

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

4th Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Tuesday 7 February 2023

Inquiry into Race Inequality in Scotland

Introduction

1. At its most recent consideration of its work programme, the Committee agreed to undertake some work with a focus on race inequality in Scotland with a view to undertaking an inquiry.
2. Predecessor committees have undertaken inquiries in this area, with the Session 5 Committee focusing specifically on [race equality, employment and skills](#).
3. Since then, the Black Lives Matter movement, the impact of Covid-19 and the cost of living crisis have brought race inequality into sharper focus.
4. At this meeting, the Committee will take evidence from a number of witnesses, firstly in a panel format then a roundtable session, to serve as an introductory session to inform the Committee and assist it in identifying a focus for a future inquiry into race inequality in Scotland.

Participants

5. The following people will be taking part in the panel session—
 - Suzanne Munday, Gypsy / Traveller Service Lead, MECOPP;
 - Farah Farzana, Race Equality Mainstreaming Officer, CEMVO Scotland;
 - Danny Boyle, Senior Parliamentary and Policy Officer, BEMIS;
 - Jatin Haria, Executive Director, CRER.
6. The following people will be taking part in the roundtable session—
 - Trishna Singh OBE, Director, Sikh Sanjog;
 - Pinar Aksu, Human Rights and Advocacy Coordinator, Maryhill Integration Network;
 - Graham O'Neill, Policy Manager, Scottish Refugee Council;
 - Pervin Ahmad, Strategic Development Manager, Saheliya;

- Mariam Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer, AMINA – Muslim Women’s Resource Centre.

Topics

7. The session will be an opportunity to discuss topics such as policy development on addressing race inequality, including the Scottish Government’s Race Equality Framework for Scotland 2016 to 2030, the Race Equality Action Plan and its Anti-racist employment strategy – A Fairer Scotland For All.

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