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**The Scottish and UK Parliaments are in recess until 15 April 2024.**

## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

#### Immigration

**Andrew Rosindell (Conservative)** [19815] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what steps he is taking to help promote the integration of immigrants.

**Reply from Tom Pursglove:** All refugees and those granted protection in the UK should be able to fully integrate into British life and become self-sufficient, providing for themselves and their families, and contributing to the economy.

Refugees, as well as individuals arriving through refugee resettlement schemes with Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the UK, have access to the labour market and to mainstream benefits and services to enable their integration. We are working

across Government to ensure these services meet the needs of refugees. We recognise that the ability to speak English is key to helping refugees integrate into life in England, as well as to breaking down barriers to work and career progression. The Home Office works closely with other Government departments to ensure mainstream English language provision meets the needs of refugees.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-21/19815>

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

### Undocumented Migrants

**Lord Hay of Ballyore (DUP)** [HL3388] To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of efforts to reduce the numbers of illegal border crossings into the UK.

**Reply from Lord Sharpe of Epsom:** The Home Office's priority is to deliver a safe and secure border and we will never compromise on this. We are relentless in our pursuit of those who seek to enter the UK illegally. Border Force have robust measures in place to detect clandestine entrants into the UK and stand ready to respond to any methods deployed.

Border Force, Immigration Enforcement and other law enforcement agencies work tirelessly, deploying to risk using tested, but continually assessed, intelligence and targeting techniques.

The Home Office publish irregular migration to the UK statistics on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/irregular-migration-to-the-uk-year-ending-december-2023>

In 2023, there were 36,704 irregular arrivals, one-third (33%) fewer than in 2022, and 80% of these arrived on small boats.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-19/hl3388>

### Asylum and Migrants: Housing

**Lord Hay of Ballyore (DUP)** [HL3389] To ask His Majesty's Government how many (1) asylum seekers, and (2) other migrants are being housed in hotel-style accommodation; and how much financial support they are providing in support of these arrangements.

**Reply from Lord Sharpe of Epsom:** Data on the number of supported asylum seekers in accommodation (including in contingency hotels and other contingency accommodation) is published in table Asy\_D11 here: [Immigration system statistics data tables](#).

Data on other immigration groups is published in table Reg\_01 of the [Regional and local authority data](#). This includes the number of people accommodated in interim accommodation as part of the Afghan Resettlement Programme.

The standard weekly allowance is £49.18 for each supported asylum seeker in self-catered accommodation and £8.86 for each supported asylum seeker in catered accommodation. Further information on what support asylum seekers receive can be found in the attached link:

<https://www.gov.uk/asylum-support/what-youll-get>

Individuals on our resettlement schemes with Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) in the UK have access to mainstream benefits and services to enable their integration; and we are working across Government to ensure these services meet the needs of refugees.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-19/hl3389>

*The following three questions both received the same answer*

### **Asylum: Sleeping Rough**

**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford [HL3372]** To ask His Majesty's Government, following the publication of their rough sleeping statistics on 29 February which showed a 965.91 per cent increase from July to December 2023 in people sleeping rough after leaving asylum support over the previous 85 days, what consideration they have given to extending the move-on period from 28 days to 56 days for refugees leaving asylum support; and what assessment they have made of the impact this extension would have on homelessness.

### **Asylum: Housing**

**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford [HL3373]** To ask His Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the benefits of staggering evictions of refugees from Home Office accommodation, particularly where the person is working with their local authority or a third sector organisation, to prevent their homelessness.

### **Asylum: Housing and Social Security Benefits**

**The Lord Bishop of Chelmsford [HL3374]** To ask His Majesty's Government what plans they have to work with the third sector to jointly create a comprehensive and properly funded transition process for people whose asylum support is due to end, to enable information and support around housing and benefits to be given as far in advance as possible.

**Reply from Lord Sharpe of Epsom:** The Second Permanent Secretary and I recently met with the Bishop of London to discuss the Government support available to newly recognised refugees moving on from asylum accommodation. Following the service of an asylum decision, an individual continues to be an asylum seeker for the purpose of asylum support until the end of the relevant prescribed period set out in legislation. This period is 28 calendar days from when an individual is notified of a decision to accept their asylum claim and grant them leave and we have no plans to extend this period. Whilst our legislative power is clear, we do in practice already extend support beyond this. Our current process means that individuals can remain on asylum support for at least 28 days after they have been issued a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP), which means that individuals have longer than 28 days to make arrangements to move on before their asylum support ends. It is important that individuals initiate plans to move on from asylum support as soon as they are served their asylum decision in order to maximise the time they have to make move on arrangements.

We offer move on support to all individuals through Migrant Help or their partner organisation. This includes providing advice on accessing the labour market, on applying for Universal Credit and signposting to local authorities for assistance with housing. Individuals do not need to wait for their BRP to make a claim for benefits and are encouraged to do so as early as possible if they require them.

We continue to identify and make efficiencies in supporting newly recognised refugees during the move on period and to mitigate the risk of homelessness. We are fully committed to working with partners in doing this. We have already worked closely with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to ensure the right asylum decision data is being shared with local authorities to enable effective planning and to lessen the impact on existing homelessness and rough sleeping pressures. We are also utilising Home Office Liaison Officers to replicate part of the Afghan resettlement move on process. We have been working in three local authority areas since December 2023; Glasgow, Brent and Hillingdon. This has now been expanded to Manchester and Liverpool.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-19/hl3372>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-19/hl3373>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-03-19/hl3374>

*The statistics referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2023/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2023>

## Press Release

**New laws to cut migration and put British workers first in force**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-cut-migration-and-put-british-workers-first-in-force>

## New Publications

**House of Commons Library Briefing: Asylum support: Accommodation and financial support for asylum seekers**

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN01909/SN01909.pdf>

**Skilled Worker visa: immigration salary list**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/skilled-worker-visa-immigration-salary-list/skilled-worker-visa-immigration-salary-list>

**Guidance: Transitional accommodation - new Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme arrivals**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transitional-accommodation-for-new-afghan-arrivals/transitional-accommodation-new-acrs-arrivals-policy-guidance>

**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 Family Scheme, Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine) and Ukraine Extension Scheme visa data**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukraine-family-scheme-application-data/ukraine-family-scheme-and-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-homes-for-ukraine-visa-data--2>

**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: Rwanda Refugee Policy

**Sunak hints that UK could leave ECHR if Rwanda plan blocked**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/sunak-echr-rwanda-human-rights-b2523025.html>

**Sunak: Rwanda plan ‘more important’ than ECHR membership**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/04/03/rishi-sunak-rwanda-plan-important-echr-membership/>

### **Rishi Sunak ready to pull out of ECHR over Rwanda flights**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rishi-sunak-sun-interview-never-mind-ballots-tory-poll-cwqndxch0>

### **'Exit from ECHR is the only way to solve small boats crisis'**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/04/05/exit-from-echr-is-the-only-way-to-solve-small-boats-crisis/>

### **New court guidance gives ministers hope for Rwanda migrant flights**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rwanda-bill-tory-ministers-migrants-deported-echr-vw5qb0kmg>

### **Rwanda flights 'will take off this spring regardless of ECHR intervention'**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/04/04/britain-leaving-echr-compatible-deportation-deal-rwanda/>

## **News: Channel Migrants**

### **More than 5,000 migrants cross channel in 2024**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cjmx80z02jo>

### **Rishi Sunak blames soaring small boat crossings on the weather**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/rishi-sunak-stop-the-boats-rwanda-b2522139.html>

### **Downing Street blames weather for surge in migrant Channel crossings**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/04/02/downing-street-weather-surge-migrant-channel-crossings/>

## **News: Other Immigration and Asylum**

### **Migration conundrum requires decent data**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/migration-conundrum-requires-decent-data-03k26x3mv>

### **Speed up Windrush compensation payments, say victims and campaigners**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/apr/04/speed-up-windrush-compensation-payments-say-victims-and-campaigners>

### **Government failures denounced at vigil marking anniversary of Windrush scandal**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/windrush-brixton-vigil-b2524475.html>

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## **Community Relations**

### **News**

### **Govanhill's Roma communities marked International Roma Day**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24236204.govanhills-roma-communities-marked-international-roma-day/>

**Ramadan: The community Iftar where food is 'love language'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-68733119>

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## **Equality**

### **News**

**Growing numbers of black academics quitting for private sector**

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/growing-numbers-black-academics-quitting-private-sector>

**Row over NHS leadership course for black or ethnic minority staff**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/nhs-leadership-course-black-ethnic-minority-applicants-kqgkxvdqf>

**Crisis point: Race and inclusion in art education**

<https://www.runnymedetrust.org/blog/crisis-point-race-and-inclusion-in-art-education>

**1Xtra Comedy Gala: 'There is space for black women in comedy'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-68713194>

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## **Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination**

### **Press Release**

**New Hate Crime laws come into force**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/new-hate-crime-laws-come-into-force/>

### **New Publication**

**Lord Advocate's guidelines: Offences aggravated or motivated by prejudice**

<https://www.copfs.gov.uk/publications/lord-advocate-s-guidelines-offences-aggravated-or-motivated-by-prejudice/html/>

### **News**

**More than 3,000 hate crime complaints made to Police Scotland**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-68721208>

**Hate crime: One complaint logged 'every 22 seconds' as concerns mount over impact on police**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/hate-crime-one-complaint-logged-every-22-seconds-as-concerns-mount-over-impact-on-police-4577584>

**Humza Yousaf - Hate crime law will deal with a 'rising tide of hatred'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-68708583>

**Hate crime law could damage trust in police - chief**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cd18ey5ze3yo>

**Third of Police Scotland officers have not yet had Hate Crime training**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24222983.third-police-scotland-officers-not-yet-hate-crime-training/>

**Hate crime law goes live amid fears over police trust**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/hate-crime-law-goes-live-amid-fears-over-police-trust-4575132>

**Police Scotland told to urgently clarify policy on 'non-crime hate incidents'**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/police-scotland-told-to-urgently-clarify-policy-on-non-crime-hate-incidents-4580019>

**Police Scotland forced to pay overtime to deal with deluge of hate crime complaints**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/04/04/police-scotland-extra-officers-deluge-hate-crime-complaints/>

**MP investigated by Police Scotland under new hate crime law**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scottish-mp-investigated-police-scotland-hate-crime-law-wtq5kp7d3>

**Police spammed with complaints by neo-Nazis under new Scottish hate crime law**

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2024/apr/07/police-spammed-with-complaints-by-neo-nazis-under-new-scottish-hate-law>

**PM backs JK Rowling in row over hate crime laws**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cmmqq4qv81qo>

**Patrick Harvie criticised JK Rowling on Hate Crime Act**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24235463.patrick-harvie-criticised-jk-rowling-hate-crime-act/>

**JK Rowling hate law posts not criminal, police say**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-68712471>

**Hate Crime Act: JK Rowling tweets 'not assessed to be criminal'**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24226887.hate-crime-jk-rowling-tweets-not-assessed-criminal/>

**JK Rowling tweets 'not criminal' say Police Scotland**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/jk-rowling-tweets-not-criminal-say-police-scotland-4577049>

**I've had my own battles with hate and I'm not proud of it**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/viewpoint/24223809.battles-hate-not-proud/>

**How is Scotland's new hate crime law going?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-68746512>

### **Free speech hotline launched in response to hate crime law**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scotland-jk-rowling-trans-humza-yousaf-hate-crime-law-hotline-xdrkn2gv6>

### **Why are women not protected by new hate crime law?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c7200756wz7o>

### **Scotland's new hate crime laws will affect ordinary families like mine – but not in the way JK Rowling thinks**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/scotland-hate-crime-law-trans-rights-jk-rowling-b2521592.html>

### **What is Scotland's Hate Crime law and how does it work?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cyxzz5ynxvlo>

### **Hate crime in Scotland: What's the new law all about?**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-68688133>

### **Scotland's hate crime law may be well intentioned, but the police should not stymie public debate**

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/apr/01/scotland-hate-crime-law-public-debate>

### **Police investigating after racist graffiti appears near FM's home**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24224942.police-investigating-racist-graffiti-appears-near-fms-home/>

### **Humza Yousaf condemns racist graffiti targeting him in Broughty Ferry near his home**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/politics/4937839/humza-yousaf-racist-graffiti-broughty-ferry/>

### **Racist graffiti aimed at Humza Yousaf appears near his home**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/politics/4937839/humza-yousaf-racist-graffiti-broughty-ferry/>

### **Yousaf condemns racist graffiti targeted at him near his Dundee home**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/police-scotland-first-minister-dundee-racist-pakistani-b2521968.html>

### **Labour distances itself from Glasgow councillor in anti-white row**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24229926.labour-distances-glasgow-councillor-anti-white-row/>

### **Labour councillor stands by claim of anti-white racism**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/glasgow-schools-white-racism-row-labour-councillor-audrey-dempsey-0l0v6cnx7>

### **Diversity training 'forces workers to hide beliefs' for fear of losing job**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/04/01/diversity-training-workers-hide-beliefs-fear-losing-job/>

### **SCVO's work to become an anti-racist organisation**

<https://scvo.scot/p/89475/2024/03/25/scvos-work-to-become-an-anti-racist-organisation>

### **Meta's AI image generator accused of racism**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/meta-ai-racism-facebook-instagram-8xjlqmrwk>

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## Other Scottish Parliament and Government

### Scottish Parliament Motions

**Pam Gosal (Conservative) [S6M-12705] Celebrating Eid ul-Fitr 2024** – That the Parliament extends its warm wishes to all those celebrating the festival of Eid ul-Fitr in Scotland, the UK, and across the world; understands that the joyous occasion follows 30 days of Ramadan, during which fasting occurs from dawn until dusk; further understands that it is a time to reflect on the values of Islam, emphasising family bonds and acts of charity; believes that, in a world where many face the impacts of war and adversity, these values hold even greater significance; recognises what it sees as the contributions of Muslims across Scotland, which span civic society, healthcare, including the NHS, education, business and politics; appreciates what it considers to be the efforts of Muslim communities to enrich Scottish culture and weave a stronger social fabric for Scotland; wishes for this Eid to bring joy, unity and compassion to all, and further wishes Eid Mubarak to all.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-12705>

**Foyso Choudhury (Labour) [S6M-12711] Eid Mubarak** – That the Parliament notes the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, beginning on the evening of 9 April 2024 depending on the sighting of the moon; understands that Eid al-Fitr comes at the end of the Muslim month of Ramadan, a month of prayer and reflection throughout which Muslims worldwide engage in fasting during the hours of daylight; recognises the Muslim focus on charity and giving throughout Ramadan, with acts of charity, known as Zakat, performed before prayer on Eid al-Fitr; understands that the holiday is celebrated with friends and family, involving the preparation of special food and the giving of gifts; expresses its hope that Muslims worldwide are able to celebrate Eid al-Fitr in peace and security, and wishes the Muslim community in Scotland, and around the world, Eid Mubarak.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-12711>

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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

### Public Health Scotland CEO: Poverty costing NHS £2.3 billion

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/24220250.public-health-scotland-chief-executive-rising-inequality/>

### Households braced for host of essential bill increases from April 1

<https://www.independent.co.uk/money/households-braced-for-host-of-essential-bill-increases-from-april-1-b2521422.html>

### Chocolate and jam price cuts slow food inflation

<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-68711912>

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## Other News

### Charity law has changed

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/charity-law-has-changed/>

### The Notifiable Events process has been replaced: changes in the way charities report important issues to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/the-notifiable-events-process-has-been-replaced-changes-in-the-way-charities-report-important-issues-to-oscr/>

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## Bills in Progress

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### Scottish Parliament

#### Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/assisted-dying-for-terminally-ill-adults-scotland-bill>

#### 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 Application (Entry to the United Kingdom) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3530>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3627>

## **The Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Regulations 2023 [Draft]**

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2023/9780348253191/contents>

## **Family Visas (Minimum Income) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3684>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3618/stages>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3649>

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

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3660>

## **Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3540>

## **Scottish Law Officers (Devolution) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3665>

## **Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill**

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

## **Workforce Information (Ethnicity) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3522>

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## **Consultations**

\*\* new or updated this week

### **Disclosure Scotland fees: discounting, waivers and accredited bodies**

(closing date 28 May 2024)

<https://consult.gov.scot/disclosure-scotland/fees-discounting-waivers-and-accredited-bodies/>

### **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**

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## Funding Opportunities

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### **Ethnic Minority Development Fund**

*Closing date: 15 April 2024*

National Lottery Community Fund grants from £500 to £15,000 for projects run by ethnic minority-led third-sector organisations in Scotland that bring ethnic minority people together and build strong relationships across communities, help more ethnic minority people to be the best they can be, by supporting them as soon as possible, or improve places and spaces that matter to ethnic minority communities. For information see <https://cemvoscotland.org.uk/emdf/>

### **Faithful Welcome**

*Application deadline not stated*

Faith in Community Scotland, and Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees funding of up to £500 to support Scotland's faith communities to welcome refugees and asylum seekers and enable them to be an integral part of community life, wherever they are coming from and whatever the reason. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/bdd5kr6n>

### **Cost-of-Living Support Scotland**

*Closing date: 21 August 2024*

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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### **The issues and opportunities facing EU citizens in the UK**

11 May 2024 (Edinburgh, 2.00–5.00)

Citizens Rights Project conference to look at the experience of EU and other European citizens in the UK, and Scotland in particular, including continuing problems with the EU settlement scheme, experience in the job market and education, discrimination and social exclusion, and opportunities to participate in the democratic process in Scotland, UK, and Europe. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/3trz8tw8>

### **Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers**

13 May 2024 (Glasgow, 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>

## **Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals**

15 May 2024 (Glasgow, 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>

## **No Recourse To Public Funds**

22 May 2024 (Glasgow (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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**SCoJeC**  
Scottish Council of  
Jewish Communities

Representing, connecting, and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



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**  
Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and  
Cultural Minority Communities

**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/>



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