers Scotland's long history of welcoming refugees and asylum seekers from all over the world after various global conflicts; understands that, across Scotland, over 2,500 refugees have been welcomed through the Syrian and vulnerable children's resettlement schemes, and welcomes the news that Renfrewshire Council has housed over 30 Syrian families in the region under these programmes.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-13447>

S5M-13474 Liam Ker (Conservative): Funding Success for Dundee Polish Saturday School – That the Parliament congratulates the Dundee Polish Saturday School on securing £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All Scotland programme; understands that the group offers a Saturday school aimed at children who want to learn about Polish culture, customs and traditions and improve their Polish language; recognises that the group will use the funding to deliver a programme of workshops, trips and events to promote cultural understanding between Polish and Scottish children living in Dundee, and wishes the group every success for the future.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-13474>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

Immigration: Personal Records

David Lammy (Labour) [136372] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many landing cards have been destroyed in each of the last eight years.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: There are two different types of landing cards, "non-controlled" or "controlled". Non-controlled cards (which account for c.95% of all non-EEA arrivals in 2016) are kept for a maximum of 28 days before they are destroyed.

Controlled cards relate mainly to those passengers who arrive in the UK for non-visit purposes such as settlement and this data is retained for 15 years.

We do not record centrally the number of landing cards destroyed.

The available published information on the number of non-EEA nationals entering the UK is published in Home Office's Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2018, Admission table ad_01 available from

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/709292/admissions-mar-2018-tables.ods

During the period 2010 to 2017 the number of non-EEA passengers granted leave to enter the UK was more than 118 million.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-18/136372/>

Immigration: Families

Drew Hendry (SNP) [159667] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what the current average waiting period is for applicants seeking leave to remain under the family and private life route.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: Information on processing times for In-Country leave to remain applications is available in our published transparency data at the link below. See tab InC_05.

Family and private life applications are included in the Non-Straightforward Workable category but this also includes outside of the rules applications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/in-country-migration-data-may-2018>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-07-02/159667/>

Visas: Applications

Vicky Foxcroft (Labour) [135609] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many out-of-time visa applications were (a) processed within the standard service time (b) processed after six months and (c) processed after twelve months in each of the last seven years.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The available information relating to processing of all out of country visa (and in-country visa) applications against service standards, is published in the transparency data at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data#uk-visas-and-immigration>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-13/135609/>

Visas: Overseas Students

The following two questions both received the same answer

Stephen Kerr (Conservative) [135755] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what proportion of tier 4 visa applications for students have been processed within the service level agreement timescales in the latest period for which figures are available.

Stephen Kerr (Conservative) [135756] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, how many tier 4 applications that have not been processed within the timescale set out in the service level agreement for processing such applications have caused students to miss university start dates in the latest academic year for which figures are available.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The available information on processing of Tier 4 out of country visa (and in-country visa) applications against service standards is published in the transparency data at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/migration-transparency-data#uk-visas-and-immigration>

The latest available data indicates the vast majority, 98.1% (and 99.8%) of straightforward cases were dealt with within service standards.

Information on students who may have missed their university start date is not collated for publication on Home Office visa case-working systems.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-13/135755/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-13/135756/>

Undocumented Migrants: Commonwealth

Alistair Carmichael (Liberal Democrat) [135905] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether her Department plans to provide free legal advice to Commonwealth citizens who have lived in the UK since before 1971 and who now may face deportation because of a lack of documentation.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: There will be no charge to obtain new documents or a residence permit. The simple process and the dedicated team assigned to help resolve individual cases should mean that individuals will not need to seek legal advice.

Those who arrived in the UK before 1 January 1973 are protected by virtue of their status provided by the 1971 Immigration Act. They will not be liable for deportation and will be able to regularise their stay.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-16/135905/>

Immigration: Windrush Generation

Catherine McKinnell (Labour) [147437] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what information his Department holds on the number of members of the Windrush generation who are (a) sleeping rough and (b) staying in temporary accommodation while waiting for a decision on their legal right to remain in the UK.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: Information about members of the Windrush generation who are sleeping rough or staying in temporary accommodation is not automatically reported to the Home Office.

Where any member of the Windrush generation does not have the documents they need to show their status the Government continues to urge them to come forward to the Taskforce so that we can help them. If people are homeless the Home Office can work with Local Authorities to secure temporary accommodation.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-05-23/147437/>

Immigration: Windrush Generation

Toby Perkins (Labour) [147879] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations he has received from the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the immigration status of members of the Windrush generation in the last 12 months.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The Secretary of State has not received representations from the Equality and Human Rights Commission on the immigration status of members of the Windrush generation in the last 12 months.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-05-24/147879/>

Immigration: Windrush Generation

David Lammy (Labour) [160676] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Answer of 4 July 2018 to Question 149583 on Immigration: Windrush Generation, how the Taskforce establishes when a case has been completed.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: A Windrush case is completed when the Home Office issues and despatches a document to an individual, confirming their status or the outcome of their application.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-07-04/160676/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-04/149583/>

EU Nationals: Health Services

Vince Cable (Liberal Democrat) [137398] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps her Department is taking to ensure eligible EU citizens have access to healthcare after (a) the UK leaves the EU and (b) June 2021.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The draft Withdrawal Agreement (WA) published in March guarantees the rights of EU citizens and their family members living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the EU.

EU citizens living in the UK by 31 December 2020, along with their family members, will be able to stay and continue their lives, with the same access to healthcare, benefits and other public services that they enjoy now. They will need to apply for status under the EU Settlement Scheme by 30 June 2021 to secure and demonstrate these rights thereafter.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-24/137398/>

Migrant Workers: Conditions of Employment

Julie Elliott (Labour) [157162] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, whether the Government has received representations on (a) Tier 2 and (b) other migrant workers' days of industrial action being classified as unpaid leave.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The Home Office has previously received a number of representations on the general principle of Tier 2 and other migrant workers' days of industrial action being classified as unpaid leave.

It is not the Government's policy to prevent migrant workers from engaging in legal strike action; and, to date, I am not aware of any case where a migrant worker has had their leave curtailed or been removed as a result of doing so. To put the matter beyond doubt, however, we amended the guidance for Tier 2 and 5 sponsors on 18 July to make clear that there will be no immigration consequences for any migrant worker who takes part in legal strike action.

We will be making a similar change the relevant Immigration Rules at the next available opportunity in the Autumn.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-25/157162/>

Asylum

David Linden (SNP) [157240] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if he will make an assessment on the implications for his Department's policies of the report A Hostile Environment, published by Refugee Rights Europe in February 2018.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The Home Office and its accommodation providers are committed to protecting the rights of asylum seekers and providing them with safe, secure and suitable accommodation whilst asylum claims are considered. We have a range of policies and procedures to ensure that this is the case and we will continue to thoroughly inspect, investigate and resolve any allegation that standards of accommodation and service are not being delivered in accordance with the contract, when specific information is received.

We remain in regular discussion with Providers, service users, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders about ways to improve the services provided and we will be making a number of improvements to the design of the future contracted services as a direct result of such feedback. The Refugee Rights Europe report was not formally shared with the Home Office but we have retrospectively considered the recommendations made and will ensure that they continue to be taken into consideration as part of our ongoing engagement and improvement plans.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-25/157240/>

The report referred to above can be read at

http://refugeerights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/RRE_A-Hostile-Environment.pdf

Undocumented Migrants: Deportation

Ben Lake (Plaid Cymru) [143223] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, when his Department first implemented a policy for imposing targets for deportation of illegal immigrants; and whether the Home Secretary had discussions with Cabinet colleagues on that policy at that time.

Reply from Caroline Nokes: The background to targets for removals and my Department's current approach is set out in Sir Philip Rutnam's letters to the Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, dated 14 May and 25 June 2018 that are deposited in the House Library.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-05-11/143223/>

The letters referred to above can be read at

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2018-0477/PR-YC_HASC_chair-Immigration_Enforcement.pdf

and

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2018-0622/Sir_Philip_Rutnam_to_HASC_Chair-Immigration_Enforcement.pdf

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

Visas

Viscount Waverley (Crossbench) [HL9822] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many times in each of the last five years have immigration officers refused permission for a short-term visitor visa on the grounds that they have not been satisfied that the applicant intends to leave the UK at the end of the period being applied for, without giving the applicant the opportunity to provide additional information.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: Border Force does not hold the data in the requested format. Published data on refusals can be found at :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2018/list-of-tables#visas>

Table vi_01_q: Entry clearance visa applications and resolution by category

Resolved	of which									
Quarter	Applicant type	Category	Applications		Granted	%	Refused	%	Withdrawn	Lapsed
2017 Q1	Main applicant	Visitors	466,782	440,069	382,392	87%	56,934	13%	734	9
2017 Q1	Dependant	Visitors	41,900	39,630	35,018	88%	4,519	11%	93	0
2017 Q2	Main applicant	Visitors	722,866	694,142	621,701	90%	70,927	10%	1,498	16
2017 Q2	Dependant	Visitors	122,499	112,339	104,414	93%	7,702	7%	220	3
2017 Q3	Main applicant	Visitors	535,737	580,486	510,720	88%	67,906	12%	1,848	12
2017 Q3	Dependant	Visitors	44,330	59,635	53,532	90%	5,967	10%	136	0
2017 Q4	Main applicant	Visitors	417,610	421,871	359,120	85%	61,777	15%	970	4
2017 Q4	Dependant	Visitors	34,005	34,154	29,480	86%	4,569	13%	103	2
2017	2,382,326	2,096,377	88%	280,301	12%	5,602	46			

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9822/>

Immigration

Viscount Waverley (Crossbench) [HL9819] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether UK citizens not owning property in the UK will be required to satisfy immigration authorities of income and property in the UK when applying for either EU or non-EU spouses and close family members to enter and reside in the UK after Brexit.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Government is considering a range of options for the future immigration system. We will build a comprehensive picture of the needs and interests of all parts of the UK, including different sectors, businesses and communities, and look to develop a system that works for all.

We will make decisions on the future immigration system based on evidence and engagement. That is why we have asked the independent Migration Advisory Committee to advise on the economic and social impacts of the UK's exit from the

EU. When building the new system, various aspects including the creative sector will be taken into account, to ensure the future immigration system works for sectors.

We will set out proposals in the autumn.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9819/>

Immigration: EU Nationals

Viscount Waverley (Crossbench) [HL9818] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will ensure the continuity of rights for all EU citizens after Brexit.

Reply from Lord Callanan: The Prime Minister has been clear that safeguarding the rights of EU citizens living in the UK, and UK nationals living in the UK, is her first priority for negotiations.

We have reached an agreement with the EU on the rights of EU citizens living in the UK, as set out in the draft legal text of the Withdrawal Agreement. The agreement confirms that all EU citizens legally resident in the UK by December 2020 will be able to continue living their lives broadly as now.

The Home Office published a Statement of Intent on 21 June, providing further details about how EU citizens and their families can obtain settled status. The process will be straightforward and streamlined and we will support applicants to get the right outcome.

We have published a White Paper on the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill which will implement the Withdrawal Agreement we reach with the EU in UK law. This sets out the detail on how the Bill will legislate for key elements of the Withdrawal Agreement, including the agreement on citizens' rights.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9818/>

Refugees

Lord Scriven (Liberal Democrat) [HL9809] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many applications for indefinite leave to remain submitted by refugees have been delayed by the Home Office by at least 12 months since July 2017.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: We do not publish this data for this specific group of applicants but as per the In-Country migration statistics published in May 2018, 99.7% of settlement applications were decided within the six-month service standard. This figure will include applications made by refugees on the Settlement Protection route.

The data can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/in-country-migration-data-may-2018>

[UKVI In Country Q1](#)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9809/>

Refugees: Children

Lord Dubs (Labour) [HL9842] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children initially relocated to the UK under section 67 of the Immigration Act 2016 have subsequently been reunited with family members; and whether those relocations will be included in the specified number of 480 children to be transferred under section 67 of that Act.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: The Dublin Regulation establishes a clear mechanism for unaccompanied children who have claimed asylum in another EU Member State to be transferred here to have their asylum claim assessed if they have a qualifying family member legally present in the UK, and where transfer is in the child's best interests.

Unaccompanied children who are relocated to the UK under section 67 of the

Immigration Act 2016 are placed in the care of a local authority. Any child relocated under section 67 occupying a space offered by a local authority will count towards the specified number of 480. Local authorities will review a child's care needs on an ongoing basis. If a child has relatives in the UK, the local authority may subsequently decide that placement with that family is in the child's best interests. However, this is a decision for local authorities, not the Home Office.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-24/HL9842/>

Syria: White Helmets

Baroness Cox (Crossbench) [HL9778] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the statement on the resettlement of White Helmets by the Foreign Secretary and the International Development Secretary on 22 July, whether members of that group will be resettled in the UK.

Baroness Cox (Crossbench) [HL9779] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the statement on the resettlement of White Helmets by the Foreign Secretary and the International Development Secretary on 22 July, what estimate has been made of the costs to (1) the Exchequer, and (2) local government of (a) exfiltrating members of that group from Syria to the UK, (b) maintaining this group together with their families in the UK for five years, and (c) providing additional security for local communities in the UK given the group's reported links to jihadist extremists in Syria.

Baroness Cox (Crossbench) [HL9780] To ask Her Majesty's Government, in the light of the statement on the resettlement of White Helmets by the Foreign Secretary and the International Development Secretary on 22 July, whether they will ensure that before members of that group are relocated in the UK, local councils will be informed of the controversial reports relating to the White Helmets and appropriate financial and security support will be given to those councils.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: In addition to the costs of staff time associated with facilitating the departure of White Helmets personnel and dependents from Syria we have agreed, with partners, to cover the costs of their transportation and temporary stay in Jordan through the relevant UN agencies, as necessary. We are not yet in a position to estimate the final UK contribution.

As with all refugees resettled under the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme, funding would be allocated to local authorities on a per capita basis, with tariff amounts and payment terms clearly set-out in the scheme's funding instructions. There is also an exceptional cases fund to assist the most vulnerable refugees.

We take the security of our resettlement process extremely seriously. When potential cases are submitted by the UNHCR for consideration, they are carefully screened and considered for suitability for entry to the UK. We take the utmost care to ensure that those people coming here undergo rigorous vetting.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9778/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9779/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-23/HL9780/>

The statement referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-on-white-helmets>

White Helmets: Syria

Lord Truscott (Independent Labour) [HL9897] To ask Her Majesty's Government,

further to the statement by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and the Secretary of State for International Development, Resettlement of White Helmets from Syria, published 22 July, whether there will be comprehensive background checks on those individuals before allowing them, or their family members, to settle in the UK.

Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford: We take the security of our resettlement process extremely seriously. When potential cases are submitted by the UNHCR for consideration, they are carefully screened and considered for suitability for entry to the UK. We take the utmost care to ensure that those people coming here undergo rigorous vetting. We retain the right to reject individuals on security, war crimes or other grounds.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-24/HL9897/>

The statement referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/statement-on-white-helmets>

Press Releases

Support for asylum seekers threatened with eviction

<https://news.gov.scot/news/support-for-asylum-seekers-threatened-with-eviction>

Home Secretary apologises to members of the Windrush generation

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-apologises-to-members-of-the-windrush-generation>

Update on the work of the Home Office in relation to Windrush

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/735170/20180821_-_Windrush_update_.pdf

Windrush scheme casework guidance

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/735185/windrush-scheme-casework-guidance-v2.0ext.pdf

New Publications

Letter from Sajid Javid MP to Yvette Cooper MP about issues relating to Windrush

http://data.parliament.uk/DepositedPapers/Files/DEP2018-0833/20180821_-_Windrush_update_.pdf

Briefing: Migration Statistics

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06077/SN06077.pdf>

Migration Statistics Quarterly Report: August 2018

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/internationalmigration/bulletins/migrationstatisticsquarterlyreport/august2018/pdf>

Asylum transparency data: August 2018

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/734882/UKVI_Asylum_Q2_2018_Published.ods

Migrant labour force within the construction industry: August 2018

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/migrantlabourforcewithintheconstructionindustryaugust2018>

Developments in migration statistics since 2010

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/709106/developments-in-migration-statistics-since-2010.pdf

Asylum, migration and integration fund interim evaluation report

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/734737/UK_AMIF_Interim_Evaluation_Report.Public_002_.pdf

Northern Ireland Briefing Document: Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/communities/syrian-vpr-scheme-briefing-document-june-18.DOCX>

Detainees under escort: Inspection of a Third Country Unit removal to France and Bulgaria

<https://www.justiceinspectrates.gov.uk/hmiprisonswp-content/uploads/sites/4/2018/07/TCU-escorts-March-web-2018.pdf>

Tipping the Scales: Access to Justice in the Asylum System

<https://www.refugee-action.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Access-to-Justice-July-18-1.pdf>

“We came here for sanctuary” Syrian refugee families’ experience of racism and substandard housing conditions in West Belfast

<https://www.pprproject.org/sites/default/files/We%20Came%20Here%20for%20Sanctuary%20Report%20-%2030.7.18.pdf>

News: Asylum seeker eviction crisis

Humza Yousaf brands Home Office immigration policy 'cruel'

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/humza-yousaf-brands-home-office-immigration-policy-cruel-1-4779524>

Free legal advice for Serco tenants at risk of eviction

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3334_free_legal_advice_for_serco_tenants_at_risk_of_eviction

Confusion over 'eviction' of Glasgow's asylum seekers

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16413488.confusion-over-eviction-of-glasgows-asylum-seekers/>

£100,000 grant to help Glasgow asylum seekers facing eviction

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-45121053>

£100,000 fund to help asylum seekers in Glasgow facing eviction

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/100-000-fund-to-help-asylum-seekers-in-glasgow-facing-eviction-1-4781022>

More than £100,000 announced to support asylum seekers threatened with eviction

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16407774.more-than-100000-announced-to-support-asylum-seekers-threatened-with-eviction/>

Scottish Government grants £110,000 to help Glasgow asylum seekers threatened with eviction

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/scottish-government-grants-110000-help-13052067>

UK minister in talks over asylum seekers eviction row

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-45106165>

UK and Scottish ministers hold talks over Glasgow asylum evictions

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/aug/08/uk-and-scottish-ministers-hold-talks-over-glasgow-asylum-evictions>

Council to carry out assessments in asylum seeker lock changes row

<https://www.scotsman.com/regions/glasgow-strathclyde/council-to-carry-out-assessments-in-asylum-seeker-lock-changes-row-1-4780093>

Sercos lock change asylum seekers will all be assessed by city council

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16404044.sercos-lock-change-asylum-seekers-will-all-be-assessed-by-city-council/>

Sercos boss 'doesn't know' how many former asylum seekers will be evicted

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16400337.sercos-boss-doesnt-know-how-many-former-asylum-seekers-will-be-evicted/>

Sercos pausing asylum seeker evictions in Glasgow will only provide 'temporary relief', says MSP

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/glasgow-asylum-seekers-sercos-justice-secretary-humza-yousaf-scotland-a8479711.html>

Sercos drops eviction proceedings against two asylum seekers, solicitors say

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16402336.sercos-drops-eviction-proceedings-against-two-asylum-seekers-solicitors-say/>

Sercos drops eviction proceedings against two asylum seekers, solicitors say

<https://www.scotsman.com/regions/glasgow-strathclyde/sercos-drops-eviction-proceedings-against-two-asylum-seekers-solicitors-say-1-4779666>

Sercos plan to halt lock changes slammed as 'temporary relief' for asylum seekers

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/uk-world-news/sercos-plan-halt-lock-changes-13040709>

Sercos asylum evictions plan to be challenged in court

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-45075535>

Council seeks clarity about migrant row

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/council-seeks-clarity-about-migrant-row-2lhl36qsh>

What is the Glasgow asylum row all about?

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-45082527>

'I'd rather die than live on the street' says asylum seeker

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-45087247>

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SNP calls on UK Government to scrap 'nonsensical' net migration targets

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/snp-calls-on-uk-government-to-scrap-nonsensical-net-migration-targets-1-4782188>

Immigration: Scrap targets after Brexit, CBI urges

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-45136390>

Government leaving child refugees stranded in Europe due to 'failing' relocation scheme, charities warn

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/url-child-refugees-europe-uk-home-office-refugee-asylum-dubs-amendment-safe-passage-a8486321.html>

Depressingly little has changed over refugee policy

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/16400008.agenda-depressingly-little-has-changed-over-refugee-policy/>

New UK asylum figures show decrease in number of people seeking protection here

http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3340_new_uk_asylum_figures_show_decrease_in_number_of_people_seeking_protection_here

'Desperate' asylum seekers work illegally while appealing

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-45100120>

Visa rejections will discourage writers from visiting UK says Palestinian writer, finally in Edinburgh

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16592650.visa-rejections-will-discourage-writers-from-visiting-uk-says-palestinian-writer-finally-in-edinburgh/>

Edinburgh book festival chief hits out at visa issues facing international writers

<https://www.scotsman.com/lifestyle/culture/edinburgh-festivals/edinburgh-book-festival-chief-hits-out-at-visa-issues-facing-international-writers-1-4781006>

Festivals reputation will 'nose dive' unless Home Office sorts visas for artists, director says

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16406693.festivals-reputation-will-nose-dive-unless-home-office-sorts-visas-for-artists-director-says/>

Authors' visa struggles undermine book festival, says Sturgeon

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/aug/09/authors-visa-struggles-undermine-book-festival-says-sturgeon>

Home Office refuses visas for authors invited to Edinburgh book festival

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/aug/08/visas-refused-for-a-dozen-authors-invited-to-book-festival>

Edinburgh festivals: Nick Barley says humiliating visa process for artists harms Edinburgh's reputation

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-08-09/scotland/edinburgh-festivals-nick-barley-says-visa-process-for-artists-is-bad-for-edinburgh-s-reputation-6zvqxg67jl>

Windrush generation: Formal apology for 18 people

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45258866>

Windrush citizens still waiting for cases to be resolved

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/aug/10/windrush-citizens-still-waiting-for-cases-to-be-resolved>

CBI urges government to drop 'blunt target' on immigration numbers

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/10/cbi-urges-government-to-drop-brexit-blunt-target-on-immigration-numbers>

A toddler was separated from her parents and trapped in a warzone, all because of our government's mindless bureaucracy

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/politics-immigration-windrush-scandal-hostile-environment-theresa-may-a8487396.html>

UK visa delay sees husband die in Scotland before wife could arrive

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk-visa-delay-sees-husband-die-in-scotland-before-wife-could-arrive-1-4781707>

Woman's husband dies in Scots hospital without goodbye after 'ridiculous' Home Office visa delays

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/womans-husband-dies-scots-hospital-13059213>

Home Office tells destitute Windrush woman to seek charity help to feed her child

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-windrush-woman-seek-charity-help-nhs-nurse-childcare-a8482396.html>

Nine-year-old chess prodigy wins fight to stay in UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/chess-boy-uk-stay-home-office-shreyas-royal-visa-battersea-a8486481.html>

Nine-year-old chess prodigy told he can stay in UK

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2018/aug/10/nine-year-old-chess-prodigy-told-he-can-stay-in-uk-shreyas-royal-home-office-reverse>

Sajid Javid waives visa rules to let chess prodigy's family remain in Britain

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/08/10/chess-prodigys-world-class-talent-helps-family-remain-britain/>

Home Office lifts stalemate so chess prodigy Shreyas Royal can stay

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-08-10/news/home-office-lifts-stalemate-so-chess-prodigy-shreyas-royal-can-stay-c6v9wgcd3>

Brexit: MEPs concerned over reported UK registration plans for EU27 citizens

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/20180816IPR10003/brexit-meps-concerned-over-reported-uk-registration-plans-for-eu27-citizens>

Labour leader meets asylum seekers at Glasgow Church

http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2018/Labour_leader_meets_asylum_seekers_at_Glasgow_Church

Teen asylum seeker scores six As despite deportation fears

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/education/teen-asylum-seeker-scores-six-as-despite-deportation-fears-1-4780174>

Asylum seeker Somer Umeed Bakhsh gets six As in exams despite fears of deportation from Scotland

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16404215.asylum-seeker-somer-umeed-bakhsh-gets-six-as-in-exams-despite-fears-of-deportation-from-scotland/>

Glasgow teen under stress of deportation threat amazes teachers with exam results

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/glasgow-teen-under-stress-deportation-13045443>

Teenager facing deportation gets top marks in his exams

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/teenager-facing-deportation-gets-top-marks-in-his-exams-hrnwd6qrl>

Visa refusal denies US teacher her dream Scottish job

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16598523.visa-refusal-denies-us-teacher-her-dream-scottish-job/>

Refugees wanted to pedal for Scotland

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/refugees-wanted-to-peddle-for-scotland>

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Community Relations

Scottish Parliament Motion

S5M-13569 Angus MacDonald (SNP): Rainbow Muslim Women's Group Fundraising – That the Parliament congratulates the Rainbow Muslim Women's Group, which operates across the Falkirk district, on raising nearly £5,000 for charities and good causes, including the Penny Appeal, the Islamic Welfare Trust's water project, the Palestine Appeal and World Care Foundation's Eid Treat in Aid of Orphans; recognises the efforts of all volunteers in helping to make these charity campaigns a huge success in order to impact positively on the lives of people in most need; understands that the group is also working with FareShare to help deliver surplus food from supermarkets to people across the Falkirk area and has donated toiletries for residents at Strathcarron Hospice; encourages more people to get involved and help to make a difference to others who are less fortunate or who are in need of support by donating and volunteering for a charity, cause or initiative in their own area, and applauds the Rainbow Muslim Women's Group on its efforts in fundraising for its chosen causes, and looks forward to hearing about more of the group's projects.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-13569>

News

Scottish Interfaith Week competition

To celebrate Scottish Interfaith Week 2018, which is taking place from 11 to 18 November, Interfaith Scotland is looking for budding artists to take part in their 'Connecting Generations' competition. There is a top prize of £50 and winning entries will have their work displayed at the launch of Scottish Interfaith Week. Entries are open to individuals and groups of all ages. You do not need to be part of a faith group to enter this competition. The deadline for entries is Monday 22nd October. For information see

<http://www.interfaithscotland.org/app/download/30578038/Creative+Competition+Flyer.pdf>

and

<http://www.interfaithscotland.org/app/download/30559974/Connecting+Generations+Art+Competition+Advice+Sheet.pdf>

War, anti-Semitism and an old family secret: the dark history that helped shape James Wolfe, Lord Advocate of Scotland

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16598766.james-wolfe-lord-advocate-of-scotland-how-my-grandparents-duped-the-nazis-to-survive/>

Just how welcome are Muslims in Scotland?

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16599716.just-how-welcome-are-muslims-in-scotland/>

Scotland is more open to Muslims, claims senior police officer

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/scotland-is-more-open-to-muslims-claims-senior-police-officer-1-4783136>

Anti-terror chief: Scots more open to Muslims

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2018-08-13/scotland/anti-terror-chief-scots-more-open-to-muslims-ncdlzxxfp>

As Jewish and Muslim friends, we have worked out what we have in common and how we can set a positive example

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/jewish-muslim-communities-antisemitism-islamophobia-racism-uk-a8487421.html>

TOP

Equality

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Equal Opportunities

S5W-17520 Mike Rumbles (Liberal Democrat): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will publish its plans to promote equal opportunities (a) for women and (b) generally in the public sector, and what action it is taking to improve equal opportunities (i) for women and (ii) generally in (A) Police Scotland and (B) the NHS.

Reply from Christina McKelvie: The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as amended) place a number of specific duties on listed public authorities including a duty to report progress on mainstreaming the equality duty, a duty to publish equality outcomes and a duty to gather and use employee information.

The Scottish Government published its Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Report (<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/04/4384>) in April 2017.

The 2012 Regulations apply to Health Boards constituted under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978; a Special Health Board constituted under that section; the Scottish Police Authority; and the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Scotland. Therefore as listed public authorities they are required to report under the 2012 regulations (as amended).

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2012/8/schedule/5>

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17520>

Social Security Experience Panels: Ethnicity

S5W-18076 Mark Griffin (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-11055 by Jeane Freeman on 18 September 2017, in light of its commitment to do so "at a later stage", whether it now monitors the ethnicity of individuals participating in its Social Security Experience Panels, and, if so, when this data will be published.

Reply from Shirley-Anne Somerville: In May 2018 Experience Panel members were invited to participate in a survey to update their details and to provide information relating to their protected characteristics. This included a question asking them their ethnicity. The survey and each individual question were voluntary. The results of this survey are still being analysed and will be published

later in 2018. We will continue to provide panel members with opportunities to update their details, including opportunities to provide information about their protected characteristics, including ethnicity.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-18076>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-11055>

Social Security Experience Panels: Race Equality

S5W-18077 Mark Griffin (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government, further to the answer to question S5W-11056 by Jeane Freeman on 18 September 2018, whether race equality has featured as a discussion in its Social Security Experience Panels, and, if not, whether this topic will be addressed.

Reply from Shirley-Anne Somerville: Social Security Experience Panel research has focussed on understanding panel members experience of the current benefits system, and working with them to understand how we can improve the new system in Scotland. The research is structured to allow panel members the opportunity to discuss what is important to them, and accessibility is always a key priority. For example, translation and interpretation services are available through the Experience Panels helpline, and we always offer to book interpreters if they are needed.

In addition, the research team are running a series of research events with people from ethnic minority backgrounds, many of whom do not speak English as a first language. The first of these events was held in March 2018, with further events scheduled in September this year.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-18077>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-11056>

Modern apprenticeships: ethnicity and disability

S5W-17728 Monica Lennon (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide the information that it collects on the take-up of modern apprenticeships in each sector, also broken down by (a) ethnicity and (b) disability and, if such information is not collected, what its position is on doing so.

Reply from Jamie Hepburn: Skills Development Scotland gathers information by Occupational Groupings rather than by sector.

Modern Apprenticeship uptake broken down by (a) ethnicity and (b) disability by Occupational groupings is detailed in the following tables:

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Ethnicity

Occupational Grouping	Mixed or Multiple; Asian; African; Caribbean or Black; and Other ethnic group	White	Prefer not to say	Total	Known	Mixed or Multiple; Asian; African; Caribbean or Black; and Other ethnic group as a % of known
Administration & Related	34	1773	4	1811	1807	1.90%
Animal Care, Land & Water Based	0	296	0	296	296	0.00%
Automotive	19	1065	1	1085	1084	1.80%

Occupational Grouping	Mixed or Multiple; Asian; African; Caribbean or Black; and Other ethnic group	White	Prefer not to say	Total	Known	Mixed or Multiple; Asian; African; Caribbean or Black; and Other ethnic group as a % of known
Chemicals & Biotechnology Related	*	29	*	30	*	0.00%
Construction & Related	33	5511	560	6104	5544	0.60%
Creative & Cultural Skills	8	209	4	221	217	3.70%
Engineering & Energy Related	15	1319	5	1339	1334	1.10%
Financial Services	33	895	3	931	928	3.60%
Food & Drink	21	1228	2	1251	1249	1.70%
Hospitality & Tourism	105	2606	55	2766	2711	3.90%
Management	10	545	2	557	555	1.80%
Other Manufacture	*	350	*	355	*	1.10%
IT and Other Services	60	2039	8	2107	2099	2.90%
Personal Services	10	816	5	831	826	1.20%
Retail & Customer Service	52	2207	4	2263	2259	2.30%
Sport, Health & Social Care	93	3517	18	3628	3610	2.60%
Transport & Logistics	11	1546	13	1570	1557	0.70%
Grand Total	508	25951	686	27145	26459	1.90%

* Disclosure control is applied where figures are less than 5 or where such figures can be identified through differencing.

The 'Prefer not to say' column is not subject to disclosure control unless necessary.

Disability

Occupational Grouping	Self-identified impairment, health condition or learning difficulty	No impairment, health condition or learning difficulty	Prefer not to say	Total	Known	Self-identified impairment, health condition or learning difficulty as a % of known
Administration & Related	188	1603	20	1811	1791	10.50%
Animal Care, Land & Water Based	50	241	5	296	291	17.20%
Automotive	132	945	8	1085	1077	12.30%
Chemicals & Biotechnology Related	5	24	1	30	29	17.20%
Construction & Related	383	5099	622	6104	5482	7.00%

Occupational Grouping	Self-identified impairment, health condition or learning difficulty	No impairment, health condition or learning difficulty	Prefer not to say	Total	Known	Self-identified impairment, health condition or learning difficulty as a % of known
Creative & Cultural Skills	25	190	6	221	215	11.60%
Engineering & Energy Related	117	1211	11	1339	1328	8.80%
Financial Services	97	826	8	931	923	10.50%
Food & Drink	96	1145	10	1251	1241	7.70%
Hospitality & Tourism	393	2292	81	2766	2685	14.60%
Management	45	507	5	557	552	8.20%
Other Manufacture	30	322	3	355	352	8.50%
IT and Other Services	170	1899	38	2107	2069	8.20%
Personal Services	148	674	9	831	822	18.00%
Retail & Customer Service	373	1873	17	2263	2246	16.60%
Sport, Health & Social Care	554	3032	42	3628	3586	15.40%
Transport & Logistics	148	1402	20	1570	1550	9.50%
Grand Total	2954	23285	906	27145	26239	11.30%

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17728>

Press Release

Support for ethnic minority entrepreneurs helps 11,000 businesses get off the ground

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-ethnic-minority-entrepreneurs-helps-11000-businesses-get-off-the-ground>

New Publication

Unemployment by ethnic background

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06385/SN06385.pdf>

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Muslim women launch equality campaign amid claims of 'crisis' at Scottish mosques

<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16413492.muslim-women-launch-equality-campaign-amid-claims-of-crisis-at-scottish-mosques/>

Time for change at Scottish mosques

http://www.heraldscotland.com/opinion/sunday_herald_view/16413510.time-for-change-at-scottish-mosques/

'Traditional' theatre lighting and stage design discriminates against black and Asian actors, warns Shakespeare's Globe

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/08/12/traditional-theatre-lighting-stage-design-discriminates-against/>

Black people 'at greater risk of dementia'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/black-people-at-greater-risk-of-dementia-vm62cg77m>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

Modern apprentices: discrimination, bullying, or harassment

S5W-17731 Monica Lennon (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government what work it has undertaken to monitor and tackle discrimination, bullying or harassment experienced by modern apprentices, and how many cases were reported in the last five years on grounds of (a) gender, (b) race, (c) disability, (d) religion and (e) sexual orientation.

Reply from Jamie Hepburn: Modern Apprentices are employed and Skills Development Scotland (SDS) makes clear through the apprenticeship training contracts that zero tolerance of bullying, harassment and discrimination should apply to Apprentice employers.

The Modern Apprenticeship 2018-19 specification, which each training provider is required to comply with, makes clear that:

“Participants following a Modern Apprenticeship framework must be subject to the same policies and procedures as other employees of the organisation with which they are employed and the Provider must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that each Participant is informed by his or her employer of their rights...”

Skills Development Scotland monitors any complaints of discrimination, bullying and harassment through their [Complaints Procedure](#). Skills Development Scotland is unable to disclose the number of complaints received in relation to discrimination, bullying or harassment as the numbers are particularly small. Disclosure would therefore risk identification of individuals and contravene SDS obligations under the Data Protection Act.

SDS actively investigates any cases which are reported to their Skills Investment Advisers through their ongoing contract monitoring of training providers.

In addition, SDS works with training providers and employers to continually signpost them to appropriate training opportunities which are available to help them tackle discrimination, bullying or harassment in the workplace and signpost them to appropriate advice and guidance relating to diverse recruitment and embracing diversity in the workforce.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17731>

Flag flying: proscribed terrorist group

S5W-17824 Patrick Harvie (Green): To ask the Scottish Government what its response is to the reported display of a flag of the proscribed terrorist group, National Action, at a far right demonstration in Glasgow on 21 July 2018, and what action it is taking to counter the threat posed by such organisations.

Reply from Humza Yousaf: National Action was proscribed by the Home Office as a terrorist organisation in December 2016. Any allegation of criminality arising from this proscription is a matter for the Crown Office and Police Scotland.

Scottish Government is committed to delivering the UK Counter Terrorism

Strategy (CONTEST). CONTEST seeks to address all forms of terrorism.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17824>

Securing of places of worship: funding scheme

S5W-17685 Anas Sarwar (Labour): To ask the Scottish Government whether there is any funding scheme in Scotland for the securing of places of worship similar to the scheme recently announced by the UK Government.

Reply from Aileen Campbell: We are clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We are taking a range of steps to tackle hate crime as set out in our ambitious Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities Action Plan, and have established a multi-agency Action Group to drive this work forward.

While there is no specific security funding scheme for places of worship, we are fully committed to working with Police Scotland and others to safeguard all communities and potentially vulnerable people and sites, and would encourage organisations with concerns about their security or the safety of their members to contact Police Scotland.

We are working to build inclusive, resilient and safe communities in Scotland where everyone feels connected, has a sense of belonging and feels valued.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-17685>

Press Releases

Scottish Trade Union Congress victimised ethnic minority worker

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-work/news/scottish-trade-union-congress-victimised-ethnic-minority-worker>

Jailed for racist knife attack

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1784-jailed-for-racist-knife-attack>

Capital bomb maker jailed

<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/media-site/media-releases/1783-capital-bomb-maker-jailed>

Racist who called for murder of Muslims and Labour leader jailed

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/racist-who-called-murder-muslims-and-labour-leader-jailed>

New Publication

Employment Appeal Tribunal judgment: The Scottish Trades Union Congress v Mr Zaffir Hakim

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5b6d997fed915d31124baf40/The_Scottish_Trades_Union_Congress_v_Mr_Zaffir_Hakim_UKEATS_0008_17_JW.pdf

News: Boris Johnson

Boris Johnson's Facebook page 'host to Islamophobic hate comments'

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/boris-johnson-s-facebook-page-host-to-islamophobic-hate-comments-1-4786428>

Boris Johnson's Facebook page full of Islamophobic comments after burka row
<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/boris-johnsons-facebook-page-full-13106549>

Boris Johnson's Facebook page hosts hundreds of Islamophobic comments after burqa row
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-facebook-page-islamophobic-comments-burqa-row-anti-muslim-a8498021.html>

Muslim leaders urge May to launch inquiry into Tory party Islamophobia
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/13/may-under-pressure-to-launch-inquiry-into-tory-party-islamophobia>

I'm under attack by fellow Tories because I challenged Johnson, says Muslim peer
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16437188.im-under-attack-by-fellow-tories-because-i-challenged-johnson-says-muslim-peer/>

Conservatives call for Lord Sheikh to be expelled from party
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/aug/16/conservatives-call-for-lord-sheikh-to-be-expelled-from-party>

Muslim Tory peer who criticised Boris Johnson says he is facing 'politically motivated' attacks from own party
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-lord-sheikh-niqab-conservatives-attack-zac-goldsmith-a8494091.html>

Lord Sheikh says he is being punished for criticising Boris Johnson's Muslim veil remarks
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/lord-sheikh-says-he-is-being-punished-for-criticising-boris-johnson-s-muslim-veil-remarks-bwmvsb0zr>

Boris Johnson burka row could topple Theresa May as 'open warfare' erupts within Tory party
<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/theresa-mays-handling-boris-johnson-13073748>

Muslim Council urges PM to avoid Boris Johnson 'whitewash'
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45165840>

Johnson gives journalists tea while avoiding burka questions
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-45164768/>

53% of voters 'back Boris Johnson' over burka comments
<https://www.scotsman.com/news/uk/53-of-voters-back-boris-johnson-over-burka-comments-1-4782707>

Poll finds that voters back Boris Johnson in burka row
<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16413514.poll-finds-that-voters-back-boris-johnson-in-burka-row/>

Majority of Britons say Boris Johnson should not be punished for burka comments, according to poll
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2018/08/12/majority-britons-say-boris-johnson-should-not-punished-burka/>

Scholar under Glasgow fatwa Paigham Mustafa defends Boris Johnson's burqa remarks
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/scotland/scholar-under-glasgow-fatwa-paigham-mustafa-defends-boris-johnson-s-burqa-remarks-k8wx3vrwn>

Boris Johnson's Facebook page mobbed by racists after burqa furore
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/boris-johnsons-facebook-page-mobbed-by-racists-after-burqa-furore-f5jp2k77h>

Boris Johnson niqab row: the veil enslaves, and it isn't racist to say so
<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news-review/boris-johnson-niqab-row-the-veil-enslaves-and-it-isnt-racist-to-say-so-0fzkkdfvw>

Former I'm a Celebrity star Stanley Johnson backs Boris over burka and says he should have gone further
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<http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/16598578.nicola-sturgeon-under-pressure-to-suspend-alex-salmond-amid-allegations/>

Alex Salmond: The full statement from permanent secretary on harassment allegations

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/alex-salmond-the-full-statement-from-permanent-secretary-on-harassment-allegations-1-4789197>

Fresh calls for Sturgeon to suspend Salmond over allegations

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/fresh-calls-for-sturgeon-to-suspend-salmond-over-allegations-1-4789834>

Alex Salmond sexual harassment claims - What we know so far

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/alex-salmond-sexual-harassment-claims-what-we-know-so-far-1-4789193>

Police Scotland confirm they are investigating complaint relating to former First Minister Alex Salmond

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/police-scotland-confirm-investigating-complaint-13132749>

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Foreign Secretary's message for Eid-ul-Adha 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/foreign-secretarys-message-for-eid-ul-adha>

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British Asians more socially conservative than rest of UK, survey suggests

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-45133717>

Eid is a chance to celebrate the wonderful Muslim community that shaped who I am today

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/eid-mubarak-festival-holiday-traditional-muslim-childhood-memories-a8501141.html>

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Vulnerable Witnesses (Criminal Evidence) (Scotland) Bill

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108702.aspx>

UK Parliament

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/immigrationcontrolgrosshumanrightsabuses.html>

Children Act 1989 (Amendment) (Female Genital Mutilation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/childrenact1989amendmentfemalegenitalmutilation.html>

EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html>

Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html>

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Supporting Disabled Children, Young People and their Families (closing date 5 September 2018)

<https://consult.gov.scot/children-and-families/supporting-disabled-children/>

**** 2021 census question survey: Religion question** (closing date 7 September)
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KXYNXCS>

Immigration detention (closing date 7 September 2018)
<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/inquiry10/>

Modern Slavery (closing date 7 September 2018)
<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/home-affairs-committee/news-parliament-2017/modern-slavery-launch-17-19/>

20 years of the Human Rights Act (closing date 14 September 2018)
<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/news-parliament-2017/20-years-human-rights-act-launch-17-19/>

A Culture Strategy for Scotland (closing date 19 September 2018)
<https://consult.gov.scot/culture-tourism-and-major-events/culture-strategy/>

Windrush compensation scheme (closing date 11 October 2018)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/windrush-compensation-scheme>

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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Year of Young People

There is no closing date – the fund will remain open until all money has been distributed. Year of Young People 2018 celebrates everything that makes Scotland's young people incredible. As a nation proud of our young people, the Year of Young People puts the spotlight on the contributions and achievements of eight to 26 year olds, while giving them a stronger voice on issues that matter to them, and aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally and on a global-stage.

BEMIS Scotland, in collaboration with the Scottish Government, is providing grants of between £250 and £1,000 for constituted charitable and non-profit organisations, and community groups.

For full information see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/yoyp-grant-guidelines.pdf> and to apply see <http://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/yoyp-application-form.docx>

Scotland's Winter Festivals, and St Andrew's Fair Saturday

There is no closing date – the fund will remain open until all money has been distributed. Scotland's Winter Festivals aim to mobilise the people of Scotland and those with an affinity to Scotland to join in the St Andrew's Day, Hogmanay, and Burns celebrations, boosting Scotland's key tourism and events sectors and the wider economy, enhancing community engagement and raising Scotland's international profile. Our diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities are key elements of Scotland's past, present and future so we want to ensure that your story, history, and narrative plays a full part in Scotland's Winter Festivals.

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Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund

Closing date for applications: 14 September 2018

The Scottish Government Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund provides grants of up to £300 (in exceptional circumstances up to £500) to small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland to help them run an event with a group of five or more people to discuss what matters to them in relation to democracy.

Groups and voluntary organisations with a turnover of up to £100,000 can apply for a grant to run an event and cover costs such as venue hire, catering, childcare and inclusive communication such as interpreters.

For full information and to apply see <https://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/democracy-matters-community-engagement-fund>

or contact democracy.matters@vaf.org.uk

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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Meet the Scottish Charity Regulator

28 August 2018 in Edinburgh (1.15-4.00)

25 September 2018 in Motherwell (1.15-4.00)

3 October 2018 in Oban (9.45-12.30)

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) events to give charity trustees and staff the opportunity to hear about latest developments, meet OSCR staff and ask questions. Topics will include the role of the charity trustee, and guidance on safeguarding. For information and to book see <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/meet-the-scottish-charity-regulator>

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Modern Slavery, Trafficking and Exploitative Employment Practices followed by Hate Crime Reporting

28 August 2018 in Falkirk (10.00-12.00)

CSREC session to increase awareness of the signs of trafficking, reporting procedures, and Dos and Don'ts in reporting and working with victims, followed by a session about reporting of Hate Crime. For information see <https://trafficking-falkirk.eventbrite.co.uk>

**** this week!**

GMAC BFI Film Academy Recruitment Open Evening

30 August 2018 in Glasgow (5.30-7.30)

The BFI Film Academy is a free 4 month course for 16-19 year olds interested in pursuing a career in film. To be eligible to apply you must be aged between 16 and 19 on the 6th of October and not be attending University. For information, and for an application form for the Film Academy, see <http://www.gmacfilm.com/uncategorized/bfi-film-academy-2017-open-for-applications/> or contact filmacademy@gmacfilm.com

**** this week!**

LGBTI Intersectionality

30 August 2018 in Stirling (9.30-12.30)

CSREC training for service providers about the provision of services for LGBTI people who are also from minority ethnic backgrounds or disabled. For information see <https://stirling-intersectionality.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Equal Opportunities and Diversity Awareness at Work

4 September 2018 in Glasgow (10.00-4.00)

Legal Services Agency Ltd training on the promotion of Equal Opportunities and the avoidance of discriminatory practices bullying and harassment within the work place. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yb3zczrz>

**** next week!**

Future Leaders Diversity Conference

4-6 September 2018 in Edinburgh

Conference for graduates and potential graduates who are Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic, disabled, or socially or economically disadvantaged. The conference will provide an insight into life in the modern Civil Service, and a chance to share life experiences and views with current and future leaders, and helps prepare participants to apply for a place on the graduate leadership programme. For information see <https://graduates.work-for-scotland.org/future-leaders-diversity-conference/>

**** Bullying – It's never acceptable**

6 September 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

21 September 2018 in Aberdeen (9.30-4.30)

10 October 2018 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.30)

12 October 2018 in Dundee (9.30-4.30)

8 November 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-4.30)

28 November 2018 in Inverness (9.30-4.30)

RespectMe training on bullying behaviours and practical strategies which can be used to address bullying behaviour wherever it occurs. For information see <https://actiononprejudice.info/events/bullying-never-acceptable-multiple-dates-locations/>

Talking to Young People about Equality

6 September 2018 in Kirkcaldy (6.00-9.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities, and Youth 1st workshop to help youth workers begin a dialogue about equality with young people, and to understand that good knowledge of equality and inclusion will improve their employability. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yceyr6at>

Equality Conference

7 September 2018 in Kirkcaldy (10.00-2.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities conference for young Fifers who want to take the lead in challenging discrimination in all its forms. For information see <https://centreforequalities.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/DW18-YOYP-Conference-A4.pdf>

Culture - Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination Training

12-13 September 2018 in Glasgow (9.00-4.30)

Two day training to address diversity and discrimination issues related to religion and belief and increase skills in order to help create a more inclusive diverse environment For information contact Farkhanda Chaudhry 0141 577 8454 / 07950 008 859 / Farkhanda.Chaudhry@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Mainstreaming Anti-Sectarianism in Equalities Toolkit

13 September 2018 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

4 October in Edinburgh (1.00-4.30)

15 November 2018 in Glasgow (1.00-4.30)

WSREC training for public / third sector organisations, students and individuals interested in unravelling the meaning of sectarianism as an 'equalities' issue and its impact on the wellbeing, safety and opportunities of those affected, and on society as a whole. For information and to book for 13 Sept see <https://tinyurl.com/ydh74vrg>, for 4 Oct see <https://tinyurl.com/y9muw7pm>, and for 15 Nov see <https://tinyurl.com/y7cmj54e>. Other venues may be available by request – for information contact kperezp@wsrec.co.uk

Organising for Power

14 to 16 September – venue tba

Training weekends for those tackling the root causes of xenophobia and racism and promoting the rights of migrants/refugees/ asylum seeking people in Scotland to learn how to have a bigger impact and plan campaigns that win. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yb8usv6h> or contact o4p@tripodtraining.org

**** Pit Stop: RESPECT Think Equality**

3 October 2018 in Aberdeen (9.00-10.30)

This Pit Stop is centred around a video called 'Respect' which features various scenarios in which 'normal' behaviour at work may actually constitute discrimination and/or harassment. This Pit Stop will discuss these different scenarios and our perceptions of them to further our awareness and understanding of equality and diversity in the workplace. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8j3ay2w>

Common Cause Networks

17 October 2018 in Glasgow (2.00-6.00)

Runnymede Trust support network for Black and Minority-Ethnic individuals and groups (and/or for People of Colour) actively leading and developing their own projects and ideas, or founding their own organisations. For information contact commoncause@runnymedetrust.org / 0207 377 9222 or see <https://tinyurl.com/y7os4lyu>

Modern Slavery, Trafficking and Exploitative Employment Practices Session

23 October 2018 in Stirling (9.30-11.30)

CSREC awareness session to cover what the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority does, the signs of trafficking, procedures for reporting, and dos and don'ts in reporting and working with victims. There will also be a session on Hate Crime Reporting. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7jux6a3>

Multicultural Football Festival

27 October 2018 in Glasgow (10.00-4.00)

SFA and BEMIS festival bringing together teams from across Scotland celebrating diversity and inclusion across the country. The 2018 event will support the Year of Young People 2018 and celebrate the contribution of young people within Football. Open to Men's, Women's, Youth and Junior teams. For information see <http://bemis.org.uk/event/multi-cultural-football-cup/>

**** Holocaust Memorial Day Trust Glasgow Workshop**

30 October 2018 in Glasgow (10.00-1.00)

Through an exploration of the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 2019: *Torn from home*, this Holocaust Memorial Day Trust workshop will provide you with practical help, advice and free resources to enable you to create a meaningful Holocaust Memorial Day activity of your own. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ybnwysxc>

Scottish Interfaith Week

11-18 November 2018

Scottish Interfaith Week provides an opportunity for interfaith groups, faith communities, schools, organisations and local communities across the country to celebrate Scotland's religious diversity. For information see <http://scottishinterfaithweek.org/>

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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

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/>

Scottish Fundraising Standards Panel <https://www.goodfundraising.scot/>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

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



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://www.gov.scot/>

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