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[Nigerian Humanist leader charged over 'blasphemous' Facebook posts](#)

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Nigerian Humanist leader Mubarak Bala is facing formal charges over Facebook posts which allegedly contained 'blasphemous' content. [Read More »](#)

[NSS welcomes moves to protect free speech on communications offences](#)

Posted: Thu, 29 Jul 2021

The NSS has welcomed moves to protect free speech in a Law Commission report on reforms to communications offences in England and Wales. [Read More »](#)

[Video sharing rules risk encroaching on free speech, says NSS](#)

Posted: Fri, 07 May 2021

The NSS has said proposed Ofcom rules for video sharing platforms risk unduly encroaching on freedom of expression. [Read More »](#)

[Investigation opens into use of Muhammad cartoon at Batley school](#)

Posted: Thu, 29 Apr 2021

The academy trust behind Batley Grammar School says an investigation has begun after a row over the use of a Muhammad cartoon in class. [Read More »](#)

NSS urges release of Humanist leader after a year in detention

Posted: Wed, 28 Apr 2021

The NSS has urged authorities in Nigeria to release Mubarak Bala, who was arrested a year ago after being accused of insulting Muhammad. [Read More »](#)

Teacher suspended after using Muhammad cartoon in class on blasphemy

Posted: Thu, 25 Mar 2021

A teacher has been suspended after using a cartoon of Islam's prophet Muhammad in a religious studies lesson about blasphemy. [Read More »](#)

Hate crime bill passes and blasphemy law abolished in Scotland

Posted: Thu, 11 Mar 2021

Scotland's hate crime bill, which will introduce 'stirring up hatred' offences and abolish the blasphemy law, has passed its final vote. [Read More »](#)

Don't renege on free speech protection, NSS tells justice minister

Posted: Fri, 26 Feb 2021

The NSS has urged Scotland's justice minister not to dilute protection for free speech on religion in the current hate crime bill. [Read More »](#)

Confusion over free speech protection on religion in hate crime bill

Posted: Thu, 18 Feb 2021

New proposals could substantially weaken the protection for free speech on religion in the Scottish government's current hate crime bill. [Read More »](#)

Law Commission proposals risk chilling free speech, NSS warns

Posted: Fri, 08 Jan 2021

The NSS has warned that Law Commission proposals on hate crime and communications offences in England and Wales could chill free speech. [Read More »](#)

Drop charges against ex-Muslim campaigner in Tanzania, says NSS

Posted: Wed, 06 Jan 2021

The NSS has backed a campaign in defence of Zara Kay, who has been arrested in Tanzania and prevented from leaving the country. [Read More »](#)

MSPs back 'general principles' of Scottish hate crime bill

Posted: Thu, 17 Dec 2020

MSPs have approved the 'general principles' of a proposed bill on hate crime, but many have called for stronger free speech protections. [Read More »](#)

Amend hate crime bill to protect free speech, Scottish government told

Posted: Thu, 10 Dec 2020

A group of MSPs has called for changes to Scotland's current hate crime bill, after taking evidence from groups including the NSS. [Read More »](#)

Success: free speech clause in hate crime bill to be strengthened

Posted: Tue, 24 Nov 2020

The NSS has welcomed the Scottish government's decision to strengthen a clause on free speech on religion in its current hate crime bill. [Read More »](#)

NSS gives evidence to parliamentary committee over hate crime bill

Posted: Wed, 11 Nov 2020

The NSS has said a planned hate crime bill will "intimidate" free speech in evidence to the Scottish parliament's justice committee. [Read More »](#)

Stronger free speech protection needed over hate crime bill, says NSS

Posted: Thu, 29 Oct 2020

The NSS has urged the Scottish government to protect free expression after ministers hinted at possible concessions in a hate crime bill. [Read More »](#)

Plan to amend Scottish hate crime bill isn't enough, says NSS

Posted: Wed, 23 Sep 2020

The NSS has welcomed plans to amend Scotland's current hate crime bill, but warned that they don't go far enough to protect free speech. [Read More »](#)

Plans on 'stirring up hatred' threaten free expression, warn MSPs

Posted: Thu, 10 Sep 2020

MSPs from across the political spectrum have warned that Scotland's hate crime bill threatens free expression during a Holyrood debate. [Read More »](#)

Ditch 'stirring up' offences in hate crime bill, say NSS and others

Posted: Mon, 24 Aug 2020

The NSS is among signatories to a letter which expresses "grave reservations" over proposed 'stirring up hatred' offences in Scotland. [Read More »](#)

Minister will 'seriously consider' concern over hate crime bill

Posted: Thu, 20 Aug 2020

Scotland's justice secretary has said he'll seriously consider a warning that a hate crime bill would undermine free expression. [Read More »](#)

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