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## Immigration and Asylum

### UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Visas: Applications**

**Louise Ellman (Labour Co-op) [280157]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what representations he has received on the efficiency of the UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services online appointment booking system; and if he will make a statement.

**Louise Ellman (Labour Co-op) [280162]** To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what plans he has to improve the UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services online appointment bookings system; and if he will make a statement.

**Reply from Seema Kennedy:** Sopra Steria Ltd (SSL) monitors the performance of

the UKVCAS website and regularly reviews feedback from customers to ensure the website meets their needs and expectations.

So far, since service inception in November, the following improvements have been made to the online booking system:

- more detailed information in the FAQs section to help customers resolve problems
- improved visibility of appointments by expanding the number of locations that customers can view from four to eight.
- extended period for customers booking appointments from four to six weeks for core service points and from two to four weeks for enhanced service points.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-22/280157/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-22/280162/>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **English Language: Education**

**Rosena Allin-Khan (Labour)** [280442] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department has conducted an impact assessment on changes in English for Speakers of other Languages funding.

**Rosena Allin-Khan (Labour)** [280444] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what steps the Government has taken to ensure that people who are granted refugee status and who do not speak English as their first language are offered a two-year course in English as a foreign language.

**Reply from Kemi Badenoch:** The government recognises that learning English is essential to help people integrate into life in England, including breaking down barriers to work and empowering refugees to rebuild their lives. That is why the Department for Education supports adults in England through the Adult Education Budget (AEB) to secure the English language skills they need. The AEB is allocated on an annual basis, and colleges and adult learning providers have the freedom and flexibility to determine how they use their AEB allocation to meet the needs of their communities. This includes planning, with local partners, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses that they will deliver locally. The Home Office and the Department for Education have also provided £10 million specifically to enable refugees resettled through the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme to access additional classes.

The government has committed to developing a new strategy for ESOL in 2019. The strategy will provide a shared vision for all publicly funded English language provision including addressing the needs of refugees and migrants. Funding for all programmes beyond 2019/20, including any potential funding for this strategy, will be set during the upcoming Spending Review.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-22/280442/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-22/280444/>

## **UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers**

### **Visas: Africa**

**Lord Steel of Aikwood (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17371] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the joint All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)

report by the APPG for Africa, the APPG for Diaspora, Development and Migration and the APPG for Malawi Visa problems for African visitors to the UK, published on 16 July, in particular its findings in regard to the level of refusals of short-term visitor visa applications from Africa.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Officials will review the findings of the report and the Immigration Minister will respond on it in due course.

Information on total entry clearance visas (the majority of which are visitor visas) broken down by nationality and outcome (grants, refusals, withdrawals, lapsed) is published in the quarterly Immigration Statistics Visas volume 1 table vi\_02\_q at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-year-ending-march-2019-data-tables>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-22/HL17371/>

*The report referred to above can be read at*

[http://www.royalafricansociety.org/sites/default/files/reports/APPG%20Report%20on%20Visa%20problems%20for%20African%20visitors%20to%20the%20UK\\_v1.57.pdf](http://www.royalafricansociety.org/sites/default/files/reports/APPG%20Report%20on%20Visa%20problems%20for%20African%20visitors%20to%20the%20UK_v1.57.pdf)

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

#### **Entry Clearances: Overseas Students**

**Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17408] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the International Education Strategy: global potential, global growth, published in March, what plans they have to introduce a new system of visas for international students to (1) enable the growth of international student numbers, (2) improve their experience of applying for visas, (3) reduce the administrative burden and be cost-effective, and (4) increase the reliability, transparency and accountability of the immigration system.

**Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17409] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the International Education Strategy: global potential, global growth, published in March, what plans they have to introduce a new system of visas for international students which would (1) increase the diversity of applicants, (2) be accessible to all applicants, and (3) be simpler for students and sponsors to understand and navigate.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The Government welcomes international students and has an ambition to increase the total number of international students hosted in the UK to 600,000 per year by 2030. University-sponsored Tier 4 visa applications rose by 10% in the year ending March 2019 and are at their highest level on record. 97% of those who applied for a Tier 4 visa in 2018 were granted.

As set out in the immigration white paper 'The UK's future skills-based immigration system' and supporting the International Education Strategy, we will increase the post-study leave period for postgraduate students to six months, and doctorate students to a year, and make it easier for graduates to switch into skilled work in the UK. We will also increase the post-study leave period for all undergraduates studying at institutions with degree awarding powers to six-months. These changes will benefit hundreds of thousands of students. We keep the visa system under review to ensure it remains fit for purpose and that the UK's visa system is world-class, with the aim of improving the customer journey both for students and their sponsoring institutions. This will include reviewing processes for conducting interviews to ensure that these are appropriately focused and to minimise any inconvenience for applicants and continuing to consider the increased use of differentiation, streamlining the application process by allowing students to benefit from reduced documentary requirements when applying for a visa.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17408/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17409/>

*The Strategy referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/799349/International\\_Education\\_Strategy\\_Accessible.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/799349/International_Education_Strategy_Accessible.pdf)

*The White Paper referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/766465/The-UKs-future-skills-based-immigration-system-print-ready.pdf)

### **Immigrants: Domestic Abuse**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17515] To ask Her Majesty's Government what arrangements they have in place to protect non-EU nationals resident in the UK who are victims of domestic abuse, and in particular to ensure access to homelessness support, refuge and benefits.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** This Government is committed to tackling domestic abuse against all women, regardless of their background or nationality. On 16 July this Government introduced the Domestic Abuse Bill which aims to improve protection and support for all victims irrespective of their immigration status.

Non-British victims residing in the UK are able to apply for support from authorities, many of whom will have statutory obligations to support victims. For individuals in the UK who are married, or partners of, British or settled sponsors and who claim to be victims of abuse, there is the option of applying for immediate crisis support under the Destitute Domestic Violence Concession (DDVC).

In addition, funding has been made available to support a range of support networks. In March £1,090,000 was made available specifically to be used to provide safe accommodation, and other support functions.

We are not complacent about our responses to domestic abuse. We strive to see what more can be done and we have committed to reviewing the support available to migrant victims of domestic abuse. The review will be launched over the summer and we aim to report progress of the review during the passage of the Bill.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-25/HL17515/>

### **Free School Meals: Immigrants**

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** [HL17456] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 23 July (HL Deb, cols 668–70), what plans they have to review access to free school meals for children who are affected by having no recourse to public funds.

**Reply from Lord Agnew of Oulton:** As per the response provided by my noble Friend, Baroness Williams of Trafford, during the debate on 23 July, decisions around recourse to public funds are made by the Home Office.

Free school meals are available to disadvantaged families in receipt of certain qualifying benefits, including children of immigrants and refugees who are receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act (1999).

The Home Office is able to exercise discretion to grant recourse to public funds where the family would otherwise be destitute. Where this entitles the family to receive certain benefits, they may also be able to claim free school meals.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-24/HL17456/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2019-07-23/debates/D1DB64AA-B59E-412F-B43D-5CAACBC40FC9/ImmigrationChildren>

The following three questions all received the same answer

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** [HL17344] To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the status of the guidance issued on 3 April to all local authorities and health and social care trusts in regard to the EU Settlement Scheme and looked-after children and care leavers; and whether it is mandatory for local authorities to follow that guidance.

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** [HL17345] To ask Her Majesty's Government what evidence was collected on the children who were non-UK European nationals accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989, their family situations and possible vulnerabilities, before drafting the guidance on EU Settlement Scheme and looked-after children and care leavers issued on 3 April.

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** [HL17346] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to evaluate the impact of the funding of support and its provision to vulnerable groups, including analysis of what future work is needed to ensure that vulnerable groups are able to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme after funding ends in March 2020.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The guidance pack issued to local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland and to Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland on 3 April is not statutory guidance. The pack puts together in one place, information readily available on gov.uk to provide a useful tool for front line local authority and HSCT staff tasked with supporting looked after children and care leavers. The Children Act 1989 provides the legal framework for local authorities to promote a child's welfare and best interests, setting out statutory duties in relation to looked after children in England, with respective authorities for the devolved administrations. Statutory guidance is provided by DfE in relation to this. This statutory duty to promote best interests, coupled with funding provided to local authorities under a new burdens assessment should ensure that this important work will be done.

During a private trial phase of testing five local authorities were asked for detailed information on the children in their care eligible to apply to the EUSS, including what ID evidence they had access to and family situations in order to ascertain difficulties in obtaining identity documents. The participating local authorities, along with the seven other community organisations participating in the trial phase provided detailed feedback on challenges they encountered during the test phase, which was considered before drafting the guidance. The new burdens assessment takes into account work required to identify the cohort of eligible children as well as work needed to undertake the EUSS application process itself.

Organisations awarded grant funding are required to submit monitoring reports to the Home Office and this content will be used to assess of the grant funding. Grant funded organisations will be reporting on the number of vulnerable people they have supported to make applications and this will assist in determining what future support is required after March 2020.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-22/HL17344/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-22/HL17346/>



Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

The guidance referred to above can be read at [https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/EUSS LA HSCT Guidance.pdf](https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/EUSS_LA_HSCT_Guidance.pdf)

*The following three questions all received the same answer*

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Lord Greaves (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17347] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they are giving a guarantee to EU citizens who are resident in the UK that the proposals for settled status and pre-settled status will apply whether or not there is a negotiated deal for the UK leaving the EU; and whether they are guaranteeing that settled status will last for life once granted.

**Lord Greaves (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17348] To ask Her Majesty's Government what estimates they have made of the number of EU citizens who (1) are resident in the UK, (2) will have applied for settled status by the end of 2020, and (3) will still be living in the UK by the end of 2020 without having made an application for settled status.

**Lord Greaves (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17349] To ask Her Majesty's Government what procedures they plan to have in place to apply to EU citizens who are resident in the UK at the end of 2020 who will have (1) applied for settled status but not been granted either that status or pre-settled-status, and (2) not made an application by that date.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** On 6 December 2018 the Government confirmed that the EU Settlement Scheme will continue to operate whether the UK leaves the European Union with or without a negotiated deal. This ensures that the rights of EEA and Swiss citizens resident in the UK before it leaves the EU will be protected in every outcome.

Those granted settled status under the scheme will retain that status for life, unless they allow their leave to lapse by being absent from the UK and the Islands (the Bailiwick of Jersey, the Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man) for a period of more than five years, or that status is revoked or cancelled, for example as a result of serious criminality.

The Home Office estimates that the total number of EEA and Swiss citizens (excluding Irish citizens) eligible to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme by the end of the planned implementation period on 31 December 2020 is likely to be between 3.5 million and 4.1 million.

As set out in the revised Impact Assessment for the scheme, the estimate is based on a number of assumptions as to how the size of the resident EEA population will change over the period, and on an initial estimate that 3.4 million EEA and Swiss citizens (excluding Irish citizens) were resident in the UK in the year October 2017 to September 2018. Therefore, the figure should be considered indicative as future migration flows can be affected by many factors and are difficult to predict. The revised Impact Assessment can be found at:

[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2019/74/pdfs/ukia\\_20190074\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/2019/74/pdfs/ukia_20190074_en.pdf)

We are working extensively with a range of stakeholders to ensure that all those who are eligible to apply do so by the deadline of 30 June 2021 for those resident in the UK by the end of the implementation period on 31 December 2020 (or, in a no deal scenario, by 31 December 2020 for those resident in the UK by exit). We have made clear that we will take a proportionate approach to anyone who misses the deadline and will make provision for those who have reasonable grounds for doing so to apply after the deadline. Those who apply before the deadline but whose application is not decided until after the deadline will have all their rights protected until their application is concluded.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-22/HL17347/>

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*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Doocey (Liberal Democrat) [HL17397]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what is the Home Office's strategy for ensuring that the families of EU national offenders and EU nationals in the probation system are able to apply for settled or pre-settled status through the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The Home Office is working closely with the Ministry of Justice, Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, the Devolved Administrations and relevant voluntary and community sector groups to ensure that the EU Settlement Scheme is accessible to EU national offenders and their family members eligible to apply for status under it.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17397/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL17401]** To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking, or intend to take, to ensure that EU nationals granted pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme but who fail to apply for settled status and become illegal residents are not placed in immigration detention.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** We have been clear that encouraging and supporting compliance will be at the heart of our future immigration system. As with our commitment to take a proportionate approach to anyone who has reasonable grounds for missing the deadline to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme, we will also take a proportionate approach to these individuals with pre-settled status and give them every opportunity to regularise their status.

As mentioned in the Statement of Intent for the EU Settlement Scheme, we intend to send a reminder to people to apply for settled status before their pre-settled status expires. We will set out further details on our approach to situations like this as part of our broader plans for the future immigration system in due course.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17401/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

*The Statement of Intent referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/718237/EU\\_Settlement\\_Scheme\\_SOI\\_June\\_2018.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/718237/EU_Settlement_Scheme_SOI_June_2018.pdf)

#### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat) [HL17402]** To ask Her Majesty's Government how many children thought to be eligible for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme have applied to that scheme; and how many such children have been granted (1) settled, and (2) pre-settled, status.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The third official statistics – ‘EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, June 2019’ – on the operation of the scheme were published on 18 July 2019, including applications received by nationality and in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, along with applications concluded by outcome. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-june-2019>

The Home Office is committed to publishing more detailed quarterly statistics on the EU Settlement Scheme, alongside our Immigration Statistics, from August 2019. Home Office statisticians and officials are currently considering the content and will take into account the views of statistics users.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17402/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17403] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the case for applying a lower suitability threshold than for adults for children from the EU, European Economic Area and Switzerland living in the UK who are applying for settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Under the relevant provisions of the Immigration (European Economic Area Regulations) 2016, children under the age of 18 benefit from a higher level of protection and can only be deported on imperative grounds of public security.

The Home Office has not made an assessment of the case for applying lower suitability thresholds for children applying for settled status under the scheme. The EU law public policy and public security test will continue to apply to conduct committed before the end of the implementation period if the UK leaves the EU with a deal, or to pre-exit conduct if we leave without a deal.

This is consistent with the Withdrawal Agreement and the Free Movement Directive.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17403/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>*

### **Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour)** [HL17474] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 23 July (HL17260, HL17263, and HL17264) about monitoring applications to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) from looked-after children and care leavers, what plans they have to publish the number of EUSS applications received from local authorities on behalf of children in their care.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The third official statistics – ‘EU Settlement Scheme Statistics, June 2019’ – on the operation of the scheme were published on 18 July 2019, including applications received by nationality and in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, along with applications concluded by outcome. These can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-statistics-june-2019>

The Home Office is committed to publishing more detailed quarterly statistics on the EU Settlement Scheme, alongside our Immigration Statistics, from August



2019. Home Office statisticians and officials are currently considering the content and will take into account the views of statistics users.

[EU Settlement Scheme Stats - June 2019](#)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-24/HL17474/>

*The answers referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-17/HL17263/>

*and*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-17/HL17264/>

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

**Immigration: EU Nationals**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17516] To ask Her Majesty's Government whether the guidance issued by the Home Office to local authorities and Health and Social Care Trusts on 2 April EU Settlement Scheme—Looked After Children and Care Leavers' is mandatory.

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17517] To ask Her Majesty's Government what consultation was undertaken in advance of publishing the guidance to local authorities and Health and Social Care Trusts on 2 April EU Settlement Scheme—Looked After Children and Care Leavers; and what assessment they have made of the impact of that guidance on children accommodated under section 20 of the Children Act 1989 and their ability to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** The guidance pack issued to local authorities in England, Wales and Scotland and to Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland on 3 April is not statutory guidance. The pack puts together in one place, information readily available on gov.uk to provide a useful tool for front line local authority and HSCT staff tasked with supporting looked after children and care leavers. The Children Act 1989 provides the legal framework for local authorities to promote the child's welfare and best interests, setting out statutory duties in relation to looked after children in England, with respective authorities for the devolved administrations. Statutory guidance is provided by Department for Education in relation to this. This statutory duty to promote best interests, coupled with funding provided to local authorities under a new burdens as-sessment should ensure that this important work will be done.

The Home Office engaged with the Department for Education, the Association of Directors Childrens Services and other Local Authority stakeholders across the UK in advance of publishing the guidance. The Home Office also conducted a private trial phase of testing where five local authorities were asked for detailed information on the children in their care eligible to apply to the EUSS, including what ID evidence they had access to and family situations in order to ascertain difficulties in obtaining identity documents.

The participating local authorities, along with the seven other community organisations participating in the trial phase provided detailed feedback on challenges they encountered during the test phase, which was considered before drafting the guidance.

The Home Office is committed to continuing to engage with local authorities as they undertake their responsibilities to ensure that all eligible looked after children and care leavers are supported to make an application to the EUSS. The Home Office

will ensure that caseworkers liaise with and support applicants to get the status they require. We consulted with the Department for Education in advance of publishing the guidance to ensure adequate consideration was given to other categories of looked after children, where the local authority does not hold full PR, under section 20 of the Children Act 1989. It has been confirmed that in those cases there is a duty on the local authority to raise awareness of the EU Settlement Scheme to those with PR for those eligible child(ren) and to provide practical support where needed, or signpost to relevant community support where deemed more appropriate to do so.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-25/HL17516/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-25/HL17517/>

*The guidance referred to above can be read at*

[https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/EUSS\\_LA\\_HSCT\\_Guidance.pdf](https://adcs.org.uk/assets/documentation/EUSS_LA_HSCT_Guidance.pdf)

*Information about the EU Settlement Scheme, referred to above, can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

### **Immigrants: Children**

**The Lord Bishop of Durham** [HL17455] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the answer by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 23 July (HL Deb, cols 668–70), how many children have been affected by having no recourse to public funds in each of the 54 local authorities; and what estimate they have made of the total number of children so affected.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** There are no official figures for the number of cases subject to no recourse to public funds restrictions. Families including children may be subject to such restrictions as a consequence of their immigration status where they have been granted temporary leave to remain, or where they require leave but do not have it. The expectation is that the majority of people granted time-limited leave under the Immigration Rules, including those entering as visitors, workers, students and those on the path to settlement, will support themselves without placing pressures on taxpayers.

Families granted time-limited leave in the family and private life route can request the Home Office to lift conditions restricting access to public funds to avoid destitution. The Home Office provides support to asylum seekers and works closely with local authorities operating duties to support those with community care needs, including families with children.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-24/HL17455/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2019-07-23/debates/D1DB64AA-B59E-412F-B43D-5CAACBC40FC9/ImmigrationChildren>

### **Immigrants: Detainees**

**Baroness Hamwee (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17400] To ask Her Majesty's Government how many EU nationals are currently, or at the latest date for which information is available, held in immigration detention.

**Reply from Baroness Williams of Trafford:** Information on the number of people in the detention estate, by nationality detained on the last day of each quarter is available in table dt\_13\_q of the detention tables

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/803188/detention-mar-2019-tables.ods](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/803188/detention-mar-2019-tables.ods) in the latest release of

'Immigration Statistics, year ending March 2019'.

The latest data relate to the number in detention as at the end of March, data for the end of June is due to be published on 22 August 2019.

[Detention Tables - March 2019](#)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-23/HL17400/>

## Press Releases

### **Post-study work**

<https://www.gov.scot/news/post-study-work/>

### **Scottish Human Rights Commission to intervene on 'serious human rights implications' of Serco lock-change policy**

<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/news/commission-to-intervene-on-serious-human-rights-implications-of-serco-lock-change-policy/>

### **Information for UK Nationals in Switzerland and Liechtenstein**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-embassy-roadshows-in-switzerland>

### **Court of Appeal: Okedina v Chikale**

The Court ruled that an employee's contract of employment, that was in breach of immigration rules following the expiry of her leave to remain, could still be enforced in the employment tribunal.

<https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2019/1393.html>

### **Removals continue: the reality of migration policies across Member States**

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2019/removals-continue-reality-migration-policies-across-member-states>

## New Publications

### **Post Study Work Visa Options: An International Comparative Review**

<https://tinyurl.com/yyukosd5>

### **Government response to the Committee's report on the British Nationality Act 1981 (Remedial) Order 2019**

[https://www.parliament.uk/documents/joint-committees/human-rights/correspondence/2017-19/Draft-British-Nationality-Act\\_1981\\_Remedial-Order-2019-Government-response.pdf](https://www.parliament.uk/documents/joint-committees/human-rights/correspondence/2017-19/Draft-British-Nationality-Act_1981_Remedial-Order-2019-Government-response.pdf)

### **Government response the Committee's report on Immigration detention**

[https://www.parliament.uk/documents/joint-committees/human-rights/correspondence/2017-19/Immigration\\_detention\\_Government\\_response.pdf](https://www.parliament.uk/documents/joint-committees/human-rights/correspondence/2017-19/Immigration_detention_Government_response.pdf)

### **Living in asylum accommodation**

Available in English, Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Kurdish, Pashto, Punjabi, Tigrinya, and Urdu

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/living-in-asylum-accommodation>

### **Briefing: British citizenship by naturalisation**

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/CBP-8580/CBP-8580.pdf>

## **Child first Looking after Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children in Wales**

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-08/child-first-looking-after-unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-in-wales.pdf>

## **European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights: Migration: Key fundamental rights concerns – Quarterly bulletin 3 2019**

[https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra\\_uploads/fra\\_migration\\_bulletin\\_3\\_2019.pdf](https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra_migration_bulletin_3_2019.pdf)

## **News**

### **EU migrant salary threshold should be lowered, says Scottish Secretary**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17809931.eu-migrant-salary-threshold-lowered-says-scottish-secretary/>

### **Immigration centre abuse inquiry must be held in public, court says**

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2019/aug/08/immigration-centre-abuse-inquiry-must-be-held-in-public-court-says>

### **Home Office rejects detention time limit**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/home-office-rejects-detention-time-limit-ffj6qc0db>

### **Britain's cruel immigration detention policy is rightly being attacked from all sides**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/boris-johnson-immigration-detention-yarls-wood-priti-patel-asylum-a9029926.html>

### **Deportation flight lacks 'common decency', Home Office warned**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/aug/09/deportation-flight-lacks-common-decency-home-office-warned>

### **Home Office spent £268k on deportation flights that never flew**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/jul/30/home-office-spent-268k-on-deportation-flights-that-never-took-off>

### **Boris Johnson to create fast-track visa route for foreign scientists**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/boris-johnson-to-create-fast-track-visa-route-for-foreign-scientists-1-4979975>

### **Boris Johnson plans to abolish visa caps for world's most skilled scientists and engineers**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/boris-johnson-immigration-policy-visa-eu-brexite-net-migration-a9047146.html>

### **UK to ease visa restrictions on top scientists post-Brexit**

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2019/aug/08/uk-to-ease-visa-restrictions-on-top-scientists-post-brexit>

### **Boris Johnson to announce end to visa restrictions on top scientists, to attract top talent**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2019/08/08/boris-johnson-announce-end-visa-restrictions-top-scientists/>

### **Immigration rules may be eased to protect care workers**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/immigration-rules-may-be-eased-to-protect-care-workers-0mdxxv9vv>

**Fix "woeful" overseas student visa service, say universities**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/education-49126496>

**Overseas students face 'unacceptable' visa costs after outsourcing**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/jul/29/overseas-students-face-unacceptable-visa-costs-after-outsourcing>

**Scottish Human Rights Commission to intervene in eviction case**

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/scottish-human-rights-commission-to-intervene-in-eviction-case>

**Fifty lock-change evictions blocked by Glasgow Sheriff Court**

[http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/3463\\_fifty\\_lock-change\\_evictions\\_blocked\\_by\\_glasgow\\_sheriff\\_court](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/news_and_events/news/3463_fifty_lock-change_evictions_blocked_by_glasgow_sheriff_court)

**Chagos children 'stuck for years in unsafe lodgings'**

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/aug/10/chagos-children-stuck-years-unsafe-lodgings>

**Asylum seekers who crossed Channel from France over weekend could be forced back to Europe**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/migrant-boat-crossings-english-channel-latest-asylum-seekers-iranian-iraqi-return-europe-a9039836.html>

**Two migrants intercepted attempting to cross the Channel in a kayak**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/08/09/two-migrants-intercepted-attempting-cross-channel-kayak/>

**Leave to remain – but no home to remain in after fees treble**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/jul/31/leave-to-remain-but-no-home-to-remain-in-after-fees-treble>

**Ijeoma Moore: fighting for the right to stay in the only home she knows**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/jul/31/ijeoma-fighting-for-the-right-to-stay-in-the-only-home-she-knows>

**Bumi Thomas: British-born jazz artist faces deportation from the UK**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-49065905/bumi-thomas-british-born-jazz-artist-faces-deportation-from-the-uk>

**Student dumped in Britain by human traffickers wins deportation battle after tens of thousands sign petition**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/stiven-bregu-deportation-school-student-asylum-bristol-home-office-a9027181.html>

**Mother blocked from attending daughter's graduation due to 'unlawful' Home Office decision**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-mother-daughter-graduation-blocked-unlawful-decision-a9030986.html>

**Professor hits out at Home Office after 100 border stops in seven years**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/aug/06/professor-hits-out-at-home-office-after-100-border-stops-in-7-years>



### Top marks for teenage asylum seeker

[https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/2019/Top\\_marks\\_for\\_teen\\_age\\_asylum\\_seeker](https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/2019/Top_marks_for_teen_age_asylum_seeker)

### Teenage asylum seeker at Springburn Academy scores four As and a B in his Highers

<https://www.scotsman.com/education/teenage-asylum-seeker-at-springburn-academy-scores-four-as-and-a-b-in-his-highers-1-4977833>

### Woman with seriously ill husband released from detention hours after she was due to be deported

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/home-office-immigration-deport-woman-ngam-ngon-mark-leonardi-a9029626.html>

### Gay woman unlawfully deported to Uganda blocked from flight meant to bring her back to UK

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/asylum-seeker-uganda-woman-home-office-blocked-flight-a9025486.html>

### Trafficking victims 'forced into homelessness and re-exploitation' as they are denied immigration status

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/modern-slavery-trafficking-home-office-exploitation-right-to-remain-british-red-cross-report-a9026456.html>

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## Equality

### Scottish Parliament Written Answers

#### Early learning and childcare statistics: ethnicity

**S5W-24125 Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat):** To ask the Scottish Government for what reason it does not record data on ethnicity in early learning and childcare statistics, and whether it plans to start recording such data.

**Reply from Maree Todd:** The current Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) census is collected annually from centres delivering funded ELC in September. It was designed to capture the number of funded registrations with ELC providers, along with some additional breakdowns such as stage and additional support needs. The methodology makes it difficult to capture more detailed information at an aggregate level, such as ethnicity, without encountering quality issues and placing a significant burden of collection on providers.

It has been recognised for some time that the current ELC census is not sufficient to provide the information necessary to manage this growing sector, and so since 2015 we have been carrying out a development project to transform the ELC census to an individual level child census. The new census process will be based on extractions of data from management information systems, and will collect more information on the characteristics of children registered for funded ELC, including ethnicity. Data from the new census will be available in 2021.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-24125>

#### Child Poverty Delivery Fund

**S5W-24129 Alex Cole-Hamilton (Liberal Democrat):** To ask the Scottish Government

by what date the Child Poverty Delivery Fund will be launched, and how it will tackle inequality in BAME communities.

**Reply from Aileen Campbell:** The Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan is backed by the £50 million Tackling Child Poverty Fund, as announced in Programme for Government 2017-18. Current investment is set out within the first annual progress report published in June 2019.

The Fund is supporting innovative projects to tackle and reduce levels of child poverty in Scotland so minority ethnic households will benefit from all of the programmes supported from the Fund. In addition, we have outlined that the Fund will invest £500,000 (2020-22) to work directly with Gypsy/Traveller families and other partners on our community education programme.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-24129>

## UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answers

### Electoral Register: Ethnic Groups

**Chris Ruane (Labour) [280158]** To ask the hon. Member for Houghton and Sunderland South, representing the Speaker's Committee on the Electoral Commission, what recent discussions the Commission has had with (a) church and community leaders from black and minority ethnic communities and (b) Operation Black Vote on increasing registration levels for voters in those communities.

**Reply from Bridget Phillipson:** We know from our research of the electoral registers that voters from BME communities are less likely to be registered to vote when compared with white voters.

As part of all of its public awareness campaigns ahead of elections, the Electoral Commission provides voter registration resources to a wide range of groups or individuals, to use in encouraging registration. These are freely available via the Commission's website or its 'Roll Call' newsletter, to which anyone can subscribe. We also identify specific organisations who could help promote registration to under-registered groups and actively provide these partners with resources: these have recently included, for example, the Council of African and Caribbean Churches and the Muslim Women's network. It also works closely with Electoral Registration Officers, who hold many important relationships with church and community leaders to promote voter registration at a local level.

The Commission most recently contacted Operation Black Vote ahead of the Government's voter ID pilots which took place in May 2019, to seek a contribution to its statutory evaluation of the pilots. It did not receive a response.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-22/280158/>

### Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy: Ethnic Groups

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op) [279041]** To ask the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, how many BAME staff are employed at (a) grade 7, (b) grade 5 and (c) grade 3 in his Department.

**Reply from Nadhim Zahawi:** The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has 118 employees declared BAME at grade 7; 8 employees who have declared BAME at Grade 5 and; 2 employees who have declared BAME at Grade 3. Note that personal characteristics are voluntary declarations and only 54% of BEIS employees have declared their ethnicity.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/279041/>

### Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: Ethnic Groups

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op)** [279048] To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, how many BAME staff are employed at (a) grade 7, (b) grade 5 and (c) grade 3 in his Department.

**Reply from George Eustice:** As at 30 June, the number of BAME staff employed in the department for the grades requested is shown in the table below:

BAME Staff	
SCS 2 (Grade 3)	Less than 5
SCS 1 (Grade 5)	13
Grade 7	72

As ethnic minority staff remain underrepresented at senior levels, the Civil Service set ambitious targets in June 2018 to increase the flow of ethnic minority civil servants into the SCS. Defra is committed to this activity.

Summary representation rates of ethnic minority SCS by department are published on the Civil Service diversity dashboard as at December 2018. At that time, Defra had 7.1% BAME SCS representation.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/279048/>

### Department for International Trade: Ethnic Groups

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op)** [279054] To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, how many BAME staff are employed at (a) grade 7, (b) grade 5 and (c) grade 3 in his Department.

**Reply from Conor Burns:** The following table shows the number of staff in the Department for International Trade (DIT) (including UK Export Finance) who have self-reported as BAME on departmental systems, as at 30 June 2019.

Grade	Number of staff who have self-reported as BAME (30 June 2019)
Grade 7	81
Grade 5 (SCS1)	15
Grade 3 (SCS2)	Fewer than 5

As ethnic minority staff remain underrepresented at senior levels across the Civil Service, ambitious targets were set in June 2018 to increase the flow of ethnic minority civil servants into the SCS. By 2025, we aim for 13.2% of new SCS starters to be from an ethnic minority background across the Civil Service.

In DIT, 24% of new SCS starters since April 2017 are BAME.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/279054/>

### Ministry of Justice: Ethnic Groups

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op)** [279055] To ask the Secretary of State for Justice, how many BAME staff are employed at (a) grade 7, (b) grade 5 and (c) grade 3 in his Department.

**Reply from Edward Argar:** In the MoJ (including HMPPS) on 31 March 2019, excluding staff on unpaid leave:

There were 2,424 Grade 7 and Grade 6 staff, of whom 1,989 had declared their ethnicity; of these 224 were BAME. This means that 11.3% of Grade 7 and Grade 6 staff with known ethnicity were BAME.

There were 230 Grade 5 staff, of whom 200 had declared their ethnicity; of these 11 were BAME. This means that 5.5% of Grade 5 staff with known ethnicity were BAME.

There were 54 Grade 3 staff, of whom 46 had declared their ethnicity; the number

of these who were BAME was less than three.

This is based on staff voluntarily recording their ethnicity data on the HR system (SOP).

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/279055/>

### **Department for Work and Pensions: Ethnic Groups**

**Seema Malhotra (Labour Co-op)** [279155] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many BAME staff are employed at (a) grade 7, (b) grade 5 and (c) grade 3 in her Department.

**Reply from Will Quince:** DWP encourages all of its employees to provide details of their personal diversity information, however this action is voluntary and therefore we do not hold a complete picture of our workforce representation.

As at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 82% of DWP's workforce have positively shared details of their ethnicity. Details of the grades requested are:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number of employees who have indicated they are an ethnic minority</b>
<b>G7</b>	90
<b>G5</b>	7
<b>G3</b>	~

~ In line with Office of National Statistics guidance data has been suppressed as count is less than 5 people

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-07-18/279155/>

## **Press Release**

**We must shine a light on disproportionality**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/we-must-shine-a-light-on-disproportionality>

## **New Publications**

**Enforcing the Equality Act: the law and the role of the Equality and Human Rights Commission**

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmwomeq/1470/1470.pdf>

**Charity Trustee Ethnicity in Glasgow: An audit of BME representation on Voluntary Sector Boards**

[https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5\\_d5fe098859a04539bae9d87a42c1f702.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/7ec2e5_d5fe098859a04539bae9d87a42c1f702.pdf)

## **News**

**No deal puts human rights at risk**

<http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/tfn-news/no-deal-puts-human-rights-at-risk>

**Chinese students are two years ahead of their white British peers by age 16, report finds**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/07/29/chinese-students-two-years-ahead-white-british-peers-age-16/>

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# Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

## UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answers

### Racial Discrimination

**Lord Jones of Cheltenham (Liberal Democrat)** [HL17521] To ask Her Majesty's Government what plans they have to review legislation on racism; and what action they intend to take to eliminate racist attacks in the UK.

**Reply from Viscount Younger of Leckie:** The United Kingdom has one of the strongest legislative frameworks in the world to protect communities from hostility, violence and bigotry. We believe that no-one's opportunities in life should be determined by their ethnicity or religion.

The Government takes racist attacks very seriously, which is why we published the Hate Crime Action Plan in 2016. This was refreshed in 2018, when we committed up to £1.5 million for projects to tackle racially and religiously motivated hatred. We continue to work with the police and third party services such as the Community Security Trust, Tell MAMA and GATE Herts to encourage reporting and support victims of racially motivated hatred.

We have also asked the Law Commission to undertake a review of hate crime legislation and, last year, launched a national hate crime public awareness campaign.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-25/HL17521/>

*The Action Plan referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/543679/Action\\_Against\\_Hate\\_-\\_UK\\_Government\\_s\\_Plan\\_to\\_Tackle\\_Hate\\_Crime\\_2016.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/543679/Action_Against_Hate_-_UK_Government_s_Plan_to_Tackle_Hate_Crime_2016.pdf)

*The refreshed Action Plan referred to above can be read at*

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/748175/Hate\\_crime\\_refresh\\_2018\\_FINAL\\_WEB.PDF](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/748175/Hate_crime_refresh_2018_FINAL_WEB.PDF)

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

### Universities: Antisemitism

**Lord Leigh of Hurley (Conservative)** [HL17160] To ask Her Majesty's Government which universities have replied to the letter sent by the Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation on 17 May asking them to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism.

**Lord Leigh of Hurley (Conservative)** [HL17161] To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they will take, if any, in respect of those universities which refuse to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism.

**Reply from Lord Agnew of Oulton:** On 16 May 2019, the former Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation (Chris Skidmore), my hon. Friend for Kingswood, wrote to higher education providers on the importance of tackling antisemitism in universities. This letter urged them to consider adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition and set out his view that, although legally non-binding, it is a useful tool which will help front-line services better understand and recognise instances of antisemitism.

This government believes that adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism sends a clear message that antisemitic behaviour will not be tolerated, and that any instances of antisemitism will be taken very seriously. It is for public bodies and agencies to implement the definition and embed it within operational guidance as relevant. As autonomous organisations, it is for each higher education provider to



decide if and how they wish to implement the IHRA definition. The government will continue to call on providers to demonstrate their commitment to Jewish students on campus by adopting this definition in its entirety.

In this letter, the former Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation (Chris Skidmore), my hon. Friend for Kingswood, communicated to providers that the department would be keen to hear more regarding the initiatives taken by providers to address antisemitism and all forms of intolerance, harassment and hate-crime. The following institutions have so far responded to the letter: University of Cambridge, University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, University of Oxford, University of Worcester, SOAS University of London and University of Southampton.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-15/HL17160/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-15/HL17161/>

*Information about the letter referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/universities-told-to-stamp-out-antisemitism-on-campus>

*The definition referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/working-definition-antisemitism>

## Press Releases

**Man sentenced for calling a New Zealand mosque gunman a 'hero' on Facebook**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/north-west/news/man-sentenced-calling-new-zealand-mosque-gunman-hero-facebook>

**Antisemitic hate incidents rise further in 2019: First half of 2019 sees highest six-monthly total on record**

<https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/9/b/EMBARGOED%20CST%20Media%20Release%20July%202019%5B1%5D.pdf>

## New Publications

**Antisemitic Incidents January–June 2019**

[https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/3/d/IR\\_Jan-Jun\\_2019.pdf](https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/3/d/IR_Jan-Jun_2019.pdf)

**Engine of Hate: the online networks behind the Labour Party's antisemitism crisis**

<https://cst.org.uk/public/data/file/f/e/Engine%20of%20hate%20-%20The%20online%20networks%20behind%20the%20Labour%20Party%27s%20antisemitism%20crisis%20WEB.pdf>

**Report regarding an independent review into non-recent racial abuse allegations at Chelsea football club and into current related practice**

<https://images.chelseafc.com/content/dam/documents/Misc/2019/Barnardo's%20Report-into-Non-Recent-Racism.pdf>

## News

**Our Islamophobia definition is no backdoor blasphemy law – the government must stop dawdling and take it on board**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/islamophobia-conservative-party-boris-johnson-appg-islam-a9049151.html>

**Islamophobia: Tories 'will order inquiry into allegations'**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-49234594>

**Conservative Party chairman insists inquiry into Tory Islamophobia will go ahead**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/tory-islamophobia-inquiry-conservative-party-boris-johnson-a9038581.html>

**Scottish Labour breaks silence over anti-semitism investigation by blasting "biased" BBC**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17829614.scottish-labour-breaks-silence-anti-semitism-investigation-blasting-quot-biased-quot-bbc/>

**This Labour Party row will not be settled by relying on a flawed and faulty definition of antisemitism**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/labour-antisemitism-tom-watson-blood-libel-jewish-conspiracy-ihra-a9029081.html>

**Dundee councillor accused of anti-Semitism given key role in Scottish Labour MSP selection**

<https://www.thecourier.co.uk/fp/news/local/dundee/945734/dundee-councillor-accused-of-anti-semitism-given-key-role-in-scottish-labour-msp-selection/>

**Labour must stop its demonisation of ethnic-minority Tories**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/labour-must-stop-its-demonisation-of-ethnic-minority-tories-766qx8lt2>

**Record number of anti-semitic incidents recorded in 2019**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/crime/record-number-of-anti-semitic-incidents-recorded-in-2019-1-4974838>

**Antisemitic incidents in Britain up 10% on last year, finds charity**

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2019/aug/01/antisemitic-incidents-in-britain-up-10-on-last-year-finds-charity>

**Discrimination still happens, but government must use its power to stop it**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/discrimination-still-happens-but-government-must-use-its-power-to-stop-it-88wz32npq>

**'Discriminatory' skills test dropped from solicitor exam**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/discriminatory-skills-test-dropped-from-new-qualifying-exam-sq80wsc3r>

**Shukri Abdi's family brand school inquiry into bullying a whitewash**

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/aug/09/shukri-abdis-family-brand-school-inquiry-into-bullying-a-whitewash>

**'Dirty Jews': Man shoves Jewish family's pram before hurling antisemitic abuse in St Albans street**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/antisemitic-jews-dirty-st-albans-police-video-assault-labour-jeremy-corbyn-a9040191.html>

**Met Police payout after Southgate preacher's wrongful arrest**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-london-49143822>

**Liverpool lord mayor stripped of title after sharing racist video**

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/jul/30/liverpool-lord-mayor-peter-brennan-stripped-title-sharing-racist-video>

**Anti-Polish hate crimes to be tackled by AI**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-49255021>

**Woman cautioned over racist taxi job advert Facebook post**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-49156293>

**Malorie Blackman: UK hate crimes inspired my new book**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-49295481>

**Prince Harry warns about dangers of 'unconscious racism' in candid interview for Duchess of Sussex's Vogue**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/royal-family/2019/07/30/prince-harry-warns-dangers-unconscious-racism-candid-interview/>

**Far-right extremism in Scotland was once a joke, but no longer**

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/far-right-extremism-in-scotland-was-once-a-joke-but-no-longer-kenny-macaskill-1-4978690>

**Mo Salah: Man pleads guilty to posting racist tweets**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/mersey-cheshire/news/mo-salah-man-pleads-guilty-posting-racist-tweets>

**Mohamed Salah: Man charged with posting racist tweet about Liverpool star**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/mohamed-salah-racist-tweet-charge-arrest-police-liverpool-fc-a9048071.html>

**Millwall fined and forced to accept 12 point action plan as punishment for racist chanting in FA Cup match**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/08/01/millwall-fined-forced-accept-12-point-action-plan-punishment/>

**Millwall fined £10,000 for supporters' racist chanting at Everton FA Cup tie**

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2019/aug/01/millwall-fined-10000-for-supporters-racist-chanting-at-everton-fa-cup-tie>

**Millwall turn to 'spies' in fight against racism**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/club-turns-to-spies-in-fight-against-racism-mcwhqhg0>

**Chelsea issue lifetime ban to supporter accused of racially abusing Raheem Sterling last season**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/07/30/chelsea-issue-lifetime-ban-supporter-accused-racially-abusing/>

**Kick It Out praise Chelsea manager Frank Lampard for condemning supporters' offensive chant**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/premier-league/chelsea-news-frank-lampard-kick-it-out-west-ham-chant-a9025861.html>

**Barnardo's report says racial abuse of Chelsea youth players was 'normalised' in 1980s and 1990s**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/08/06/barnardos-report-details-unchallenged-normalised-racial-abuse/>

**Christie accuses supporters of hitting and racially abusing his sister during Fulham's shock defeat**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/football-league/fulham-new-cyrus-christie-racism-sister-hit-barnsley-result-elf-a9038276.html>

**Campaigners call for action after flurry of racist abuse on opening weekend of the season**

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/football/2019/08/05/campaigners-call-action-flurry-racist-abuse-opening-weekend/>

**Rangers Women players 'targeted for sectarian abuse' by Green Brigade during Celtic clash**

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/17819303.rangers-women-players-targeted-sectarian-abuse-green-brigade-celtic-clash/>

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## Other UK Parliament and Government

### UK Parliament, House of Lords Written Answer

#### **Belmarsh Prison**

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch (UKIP) [HL17222]** To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by Lord Keen of Elie on 4 July (HL16559), what proportion of the prison population of HMP Belmarsh identifies as Muslim; and how this compares to the average of the proportion of prisoners who identify as Muslim in other prisons in England and Wales.

**Reply from Lord Keen of Elie:** HMP Belmarsh had a population of 826 on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. On the same date there were 233 Prisoners at HMP Belmarsh who identified as Muslim, which represents 28.20% of the population.

Available statistics for England and Wales ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 showed an overall Prison Population of 82,634. Of that Population, a total of 13,008 Prisoners identified as Muslim, which represents 15.74% of the Prison Population.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-07-16/HL17222/>

*The answer referred to above can be read at*

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2019-06-20/HL16559/>

## Press Release

### Prime Minister's meeting with First Minister Nicola Sturgeon

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-meeting-with-first-minister-nicola-sturgeon-29-july-2019>

## News

### Muslims join official talks over pork-derived gelatine in flu vaccine

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/muslims-join-official-talks-over-pork-derived-gelatine-in-flu-vaccine-pz89fd8tf>

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## New Publications

### Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator Annual Report and Accounts 2018-19

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/media/3610/2019-07-30-2018-19-annual-report-and-accounts-final.pdf>

### Trustee Information and Guidance Pack

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/guidance-and-forms/trustee-information-and-guidance-pack/>

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### Alternative OSCR Registration logo

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/alternative-oscr-registration-logo/>

### BBC apologises after presenter calls Muslim prayer sign 'IS salute'

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2019/aug/05/bbc-apologises-after-presenter-calls-muslim-prayer-sign-is-salute>

### Stacey Dooley: BBC apologises after Panorama host calls Muslim prayer gesture 'Isis salute'

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/tv/news/stacey-dooley-bbc-panorama-meet-the-is-brides-muslim-prayer-isis-salute-apology-a9040696.html>

### BBC apologises after Stacey Dooley wrongly claimed women gave 'Isil salute' in Panorama documentary

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/08/05/bbc-apologises-removes-clip-stacey-dooley-wrongly-describing/>

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### Disclosure (Scotland) Bill

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111895.aspx>



## **Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/111850.aspx>

## **UK Parliament**

### **Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekersaccommodationevictionprocedures.html>

### **Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontowork.html>

### **Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) (No. 2)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/asylumseekerspermissiontoworkno2.html>

### **Banknote Diversity**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/banknotediversity.html>

### **Border Control Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/bordercontrol.html>

### **EEA Nationals (Indefinite Leave to Remain) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/eeanationalsindefiniteleavetoremain.html>

### **Gypsy and Traveller Communities (Housing, Planning and Education)**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/gypsyandtravellercommunitieshousingplanningandeducation.html>

### **Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

### **Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination (EU Withdrawal) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationandsocialsecuritycoordinationeuwithdrawal.html>

### **Immigration Control (Gross Human Rights Abuses) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/humantraffickingchildprotection.html>

### **Immigration (Time Limit on Detention) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/immigrationtimelimitondetention.html>

### **Modern Slavery (Transparency in Supply Chains) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaverytransparencyinsupplychains.html>

### **Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/modernslaveryvictimsupport.html>

## Online Forums Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/onlineforums.html>

## Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionbill.html>

## Refugees (Family Reunion) (No. 2) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/refugeesfamilyreunionno2.html>

## Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (Legal Advice and Appeals) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/unaccompaniedasylumseekingchildrenlegaladviceandappeals.html>

## Unauthorised Encampments

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/unauthorisedencampments.html>

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**Islamophobia in Scotland** (closing date 26 August 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

**Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 30 August 2019)

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/112128.aspx>

**Scottish Government proposals to create a Scottish Biometrics Commissioner** (closing date 30 August 2019)

[https://www.parliament.scot/S4\\_JusticeCommittee/Inquiries/SBCBillCfEforweb20190701.pdf](https://www.parliament.scot/S4_JusticeCommittee/Inquiries/SBCBillCfEforweb20190701.pdf)

**\*\* Human rights: Freedom of religion and belief, and human rights defenders inquiry** (closing date 31 August 2019)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/foreign-affairs-committee/inquiries1/parliament-2017/freedom-of-religion-and-belief-inquiry-17-19/>

**Section 38 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015: Duty to notify and provide information about victims** (closing date 6 September 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/justice/duty-to-notify-and-provide-information/>

**Strategic police priorities for Scotland** (closing date 4 October 2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/y5qo62n3>

**Use of interpreters in the asylum process** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/call-for-evidence-use-of-interpreters-in-the-asylum-process>

**Experiences of Islamophobia** (closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/amina-islamophobia>

## **Raising skills and standards of supporters of refugees and asylum seekers**

(closing date not stated)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3R8SDYN>

## **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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#### **People's Postcode Lottery**

*Closing date 14 August 2019*

Funding of between £500 and £20,000 is available for projects aimed at promoting human rights, combatting discrimination and the prevention of poverty. For information see <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

#### **Workplace Equality Fund**

*Closing date 28 August 2019*

The Scottish Government Workplace Equality Fund works with employers to address long standing barriers particular groups face in entering and progressing in the labour market so that everyone in Scotland has the opportunity to fulfil their potential, and help to reduce employment inequalities, discrimination and barriers across a range of industries including the arts, tourism, construction and communication and STEM. For information and to apply see <https://www.impactfundingpartners.com/our-funds/workplace-equality-fund>

### **\*\* Cyber Essentials**

*Closing date 30 August 2019*

With the support of the Scottish Government, SCVO are providing grants of up to £1,000 to enable third sector organisations to achieve Cyber Essentials accreditation. For information and to apply see <https://scvo.org/digital/evolution/cyber-resilience/apply-for-a-cyber-essentials-grant>

#### **Scotland's Winter Festivals and St Andrew's Fair Saturday 2019/2020**

*Closing date 16 September 2019*

This Bemis small grant fund, supported by the Scottish Government, will be available to Scotland's diverse ethnic and cultural minority community organisations holding public multicultural celebratory that will enable everyone to experience the dynamic and invigorating nature of Scotland's cultural and ethnic diversity.

Participating organisations must embrace the message of arts and culture as a way of

bringing communities together in common international human bond, and ensure our events are open to all. They must also nominate a charity to benefit from their event. This could be from a raffle or any other way of fundraising. If the organisation is a charity it could raise money for an existing or new project. There is no minimum or maximum amount they must raise. For information and to apply see <https://bemis.org.uk/project/swf-2019/>

### **Diversity Week Activity Fund – Fife**

*Closing date not stated*

Fife Centre for Equalities funding of up to £100 for groups hosting a one-off activity that will take place during Fife Centre for Equalities Diversity Week 2-8 September 2019, and will encourage people to celebrate the diverse population in Fife. For information and to apply see <https://tinyurl.com/y45jmk92>

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## **Events, Conferences, and Training**

**\*\* new or updated this week**

### **\*\* *this week and next week!***

#### **Workplace Equality Fund 2019/20 Information Sessions**

12 August 2019 in Edinburgh (2.30-4.30)

20 August 2019 in Glasgow (10.30-12.30)

Impact Funding Partners events to provide information about applying to the Workplace Equality Fund 2019/20. Sessions will include an introduction to the fund and its outcomes, outline the criteria and eligibility of the fund, and the application timescales, and provide an opportunity to ask questions, and to discuss project ideas. For information see:

Edinburgh <https://tinyurl.com/y5r6ae5m>

Glasgow <https://tinyurl.com/yy68cdqn>

### **\*\* *this week and next week!***

#### **Supporting Refugees**

12 August 2019 in Forfar (7.00pm)

19 August 2019 in Edinburgh (7.00-8.30)

19 September 2019 in Gordon (7.00-9.30)

Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees events to explore the situation of refugees in Scotland, consider what refugee integration looks like, and find out how to get involved in supporting refugees. For information see:

Forfar <http://www.sfar.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-forfar/>

Edinburgh <http://www.sfar.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-edinburgh/>

Gordon <http://www.sfar.org.uk/supporting-refugees-in-gordon/>

### **\*\* *next week!***

#### **Interpreting Culture – Improving Cross-Cultural Communication**

21 August 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

16 October 2019 in Glasgow (1.00-4.30)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider the wide-ranging influence of cultural background on people's behaviour, expectations and beliefs, consider responses to the behaviour of others, and improve communication skills with people from other cultures. For information about the August event see <https://tinyurl.com/y374w8md> and the October event see <https://tinyurl.com/y4r8ed8f>

**\*\* next week!**

### **Introduction to Policing**

25 August 2019 in Dunfermline (9.45-3.00)

1 September 2019 in Motherwell (9.45-3.00)

Scotland is an increasingly diverse country and Police Scotland want to represent this change. This one day course is aimed at encouraging people from minority ethnic communities to consider a career in policing, and will include information about the recruitment process, input from specialist departments, and an opportunity to try the fitness test. For information about the Dunfermline event see <https://tinyurl.com/y2kxb6yh> and about the Motherwell event see <https://tinyurl.com/y69h46gv>

### **Meet the Charity Regulator**

28 August 2019 in Dunfermline (1.15-4.00)

25 September 2019 in Glasgow (1.15-4.00)

1 October 2019 in Fort William (9.30-12.15)

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator events to give charity trustees and staff the opportunity to hear about latest developments, meet OSCR staff and board and ask questions. For information see <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/meet-the-scottish-charity-regulator-2019/>

### **Engaging "Easy to Ignore" Communities**

29 August 2019 in Kirkcaldy (9.30-4.00)

Fife Centre for Equalities course using the National Standards for Community Engagement alongside the "What Works Scotland" recommendations to delve into methods of outreach, sustainable interactions, and more. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yyqwat9o>

### **Working with People from Diverse Religion & Belief Identities**

6 September 2019 in Glasgow (1.00-4.30)

21 November 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to learn about the core beliefs and cultural practices of the main faiths, and the individual needs that may arise from a person's faith or belief identity, and consider where unintentional discrimination may occur and discuss steps to remove it. For information about the July event see <https://tinyurl.com/y63r67cs> the September event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxgh4wb9> and the November event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxrr95j2>

### **3 Mottos for Guiding our Approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**

17 September 2019 in Glasgow (9.30-1.00)

Interfaith Scotland course to consider why some people ignore or deny the disadvantages that others experience; how to respond to misunderstandings or offence; and the impact of our inner narratives on our interactions. For information about the August event see <https://tinyurl.com/yxg4z6a3> and the September event see <https://tinyurl.com/y69h9tyz>

### **Working with refugees and the asylum process**

18 September 2019 in Glasgow

31 October 2019 in Glasgow

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 exist for rebuilding their lives here in Scotland. Reduced fees available for relevant organisations. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/z68a5k8> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Working with unaccompanied refugee children**

26 September 2019 in Glasgow



6 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to enable service providers to better understand separated children, and how you can help them in their journey. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y7mz5uuv> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Working with refugees and VPRS resettlement**

2 October 2019 in Glasgow

21 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to examine the issues facing Syrian refugees as they move from countries around Syria to the UK, and highlight the challenges and opportunities they face as they build new lives in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/zy436qr> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee rights to housing**

7 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course identifying the different groups of asylum seekers and refugees most likely to seek housing in Scotland, their legal rights, and the duties and obligations on local authorities and other housing organisations towards them. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y9pvpl5r> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Age assessment awareness**

13 November 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course to give social workers and other relevant staff an awareness of the components that are used to build a picture of a person's age. It draws on a variety of existing Age Assessment practice guidelines and demonstrates how these apply in Scotland. Reduced fees available. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8f2z7p4> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Engaging with seldom heard voices**

5 December 2019 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course looking at the various approaches, tools and techniques we can adopt to reach out to people who are seldom heard. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/y8tg2x4k> or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

### **Refugee community sponsorship**

11 December 2019 in Glasgow

For information see [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what\\_we\\_do/training](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/what_we_do/training) or contact Martha Harding 0141 248 9799 / [martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:martha.harding@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)

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

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

**European Parliament** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/en>

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

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

**Refugee Survival Trust** <https://www.rst.org.uk/>

**Freedom from Torture** <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/uk-centres>

**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/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>

**Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services**

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/for-organisations/disclosure-services/>

**BBC News** <https://www.bbc.com/news>

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**SCoJeC**

The Scottish Council of  
**Jewish Communities**

Representing, connecting and supporting Jewish people in Scotland



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) <https://www.scojec.org/>

**BEMIS**

Empowering Scotland's Ethnic and  
Cultural Minority Communities

**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/>



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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.gov.scot/>

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