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The UK Parliament has been prorogued. Prorogation marks the end of a parliamentary session. It is the formal name given to the period between the end of a session of Parliament and the State Opening of Parliament that begins the next session. The King's Speech will open the new session on 7 November.

Immigration and Asylum

Press Releases

Migration in an independent Scotland

<https://www.gov.scot/news/migration-in-an-independent-scotland/>

Call for funding to support newly recognised refugees

<https://www.gov.scot/news/call-for-funding-to-support-newly-recognised-refugees/>

New Publications

Building a New Scotland: Migration to Scotland after independence

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/building-new-scotland-migration-scotland-independence/>

Safeguarding workers on temporary migration programmes: study

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/immigration-option-scotland-safeguarding-workers-temporary-migration-programmes/>

Third Independent Person report on the Windrush Compensation Scheme: how the Home Office is doing on international engagement, a Jamaica perspective

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-person-report-on-the-windrush-compensation-scheme/third-independent-person-report-on-the-windrush-compensation-scheme-how-the-home-office-is-doing-on-international-engagement-a-jamaica-perspective>

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

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

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

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

News

Scottish independence: Asylum system would be overhauled

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-67309357>

SNP ministers publish immigration section of Independence prospectus

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/westminster/23898700.snp-ministers-publish-immigration-section-independence-prospectus/>

Points-based immigration policy on the cards for an independent Scotland

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/points-based-immigration-policy-on-the-cards-for-an-independent-scotland-tl80h2m6h>

Independent Scotland would let asylum seekers work, says SNP

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/nov/03/independent-scotland-would-let-asylum-seekers-work-says-snp-immigration-depopulation>

Council calls for aid amid Glasgow refugee housing concerns

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-67267963>

Braverman agrees to work with Austria on ‘unprecedented’ migration challenge

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/suella-braverman-austria-home-secretary-government-rwanda-b2440443.html>

‘Don’t ignore us’: Afghans awaiting UK relocation fear time is running out

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/nov/01/afghans-awaiting-uk-relocation-fear-time-running-out>

Hotels are no place for children to live – calls to stop housing families and children in hotel rooms

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/children-scotland-asylum-hotels-human-rights/>

Child asylum seekers in UK forced to share hotel rooms with adults

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/oct/30/child-asylum-seekers-in-uk-forced-to-share-hotel-rooms-with-adults>

Scampton asylum plan could cost £260m over 3 years

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-67313584>

RAF bases set to house migrants until at least 2026

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/10/31/raf-bases-house-migrants-until-2025-wethersfield-scrampton/>

The UK cannot afford to be caught off guard by another humanitarian crisis

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/gaza-israel-refugee-asylum-crisis-humanitarian-b2437921.html>

Free bus travel pledge for asylum seekers in Scotland

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-67301769>

Hopes increase for free bus travel for people seeking asylum

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/hopes-increase-for-free-bus-travel-for-people-seeking-asylum/>

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Equality

News

BME women nearly three times as likely to be on zero-hours contracts as white men

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/news/bme-women-nearly-three-times-likely-be-zero-hours-contracts-white-men>

Black and Asian women ‘three times as likely to be on zero-hours contracts as white men’

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/black-asian-women-zerohours-contracts-b2440470.html>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answers

The following two questions both received the same answer

NHS: Racism

Monica Lennon (Labour) [S6W-22099] To ask the Scottish Government what action it is taking to tackle racist incidents in the NHS.

Monica Lennon (Labour) [S6W-22100] To ask the Scottish Government what action it is

taking to protect NHS staff from racial harassment.

Reply from Michael Matheson: There is no place for racism in the NHS and in Scottish society as a whole.

We have been clear to Health Boards that incidents of racial harassment must be taken seriously and fully investigated. In 2020 we launched the national NHS Scotland Bullying and Harassment Policy to support staff affected by these issues. This includes information on sources of confidential advice and support.

We have also been clear that all instances of violent and aggressive behaviour, including hate crime, should be recorded and if it is a serious incident, then it should be escalated to the Police, as quickly as possible.

The Scottish Government has a programme of work underway to integrate anti-racist/anti-discriminatory approaches and develop networks of allies across the NHS. We established the NHS ethnic minority forum in 2021 to amplify the voices of ethnic minority staff across the health service and tackle issues of systemic racism. We are working with the Coalition for Racial Equality and Rights to develop anti-racist training resources for staff, by 2024. We are also working with NHS Chairs and Chief Executives to ensure they have anti-racist and wider equality objectives, including meaningful action on diversity and inclusion.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-22099>

and

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-22100>

The NHS Scotland Bullying and Harassment Policy, referred to above, can be read at <https://workforce.nhs.scot/media/hqmpjzu0/nhsscotland-workforce-bullying-and-harassment-policy.pdf>

Press Releases

515 anti-Muslim cases reported to Tell MAMA between Oct 7-29

<https://tellmamauk.org/515-anti-muslim-cases-reported-to-tell-mama-between-oct-7-29/>

Antisemitic Incidents– 3 November Update

<https://cst.org.uk/news/blog/2023/11/03/antisemitic-incidents-3-november-update>

Robert Stewart MP guilty of racist abuse

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/london-south/news/robert-stewart-mp-guilty-racist-abuse>

Student Malakai Wheeler sentenced for sharing terror documents

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/student-malakai-wheeler-sentenced-sharing-terror-documents>

So-called football fan convicted of hate crime after making racist gestures at Rio Ferdinand

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/west-midlands/news/so-called-football-fan-convicted-hate-crime-after-making-racist-gestures-rio>

New Publication

Scotland's Islamophobia - Update 2023

https://mcb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Scotlands_Islamophobia_2023_Update.pdf

News

Tory MP Bob Stewart surrenders whip after racial abuse conviction

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-67320533>

Tory Bob Stewart showed ‘racial hostility’ during row with activist, trial told

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/bob-stewart-beckenham-london-westminster-conservative-b2441024.html>

Sunak urged to expel MP guilty of racial abuse who told protester to ‘go back to Bahrain’

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/tory-bob-stewart-racism-bahrain-protester-b2441249.html>

Islamophobia awareness should be taught in every school - report

<https://www.bbcco.uk/news/uk-scotland-67263039>

Anti-Semitism: The rise in persecution of Jewish populations around the world since the Israel-Gaza conflict began

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/world/anti-semitism-the-rise-in-persecution-of-jewish-populations-around-the-world-since-the-israel-gaza-conflict-began-4396727>

Record number of hate incidents against British Jews reported, says antisemitism charity

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2023/nov/03/record-number-hate-incidents-british-jews-reported-hamas-attacks>

Antisemitism is deeply ingrained in European society, says EU official

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2023/oct/30/antisemitism-deeply-ingrained-in-european-society-says-eu-official>

Having black friends is no defence for bigoted behaviour, tribunal rules

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/having-black-friends-is-no-defence-for-bigoted-behaviour-tribunal-rules-9m39gnrwh>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Motions

Michelle Thomson (SNP) [S6M-11008] Celebrating St Andrew’s Day – That the Parliament celebrates St Andrew’s Day on 30 November 2023; recognises what it sees as the local, national and global importance of celebrating this annual event; considers that St Andrew’s Day provides an opportunity for the people of Scotland to celebrate their national identity, cultural diversity, and place as one of the oldest nations in the international community; notes with thanks the efforts of the former MSP, Dennis Canavan, who has worked hard to gain cross-party agreement to make St Andrew’s Day a national holiday in Scotland; considers what it sees as the economic benefits that global recognition of St Andrew’s Day brings to Scotland, through the culture, business, education, tourism and retail sectors; further considers that the use of the Saltire as the national flag and identifier of Scottish produce and marketing has created a globally recognised brand; believes that St Andrew is an internationally recognisable figure within faith communities; notes that St Andrew has been a patron saint of Scotland since the 14th century and is

also a patron of many other countries, which it considers brings together different nationalities, faiths and cultures; acknowledges the events that will be hosted by those countries that identify St Andrew as their patron saint and will use the Saltire, and what it sees as the important links with Scotland that these events promote globally; commends all those in Scotland who celebrate St Andrew's Day in recognition of this national day, and looks forward to future events being held across the world in maintaining connections to Scotland.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-11008>

Pam Gosal (Conservative) [S6M-11011] Celebrating Diwali 2023 – That the Parliament wishes a Happy Diwali to all those celebrating in the UK and around the world; notes that Diwali will be celebrated on 12 November 2023; further notes that the festival is celebrated by several different religions, including Hindus, Sikhs and Jains; understands that Diwali, commonly known as the festival of lights, symbolises the triumph of light over darkness; further understands that Sikhs celebrate Bandi Chhor Divas, which is when Guru Har Gobind, the sixth Sikh Guru, was released from prison, along with 52 other princes in 1619, and considers that the communities celebrating Diwali have provided Scotland with a significant enrichment of both its culture and its economic prosperity.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-11011>

Jackson Carlaw (Conservative) [S6M-11017] Calderwood Lodge Primary School 60-year Celebration – That the Parliament congratulates Calderwood Lodge Primary, the only Jewish school in Scotland, on reaching its 60th anniversary year; understands that the school was originally established by the Jewish community in a detached house, Calderwood Lodge, in the Newlands area of Glasgow, with an extension built as the school roll increased, and that it was initially run by the Glasgow Board of Jewish Education and subsequently taken over by Strathclyde Region, then Glasgow City Council, and finally East Renfrewshire Council; acknowledges that, in recognition of this milestone, the school is hosting a 60-year celebration event for current and past pupils, families and members of the wider community, with the day to include festivities and activities for children; understands that, in August 2017, Calderwood Lodge officially relocated from the school's previous site in Newlands to a new building in Newton Mearns to become one half of the first Jewish-Catholic joint campus to be established anywhere in the world, alongside St Clare's Primary; recognises that the joint campus was a £17 million development in East Renfrewshire, with the two primary schools sharing a central amphitheatre, sports pitches and an obstacle course that is located outdoors; notes that the Chief Rabbi, Sir Ephraim Mirvis, will be in attendance at the 60-year celebration event, and believes that Calderwood Lodge is an asset to East Renfrewshire and to Scottish education, that it is viewed with great pride by the Jewish community, and that the Jewish-Catholic joint primary school campus in Newton Mearns is a powerful example of two different faith groups working closely together whilst at the same time maintaining and adhering to their own religious identities.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-11017>

Fulton MacGregor (SNP) [S6M-11006] Celebrating the 36th Anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust and the Life of Dr Imtiaz "Jimmy" Majid – That the Parliament celebrates the recent 36th anniversary of the Pakistan Welfare Trust, which coincided with the 76th anniversary of Pakistan's independence; understands that the Trust was founded in 1987 in order to provide the Pakistani community in Scotland with advice and support on a large number of civic issues; further understands that the Trust has advised the community on matters including immigration, race relations, education, health and social services; acknowledges that the Trust is a secular, non-profit and apolitical organisation, which, it believes, has served the Pakistani community in Scotland excellently during its

36-year existence; considers that organisations such as the Pakistan Welfare Trust are integral to fostering integration and the celebration of ethnic culture in Scotland for all of its citizens; notes with sadness the recent passing of Dr Imtiaz “Jimmy” Majid who, it understands, played a key role in the running of the trust; understands that Imtiaz was the president of the trust for 2013-14 and 2016-17, and held the role of general secretary for 2014-15, and that, outwith these dates, he was an executive member and secretary for the trustees; applauds Imtiaz's other contributions to civic life in Scotland and as a community leader, including as a local councillor for the Coatbridge South Ward between 2012 and 2017, and extends its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-11006>

Press Release

Scotland’s Population 2022

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/news/2023/most-deprived-death-rates-twice-as-high>

New Publication

Scotland’s Population 2022: Report

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/rgar/2022/scotlands-population-2022.html>

Data

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/files//statistics/rgar/2022/scotlands-population-2022.xlsx>

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Other UK Parliament and Government

Press Release

Charity Commission advice on how to help civilians impacted by the Israel-Gaza conflict

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/charity-commission-advice-on-how-to-help-civilians-impacted-by-the-israel-gaza-conflict>

New Publication

Roma populations, England and Wales: Census 2021

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/culturalidentity/ethnicity/articles/romapopulationsenglandandwales/census2021>

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Cost of Living

Scottish Government Website

Help during the cost of living crisis

Most households are concerned about the cost of living, with worries about issues such as

rent and mortgages, food and utility bills, energy costs, and debt.

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

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

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

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

News

Scottish charity warns of huge increase in people seeking advice on rent arrears

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/scottish-charity-warns-of-huge-increase-in-people-seeking-advice-on-rent-arrears-4389770>

Millions of commuters forced to opt for slower train journeys because of cost of living

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/commuters-train-journeys-cost-of-living-b2440389.html>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

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

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

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

UK Parliament

**** Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

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

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff)**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

**** Scotland (Self-Determination) Bill**

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

The 2022-2023 session of Parliament has prorogued and this Bill will make no further progress.

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

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

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Consultations

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Cost of Living Survey (closing date 15 November 2023)

<https://volunteerscotland.cmail20.com/t/d-l-vdtkjd-yhxttwhh-j/>

Management of burial grounds, application for burial, exhumation, private burial and restoration of lairs: regulation in Scotland (closing date 17 November 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/burial-cremation/regulation-burial-scotland/>

Statutory inspection of burial authorities, cremation authorities and funeral directors (closing date 17 November 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/burial-cremation/statutory-inspection-burial-authorities/>

Funeral director licensing scheme for Scotland (closing date 17 November 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/burial-cremation/licensing-funeral-directors-scotland/>

Regulation of alkaline hydrolysis ('water cremation') in Scotland (closing date 17 November 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/burial-cremation/regulation-alkaline-hydrolysis/>

Delivery of relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP) education in Scottish schools - draft statutory guidance (closing date 23 November 2023)

<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/teaching-guidance-for-relationships-sexual-health/>

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (Scotland) Bill (closing date 8 December 2023)

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/justice/police-ethics-conduct-and-scrutiny-bill/>

Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) (Scotland) Bill (closing date 20 December 2023)

https://yourviews.parliament.scot/health/abortion-services-saz-bill/consult_view/

Democracy Matters (closing date 28 February 2024)

<https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/democracy-matters/>

Your Police 2023-2024 (closing date 31 March 2023)

<https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2023-2024/>

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

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

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Job Opportunities

[Click here](#) to find out about job opportunities.

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Funding Opportunities

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Scottish Connections Fund

Closing date: 8 November 2023

Scottish Government funding to support initiatives that promote Scotland's international connections. For information see

<https://www.gov.scot/news/connecting-scotlands-diaspora/>

Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund 2023/24

Closing date: 26 January 2024

Scottish Government funding of up to £300 (possibility of higher funding to assist with accessibility) to support organisations and groups to host conversations and gather the

views of people across Scotland on how we can create a system of inclusive local democracy. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/4ds8r9h2>

Cost-of-Living Support Scotland

Application deadline not stated

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

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/cost-of-living-support-fund>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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Scottish Interfaith Week

12–19 November 2023 (Scotland-wide)

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, bringing people together to promote dialogue, understanding and co-operation between Scotland's diverse religious communities and cultures. For the full programme of events see <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org/event>

Funding and Fundraising - A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach

14 November 2023 (online, 1.00–4.00)

THRE course for anyone working in Scotland's third sector who is involved in funding and fundraising and is interested in learning why and how to take a human rights and equalities approach. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/bdesue5r>

Governance - A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach

15 November 2023 (online, 10.00–12.30)

THRE course for people who have a say, or give advice and support, on how boards or committees are run to provide tools to integrate human rights and equalities into the work of boards and committees. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/24kezby3>

**** Interfaith Interactions: Online Dialogue on Community**

15 November 2023 (online, 7.00–8.15)

Interfaith Scotland online dialogue event for Scottish Interfaith Week featuring speakers from three different spiritual communities on the Scottish Interfaith Week theme of 'Community'. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yd7bs5e2>

**** Faith Communities and Climate Justice**

16 November 2023 (online, 6.15–7.30)

Scottish Interfaith Week event. Conversation and dialogue with Bishop Ian Paton, Convener of the Scottish Episcopal Church Provincial Environment Group. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2p86nb8a>

**** Mapping Out Glasgow's Faith Communities**

19 November 2023 (Glasgow, 1.30–4.00)

St Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art family activity for Scottish Interfaith Week to plot some of Glasgow's places of worship on a big map and collage of the city and have a go at some arts and crafts. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/268vvmc>

PANEL Workshop: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach in Practice

20 November 2023 (online, 10.00–1.00)

THRE course for people who already know a bit about human rights and equalities and want to know how to apply them to their role and/or organisation. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/dn5dkdud>

Why We Speak? An Interview with Second Generation Speaker Lu Lawrence

24 November 2023 (online, 10.00–11.30)

Holocaust Educational Trust event for secondary schools. Lu Lawrence will speak about her late father, Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper who spoke to hundreds of schools sharing the message "do not hate". For information see <https://tinyurl.com/bdd48buf>

**** Meet Your Neighbour: Walking Together Visiting Places of Worship in Glasgow**

25 November 2023 (Glasgow, 2.00–6.00)

Scottish Interfaith Week event. Interfaith Scotland walking tour to visit neighbouring places of worship in the West End of Glasgow. At each place of worship we will be told a story before moving on, finishing at the Gurdwara in Berkeley Street to enjoy Langar (vegetarian meal) together. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/vfbf32cc>

The Basics: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach

27 and 28 November 2023 (online, 2.00–4.00)

THRE 2-day course for people who are just starting out and want to learn the fundamentals or who know a bit about human rights and equalities and want to know more or are just curious about what a human rights and equalities first approach might be. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/bdhtkyd9>

Marking 85 years the start of the Kindertransport

1 December 2023 (online, 10.00–11.30)

Holocaust Educational Trust event for primary schools to mark 85 years since the arrival of the first Kindertransport in the UK. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/6e854fnx>

Exploring the Holocaust: UK-wide Residential Course

9-13 February 2024 (Leicester)

Application deadline 11 December 2023

Holocaust Educational Trust course for teachers and trainees to advance knowledge and inform classroom practice about the context of the Holocaust, Wartime persecution and murder, and Reactions to the Holocaust. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/46u8fdx7>

Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre School's Holocaust Memorial Day Event 2024

23 January 2024 (Glasgow, 10.00–1.30)

Scottish Jewish Heritage Centre event for secondary school pupils, providing an opportunity to hear people whose parents were survivors of the Holocaust, and who made a life in Scotland. For information see <https://sjhc.org.uk/news/hmd2024/>

Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals

14 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAIH course to find out about fundamental issues of housing, homelessness and welfare

entitlements of EEA nationals and look at how service users might prepare themselves for an economy in recession and cost of living spiralling. For information see <https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses>

Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

15 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

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

No Recourse To Public Funds

21 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)

PAIH course to help frontline workers identify a tenant's current status, clarify what this means in terms of access to public funds and plan effective support where difficulties arise. For information see <https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses>

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Useful Links

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

Scottish Government <https://www.gov.scot/>

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

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

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

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

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

Refugee Survival Trust <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

Freedom from Torture <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

Interfaith Scotland <https://interfaithscotland.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en>

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

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

ACAS <http://www.acas.org.uk/>

SCVO <https://scvo.org.uk/>

Volunteer Scotland <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

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

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/disclosure-types>

Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news>

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



***BEMIS** 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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