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Immigration and Asylum

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer: Channel Migrants

Undocumented Migrants: English Channel

John Healey (Labour) [47353] To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many small boats has the Royal Navy intercepted in the English Channel as part of Operation Isotrope.

Reply from James Heapey: As of 6 September 2022, there have been 541 migrant vessels intercepted as part of operation ISOTROPE since it began on 14 April 2022, in which the Royal Navy plays a strong control and co-ordination role. It should be noted however that physical interception of small boats and cross-decking of migrants is principally conducted using specialist Border Force Crew Transfer Vessels (CTVs). Royal Navy assets primarily perform coordination and monitoring roles.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-09-05/47353>

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer: Ukraine

Refugees: Ukraine

Bim Afolami (Conservative) [45550] To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what recent discussions she has had with relevant stakeholders on providing support to Ukrainian refugees to help find employment.

Reply from David Rutley: DWP Ministers meet regularly with their counterparts in the Home Office to discuss the ongoing support being provided to those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine.

Ukrainian evacuees on either Homes for Ukraine or the Family Scheme have immediate access to the full range of DWP employment support and services at the point of a successful claim to benefit.

DWP Work Coaches are supporting individuals to identify suitable roles and access appropriate training through our Sector based work academies and other provision, including English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) training, and support through the range of Plan for Jobs provision.

A large number of employers have come forward in response to the situations in Afghanistan and Ukraine with job vacancies which are open to any potential applicant. These vacancies are shared across the Job Centre network and with Refugee Employment Network (REN) a charity who support organizations who help refugees find work.

Support from Advanced Customer Support Senior Leaders and Visiting Officers is also available where complex needs are identified.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-09-02/45550>

New Publications

Migrants detected crossing the English Channel in small boats - weekly data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/migrants-detected-crossing-the-english-channel-in-small-boats-weekly-data>

Ukraine Family Scheme, Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine) and Ukraine Extension Scheme visa data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukraine-family-scheme-application-data/ukraine-family-scheme-and-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme-homes-for-ukraine-visa-data--2>

Citizenship: from right to privilege

<https://irr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Deprivation-of-citizenship-Final-LR.pdf>

News: Channel Migrants

Channel migrants: Crossings in 2022 now exceed whole of 2021

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-kent-62889043>

More migrants crossed Channel so far this year than all of 2021, figures suggest

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/english-channel-ministry-of-defence-mod-rwanda-government-b2166084.html>

People crossing the English Channel in small boats: Key numbers

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/english-channel-people-government-priti-patel-house-of-commons-b2166094.html>

Number of people crossing Channel in small boats exceeds 2021 total

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/sep/13/number-of-people-crossing-channel-in-small-boats-exceeds-2021-total>

More migrants cross Channel than in the whole of 2021

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/more-migrants-cross-channel-than-in-the-whole-of-2021-n93z97n7j>

Channel gangs pack 50 migrants to a boat

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/channel-gangs-pack-50-migrants-to-a-boat-fb25pcjw7>

Migrants in sea for 30 minutes after boat sinks

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/30-migrants-rescued-off-kent-coast-nxd7h97mh>

Channel migrant crossings mount as officials wait on Albanian criminal records

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/09/13/channel-migrant-crossings-mount-officials-wait-albanian-criminal/>

Albanian migrants are cutting off electronic tags and boasting about it on social media

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/09/16/albanian-migrants-cutting-electronic-tags-boasting-social-media/>

News: Other Immigration and Asylum

Windrush compensation scheme ‘not fit for purpose’ as only 1% of appeals successful

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/windrush-compensation-government-home-office-b2162496.html>

British Muslims’ citizenship reduced to ‘second-class’ status, says thinktank

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/sep/11/british-muslims-citizenship-reduced-to-second-class-status-says-thinktank>

Muslim Council of Britain responds to Institute of Race Relations report – ‘Citizenship: From Right to Privilege’

<https://mcb.org.uk/press-releases/muslim-council-of-britain-responds-to-institute-of-race-relations-report-citizenship-from-right-to-privilege/>

‘Those clothes were like gold’: fashion donors give refugees dignity of choice

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/sep/14/those-clothes-were-like-gold-fashion-donors-give-refugees-dignity-of-choice>

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Community Relations

News

‘Farmed’: why were so many Black children fostered by white families in the UK?

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2022/sep/15/farmed-black-children-fostered-white-families-uk>

Abdul Rezak's 'Star Café' on Brick Lane

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2022/09/12/abdul-rezaks-star-cafe-on-brick-lane/>

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Equality

New Publications

Understanding experience of post-diagnostic dementia support for the South Asian community in England

<https://drjutlla.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/FULL-PROJECT-REPORT.pdf>

Race Equality in Greater Manchester: An analysis of key issues

https://www.research.manchester.ac.uk/portal/files/225856034/Race_Equality_in_Greater_Manchester_An_analysis_of_key_issues.pdf

News

King Charles: I will protect all faiths, not just Christianity

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/royal-family/2022/09/16/king-charles-will-protect-faiths-not-just-christianity/>

King tells faith leaders he has personal 'duty to protect diversity of our country'

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/sep/16/king-tells-faith-leaders-he-has-personal-duty-to-protect-diversity-of-our-country>

'Outdated' health care system failing South Asians – says new charity ambassador

https://www.asianimage.co.uk/news/united_kingdom/20899132.outdated-health-care-system-failing-south-asians---says-new-charity-ambassador/

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Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Press Release

PACE committee calls for action to counter 'dramatic spike' of Islamophobia in Europe

<https://pace.coe.int/en/news/8810/pace-committee-calls-for-action-to-counter-dramatic-spike-of-islamophobia-in-europe>

New Publication

Racism as the fundamental cause of ethnic inequities in COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy: A theoretical framework and empirical exploration using the UK Household Longitudinal Study

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S235282732200129X>

News

Forget wokery, the monarchy is the real bastion of anti-racism

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2022/09/12/forget-wokery-monarchy-real-bastion-anti-racism/>

The Queen's death has unleashed a torrent of racist abuse

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/queen-elizabeth-death-racist-abuse-twitter-b2166204.html>

Black employee wins payout after staff called him a “golliwog” and “cheeky monkey”

<https://tellmamauk.org/black-employee-wins-payout-after-staff-called-him-a-golliwog-and-cheeky-monkey/>

Racist teen must pay £850 to taxi driver they called a “P**” and “paedophile”**

<https://tellmamauk.org/racist-teen-must-pay-850-to-taxi-driver-they-called-a-p-and-paedophile/>

My five-year-old son came home from school in tears and said he ‘hated’ his afro hair

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/world-afro-day-hair-racism-school-bullying-b2168644.html>

Cricket Scotland sets up independent process to investigate racism complaints raised in report

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/cricket-scotland-sets-up-independent-process-to-investigate-racism-complaints-raised-in-report-8lvh76wxn>

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Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Scottish Parliament Debate

Statement from the Presiding Officer followed by two minute silence, and Motion of Condolence

<https://archive2021.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=13880&i=125844#ScotParIOR>

Scottish Parliament Motion

Nicola Sturgeon (First Minister) [S6M-05924] Motion of Condolence – That the Parliament expresses its deepest regret and grief at the death of Her Majesty The Queen; conveys its sincere condolences to His Majesty The King and other members of the Royal Family in their bereavement; affirms the great affection and esteem in which Her Majesty was held, and expresses gratitude for her life of exceptional public service and her long and close association with Scotland and the Scottish people.

Supported by: Douglas Ross [leader of the Conservative Party], Anas Sarwar [leader of the Labour Party], Patrick Harvie [co-leader of the Green Party], Lorna Slater [co-leader of the Green Party], Alex Cole-Hamilton [leader of the Liberal Democrat Party]

<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-05924>

Scottish Government Press Releases

National Moment of Reflection for Her Majesty The Queen

<https://www.gov.scot/news/national-moment-of-reflection-for-her-majesty-the-queen/>

State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen

<https://www.gov.scot/news/state-funeral-of-her-majesty-the-queen/>

A final farewell

<https://www.gov.scot/news/a-final-farewell/>

Motion of Condolence: Statement made by the First Minister on 12 September 2022 from the Scottish Parliament in tribute to Her Majesty The Queen.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/motion-condolence/>

UK Government Press Releases

National Moment of Reflection

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-moment-of-reflection>

Plans for public to watch Her Majesty The Queen's funeral announced

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-for-public-to-watch-her-majesty-the-queens-funeral-announced>

Two-minute silence to mark the death of Her Majesty The Queen

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/two-minute-silence-to-mark-the-death-of-her-majesty-the-queen>

News

Queen's funeral plans: What will happen on the day

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-60617519>

Scotland prepares on eve of Queen's state funeral

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-62932035>

Queen Elizabeth II's cortege met by huge crowds in Edinburgh

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-62867444>

Crowds view history as the Queen is taken to St Giles' Cathedral

<https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/21329429.crowds-view-history-queen-taken-st-giles-cathedral/>

Queen Elizabeth II death: Service at St Giles' Cathedral gives thanks for 'extraordinary life' of Her Majesty

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/queen-elizabeth-ii-death-service-at-st-giles-cathedral-gives-thanks-for-extraordinary-life-of-her-majesty-3840895>

Crowds line streets as Queen's coffin makes final Scottish journey

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-62887168>

Queen's grandchildren take part in historic vigil by her coffin

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-62942374>

Grieving loved one in public is not easy, Queen told Sentamu

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-62946724>

Queen Elizabeth II: Camilla remembers Queen's smile in tribute

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-62942351>

Commonwealth proclamations for King Charles III

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/uk-62873235>

Stone of Destiny to return to Westminster Abbey for coronation

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-62875378>

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Other News

British Muslim charity breaks world record for most blood donations in a day

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/sep/17/blood-donations-world-record-british-muslim-charity-who-is-hussain>

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Bills in Progress

** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

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

UK Parliament

Asylum Seekers (Accommodation Eviction Procedures) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3257>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3263>

Asylum Seekers (Permission to Work) (No.2) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3304>

Bill of Rights Bill

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

Housing Standards (Refugees and Asylum Seekers) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3264>

Human Trafficking (Child Protection) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3248>

Human Trafficking (Sentencing) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3249>

Illegal Immigration (Offences) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3282>

Online Safety Bill

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

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3164>

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Consultations

** new or updated this week

**** closes this week!**

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

<https://tinyurl.com/mpunv6cw>

Equity in medical devices (closing date 6 October 2022)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/equity-in-medical-devices-independent-review-call-for-evidence>

Race & Inclusion in Art Education (closing date 31 October 2022)

https://assets.website-files.com/61488e50132da098d2dd729b/62c6bf3339659acfccfb61c2_Visualise-Race%20and%20Inclusion%20in%20Art%20Education.pdf

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Job Opportunities

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Events, Conferences, and Training

** new or updated this week

Working with Interpreters

27 and 28 September 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

24 and 25 November 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day courses to enable participants to understand the legal context and qualifications governing interpreters in the EU, UK and Scotland, know the different types of interpreting, identify the differences between an interpreter and a bi-lingual support worker, and who to use when, and recognise when it is inappropriate to

use a family member, a friend or a community member to interpret. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/puykxxnu>

**** Islamophobia, Migration Policy + Discourse**

29 September 2022 (online, 6.00)

Migrants Rights Network and MEND event to discuss how Islamophobia institutionally manifests itself through policies and systems. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/yuyua6sp>

Lifecycle of a charity - day to day running

5 October 2022 (online, 1.00–2.00)

SCVO webinar looking at what you need to know to run a charity successfully and sustainably, including key events such as moving into premises, taking on staff and entering into contracts. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/mtcnh6a2>

Supporting Refugee Integration

11 and 12 October 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

15 and 16 December 2022 (online, 1.00–4.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day course to enable participants to understand the principles of a refugee-led integration framework, understand how dependency is created and how to build on people's resilience, and feel confident to facilitate refugee-led integration effectively. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/ukvn5rs5>

**** Tackling Hate Through Education**

13 October 2022 (Glasgow, 6.00–8.15)

Annual Interfaith Scotland lecture presented by Michael Haines, Director of Global Acts of Unity. For information contact admin@interfaithscotland.org / 0141 558 0778

Introduction to Working with Religious Diversity

26 October 2022 (online, 10.30–12.30)

Interfaith Scotland short course where delegates will improve their confidence in discussing and responding to the religion and belief of those they work with. The course will explore guiding principles behind working with religion and belief diversity, and take a closer look at the core beliefs and cultural practices of Islam, Sikhism and Judaism. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2p88vnps> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Lifecycle of a charity – the trustee journey

9 November 2022 (online, 1.00–2.00)

SCVO webinar looking at what excellence looks like for a trustee, and what key skills you need to have, including how to develop and build those skills and what you need to know legally and practically. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/222y9myy>

Working with Unaccompanied Refugee Children

10 and 11 November 2022 (online, 11.30–3.30 both days)

Scottish Refugee Council 2-day course to enable participants to recognise the legal difference between children seeking asylum, children who have been trafficked, refugees and migrants, appreciate the journeys that children have made to be in the UK including being trafficked, understand the Age Assessment process, identify the rights and entitlements of separated children, and become familiar with the statutory responsibilities of the Scottish Guardianship Service. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/3fedr5xn>

**** Scottish Interfaith Week**

13–20 November 2022 (Scotland-wide)

Interfaith Scotland community-led festival to celebrate religious and cultural diversity. The theme this year is Storytelling, to tie in with Scotland's Year Of Stories. For information, and to see the full calendar of events, see <https://scottishinterfaithweek.org/>

Intention versus impact – exploring challenges around group labels and unintended offence

6 December 2022 (online, 1.30–3.30)

Interfaith Scotland short course exploring the language used to describe groups of people, particularly in relation to Protected Characteristics like race, disability, religion and belief. The course will also consider how we can respond to unintended interpretations, confusion or offence by exploring the difference between the speaker's intention and the impact on the listener. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/k9hz52pk> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie@interfaithscotland.org

Lifecycle of a charity - when is the right time to wind up?

7 December 2022 (online, 1.00–2.00)

SCVO webinar looking at how to recognise when it's the right time to wind up and dissolve a charity. For information see <https://tinyurl.com/2kvfvd7>

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Useful Links

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

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

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

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

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/>

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/disclosure-types>

Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services

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

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

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The **Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC)** is the representative body of all the Jewish communities in Scotland. It advances public understanding about the Jewish religion, culture and community, and also works in partnership with other organisations to promote good relations and understanding among community groups and to promote equality. (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438) <https://www.scojec.org/>



BEMIS is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. (Scottish Charity, no. SC027692) <http://www.bemis.org.uk/>



The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.gov.scot/>

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