

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament has been dissolved, and will not meet again until after the General Election that will take place on 8 June. Parliamentary questions that have not already been answered will not now receive any response. The Speaker will be elected on 13 June, after which new MPs will be sworn in, and the State Opening of Parliament will take place on 19 June.

Immigration and Asylum

News

Migrants 'put off Scotland by higher taxes and schools'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-10/scotland/migrants-put-off-scotland-by-higher-taxes-and-schools-lb9l3fdj5>

Why are the British so reluctant to recognise our migration history?

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/may/10/british-migration-museum-history-immigration-minister>

Non-EU parents may have EU residence right, ECJ rules

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39868868>

Media painted bleak picture of immigration before Brexit vote, study finds

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/10/brexit-eu-referendum-campaign-media-coverage-immigration>

Asylum seekers may have been wrongly deported to Albania

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/may/10/asylum-seekers-may-have-been-wrongly-deported-to-albania>

Britain's brutal asylum rules allow a little girl to be uprooted with a day's notice

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/may/09/asylum-rules-birmingham-primary-school>

Women trafficked to Glasgow for sham marriages

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39855287>

The bus bringing human traffic from Romania

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-39855288>

Victims of human trafficking sold to Asian crime groups in Glasgow

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/15276020.Victims_of_human_trafficking_sold_to_Asian_crime_groups_in_Glasgow/?ref=mr&lp=6

Documentary uncovers sham marriages at heart of human trafficking to Scotland

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/news/scotland/422985/documentary-uncovers-sham-marriages-at-heart-of-human-trafficking-to-scotland/>

Human trafficking victims sold to sham-marriage gangs

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-10/scotland/human-trafficking-victims-sold-to-sham-marriage-gangs-7smdf6f0s>

British at last, Dutch woman 'horrified' at loss of some of her rights

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/may/07/british-at-last-dutch-woman-horrified-loss-rights-monique-hawkins>

'It's like Airbnb for refugees': UK hosts and their guests

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/08/airbnb-for-refugees-uk-hosts-guests-in-pictures>

Refugee proves cut above as he opens first Syrian barber's

http://www.heraldscotland.com/news/homenews/15284039.Refugee_proves_cut_above_as_he_opens_first_Syrian_barber_s/

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Community Relations

New Publication

The “no religion” population of Britain: Recent data from the British Social attitudes Survey (2015) and the European Social Survey (2014)

<https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/centres/benedict-xvi/docs/2017-may-no-religion-report.pdf>

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

New Publications

Racism and discrimination in the context of migration in Europe

http://www.enar-eu.org/IMG/pdf/shadowreport_2015x2016_long_low_res.pdf

Hate Has No Place in Our Society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sdht0K2Es-Y&feature=youtu.be>

News

Officer accused of misconduct after making racist toy complaint

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39885289>

Police officer who reported racist toy incident 'threatened with sack'

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/may/12/met-police-threatened-to-sack-whistleblower-who-reported-racism>

Met Police officer who blew whistle over 'racist' black monkey toy 'told he faced sack'

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/met-police-officer-racist-toy-monkey-whistleblower-gross-misconduct-investigation-a7731691.html>

Asian police officer 'threatened with sack' after 'racist' toy monkey complaint

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/12/asian-police-officer-threatened-sack-racist-toy-monkeycomplaint/>

Asian policeman who complained over a toy monkey in a black colleague's office wins £35,000 after he received a sack threat for reporting it

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4501650/Asian-whistleblower-cop-awarded-5k-monkey-toy-row.html>

Man brandishes meat cleaver and threatens to kill Jews in North London kosher deli

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/stamford-hill-knife-attack-london-jewish-area-kosher-deli-meat-cleaver-man-a7727166.html>

Police in north London arrest man 'wielding meat cleaver and targeting Jews'

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/09/police-north-london-arrest-man-wielding-meat-cleaver-targeting/>

Jewish shop 'threatened by man with a meat cleaver'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-10/news/jewish-shop-threatened-by-man-with-a-meat-cleaver-3f80nrbyv>

'Jews run away before I kill you': Meat cleaver-wielding man, 61, is arrested by armed police after 'storming two Jewish shops in east London and screaming threats at young girls'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4489236/Man-meat-cleaver-large-knife-arrested-London.html>

School racism 'keeps black teachers out'

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/past-six-days/2017-05-13/scotland/school-racism-keeps-black-teachers-out-sch0t5vnx>

Other Scottish Parliament and Government

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Recycling

Maurice Golden: To ask the Scottish Government how it promotes recycling to people from ethnic minorities. (S5W-8977)

Reply from Roseanna Cunningham: The Scottish Government is committed to engaging and supporting ethnic minority groups as part of delivering Scotland's ambitious recycling targets. Zero Waste Scotland provides guidance to local authorities on how to engage effectively with ethnic minority groups to promote recycling. There have been a number of successful local authority pilots to ensure effective communication of recycling benefits to ethnic minority groups and learning from these has been adopted into current practice. Zero Waste Scotland also leads on educational campaigns to reduce waste and uses visual images to reach people from different linguistic backgrounds.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-08977>

Press Release

New police code

<https://news.gov.scot/news/new-police-code>

New Publications

A Guide to Stop and Search In Scotland

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00517807.pdf>

Stop and Search in Scotland – What You Need to Know: A guide for Children and Young People

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00517814.pdf>

News

12 year old delivers Time for Reflection using British Sign Language

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJM3afdBzv8>

Pupil's sign language address to Scottish Parliament

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-39861393>

General Election

New Publication

MEMO+ Voting in the UK General Election 2017

http://www.scojec.org/memo+/2017/17v_voting_in_the_general_election.pdf

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New Publication

Charity Reserves Factsheet

http://www.oscr.org.uk/media/2681/v10-charity-reserves-factsheet_pdf.pdf

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

**** Domestic Abuse Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/103883.aspx>

Justice Committee: Stage 1 evidence session

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=10931&i=99974#ScotParlOR>

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Consultations ** new or updated this week

**** Human Trafficking** (closing date 25 May 2017)

http://www.migrantsrights.org.uk/blog/2017/05/03/request-for-written-evidence/?mc_cid=47500932ac&mc_eid=ae74a1e475

Improving educational outcomes for children and young people from travelling cultures (closing date 28 May 2017)

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/support-and-wellbeing/improving-educational-outcomes-for-children/>

Caste in Great Britain and Equality Law (closing date 18 July 2017)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

**** Social Enterprise Census 2017** (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SECensus2017>

Here to Stay? Young Eastern Europeans' experiences of life in the UK (no closing date given)

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

Hate Crime and Prejudice Scotland Mapping Exercise (no closing date given)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BJPT5PL>

Police Scotland: Your view counts (open all year)

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/decision-making/public-consultation/local-policing-consultation>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

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Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017

No set closing date – applications will be accepted until the fund has been fully allocated
BEMIS Scotland in collaboration with the Scottish Government is delighted to continue the themed years programme and invite multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology and the 2017/18 Scottish Winter Festivals.

This programme will enable Scotland's ethnic and cultural minority communities to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations which are taking place across Scotland.

Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 to stage an event to tell the story of their community's history and heritage in Scotland using 'intangible cultural heritage' – for example: language, music, song, dance or storytelling.

For more information see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-grant-guidelines.pdf>

For an application form see

<https://bemis.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/yhha-application-form.docx>

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

**** Equality Hustings for the 2017 General Election**

30 May 2017 in Edinburgh (6.00-8.30)

Equalities and human rights hustings providing an opportunity to consider the manifesto commitments of the political parties within the context of prevailing equality and human rights issues. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/m6rmjs3>

Working with Interpreters

31 May 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the process of using an interpreter, where the responsibility lies for the success of the interpreted session, examines the pitfalls and their consequences, and sets out best practice for using interpreters. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/jt93fog> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Integration and Working with Syrian Families

1 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to explore the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlights the challenges and opportunities for them as they build a new life here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/zy436gr> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Making change happen: Using the courts to make rights a reality

1 June 2017 in Edinburgh (10.00-4.00)

Human Rights Consortium Scotland workshop to discuss how organisations can use the law and the courts to bring about social change. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/l8hfxsm>

New Scots: Working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

7 June 2017 in Glasgow (9.15-4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine why people might need to flee their own country, how they seek asylum in the UK and what opportunities they have for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding train@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 223 7982.

Working together to end FGM in Scotland

15 June 2017 in Edinburgh (9.30-4.00)

Waverley Care seminar to raise awareness of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Scotland and hear from community campaigners and local service providers about what progress has been made in tackling FGM, and what needs to happen to positively move forward. For information see <http://tinyurl.com/lmhke3u>

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Useful Links

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

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

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

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

UK Government Honours system <https://www.gov.uk/honours/overview>

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/headlines/>

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

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

Interfaith Scotland <http://www.interfaithscotland.org/>

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

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

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

Volunteer Development Scotland <http://www.volunteerscotland.net/>

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services

Disclosure Scotland <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

BBC News <http://www.bbc.co.uk/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) <http://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://onescotland.org/>

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