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The Scottish and UK Parliaments are in recess until 4 September 2023.

The next issue of MEMO will be published 11 September.

Immigration and Asylum

Scottish Parliament Motion

Michael Marra (Labour) [S6M-10139] Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme – That the Parliament understands with regret that, to date, only 54 Afghan refugees have been resettled in the UK under the UK Government’s Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme; notes that this number falls well below the UK Government’s reported promise to resettle 5,000 Afghan refugees under the scheme; understands that the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme was established in 2022 for those who worked with the British Armed Forces in Afghanistan and for vulnerable groups; notes recently published figures that reportedly show that over 8,000 Afghans arrived in the UK on small boats in the last
year; considers this statistic to be an indictment of the UK Government’s failure to implement a functioning Resettlement Scheme; recognises the significant contribution of Afghans to the work of the British Armed Forces in Afghanistan, and urges the UK Government to urgently improve the Resettlement Scheme so that many more Afghans may safely resettle in the UK.

https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-10139

UK Parliament, House of Commons Written Answer

Refugees: Scotland

Alison Thewliss (SNP) [192107] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, with reference to the oral contribution of 27 June 2023 by the Minister for Immigration, Official Report column 152, what the evidential basis is for the statement that the SNP does not house refugees in Scotland; and if he will publish the Minister's brief.

Reply from Robert Jenrick: Under successive Conservative Governments since 2015 we have welcomed into the United Kingdom more than half a million people seeking sanctuary through our country-specific routes and our global routes run in coordination with the UNHCR. These safe and legal routes have prioritised the UK’s finite resources on those most in need, bypassing the people smuggling gangs to reach those directly in conflict zones. These schemes represent one of the most generous offerings in the UK’s recent history.

The SNP Government are accommodating just 4.5% of the total asylum population being housed in the UK under s95 duty, when Scotland makes up 8.1% of the UK population. Whereas Manchester houses around 1,800 asylum seekers, Edinburgh – a city of similar size – houses fewer than 50 asylum seekers. Just recently the Scottish Government and Edinburgh City Council opposed the berthing of a vessel in Leith, despite the exact same vessel being used to house Ukrainian refugees.

I am happy to clarify that as of 3rd July, of the local authorities in Scotland where the SNP are the largest party, Clackmannanshire, Dundee, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, Midlothian and North Ayrshire all housed zero asylum seekers under the s95 duty.

Despite continued numbers of small boat crossings, the latest published data shows that the SNP Government in Scotland is housing fewer asylum seekers than at the start of the year.

We continue to work closely with the Scottish Government and Scottish local authorities to ensure they play their part in housing asylum seekers.

If you would like to put forward specific proposals, please do contact the Home Office at:

rasiengagementhubregionalconsultation@homeoffice.gov.uk

and officials will happily discuss this in greater detail with you.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2023-07-03/192107

The oral contribution referred to above can be read at

https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2023-06-27/debates/ABE8419C-FAF8-4D97-A09F-DC765DAD72CF/IllegalMigrationBillEconomicImpactAssessment#contribution-FD31973E-A7B3-4CF8-8246-0AC8F267DB17

Press Releases

Local communities welcome hundreds of refugee families

Government to build cases to prosecute rogue immigration lawyers

New Publications

Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme in Scotland – Modelling Report

Learn to speak, read and write English: Homes for Ukraine
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/learn-to-speak-read-and-write-english-homes-for-ukraine

Updated: Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme: Visa data by country, upper and lower tier local authority

Ukraine homelessness management information: 24 February 2022 to 31 July 2023

Pre-matching households: letter to Afghan families

Updated: Migrants detected crossing the English Channel in small boats – last 7 days

News: Rwanda Refugee Policy

Rwanda block could force Britain to leave ECHR, says minister
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/britain-leave-echr-robert-jenrick-rwanda-policy-ch5tbgd3

UK may try to send small boat arrivals to Ascension Island, minister confirms

Tories consider sending migrants 4,000 miles to Ascension Island if Rwanda plan fails

News: Channel Migrants

Channel migrants: More than 100,000 crossings made since 2018

How many people cross the Channel in small boats and how many claim asylum?
On the move: Small boats, big numbers

Pregnant woman and children among hundreds to cross Channel

Ministers face renewed pressure over boat crossings

Rishi Sunak’s pledge to ‘stop the boats’ runs into rough waters
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/rishi-sunak-stop-the-boats-pledge-progress-6nfskthhp

PM urged to resurrect Priti Patel’s Channel migrant ‘pushback’ policy
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/pm-urged-to-resurrect-prit-patels-channel-migrant-pushback-policy-3zxs35fz9

Home Office spent £35k on ads to deter small boat migrants - but targeted tourists instead

How Rishi Sunak’s ‘small boats week’ ended in disaster
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/small-boats-week-bibby-stockholm-sunak-b2392236.html

The government’s migration policy: Channel Crisis
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-times-view-on-the-governments-migration-policy-channel-crisis-m7lfz9pjw

France stops fewer Channel migrants – despite £480m funding from UK
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/08/17/france-stops-fewer-channel-migrants-480m-funding-from-uk/

EU rejects new deal for return of migrants
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/eu-rejects-new-deal-for-return-of-migrants-7scbvsrw7

Afghans challenge Kurds for control of Channel people smuggling
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/afghans-challenge-kurds-for-control-of-channel-people-smuggling-bgsl25grf

Migrant boat sinks in Channel killing six people

Six die in Channel as migrant boat sinks
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-migrants-evacuated-disease-bacteria-075xkhph3

How the fatal Channel migrant tragedy unfolded
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/how-the-fatal-channel-migrant-tragedy-unfolded-zqdbqx0s6

Channel boat deaths prompt fresh anger over asylum policy
https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/12/channel-boat-deaths-prompt-fresh-anger-over-asylum-policy
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https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/aug/12/channel-boat-deaths-prompt-fresh-anger-over-asylum-policy

Stopping Channel crossings: Border Disorder
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-times-view-on-stopping-channel-crossings-border-disorder-3n83dc5nd

We know people seeking asylum die in the Channel, but callous hardline policy kills them too
https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/aug/14/people-seeking-asylum-channel-deaths

News: Afghanistan

We must not forget Afghanistan
https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/afghanistan-kabul-anniversary-uk-government/

Helping Afghan communities thrive
https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/helping-afghan-communities-thrive/

Afghanistan refugees being let down by UK, says think tank
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66502379

News: Ukraine

Number of Ukrainians stuck in hotel rooms not likely to reduce significantly, government admits

News: Use of Barges for Housing Asylum Seekers

Bibby Stockholm: Sunak committed to housing asylum seekers on barge

Lee Anderson: Bibby Stockholm barge? I've stayed in worse in Skegness

Bibby Stockholm: justice secretary defends Lee Anderson’s F-word jibe
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-барge-to-welcome-its-first-migrant-residents-w3kbf69wb

Diane Abbott deletes tweet saying migrants who drowned off Italy have ‘indeed f----d off’
Lee Anderson’s vile anti-migrant comments pose this question: do we want politics like this?  

Ministers want more barges for asylum seekers  
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/12/more-barges-asylum-seekers-bibby-stockholm-legionnaires/

Labour says it would ‘temporarily’ house refugees on offshore barges  
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/labour-immigration-policy-barges-b2388409.html

Migrant barge not a floating prison, Home Office says  

Bibby Stockholm: First asylum seekers board housing barge in Dorset  

Bibby Stockholm: Asylum seekers warned over failure to board Dorset barge  

Bibby Stockholm: Asylum seekers describe life on barge  

Bibby Stockholm barge migrants moved after Legionella bacteria found  

Suella Braverman under pressure to scrap refugee barge plan after legionella found  

Bibby Stockholm evacuation shows 'startling incompetence'  

Council claims it told Home Office about migrant barge Legionella three days before evacuation  
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/13/bibby-stockholm-legionella-dorset-council-tests-kept-hidden/

Bibby Stockholm: No-one harmed over discovery of Legionella on barge - health secretary  

Bibby Stockholm migrants could be back on barge ‘within days’ after Legionella scare  
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/bibby-stockholm-migrants-return-days-b2393176.html

Bibby Stockholm: migrants won’t be sent back to barge for weeks  
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bibby-stockholm-barge-migrants-legionella-disease-gvvlb5wlx

Syrian refugee challenges his move to Bibby Stockholm barge  
Glasgow City Council reject asylum seeker barge request

UK Government accused of trying to house refugees on barge in Glasgow

The atrocious backlog behind barge plea to Glasgow

Glasgow City Council reject asylum seeker barge request
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-66431715

Glasgow says no to mooring refugee barge
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/glasgow-says-no-to-mooring-refugee-barge-58pb8w7b6

SNP council leader says Glasgow will never be home to asylum barge

Glasgow’s Susan Aitken ‘a hypocrite’ on Home Office barges

Housing asylum seekers on barges ‘will not stop small boat crossings’
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/british-public-migrant-barge-poll-channel-crossings-uk-2023-nd5npvbkw

UK asylum seekers who refuse to live on barges could lose government support

News: Other Immigration and Asylum

Apply now for New Scots leadership programme 2023/24
https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/apply-now-for-new-scots-leadership-programme-2324/

Windrush compensation scheme ‘to be scaled back due to low uptake’ – despite claimants struggling to apply

What cheerful expats really think of their new lives in Britain

Migrant crisis ‘to last at least five more years’, government memo says
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/13/migrant-crisis-last-five-more-years-leaked-government-memo/

Fines hiked for firms employing illegal migrants
Suella Braverman to target ‘crooked’ immigration lawyers

‘Crooked’ lawyers who coach small boat migrants to lie face life in jail, announces Braverman

I’m an immigration lawyer, and now the target of a Braverman smear campaign. It will backfire

Wethersfield: Priti Patel accuses government of being 'secretive' over asylum housing plan

Tories under fire over plan to cram another 900 asylum seekers in shared bedrooms in hotels
https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/politics/tories-under-fire-over-plan-30621537

Painting over murals for children at asylum centre cost Home Office £1,550

‘Unscrupulous’ landlords and bosses accepting undocumented workers face fine surges

Thousands of refugees could face homelessness after Home Office policy change

Compassion should be our watchword in dealing with people fleeing tyranny and war

Fact-checking claims about asylum seekers
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-66451620

Can we stop more migrant tragedies: do deterrents ever work?
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/which-policies-could-help-stop-more-small-boat-tragedies-c9905b6fk

Who’s making money from the UK’s asylum system?
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/whos-making-money-from-the-uks-asylum-system-tnqnn5p5f

UK’s inhumanity to migrants is channelling an older hatred
https://www.heraldscotland.com/politics/2372233.uks-inhumanity-migrants-channelling-older-hatred/
Racism, Religious Hatred, and Discrimination

Scottish Parliament Written Answer

Religious Hate Crime

Donald Cameron (Conservative) [S6W-20219] To ask the Scottish Government whether it can provide details of the number of religious hate crimes recorded in Scotland since 2016, broken down by police division.

Reply from Siobhian Brown: The following table details the number of hate crimes that included a religion aggravator in Scotland, by police division.

Table 1: Religious hate crimes by police division: 2016-17 to 2021-22

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Source: Police recorded hate crime - characteristics: updated study (2020-21 and 2021-22)
New Publication

Tackling Online Hate: Responding to online hate speech and hate crime
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/615c1bee105b4f55a98326d0/t/64da026c9368c43a476e8242/1692009079285/08.23+Online+Hate+Guide-V4.pdf

News

Humza Yousaf urges people to tell bigots: 'F*** you'

Humza Yousaf: Tell bigots to ‘f*** you’

Humza Yousaf’s two words for bigots — ‘and it’s not ministerial language’
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/humza-yousaf-tory-party-f-you-scottish-first-minister-xpzgrjkgp

Tory party urged to investigate Welsh secretary’s ‘racist’ leaflet about Travellers

Police rule out action over MP Gypsy site leaflet

Police drop inquiry against minister for ‘racist’ traveller leaflet
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/07/racist-traveller-leaflet-inquiry-dropped-welsh-police/

Home Office official ‘has to work 10 times harder than white counterparts’
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2023/08/19/home-office-official-critical-race-theory-white-people/

Metropolitan Police: Ex-officers charged over racist WhatsApp posts

22% of UK employees report facing discrimination in workplace, survey finds

Data on insecure work in UK shows ‘structural racism in action’, TUC says

Man who threatened to murder worshippers and urinated on mosque jailed
Man who travelled from Yorkshire to London to attack Jewish people sentenced

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UCU Scotland urged to clarify support for David Miller

Protect Jewish students from Iran's hate speakers
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/protect-jewish-students-from-irans-hate-speakers-wr6x5crb9

UK schools cut classic books in antiracism drive
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/uk-schools-classic-books-curriculum-racism-students-pupils-tfbhiylb5

Fragility of Freedom is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2024
https://www.hmd.org.uk/what-is-holocaust-memorial-day/this-years-theme/

Man charged after cricket umpire Majid Haq 'racially abused' in Greenock

Man charged after Majid Haq allegedly racially abused as umpire at match

Majid Haq: Scottish cricket racism whistleblower ‘abused while umpiring ’
https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/majid-haq-scottish-cricket-racism-whistleblower-abused-while-umpiring-ghgbcfv5p

Bradley Cooper sparks ‘Jewface’ row with prosthetic nose in Leonard Bernstein biopic Maestro

Bradley Cooper playing Bernstein? No one should be wearing a big fake nose when portraying a Jewish man
https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/bradley-cooper-bernstein-jewface-fake-nose-b2394161.html

Bradley Cooper in ‘Jewface’ storm after Leonard Bernstein trailer reveals prosthetic nose
**Other UK Parliament and Government**

**News**

**Rishi Sunak: My Hindu faith guides me in every aspect of life**
https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2023/08/16/rishi-sunak-hindu-faith-guides-me-cambridge-university/

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**Cost of Living**

**Scottish Government Website**

Help during the cost of living crisis

Most households are concerned about the cost of living, with worries about issues such as rent and mortgages, food and utility bills, energy costs, and debt.

In response, the Scottish Government has launched a new website that provides information to help people access support with

- Energy and Bills
- Benefits and Income
- Children and Families
- Debt and Money
- Health and Wellbeing

Your local council might be able to help if you need urgent help with money, food or fuel – contact the council for information.

https://costofliving.campaign.gov.scot/

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**Publication**

**UK Parliament House of Commons Library Briefing: Rising cost of living in the UK**

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**News**

Higher food prices may be here to stay, says Bank economist

Cost-of-living crisis: Over 1.3 million Scots struggling on income as Scottish Government blames Brexit

Cost-of-living crisis 'devastating' Glasgow's disabled
Disabled people ‘face choice between eating or breathing’

Rents ‘likely to continue rising sharply despite cost-of-living squeeze’

UK’s rental shame: Tenants paying four times as much of income as homeowners on housing
https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-rent-income-mortgages-living-costs-b2388687.html

Other New Publication
Seven Years On: disabled people’s rights to independent living, employment and standard of living in the UK

Other News
Volunteers and the State – where does volunteering fit in 21st century Scotland?

Bills in Progress ** new or updated this week

Scottish Parliament
Charities (Regulation and Administration) (Scotland) Bill

Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill

Police (Ethics, Conduct and Scrutiny) (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

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

Immigration and Nationality Fees (Exemption for NHS Clinical Staff)
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3436

Online Safety Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137

Refugees (Family Reunion) Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3164

Scotland (Self-Determination) Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3413

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill

Consultations
** new or updated this week

** closes next week!
Disability and Race (closing date 31 August 2023)
https://durham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/disability-race-survey

** closes in two weeks!
Victims, Witnesses, and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill (closing date 8 September 2023)

A Human Rights Bill for Scotland (closing date 5 October 2023)
Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator: Improvements to the Annual Return (closing date 6 October 2023)
https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/share-your-feedback-on-improvements-to-the-annual-return/

The future of population and migration statistics in England and Wales (closing date 26 October 2023)
https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/ons/futureofpopulationandmigrationstatistics/

Let's Be Heard – Sharing Scotland's COVID Experience (closing date 31 October 2023)
https://lbh.covid19inquiry.scot/

Experiences of Racism in Scotland's Night-Time Economy (closing date not stated)
https://t.co/lUabNPI1nK

ITV/Tell MAMA survey on mosque safety in the UK (closing date not stated)
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V7V5B6L

** Job Opportunities **

Click here to find out about job opportunities.

** Funding Opportunities **

** new or updated this week

People’s Postcode Trust

*Note that this application will only be open for 24 hours. Applications can be submitted from 10 am on 2 October 2023*

Application forms will go live at the above date and time and must be **started and submitted** within the submission window. In the meantime, a copy of the application questions can be downloaded in order to help you prepare your submission.

National Lottery funding of between £500 and £25,000 for projects on a wide range of themes including supporting marginalised groups and tackling inequality. Funding priorities include communities experiencing racial inequity, people with disabilities, and the LGBT+ Community. For information and to apply see
https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/
and
https://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/media/2724/3_ppt_fundingguide_2023.pdf

Cost-of-Living Support Scotland

*Application deadline not stated*

National Lottery funding from £10,001 to £75,000 for projects to help support individuals, families and communities currently experiencing hardship as a result of the cost-of-living increases. The programme aims to fund activity that reduces the impact of, or prevents financial insecurity so that people have more resilience and are more able to identify ways to deal with the impact of increased cost of living in their lives, are able to shape activity in their community to address the increased cost-of-living, and have more access to support and services that will help them to deal with the increased cost of living. For information and to apply see
Events, Conferences, and Training

** this week!
A Human Rights and Equalities First Approach – The Basics
21 August 2023 (online, 10.00–3.00)
THRE course for people who are just starting out and want to learn the fundamentals or who know a bit about human rights and equalities and want to know more or are just curious about what a human rights and equalities first approach might be. For information see [https://tinyurl.com/d4rznvxx](https://tinyurl.com/d4rznvxx)

** this week, next week, and the week after!
A Human Rights Bill for Scotland
22 August 2023 (Glasgow (10.00–12.00)
28 August 2023 (Inverness (2.00–4.00)
5 September 2023 (online, 6.00–8.00)
11 September 2023 (Portree, 10.00–12.00)
19 September 2023 (Dundee, 10.00–12.00)
Scottish Government consultation on proposals for a new Human Rights Bill, including information about the proposals, and an opportunity to tell the Scottish Government your views in order to inform development of the Bill. For information about each event see:
Glasgow  [https://tinyurl.com/2jmfp49z](https://tinyurl.com/2jmfp49z)
Inverness [https://tinyurl.com/yckx35jz](https://tinyurl.com/yckx35jz)
Online (September)  [https://tinyurl.com/9ss2hnpm](https://tinyurl.com/9ss2hnpm)
Portree [https://tinyurl.com/3kny2u5j](https://tinyurl.com/3kny2u5j)
Dundee [https://tinyurl.com/yckunjtv](https://tinyurl.com/yckunjtv)

Developing a Volunteer Strategy
19 September 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)
Volunteer Scotland course to discuss the purpose of developing a strategy for volunteering, the benefits of a volunteering strategy for the wider organisation, and steps to develop a strategy. For information see [https://tinyurl.com/mu3dkx53](https://tinyurl.com/mu3dkx53)

Supporting Volunteers
4 October 2023 (Stirling, 10.00–4.00)
Volunteer Scotland course to discuss building a positive relationship with volunteers, plan and deliver a suitable induction process, identify and apply different support methods, and manage some of the challenges of supporting volunteers. For information see [https://tinyurl.com/2nbpr7se](https://tinyurl.com/2nbpr7se)

** Rights and Entitlements of EEA Nationals
14 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)
PAIH course to find out about fundamental issues of housing, homelessness and welfare entitlements of EEA nationals and look at how service users might prepare themselves for an economy in recession and cost of living spiralling. For information see [https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses](https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses)
**Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers**
15 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)
PAIH course explore how the asylum system works from the perspective of a claimant and the process involved in making a claim for asylum. The course also explores the journeys and barriers faced by both refugees and asylum seekers reaching and building a new life in Scotland and their respective entitlement to services. For information see [https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses](https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses)

**No Recourse To Public Funds**
21 February 2024 (online, 10.00–12.30)
PAIH course to help frontline workers identify a tenant’s current status, clarify what this means in terms of access to public funds and plan effective support where difficulties arise. For information see [https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses](https://www.paih.org/what-we-do/migrants-rights-courses)

### Useful Links

- **Scottish Parliament**  [http://www.parliament.scot/](http://www.parliament.scot/)
- **Scottish Government**  [https://www.gov.scot/](https://www.gov.scot/)
- **UK Parliament**  [http://www.parliament.uk/](http://www.parliament.uk/)
- **GovUK (links to UK Government Departments)**  [https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations)
- **One Scotland**  [http://onescotland.org/](http://onescotland.org/)
- **Scottish Refugee Council**  [http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk)
- **New Scots**  [https://newscots.scot/](https://newscots.scot/)
- **Refugee Survival Trust**  [https://www.rst.org.uk/](https://www.rst.org.uk/)
- **Freedom from Torture**  [https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/](https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/)
- **Interfaith Scotland**  [https://interfaithscotland.org/](https://interfaithscotland.org/)
- **ACAS**  [http://www.acas.org.uk/](http://www.acas.org.uk/)
- **SCVO**  [https://scvo.org.uk/](https://scvo.org.uk/)
- **Volunteer Scotland**  [https://www.volunteerscotland.net/](https://www.volunteerscotland.net/)
- **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)**  [https://www.oscr.org.uk/](https://www.oscr.org.uk/)
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/](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/](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/](http://www.gov.scot/)

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