

Political Affairs Brief

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

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UK Parliament

Daylight Saving Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/daylightsaving.html>

Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>

Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

Identity Documents Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

**** Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

Notice of Amendments

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/>

Scottish Parliament

Certification of Death Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

**** End of Life Assistance Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Stage 1 oral evidence to Committee from Margo MacDonald MSP (proposer of the Bill)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/or-10/ela10-0902.htm#Col281>

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Other Relevant Information

Equalities and Human Rights Commission

Commission launches landmark report: 'How fair is Britain?'

...The first in a series of reports laid before Parliament every three years, 'How fair is Britain?' draws on a range of major datasets and surveys, as well as the Commission's own research reports, to build a portrait of Britain in 2010. ... The Commission's findings cover all seven areas of formal discrimination set out in law: age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation and transgender status. For the first time, it analyses the gaps in treatment and achievement of these seven social groupings beyond solely economic outcomes - by including factors such as personal autonomy and political influence ('voice') alongside education, health, standard of living and personal safety. ...
... over recent years, public attitudes have become much more tolerant of diversity, and much less tolerant of discrimination. ... Evidence suggests that the public is strongly in favour of the generic principles of equality, dignity and respect for all. ... However, ... There is evidence that the public thinks that both racial and religious prejudice are on the increase, though this may reflect heightened sensitivities. ...

To read the full press release see

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2010/october/commission-launches-landmark-report-how-fair-is-britain/>

How fair is Britain? The first triennial review (Equalities and Human Rights Commission)

http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/triennial_review/how_fair_is_britain_-_complete_report.pdf

Supporting information including a series of background reports commissioned by the EHRC

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/triennial-review/>

European Commission: Religare

The Place of Religion in European Union Law and Policy: Competing Approaches and Actors inside the European Commission

<http://www.ceps.eu/ceps/download/3750>

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Consultations

** new or updated

**** closes in 4 days**

General Medical Council (GMC) Equality Scheme 2011 – 2014 (closes 15 October 2010)

https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_id=140&status=2&criteria=1

Guidance on Concessionary Schemes for Surface Water Drainage Charges

Applies in England only (closes 22 October 2010)

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/surface-charges/index.htm>

Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund (closes 29 October 2010)

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency (closing date 10 November 2010)

http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461_GEO_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty_acc.pdf

**** Certification of Death (Scotland) Bill** (closes 18 November 2010)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/inquiries/CertificationOfDeathBill/CallForEvidence.htm>

Equality Duty: Detailed Proposals - Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Draft Regulations and Order (Scotland) (closes 26 November 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324431/0104438.pdf>

Charity Commission: Proposed withdrawal of paper forms for Annual Returns, Registration applications, and forthcoming Charitable Incorporated Organisations (closes 2 December 2010)

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About_us/About_the_Commission/ols_consultation_intro.aspx

Equality Act 2010 - Performance of the Public Sector Equality Duties in Wales

(closes 17 December 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/equality/equalityact2010/?lang=en>

Equality and Human Rights Commission: Draft Code of Practice on Further and Higher Education (closes 31 December 2010)

http://live.ehrc.precedenthost.co.uk/cgi-bin/generate.pl?page_id= sx0666i4b&save=screen

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