



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

Contents

Home Affairs

Holocaust

Israel

Relevant Legislation

Consultations

Back issues

Home Affairs

House of Lords Written Answer

Citizenship: Education

The Lord Bishop of St Albans [HL1289] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have, if any, to ensure that the teaching of British values in schools respects protected characteristics, freedom of speech, and the freedom of conscience.

Baroness Barran: All schools must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broad, and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental, and physical development of pupils and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of later life. The department expects all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance.

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils should be taught about different societies, and how different groups have contributed to the development of Britain, and this can include experiences and voices of people from all backgrounds. The curriculum offers many opportunities for schools to do this, notably through citizenship education and relationships, sex, and health education (RSHE).

The RSHE curriculum has a strong focus on equality, respect, the harmful impact of stereotyping, as well as the importance of valuing difference. The citizenship curriculum includes content on democracy and human rights.

In delivering the curriculum, schools should be aware of their duties relating to political impartiality as set out under the Education Act 1996, and must ensure that, where political issues are discussed in the classroom, they are presented in a balanced way.

Pupils should learn about equality, kindness, and respect, and it is for schools to decide how they teach these important values. The department believes in the importance of these shared values which are taught and reinforced every single day in schools across the UK.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-27/hl1289>

Welsh Government

The Anti-racist Wales Culture, Heritage and Sport Fund 2022 to 2023

Closing date for applications: 22 August 2022

The Welsh Government's Anti-racist Wales Culture, Heritage and Sport Fund will provide annual grant funding of between £5,000 and £150,000 from October 2022 to March 2025. This will support organisations to deliver the Culture Heritage and Sport goals and actions in the [Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan](#), focusing on the themes of leadership, funding, celebrating cultural diversity, the historical narrative and learning about our cultural diversity, as well as the [Programme for Government](#) commitments to ensure that the history and culture of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic communities are properly reflected throughout the cultural and heritage sectors, including in National Museums.

For full information see the guidance

<https://gov.wales/anti-racist-wales-culture-heritage-and-sport-fund-2022-2023-guidance-applicants-html>

and application form

<https://gov.wales/anti-racist-wales-culture-heritage-and-sport-fund-2022-2023-application-form>

TOP

Holocaust

House of Lords Written Answer

National Holocaust Memorial Centre and Learning Service: Disclosure of Information

Baroness Deech (Crossbench) [HL1270] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Greenhalgh on 22 June (HL771), whether they will provide the information requested in FOI 17451012 about optimism bias in the costing of the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre.

Lord Greenhalgh: The estimated cost of the UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre has been produced in line with Green Book guidance. The publication of further information about costs will be addressed when costs are no longer commercially sensitive.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-27/hl1270>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-08/hl771>

The guidance referred to above can be read at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book-appraisal-and-evaluation-in-central-government/the-green-book-2020>

FOI 17451012, referred to above, is not currently available online.

TOP

House of Commons Written Answer

Gaza: International Assistance

Ian Lavery (Labour) [28422] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, if she will urgently increase funding for (a) child protection and (b) mental health and psychosocial support as part of her Department's humanitarian and development assistance to Gaza.

Amanda Milling: I [Minister Milling] met with UNRWA staff during my visit to the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) on 23 June where I heard first-hand about the vital work the agency undertakes to provide core services to Palestinian refugees. In 2021, the UK provided £2 million to UNICEF to help them provide child-sensitive grants to vulnerable households in Gaza reaching 4,311 boys and girls. This support enabled families to meet the essential needs of their children, with the majority of the support spent on food, education, and healthcare. Through our annual support to UNRWA, the UK supports their Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) interventions, especially for children, which included summer school activities targeting 98,595 children (52,236 girls and 46,359 boys) in Gaza in 2021.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-06-30/28422>

TOP

Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Bill of Rights Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3227>

Education (Non-religious Philosophical Convictions) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3186>

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2862>

**** Online Safety Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

Notice of amendments

https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-03/0121/amend/onlinesafety_day_rep_0712.pdf

Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3217>

Private Burial Grounds and Cemeteries Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3188>

**** Universal Credit (Removal of Two Child Limit) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3163>

Second Reading, House of Lords

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-07-08/debates/95749D0E-45A5-4EE8-91CE-C8346348FD25/UniversalCredit\(RemovalOfTwoChildLimit\)Bill\(HL\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-07-08/debates/95749D0E-45A5-4EE8-91CE-C8346348FD25/UniversalCredit(RemovalOfTwoChildLimit)Bill(HL))

**** Schools Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156>

Notice of amendments

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/47302/documents/2139>

and

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/47329/documents/2147>

Scottish Parliament

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

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

TOP

Consultations

** new or updated today

**** closes in 10 days**

Public Participation at the Scottish Parliament (closing date 22 July 2022)

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/cppp/participation-2022/>

Standards for ethnicity data (closing date 30 August 2022)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standards-for-ethnicity-data>

Equality Evidence Strategy 2023-25 (closing date 23 September 2022)

<https://tinyurl.com/mpunv6cw>

TOP

The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438