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We are sorry that financial constraints prevent us from continuing to produce MEMO. Thank you for all the very positive feedback many of you have given us over the years. The final issue will be published on 21 October 2024.

The UK Parliament will be in recess until 7 October 2024.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Afghan Medical Students: Support

Pam Gosal (Conservative) [S6W-29271] To ask the Scottish Government how much it

has allocated to financially support the 19 Afghan medical students that are completing their medical degrees in Scotland.

Reply from Jenny Gilruth: The Afghan medical students are eligible for support under paragraph 12B of the Student Support (Scotland) Regulations 2022, as amended by the Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024. This provision enables the students to be considered as Scottish domiciled for the purposes of funding and entitles them to apply for tuition fees and living cost support in the same manner as other Scottish domiciled students.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-29271>

The Student Support (Scotland) Regulations 2022, referred to above, can be read at
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2022/157/contents>

The Education (Fees and Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2024, referred to above, can be read at
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2024/140/contents/made>

Scottish Parliament Motion

Maggie Chapman (Green) S6M-14627] Joseph Rowntree Foundation Report, Destitution by Design That the Parliament welcomes the publication of research by Heriot-Watt University, funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, *Destitution by Design: Righting the Wrongs of UK Immigration Policy in Scotland*; understands that the report is the second in a three-year evaluation of Fair Way Scotland, a partnership of third sector organisations, including Homeless Network Scotland, Refugee Survival Trust, Scottish Refugee Council, Simon Community Scotland and Turning Point Scotland, which helps to prevent destitution among those with no recourse to public funds or other restricted eligibility for state support due to immigration status; further understands that the main findings from a surveyed sample of those accessing crisis support from Fair Way Scotland include the finding that 97% of those surveyed were destitute, with an average weekly income of just £40, with a third reporting no income at all in the last month, and that 66% of those surveyed were not permitted to work, making experiences of illegal and exploitative work common; notes with concern the conclusions of the report, including that thousands of people in Scotland are forced into extreme poverty and homelessness due to restrictions on access to essential support; further notes that going hungry and without clothing and toiletry basics, rough sleeping and poor health, both mental and physical, was common; understands that the issues covered affect people who have been living in Scotland for years or decades, including those who seek asylum as well as European Economic Area nationals who cannot access support following the UK's exit from the EU; recognises what it considers to be the important services that Fair Way Scotland offers for immediate and wider needs, support with casework and engaging with lawyers and the Home Office; notes with concern that the availability of services provided by the partnership, it understands, falls far short of demand, given the limited funding available; recognises that the report's recommendations include an ask of the Scottish Government to use all devolved levers at its disposal to stop what it sees as this humanitarian crisis from worsening, including co-investing with independent funders, housing associations and other partners to rapidly scale up Fair Way Scotland, and thanks researchers at Heriot-Watt University's Institute for Social Policy, Housing and Equalities Research, and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, for undertaking what it considers to be important research and shedding new light on the levels of need, deprivation, disadvantage and trauma experienced by what it considers to be some of the most vulnerable people in society.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-14627>

The report referred to above can be read at

[https://researchportal.hw.ac.uk/files/141149624/DESIGNED_MASTER Fair Way Scotland Evaluation End of Year 2 Report FINAL Sept 10th copy.pdf](https://researchportal.hw.ac.uk/files/141149624/DESIGNED_MASTER_Fair_Way_Scotland_Evaluation_End_of_Year_2_Report_FINAL_Sept_10th_copy.pdf)

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer: Channel Migrants

Undocumented Migrants: English Channel

Lord Sharpe of Epsom (Conservative) [HL1088] To ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers have arrived illegally in the UK by small boats since 5 July; and what is the breakdown of those arrivals by (1) nationality, (2) gender, and (3) age.

Reply from Lord Hanson of Flint: The Home Office publishes daily small boat arrival figures in the '[Small boat activity in the English Channel](#)' transparency release on gov.uk; however, this includes all small boat arrivals, not just those who have claimed asylum.

The Home Office also publishes statistics on small boat arrivals to the UK in the 'Irregular migration to the UK statistics' release on gov.uk. Data on asylum applications from small boat arrivals, by nationality, sex, and age, is published in table Irr_D02 of the '[Irregular migration to the UK detailed datasets](#)', with the latest data up to the end of June 2024. Data on asylum applications from small boat arrivals for July to September 2024 will be published in November 2024.

[Irregular Migration Datasets](#)

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1088>

UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers: Other Immigration and Asylum

Visas: Married People

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL1087] To ask His Majesty's Government whether it remains their policy to increase the minimum income for spouse/partner visas to £38,700 by 2025.

Reply from Lord Hanson of Flint: The Home Secretary has commissioned the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) to review the financial requirements in the Family Immigration Rules. Conducting a review of the financial requirements across the family routes will ensure we have a clear and consistent system.

There will be no changes to the current threshold of £29,000, or the ways in which the Minimum Income Requirement can be met, until the MAC review is complete.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1087>

Asylum: Finance

Lord German (Liberal Democrat) [HL1029] To ask His Majesty's Government what consideration they have given to increasing asylum support payments.

Reply from Lord Hanson of Flint: The Home Office has a legal obligation to meet the essential living needs of destitute asylum seekers. Support is usually provided in the form of accommodation and a weekly allowance. The level of the allowance is reviewed each year to ensure it covers an asylum seeker's "essential living needs".

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1029>

The following three questions all received the same answer

Asylum: Food and Housing

Lord Empey (UUP) [HL1025] To ask His Majesty's Government what financial provision has been made in the current financial year to provide (1) accommodation, and (2) food and provisions, to those currently awaiting a response to applications for asylum in the United Kingdom.

Asylum: Housing

Lord Empey (UUP) [HL1024] To ask His Majesty's Government how many units of accommodation, including hotel rooms, (1) are currently being used to house persons who have submitted claims for asylum in the United Kingdom; and (2) they have reserved or acquired to accommodate those who may yet arrive and seek asylum in the United Kingdom.

Lord Empey (UUP) [HL1026] To ask His Majesty's Government how many asylum seekers are currently being accommodated in (1) England, (2) Scotland, (3) Wales and (4) Northern Ireland.

Reply from Lord Hanson of Flint: The Home Office has a statutory obligation to support and accommodate asylum seekers who would otherwise be destitute. It does not publish a breakdown of statistics which disaggregates asylum accommodation costs by type.

The total expenditure on asylum is published in the Home Office Annual Report and Accounts, available at HO annual reports and accounts.

Data on the number of supported asylum seekers in accommodation, including hotels, can be found within the Asy_D11 tab for our most recent stats release at Gov.UK.

The government is determined to restore order to the asylum system so that it operates swiftly, firmly, and fairly including reducing the use of hotels over time. Additionally, the Government will be reviewing current Home Office arrangements to ensure efficiency and deliver value for money.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1025>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1024>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1026>

The Home Office Annual Report and Accounts, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/ho-annual-reports-and-accounts>

Asylum: Immigration

Lord German (Liberal Democrat) [HL1028] To ask His Majesty's Government whether they have any plans to extend the 28-day move-on period for asylum seekers who have been given the right to remain in the UK.

Reply from Lord Hanson of Flint: The government is aware of the need for a smooth exit from asylum accommodation for those asylum seekers who are granted leave to remain, so those individuals can support themselves through employment. We continue to work closely with local government and employment partners, including MHCLG and DWP, on this process.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2024-09-12/hl1028>

Press Release

New measures set out to reduce net migration

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-set-out-to-reduce-net-migration>

New Publications

Education for late arrivals: Examining education provision for displaced young people arriving in the UK late in the education system

https://www.reuk.org/files/ugd/d5aa55_f093c660ed3c42ee8dccb5651d4f4b05.pdf

The Historical Roots of the Windrush Scandal

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66f3e61f080bdf716392e860/Historical_Roots_of_the_Windrush_Scandal_-_Independent_Report.pdf

Windrush Compensation Scheme data: August 2024

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66f15854bd3aced9da489bd3/windrush-compensation-scheme-data-tables-aug-2024.ods>

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: Channel Migrants

EU deal allowing Channel migrants to be sent back to France ‘not on the table’

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/09/28/eu-deal-allowing-channel-migrants-to-be-sent-back-to-france/>

I’ve visited a French refugee camp. Here’s why smashing the smuggling gangs won’t work

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/09/16/migrant-camps-smuggling-gangs-wont-work-france-britain/>

News: Other Immigration and Asylum

Windrush report slams failure to address decades of ‘deep-rooted’ racism in government immigration policy

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/windrush-scandal-home-office-report-b2619263.html>

Windrush report: ‘Historic laws were designed to cut number of non-white people’

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-office-windrush-keir-starmer-seema-malhotra-government-b2619398.html>

Teenage asylum seekers arriving after start of school year in ‘no man’s land’, report says

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/sep/23/teen-asylum-seekers-school-year-no-mans-land-report>

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Equality

Press Release

Improving the lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers

<https://www.gov.scot/news/improving-the-lives-of-scotlands-gypsy-travellers/>

New Publication

Improving the Lives of Scotland's Gypsy/Travellers 2. Action Plan 2024-2026

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/improving-the-lives-of-scotlands-gypsy-travellers-2-action-plan-2024-2026/>

News

Where now for human rights in Scotland?

<https://www.scottishhumanrights.com/blog/where-now-for-human-rights-in-scotland/>

'When I joined the police, not many looked like me'

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cp9505xynnno>

Labour's private school raid 'risks forcing out ethnic minority families'

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/09/28/ethnic-minority-children-risk-forced-private-schools-labour/>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: Recommendations

Paul Sweeney (Labour) [S6W-29770] To ask the Scottish Government how it plans to act upon the reported recommendations made in the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination report, following the combined 24th and 26th periodic reports of the UK and Northern Ireland, including that the (a) Scottish Government engage with stakeholders and members of the Irish community to develop measures to address any ethnic and religious prejudice in Scotland and (b) devolved governments systematically collect and publish comparable statistics on the enjoyment of rights by members of ethnic minorities in all fields of life.

Reply from Kaukab Stewart: The Scottish Government is committed to ensuring our work is informed by the experiences of people and communities that are affected by racism, hatred and prejudice.

The Scottish Government's Hate Crime Strategy, and its associated Delivery Plan launched in November 2023, sets out our strategic priorities for tackling hate crime in Scotland. It was informed by communities with lived experience of hate crime, including Irish communities. We are committed to supporting a range of ongoing and participatory engagement, and will continue to work in partnership with Irish community organisations in Scotland to understand issues of importance to them,

as we deliver our Strategy.

Scotland's National Performance Framework is our wellbeing framework that sets out a vision of societal progress through National Outcomes. The Framework has equality breakdowns available as standard for each of the 48 National Indicators relating to people.

Scotland's Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-2025 demonstrates a clear, continuing commitment to improve the collection and analysis of racial data, to inform understanding of needs and differential experiences of marginalised groups. The strategy was developed in collaboration with a range of external partners. By the end of 2024, an Interim Review of the Equality Evidence Strategy will be completed and published. Aligning with one of the Equality Evidence Strategy Actions, analysis of Scotland Census 2022 data will be completed in 2025 to further add to understanding of differential experiences.

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-29770>

The UN report referred to above can be read at

<https://tinyurl.com/mt93dfft>

The Hate Crime Strategy referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/hate-crime-strategy-scotland/>

The Hate Crime Strategy Delivery Plan referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/hate-crime-strategy-delivery-plan/>

The National Performance Framework, referred to above, can be read at

<https://nationalperformance.gov.scot/>

The Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-2025, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-equality-evidence-strategy-2023-2025/>

Scotland Census 2022 data, referred to above, can be read at

<https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/search-the-census#/search-by>

News

UK rejects 'racist thugs', says Starmer as he vows to restore 'control'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/prime-minister-keir-starmer-labour-government-nhs-b2618130.html>

Tories accused of 'lying' as defiant Baroness Warsi quits in racism row

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/warsi-quits-tories-islamophobia-racism-b2619671.html>

Baroness Warsi quits Tories as they investigate 'divisive' comments

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/09/26/baroness-warsi-quits-tories-investigate-divisive-comments/>

New 'austerity drive' will bring rise in racism, says Diane Abbott

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/diane-abbott-labour-keir-starmer-rachel-reeves-stand-up-to-racism-b2617000.html>

Labour backs down on Islamophobia definition

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/09/28/labour-backs-down-on-islamophobia-definition/>

Labour candidate told she was ‘not a proper Muslim’ because of Western name
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/09/22/labour-candidate-told-she-was-not-a-proper-muslim/>

Many people don’t see the racism we suffer — we needed that bill
<https://www.thetimes.com/article/a85f865d-a22b-4015-9e3b-c4b54a4fdfa3>

Seventy per cent of Jewish students feel ‘uncomfortable’ revealing their faith
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/09/28/seven-in-10-jewish-students-uncomfortable-on-campus/>

Jew haters haven’t gone away – they just don’t speak the quiet part out loud any more
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/09/24/jew-haters-havent-gone-just-dont-speak-quiet-part-out-loud/>

Majority of black people think racism played role in failure to test for prostate cancer
<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2024/sep/26/majority-of-black-people-think-racism-played-role-in-failure-to-test-prostate-cancer>

If you think we’re past peak woke, we may not even be halfway up that hill
<https://www.thetimes.com/article/6c40303d-4678-4c27-a9d5-3ee229523cb1>

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Other Scottish Parliament and Government

New Publication

Video: The Scottish Parliament's 25th anniversary event
<https://www.scottishparliament.tv/meeting/the-scottish-parliaments-25th-anniversary-september-28-2024>

News

King marks Scottish Parliament's 25th anniversary
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce81zlj4y2go>

The evolution of devolution: 25 years of the Scottish Parliament
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c206xwj8854o>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

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>
Stage 1 Report, Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

<https://bprcdn.parliament.scot/published/DPLR/2024/9/20/541e19a7-5c9d-4860-828d-968be137934d/DPLRS062024R55.pdf>

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 Support (Prescribed Period) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3758>

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3747>

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3765>

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Consultations

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An inspection of Home Office management of contact with migrants who are without leave to enter or remain (closing date 30 September 2024)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-an-inspection-of-home-office-management-of-contact-with-migrants-who-are-without-leave-to-enter-or-remain>

**** closes this week!**

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Changes to charity law (closing date 1 October 2024)

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/give-us-your-views-on-important-changes-to-charity-law/>

**** closes this week!**

Equality and Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2025-2028 (closing date 3 October 2024)

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/our-work/our-strategic-plan-consultation-2025-2028>

**** An inspection of Home Office management of contact with migrants who are without leave to enter or remain** (closing date 21 October 2024)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-an-inspection-of-home-office-management-of-contact-with-migrants-who-are-without-leave-to-enter-or-remain>

Family visa financial requirements (closing date 11 December 2024)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/family-visa-financial-requirements>

Intimate Image Abuse Research (closing date not stated)

<https://t.co/X1cGnXygg3>

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

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

Cyber Security Survey (closing date not stated)

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/680a646c-5811-47f4-8958-588f1c794eca>

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Job Opportunities

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

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Funding Opportunities

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Henry Duncan Grants

Closing date for applications: 30 October 2024

There are two different types of Henry Duncan Grants in 2024

1) Grants for Women Led Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Organisations

Henry Duncan Grants for Women Led Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Organisations will provide unrestricted funding for organisations that are led by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic women and are working on issues that impact women and girls (aged 12+) in their communities.

2) Grants for Women Led Organisations

Henry Duncan Grants will provide unrestricted funding to organisations led by women. The organisation's work needs to have a focus on supporting women and girls (aged 12+) who have experienced gender-based violence.

For information and to apply see

<https://www.corra.scot/grants/henry-duncan-grants/>

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>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

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Black History Month

to 31 October (Scotland-wide)

Black History Month celebrates the achievements and resilience of African, Caribbean, and Asian people and serves as an opportunity to highlight the ways in which these communities have a direct link with Scotland through the histories of slavery, colonialism and migration. For information and to read the full programme of events see

<https://tinyurl.com/3969ans8>

**** this week!**

Holocaust Memorial Day 2025 resources launch

1 October 2024 (online, 4.00–5.00)

HMD 2025 will mark 80 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and 30 years since the genocide in Bosnia. The resources launch will give you a head start in planning for these significant anniversaries. To book a place see <https://tinyurl.com/3ncs5epr>

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

3 October 2024 (online, 1.00–4.00)

THRE course about applying a human rights and equalities first approach using the PANEL principles 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/sy9weepe>

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Maritime Leith's Black History

4 October 2024 (Leith, 1.00–3.00)

11 October 2024 (Leith, 1.00–3.00)

18 October 2024 (Leith, 1.00–3.00)

Black History Month tour of Trinity House to discover the stories that link its collections and maritime Leith with Black History. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/zv84hdz3>

Anti-Racist Education in Scotland

7 October 2024 (online, 4.00–5.30)

Education Scotland Black History Month webinar introducing examples of national and local developments in anti-racist education in Scotland. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/3hk55hdf>

Museums, Empire and Difficult Heritage at Kelvingrove

10 October 2024 (Glasgow, 2.00–4.00)

CRER tour of Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum examining the entanglements between museums and empire, discussing Kelvingrove's links with chattel slavery, colonialism and imperialism, recognising the ways this history continues to shape it today, and thinking about how museums can be spaces for having meaningful conversations about empire and its legacies. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/3vynzynw>

Spreading racism at breakfast

10 October 2024 (online, 3.00–4.00)

Media co-op preview of a film about Robertson's Jam golly logo for Black History Month. For generations, jam and marmalade made in Paisley had a golly on every jar - a racist image, dating from black-face minstrels in the days of slavery. Some people remember the golly fondly while others are appalled at decades of spreading racism with our breakfast toast. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/muth5mhm>

George Square Walking Tour

12 October 2024 (Glasgow, 1.00–2.30)

CRER walking tour for Black History Month to find out how the statues in Glasgow's George Square reveal a hidden history of Scotland's complicated involvement in slavery and abolition. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/bdz9j4uz>

Glasgow Black History Walking Tour

13 October 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00–3.00)

20 October 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00–3.00)

27 October 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00–3.00)

30 October 2023 (Glasgow, 1.00–3.00)

CRER walking tour for Black History Month taking participants on a historical journey through Glasgow's mercantile past and examining the city's connections with tobacco, slavery and the abolition movement. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/5emyfv7k>

The Basics: A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach

15 and 16 October 2024 (online, 2.00–4.00)

Two-day THREE 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/yv2p3b7f>

Breaking the Chains – a Walking Tour exploring Dundee's Links to Slavery

16 October 2024 (Dundee, 2.30)

University of Dundee Museums walking tour for Black History Month highlighting sites in Dundee associated with transatlantic and American slavery. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/363wvaae>

Introduction to refugees: asylum and resettlement

17 October 2024 (online, 1.00–4.30)

12 February 2025 (online, 1.00–4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to help you understand relevant legal definitions and processes including the UK asylum process, rights and entitlements of asylum seekers and refugees, and identify sources of support that empower people to live fully integrated lives. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yrt2szue>

Introduction to working with interpreters

6 November 2024 (online, 1.00–4.30)

27 February 2025 (online, 1.00–4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to help you build the knowledge, skills and confidence required to work effectively with spoken language interpreters. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/mr32k8mz>

Scottish Interfaith Week

11 to 18 November 2024 (Scotland-wide)

Celebrating 20 years of Scottish Interfaith Week, and encouraging people to discover and learn about the lives of others as an effective way to challenge prejudice and misunderstanding. For information see <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org/>

National Interfaith Conference 2024

12 November 2024 (Dundee, 11.00–4.00)

To mark the 20th anniversary of Scottish Interfaith Week, Interfaith Scotland is hosting a National Interfaith Conference on the theme of "Discovery". The conference will encourage people to discover and learn about the lives of others as an effective way to challenge prejudice and misunderstanding. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/249ac37b>

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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/>

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