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Hate Crime/Prejudice survey results

In the last issue of *Equality News* we asked people to complete a short survey on hate crime and prejudice in the North East of Scotland. 46 people completed the survey and the main results were as follows:

- 4 people (or 9% of respondents) stated they had been the victim of a hate crime or prejudice incident in the last year
- 7 people (15%) had witnessed a hate crime or prejudice incident
- Almost all incidents were verbal abuse, while 1 was online/social media abuse
- 5 people had reported incidents to the police
- Participants gave a variety of suggestions for what would make them more likely to report incidents: online forms; better understanding of how the police will handle it; ability to report to a different agency. Others said they would have reported it if the incident was more serious.

This information, a small snapshot of how people are experiencing prejudice and hate crime in the North East, will be used to support the work of GREC, NESEN, and our partners in the future. Thanks to all who took the time to complete the survey.

The GREC Team

New Race Equality Framework for Scotland Launched

In March 2016 the Scottish Government published a [Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016-2030](#). Click [here](#) to read the document. This is seen by the Scottish Government as a "first phase" and "in the period ahead we will need to work together to further shape our actions and to deliver on the commitments" (page 3).

GREC will seek to facilitate involvement and positive progress in North East Scotland as well as contribute to national discussions to shape actions. Watch this space for more updates in the future.

LGBT migrants study

Intimate Migrations is the study on LGBT migrants from the former socialist states to Scotland. The study attempts to find out the reasons why people have chosen Scotland as their country of destination, how people's sexuality influenced their decisions, and how their ethnicity mixed with sexuality influences their social networks. **To find out more visit www.intimatemigrations.net**

Elections and Gender

The House of Commons recently published a Briefing Paper on guidelines for parties on how to use all-women shortlists and how parties can increase the number of women candidates. To see the briefing click [here](#).

Note that some web links are valid for a short period of time.

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YACNE Creative Research Survey for non-British, migrant and ethnic minority families

Youth Arts Collective is currently investigating and engaging with a range of non-British, ethnic minority families and communities in Aberdeen city and shire, to establish and understand their cultural needs and aspirations.

To help with this they have created 2 surveys for those who are non-British to complete and share their views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/38Q5NGD> - For parents or guardians of young people (0-25 years)

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/38P28CS> - For young people (0-25 years)

As a thank you for taking part, those who complete the survey will be entered in to a prize draw to win one of three £50 Amazon vouchers!

Closing date 14th May 2016

Local News Coverage of Refugees Arriving in the North East

Most people will be aware that communities in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray have recently welcomed Syrian refugees, or Syrian New Scots. There was some concern before the arrivals of refugees that local media coverage may be negative, reflecting some of that national media coverage. On the contrary, news reporting seems to have been very positive locally, with some newspapers playing a key role in welcoming refugees to the area. Please click the links below to see a selection of the coverage from regional and local papers:

[First Syrian refugee families to arrive in Aberdeen today](#)

[Donations campaign set up for Aberdeen Syria refugees](#)

[Aberdeenshire group scoop national award for inspiring performance](#)

[Aberdeen Pupils Hailed After Launching Appeal for Syrian Refugees](#)

[North-east business is scaling dizzy heights to help out refugees](#)

[Anger as Syrian Men Reported to Aberdeen Police](#)

Events and Opportunities

Multicultural Health & Wellbeing Forum



Are you interested in health and wellbeing issues which affect people from Aberdeen's multicultural communities?

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - Religion or Culture?
Presented by Tinu Kudaisi from Rape and Abuse Support (RAS)
5.30pm Aberdeen Town House on Tuesday 10th May 2016

The members of the MCHWF meet regularly to work on a range of activities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage positive engagement between NHS Grampian and the diverse communities in Aberdeen city.

- Organising events to promote health and wellbeing
- Raising awareness around health and wellbeing issues which can affect people from minority ethnic backgrounds
- Training and other personal development opportunities

- Promoting social connectivity and reducing social isolation
- Facilitating and promoting opportunities for social, cultural and community development and participation

Places are limited, so if you would like to come along to a meeting of the NHS Grampian MCHWF or would like to find out more, please contact Liz Howarth by emailing:
Elizabeth.Howarth4@nhs.net
or by telephoning 01224 550952.



Welcome to our Open Day

Do you have a disability?
Do you have an interest in disability issues?
Do you live in Aberdeen?

Do you want to be involved with a new group set up to improve disabled people's lives in our city?

Then come along on
Tuesday, 10th May
18.00 – 20.00

To
DoubleTree
By Hilton Aberdeen City Centre Hotel
Beach Boulevard
Aberdeen
AB24 5EF

Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be served at
17:30

Please contact
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To confirm your attendance and any particular requirements

