

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament is now in recess. The House of Lords returns on 3 October, and the House of Commons on 10 October 2011.

Immigration and Asylum

News

How £11,000 a day is lost in translation over foreign NHS patients

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/How-11000-a-day-is.6841140.jp>

Axing of migrant return scheme 'will cost taxpayers £2m a year'

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2011/sep/24/axing-migrant-return-scheme-cost>

Labour's embarrassing immigration secrets revealed

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/8786632/Labours-embarrassing-immigration-secrets-revealed.html>

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Race Relations

Press Release

Citizenship Survey: April 2010 - March 2011, England

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/citizenshipsurveyq4201011>

New Publication

Citizenship Survey: 2010-11 (April 2010 – March 2011), England

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/statistics/pdf/1992885.pdf>

News

Who are the UK's travellers?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15020118>

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Equality

New Publications

Equality Statement Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/358418/0121145.pdf>

Equal Opportunities Subject Profile

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/research/briefings-11/SB11-69.pdf>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Press Releases

UN officials call for more action to 'stem the tide' of racism and intolerance

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=39688&Cr=racism&Cr1=>

Anti Racism Commission launches guidelines for governments to combat anti-Gypsyism

http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/Library/PressReleases/92-19_09_2011_RPG13_en.asp

New Publications

Combating Anti-Gypsyism and Discrimination Against Roma

http://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/ecri/activities/GPR/EN/Recommendation_N13/e-RPG%2013%20-%20A4.pdf

Racism and Religious Hatred

New Publications (continued)

10th Anniversary of the Durban Declaration: United Nations Plenary Statements

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011/plenary-statements.shtml>

Statements at roundtables

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/durbanmeeting2011/roundtables.shtml>

Draft resolution: United against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/66/L.2

News

Watchdog says 'rising tide of discrimination' must be tackled

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Watchdog-says-39rising-tide-of.6839269.jp>

We must never forget horror of holocaust

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/opinion/Steven-Hay-We-must-never.6839428.jp>

Fan arrested over racist incident in Dunfermline

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-edinburgh-east-fife-14993184>

Football fan charged in race probe

<http://breakingnews.heraldscotland.com/breaking-news/?mode=article&site=et&id=N0493851316532532057A>

Scott Brown's anger at hijacking by fascist group

<http://edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/Scott-Brown39s-anger-at-hijacking.6839405.jp>

Dress witches in pink and avoid white paper to prevent racism in nuseries, expert says

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8786641/Dress-witches-in-pink-and-avoid-white-paper-to-prevent-racism-in-nuseries-expert-says.html>

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Other Holyrood

Press Release

Spending Review 2011

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/21141303>

New Publications

Scottish Spending Review 2011 and Draft Budget 2012-13

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/358356/0121130.pdf>

Other Holyrood New Publications (continued)

Renewing Scotland's Public Services - Priorities for reform in response to the Christie Commission

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/358359/0121131.pdf>

News

How each department will be affected by the spending review

<http://thescoatsman.scotsman.com/news/How-each-department-will-be.6840557.jp>

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Other News

Muslim students face finance dilemma over tuition fees

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-14990836>

Muslim peace conference condemns terrorism

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-15044797>

BBC drops Anno Domini and Before Christ to avoid offending non-Christians

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/8787311/BBC-drops-Anno-Domini-and-Before-Christ-to-avoid-offending-non-Christians.html>

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Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Holyrood

**** Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s4/bills/01-offbehfoot/index.htm>

Evidence on the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Bill from Professor Bill Buchanan (Edinburgh Napier University), Roseanna Cunningham (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs), Richard Foggo (Scottish Government), Shelagh McCall (Scottish Human Rights Commission), Frank Mulholland (Lord Advocate)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/ORSearch/ReportView.aspx?r=6399&mode.pdf>

Bills in Progress Westminster

Scotland Bill

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

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Consultations

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VAT: Cost Sharing Exemption (30 September 2011)

http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/downloadFile?contentID=HMCE_P ROD1_031398

Family migration (6 October 2011)

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/family-migration/>

Inquiry into reform of Parliamentary business: remodelling the Parliamentary week (31 October 2011)

http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s4/committees/stanproc/documents/callforviews_inquiryintoreform.pdf

Reforming Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland (2 November 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357525/0120778.pdf>

Do we need a UK Bill of Rights? (11 November 2011)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/about/cbr/cbr-discussion-paper.pdf>

Public Sector Equality Duty (25 November 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357629/0120853.pdf>

Rights of Children and Young People Bill (1 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357438/0120726.pdf>

Aviation security: Consultation on a statutory authority to carry scheme

(6 December 2011)

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/authority-to-carry/>

The Registration of Civil Partnerships Same Sex Marriage (9 December 2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/254430/0120640.pdf>

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Events/Conferences/Training

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Black History Month launch

28 September 2011 in Glasgow (10.30)

Event to mark the beginning of a month long celebration of the contribution made to our heritage by minority ethnic men and women. For information see

<http://crer.org.uk/attachments/article/232/BHM%20Launch%20Web%20Version.pdf> or contact Kam Kaur 0141 418 6530 / kam@crer.org.uk

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Domestic abuse – together we can stop it

29 September 2011 in Edinburgh (10.00 – 1.00)

Faith communities networking event to build and add to the capacity of faith groups to address and respond to domestic abuse through connecting people, providing resources, and building activism. For information contact Fiona Buchanan 0131 226 6606 / fiona.buchanan@scottishwomensaid.org.uk.

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

Equality Act 2010: one year on

5 October 2011 in Glasgow (9.30 – 3.30)

Equality and Human Rights Commission conference to discuss how the Equality Act has worked, what discrimination means and who is protected. For information contact David Reilly equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com / 0141 228 5967 or see http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/uploaded_files/Scotland/Events/ehrc_ea_one_year_on_event_5th_oct_2011_e-flyer.pdf.

Domestic Abuse and BME Women, Children & Young People

6 (9.30-4.30) and 7 (9.30-12.30) October 2011 in Edinburgh

10 (9.30-4.30) and 11(9.30-12.30) November 2011 in Edinburgh

1 (9.30-4.30) and 2 (9.30-12.30) December 2011 in Edinburgh

Shakti training to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing Minority Ethnic women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse. For information contact Mridul, Lisa or Aleksandra 0131 475 2399 / info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk.

Migrants and the Cuts; Supporting Migrants' Contributions in Scotland

13 October 2011 in Edinburgh (10.30 – 5.00)

Scottish Migrants Network Conference to identify good practice for cross-sectoral working that supports migrants as they contribute and participate in Scottish society through the current economic climate. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11x_smn.pdf or contact Jason Bergen: smnconference2011@gmail.com /07876 527 597.

International Literacy Day: Women's Morning

16 October 2011 in Glasgow (10.00)

Scottish Refugee Council event women's morning for asylum-seeking and refugee women. For information contact Carol Anne 0141 248 9799/ carolanne.nehme@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk or see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/1322_celebrate_international_literacy_day_at_our_women_s_morning_16_september

Children's Interfaith Event

23 October 2011 in Glasgow (2.00 – 5.00)

Maccabi Scotland event to bring together children aged 9-12 from different faith communities for an afternoon of activities. For information contact Sue Faber 0141 638 6177 / info@maccabibgscotland.org.

Scotland's People – Past, Present & Future

26 October 2011 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 4.00)

National Records of Scotland conference to discuss how population and household statistics are increasingly important to help inform policies and planning in central and local government, and the third sector. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/11x_nrs_conference.doc

Protecting workplace equality

27 October 2011 in Glasgow (9.30 – 4.10)

Equality and Human Rights Commission Conference to re-enforce your knowledge of how to protect equality within the workplace. For information see http://www.scojec.org/memo/files/ads/11x_ehrc.pdf or contact David Reilly 0141 228 5967 / equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

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Raising Refugee Women's Voices

3 November 2011 in Glasgow (9.00 – 4.30)

Scottish Refugee Council Conference focusing on refugee women: their needs; the provision of support; and gender sensitivity in the asylum process. All refugee community organisations will be entitled to one free place at the conference. For information see http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/events_calendar/1304_scottish_refugee_council_autumn_conference_raising_refugee_women_s_voices or contact Jamie Spurway 0141 248 9799 / events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism

9 November 2011

After the Nazis came to power in Germany in 1933, Jews were subjected to increasingly discriminatory treatment accompanied by organised violence. On November 9th 1938, the Nazis started a pogrom against the Jews. Synagogues were set on fire. Jewish shops had their windows smashed across the country, which gave rise to the name "Kristallnacht", which freely translated means the Night of Broken Glass. Many Jews were physically attacked too. The "Kristallnacht" pogrom is usually seen as the symbolic beginning of the Holocaust. On 9 November each year the UNITED network organises a European-wide campaign to commemorate the past and to protest against contemporary forms of fascism and antisemitism. For information see <http://www.unitedagainstracism.org/pages/underframeInternationalDayAgainstFascism.htm>

Making Human Rights Happen

30 November 2011 in Glasgow (10.00 – 4.00)

1 Decemer 2011 in Dundee (10.00 – 4.00)

British Institute of Human Rights workshops to discuss the role of human rights in a period of cut backs to public services, the role of human rights in protecting the vulnerable, whether human rights offer an effective tool for people wishing to challenge the impact of service cuts or changes, and how to make sure one person's rights are balanced against the interests of society as a whole. For information see <http://www.bihar.org.uk/events/bihar-national-human-rights-tour-information-page>

New Muslim Cool

22 March 2012 in Glasgow (all day)

Faith Matters event about the work of Hamza Perez a Muslim Hispanic American whose multi-faith work has seen Christians and Jews support him during difficult times post 9/11. For information contact pa@faith-matters.co.uk / 0207 554 8847 or see <http://faith-matters.org/images/stories/Faith%20Matters%20New%20Muslim%20Cool%20UK%20Tour%20March%202010.pdf>

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Useful Links

Scottish Parliament <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/home.htm>

Scottish Government <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

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

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Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

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

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

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

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

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

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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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 Charity 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. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>



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://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

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