



SCoD Management Committee Elections

We have only received one nomination so far for the SCoD Management Committee. A memorandum will shortly be sent to National Council members.

SCoD National Council Meeting and AGM on Thurs 27th October

We are delighted and honoured that Dundee City Council has agreed to extend a civic welcome to the National Council. There will be a civic reception after the National Council Meeting and before the AGM. It is therefore crucial that we know how many people are coming. Please let Alison Coyle know if you plan to attend.

As always, both meetings are open to members and non-members alike. Non-members are very welcome to come and observe the National Council Meeting and/or AGM.

Deaf History Scotland AGM on Sat 29th October

Deaf History Scotland is having its AGM at Tayside Deaf Hub on Saturday 29th October at 11am. There will be four presentations: from Pam Bruce, Elizabeth Adam, Tony Boyce and John Hay MBE who will all speak about Dundee Deaf history. Eva Fielding Jackson will also speak about her book "Hava – Against All Odds".

The AGM is free for DHS members. Non-members are welcome to attend but will be charged at £5 each. Tayside Deaf Hub has its own café so lunch can be purchased and enjoyed on site!

Cross Party Group on Deafness

The Cross Party Group on Deafness (CPGD) had their first meeting of this parliamentary session on Wednesday 14th September. Jenny Marra MSP and Dennis Robertson MSP were both elected as Convenor and Vice-Convenor respectively. The CPGD agreed that SCoD would continue to provide the secretariat support.

Mark Griffin MSP updated the CPGD on the main agenda item, the BSL Bill. It was agreed that a sub-group should be set up to work with him on drafting a second consultation document.

The CPGD discussed and agreed that the membership should be open to national and regional organisations working with deaf and deafblind people in Scotland. The CPGD also considered and accepted applications from ATLA, North East Sensory Services and Donaldson's to join the CPGD.

The next CPGD meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th December at 5.15pm. Non-members are welcome to come and observe the meeting.

NHS 24

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director was invited to a private meeting with Nicola Sturgeon MSP and other service users and carers on 27th September. It was evident at the meeting that the Cabinet Secretary was aware of NHS 24's efforts to make their services more accessible.

Lilian Lawson, Paul McCusker (Breathing Space) and Linda Thomson (SASLI) attended NHS 24 BSL Online Interpreting Project Board meeting on 28th September. We have been advised that there

have been delays but were assured that the NHS 24 Executive Board is still committed to the pilot project which will continue. The service is expected to be launched by the end of March 2012.

Inclusive Communication

We received an email from Yvonne Wemyss, Scottish Government Equality Unit to say that the 'Principles of Inclusive Communication: An information and self-assessment tool for public authorities' has now been published - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/14082209/0>. Inclusive Communication is one of the four priorities in the Independent Living Programme workplan. This document was developed by a working group and Mandy Reid, SCoD Policy & Research Officer was an active member of this group. Thank you to all involved with this piece of work. It is important to remember that this document is not guidance. It contains six principles for inclusive communication. It provides links to the excellent guidance and information that already exists, and it includes a self-assessment tool for public authorities to test how they are doing. This assessment tool will be added to the Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) this year. The PSIF is already used by 32 public authorities across Scotland.

What happens next? The Scottish Government has funded Communication Forum Scotland to work with the Improvement Service, Scotland. Together they will promote this document and use their expertise to help public authorities understand the importance of inclusive communication. This will help to ensure people with communication support needs can use their services, and participate as active citizens, in the development of policy and service delivery improvement.

For alternative formats, please contact:

equality.unit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Equality and Communities, Local Government and Third Sector Directorate, Scottish Government, Area 2G – South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

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Audiology Waiting Times

We received an email from NHS National Services Division to say that the summary feedback report on the consultation on changes to the publication of Audiology Waiting Times has been published. They said that feedback had influenced their decisions and significant changes have now been made to the way data are presented and now incorporated into the publication of Audiology Waiting Times statistics from August 2011. The summary report is available on the Information Services Division Scotland website: <http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Waiting-Times/Audiology/>

Pilotlight Scotland

Pilotlight Scotland works with small charities and social enterprises in Scotland to help develop their skills base and organisational capacity. We do this through a strategic planning process to which organisations bring their vision and ambition for the future, and business leaders bring their skills and experience.

A team of three or four business leaders work with each charity on areas such as strategy development, marketing and communications. The only cost to the charity is the time they must commit to the planning process. The Pilotlight Scotland project managers manage the relationship throughout to ensure that the process creates benefit to all parties.

Pilotlight Scotland welcomes applications from third sector organisations across Scotland who address human disadvantage and are able to travel to Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen for monthly meetings. We ask that you fit these criteria:

- Employ at least 1 full-time member of staff.
- Have been operational for a minimum of 2 years and be a registered charity.
- Have secured core funding for at least the next 6 months.
- Have a Board/Trustees who are willing to participate in the relationship with Pilotlight.
- Have an annual turnover of less than £3m.
- Be ready to take the next step in developing your organisation.

If you are interested in applying, here are the contact details:
Kerrie Jopling, Project Manager, Pilotlight Scotland, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2
2PR | 0131 243 2767 | Email: kjopling@pilotlight.org.uk



Challenge Yourself

Our treks offer a fantastic opportunity to escape from the pressures of daily life and enjoy the splendour of the Scottish countryside. Why not come along and improve your personal fitness, while supporting SCoD at the same time?

You could climb Ben Nevis, the UK's highest peak in September 2012 or tackle the West Highland Way - we're giving you the chance to do so in support of our charity. For more information, visit our website: www.scod.org.uk and click 'Support SCoD' or contact our fundraiser directly: linda@scod.org.uk.

General News and Events



Access to Elected Office for Disabled People

The Gender, Equalities Participation and International Directorate of the UK Government Equalities Office have published the report on the consultation into Access to Elected Office for Disabled People. Deaf people are mentioned in several sections. To read the report, go to <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/equalities/public-political-equality/access-response/>. The report is available in English, Welsh and Easy Read. If you would like it in any other format, you should contact the Directorate at accesstoelectedoffice@geo.gsi.gov.uk.

Public Sector Equality Duty – Revised Draft Regulations

The Scottish Government has published the revised draft regulations on the public sector equality duty - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/09134605/0>. Closing date for responses is **Friday 25th November**.

The Scottish Government published the report on the last consultation after it had asked the Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee to consider the regulations. The regulations submitted were not an accurate reflection of the consultation responses and a small working group hosted by the Coalition for Race and Racial Equality submitted evidence to the Equal Opportunities Committee on why the regulations should not be passed. The committee call two members of the working group to give oral evidence and then voted against the regulations as they were written. The working group put together an alternative version of the Public Sector Equality Duty that reflected the consultation responses, and this has been accepted in part by the Scottish Government. This is an example of how “people power” can work.

SCoD will be putting in a response. If you would like to contribute to this response, please email your comments to Mandy Reid at mandy@scod.org.uk by **Monday 31st October**.

Keeping Scotland Safe and Strong: Reforming Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland

The Scottish Government has published its consultation on the proposed changes to the Police Forces and the Fire and Rescue Services in Scotland - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/357525/0120778.pdf>. It is proposed to have a single police force and a single fire and rescue service, with local offices to serve communities. The closing date for responses is **Wednesday 2nd November**. SCoD will be submitting a response. If you would like to contribute to this response, please email your comments to Mandy Reid at mandy@scod.org.uk by **Monday 17th October**.

Mental Health Strategy for Scotland 2011 to 2015

Following the review of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 in 2010, the Scottish Government has published its consultation on the Mental Health Strategy for Scotland for the next four years - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/01163037/0>. The closing date for responses is **Tuesday 31st January 2012**. If you would like to contribute to SCoD's response, please email Mandy Reid at mandy@scod.org.uk by Monday 12th December 2011.

Scottish Social Housing Charter

The Scottish Government is consulting on the proposed Social Housing Charter - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/08/04092156/0>. The closing date for responses is **Tuesday 1st November**. If you would like to contribute to SCoD's response, please email your comments to Mandy Reid at mandy@scod.org.uk by **Monday 10th October**.

Other consultations:

Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill

Closing: 21/12/2011

The consultation paper sets out proposed changes to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 intended to add clarity and strength to the legislation.



A Scottish charity has launched a new campaign to improve the quality of life for disabled people by including them in the design of services and everyday household products from their living rooms.

The Blackwood Foundation has launched the Bespoken Campaign to recognise disabled people as experts on independent living at a time when many face increasingly significant barriers to living independently from benefits reform and cuts to care services.

The Edinburgh based foundation has launched social networking site www.bespoken.me to help people with disabilities share their tips on how to overcome everyday challenges they face with appliances and technology. The site will be the first in the UK to connect users with developers to help disabled people improve the designs of everything from kitchens, computers and wheelchairs to can openers.

It was set up after research carried out by The Blackwood Foundation found poor design of homes and household products often left people living with a physical or sensory disability feeling frustrated and excluded.

Over a hundred disabled people across Scotland reported that poor design often left them feeling they had to rely on others for everyday tasks. And many said they couldn't afford products in the disability market so they had come up with 'doityourself' solutions.

Jaz McDougall, 53, from Elgin found gadgets for his electric wheelchair too expensive so he sourced himself a mobile phone holder that attaches to workmen's belts and attached it to his chair. He also fashioned headlights by inserting a cylindrical torch.

The Blackwood Foundation says the £10,000 Big Lottery Funded site will drive innovation for new products that will make life easier for disabled people.

Director David Jarrold said: "We have been inspired by the ingenuity that disabled people demonstrate every day. We hope Bespoken will be a forum where disabled people can share their knowledge.

"It also creates a tool for us where we link technology developers with the end user. Our goal is to actively drive innovation for new products that make a difference to people's quality of life."

Elsbeth Molony, from Capability Scotland, said: "Disabled and older people are the absolute experts in independent living. The more we bring their expertise and vision into the design and development process, the better the tools will be to support independence and life choices."

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Glasgow Centre for Sensory Impaired People Open Day

Thurs 10th November, from 3pm - 8pm

At the Centre for Sensory Impaired People, 17 Gullane St, Partick, Glasgow G11 6AH.

For further information contact hazel.mcfarlane@sw.glasgow.gov.uk

Reception: 0141 276 5252 Textphone: 0141 276 5299.



Are you Disabled and LGBT?

The Equality Network is working in close partnership with Inclusion Scotland and Glasgow Disability Alliance on the Out to Access project. The Out to Access project aims to improve service provision for disabled LGBT people. LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender. The project is funded by the Scottish Government.

Part of this project involves doing research on the needs of disabled LGBT people. In order to find out what these needs are we are doing research to produce a report. This research will be based on the findings from four focus groups. The focus groups will discuss people's experiences of accessing services and their ideas for making services more inclusive. There will be a discussion of the intersection between gender identity and disability and another on sexual orientation and disability. Disabled LGBT people are welcome to participate in one or both discussions. All venues are fully accessible.

We want everyone to be able to fully participate in the event. If you have any access requirements, please feel free to discuss it with us, either on the phone or by e-mail, especially if we need to organise anything in advance (e.g. PA or interpretation). If the cost of travel is a barrier for you we can pay your travel costs.

Edinburgh Focus Group: Date: 8th October Venue: Jurys Inn Hotel

Glasgow Focus Group: Date: 15th October Venue: Premier Inn

Dumfries Focus Group: date and venue to be confirmed.

All focus groups will run as follows:

11:00 – 13:00 Gender Identity/ Gender Reassignment and Disability

13:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Sexual Orientation and Disability

If you are a disabled LGBT person and would like to participate in any of the focus groups, please contact James Hiwatari at jamesh.volunteer@equality-network.org or call the Equality Network on 0131 467 6039 for a booking form. Your experience is extremely valuable. If you would like to give feedback but are unable to attend a focus group, you can do this by contacting James by e-mail or phone. Posters are also available on request.

If you know someone who might be interested in participating, please forward this to them and help spread the message!

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Many disabled people see harassment as inevitable, says equality watchdog

Report into attacks against people with physical and mental disabilities says public bodies are in denial about level of abuse

People with disabilities in the UK face harassment, insult and attack almost as a matter of routine, while a "collective denial" among police, government and other public bodies means little is done to challenge the situation, the government's human rights watchdog has concluded following a major investigation.

The report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), the most detailed study yet into abuse faced by disabled people, found that while some particularly serious offences attracted national attention, these are "the tip of the iceberg", and that for many, low-level criminality or worse are so endemic that many consider them inevitable.

Too often, the report found, victims see their complaints doubted, or they are advised to change their own behaviour. Even in the most serious cases, public organisations involved often fail to review what went wrong.

The issue achieved national prominence in 2009, when an inquest found police and other officials had failed Fiona Pilkington, who killed herself and her severely disabled teenage daughter in a burning car after enduring years of torment from youths at their home in Leicestershire. A report in June by the charity Mencap warned many police forces were failing to treat crimes motivated by disability with sufficient seriousness.

The EHRC report reviewed dozens of attacks against people with both physical and mental disabilities, ranging from the most serious cases, such as those of the Pilkingtons and Keith Philpott, a 36-year-old with learning disabilities who was beaten and stabbed to death, to that of an 88-year-old man in south Wales who was harassed by children while using a mobility scooter. The study, *Hidden in Plain Sight*, heard evidence from more than 350 witnesses and organisations, including 12 local authority heads, 15 senior police officers, and six NHS chief executives.

The study considered in detail 10 particularly serious cases, nine of which resulted in the death of the person involved, including the Philpott case. All victims had been in contact with authorities and the majority had made earlier reports of harassment or lower-level crimes. Despite this, in five of the cases there was no formal review, the report noted, "implying that lessons have not been learnt for the future".

Michael Smith, the EHRC's lead commissioner for the inquiry, said even as a wheelchair user who

had himself faced abuse – and police scepticism – nothing had prepared him for "the horrendous things some disabled people have experienced".

In an introduction to the report, he said: "In the worst cases, people were tortured. And apparently just for fun. It's as though the perpetrators didn't think of their victims as human beings. It's hard to see the difference between what they did, and baiting dogs.

"The really serious cases catch the headlines. But what about the constant drip, drip, nag, nag of the so-called 'low-level' harassment that many disabled people face on a daily basis? It ruins their lives. They don't have the confidence to go out. It undermines their ability to be part of society. It makes them behave differently."

Echoing the findings of the Mencap report, the EHRC said many disabled people did not report harassment, sometimes because it was not clear who they should tell but often because of a "culture of disbelief" that meant they were not treated seriously. "There is sometimes a focus on the victim's behaviour and 'vulnerability' rather than dealing with the perpetrators," the report noted.

The authors said there had been a systemic failure by authorities to acknowledge the extent of the problem and deal with it effectively. Cases tended to be treated in isolation and offences were too rarely prosecuted as hate crimes, which carry more severe penalties. The EHRC made recommendations ranging from the specific – reliable data to track the extent and severity of crimes motivated by disability – to significantly longer-term aspirations, such as changing public perceptions of disabled people and understanding the motivations of the attackers.

Mencap said the report showed the UK had "still not got to grips" with the issue. "Public authorities need to step up to tackle this terrible scourge, or end up condemning hundreds of thousands of disabled people to years of violence, harassment and abuse," the charity's head of policy, David Congdon, said.

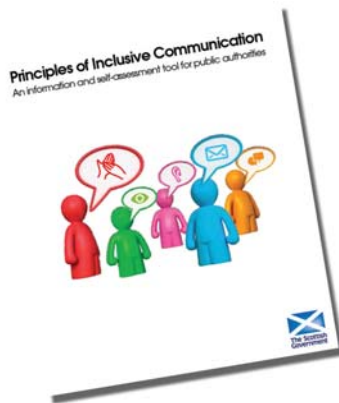
The 10 cases

The EHRC highlighted 10 particularly serious cases of crimes against people with various disabilities, only five of which led to formal reviews:

- David Askew: died last year from a heart attack in the garden of his home after more than a decade of harassment.
- Keith Philpott: murdered in 2005 by two men who believed, wrongly, he had a sexual relationship with one of their sisters. Eight months before the killing, Philpott told police members of the family had threatened him.
- He Shaowei: found dead behind a Chinese takeaway in 2006, with her body showing signs of long-standing torture. After her death it emerged that council officials and neighbours had seen her with facial injuries but did nothing.
- Christopher Foulkes: found dead in his flat in 2007 after being beaten by a teenage boy. Foulkes had complained to social services that the boy had been stealing from him. A care worker witnessed the teenager trying to break down the flat door but took no action.
- Colin Greenwood: died in 2007 after a brutal assault by two teenage boys. His partner had made several complaints about being harassed.
- Steven Hoskin: his body, marked by the signs of appalling torture, was found at the bottom of a railing viaduct in 2006. Police, social services and other agencies had been warned he was potentially at risk but did not share information.

- Laura Milne: she was beaten by her flatmates before having her throat cut in 2007. Milne had been monitored by social services, but her case was closed the month before her death due to "lack of engagement".
- Michael Gilbert: his dismembered body was found in 2009, after some years living with a family who tortured him and treated him as a slave. Police were told several times that Gilbert had been assaulted and abducted by the family.
- Brent Martin: beaten to death by three men in 2007, weeks after he had been discharged from psychiatric care, where he had been since a teenager.
- Woman, aged 30, who has not been named: in 2002 she was admitted to hospital suffering the effects of repeated physical and sexual attacks carried out by men including her carer. The Guardian, Monday 12 September 2011

The final report can be downloaded as a pdf from the Equality and Human Rights Commission website where it is also available in BSL: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/inquiries-and-assessments/inquiry-into-disability-related-harassment/>



Principles of Inclusive Communication: An information and self-assessment tool for public authorities

This document was recently published by the Scottish Government. It contains six principles for promoting inclusive communication and provides links to guidance and other information. It includes a self-assessment tool for public authorities to test how they are doing.

Inclusive Communication is one of the four priorities in the Independent Living Programme workplan. This document is part of the work of the Scottish Government to fulfill the desired outcomes under this priority.

What happens next?

The Scottish Government has funded Communication Forum Scotland to work with the Improvement Service Scotland. Together they will promote this document and use their expertise to help public authorities understand the importance of inclusive communication. This will help to ensure people with communication support needs can use their services and participate as active citizens in the development of policy and service delivery improvement.

View the document in full: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/09/14082209/0>

MSP Surgery for Deaf People

Fri 7th Oct from 10.30am-12.30pm at Touchbase, 43 Middlesex Street, Glasgow, G41 1EE. Humza Yousaf, MSP is holding a surgery specifically for deaf people. He is a list MSP for Glasgow, but will be happy to try to help anyone that he can, wherever they are from. Two interpreters and an electronic notetaker have been booked.



Solar Bear invite you to their Symposium Event

In association with SMHAFF 2011

The Courage to Dream

A Creative and Healthy Alliance

Exploring the value of arts participation in mental health

On Friday 21st October, 12-2.30pm At Circle Studio, Citizens Theatre

To reserve a place at this event please email: emma@solarbear.org.uk

This is Solar Bear's fourth successive year at the Festival. With each year the awareness of, and demand for Therapeutic Theatre grows. Our unique approach combining theatre, psychodrama and performance attends to both the artistic and therapeutic elements of creativity, spontaneity, self-expression and playfulness, which we believe are essential for optimal health and well-being. Our distinctive practice of combining therapeutic and creative elements in equal measure has resulted in almost 100 people having the opportunity to participate in theatre making that is both challenging and inspiring. In doing so, we aim to provide therapeutic, artistic and creative benefits whilst tackling stigma and promoting recovery, personal and social development and selfmanagement of long-term mental health difficulties.

In this symposium we bring together leading organisations and practitioners from the arts and health sectors, as well as service user groups, to encourage lively debate around the efficacy of Therapeutic Theatre. This will sit within a wider discussion about arts participation in general.

This event will include:

- Welcome - Citizens Theatre
- This year's Therapeutic Theatre performance 'The Courage to Dream' including reflections from the participants and facilitators.
- Setting the scene - Speaker to be confirmed
- Research input from Dr Anna Birch Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Institute for Capitalising on Creativity, St Andrews University
- Panel led discussion on the role of arts participation as an option for people with mental health difficulties
- Event will be chaired by Colin McCormack Head of Mental Health West
- Panel will include: Gerry Ramage, Artistic Director Solar Bear; Therapeutic Theatre Participant; Jamila Brown VOX national service user movement representative, writer and artist, and others to be confirmed.



Remember Remember the 5th of November...

On Saturday 5 November the BSL:UPTAKE team from Heriot-Watt University, along with a number of Deaf and academic partners, will present an in-depth look at Deaf storytelling, storytelling in BSL and stories translated from Scots and other languages into BSL, at the Scottish Storytelling Centre in Edinburgh.

This FREE event, known as 'Deaf in the Story: Visual Stories of an Invisible People', will be open to visitors all afternoon, from 12 noon till 4.30pm.

This is a drop-in day of information, ideas and story sharing, plus sign story taster workshops and performances.

Come and see what Sign Language storytellers have to offer, and find out about the fantastic stories of Deaf people in Edinburgh, Scotland and around the world. Learn how you too can express yourself in sign with British Sign Language (BSL) storyteller Mark MacQueen, and enjoy a wide choice of visual examples of sign language storytelling – on video, online and in the flesh. BSL/English Interpreters will be on hand throughout the afternoon, with one hour taster workshops at 1pm & 2.30pm.

The event will take place in the Scottish Storytelling Centre's magnificent exhibition area, right next to its first-class and very reasonably priced cafe; and in the Storytelling Centre's 90-seat theatre.

The event is organised by the BSL:UPTAKE project from Heriot-Watt University, in partnership with the School of Celtic and Scottish Studies at Edinburgh University, the Scottish Storytelling Centre, Deaf Action, The Scottish Deaf History Society, Donaldson's School, The Scottish Sensory Centre and Artlink Edinburgh.

The event is made possible by a grant from Edinburgh Beltane, which was given to BSL:UPTAKE for its award-winning Knowledge Exchange Cafe held last year at Deaf Action in Edinburgh.

This autumn, there will also be two other events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre of special interest to Deaf people, BSL users and all who are interested in Sign Language.

On Saturday 8 October at 7.30pm, there is a storytelling theatre performance presented by Actual Signs, exploring sexuality within adult relationships, called 'Dream or Not?' The performers include a BSL storyteller and a university lecturer, who present three different short stories in three different settings to illustrate how men and women think when they have one thing on their minds. For both Deaf and hearing audiences. (Please note this is not a free performance.)

On Thursday 10 November at 7pm, BSL storyteller and poet Mark MacQueen, who was awarded the Nancy and Hamish Turner storytelling bursary for 2010-11 presents a storytelling performance of tales and poetry in BSL. (Please note this is not a free performance.)

More details of all these events can be found on the Scottish Storytelling Centre website. Just go to <http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk/events/events.asp> and click on 'October - December 2011 season programme'.



the 8th annual
third sector event

The Gathering 2012

29th February & 1st March, SECC, Glasgow

It is now just 6 months to go until the 8th annual Third Sector Gathering so if you want to exhibit, host an event or become a sponsor it is time to get involved!

It is the largest event of its kind in the UK and in 2012 The Gathering returns to the SECC in Glasgow. This even bigger venue means even more opportunities to bring people together to network, share knowledge and raise the profile of the third sector in Scotland.

Find out how to:

- Host an event: <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/programme-of-events/host-an-event/>
- Exhibit: <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/exhibition-and-marketplace/book-a-stand/>
- Become a sponsor: <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/sponsorship/>

If you'd like to keep up to date with the latest news for this free event, including information on workshops, exhibitors, events and more register for updates here.

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Access at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe: How Did They Do?

This year the Edinburgh Festival Fringe has worked really hard to increase access across the Fringe:

- Major upgrades to the accessibility of our website which make it more accessible and give more information on access to customers;

- Having a BSL trained member of box office staff;
- Having new accessible ticket collection points;
- Having a box office access assistant who deals exclusively with access bookings;
- Promoting the use of adaptations such as BSL translation and captioning at performances (we have seen a 150% rise in the uptake of these this year).

But we know we can always do better. We would like your help. Even if you have filled in this survey before we want to capture your opinions of where we are now? Have we improved? Let us know by filling in this short online survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FringeAccess>



Deaf History Scotland Annual General Meeting

Sat 29th Oct from 11am - 3pm

Tayside Deaf Hub, The Old Mill, 23 Brown Street, Dundee DD1 1LL

The meeting is free for DHS members; £5 for non-members.

Four speakers will talk about Dundee Deaf History:

Pam Bruce "James Rattray"

Tony Boyce "Loyal and True"

Elizabeth Adam "Dudhope School for the Deaf"

John A Hay MBE "Interpreting for Deaf and Dumb Dundonians in the 19th Century: James Scrymgeour (1821-1997)"

Following these there will be a brief talk from Eva Fielding-Jackson about her book "Hava - Against All Odds"

Tea and coffee will be served free from 10.30am - 11am. Tayside Deaf Hub has a cafe where attendees can buy their lunch.



The Big Weekend

Do you have a deaf child with additional complex needs aged up to 11? Then this is the weekend for you and all your children

Manchester • Friday 9 March to Sunday 11 March 2012

This FREE weekend is especially for families with a deaf child who also has additional complex physical or learning disabilities.

The Big Weekend is an opportunity for 60 families from across the UK to spend a relaxing and informative few days in the company of other families who all have at least one thing in common – you have a child who has complex needs alongside a hearing loss. We have decided to bring such a large number of families together so that you can meet people in a similar situation to your own. The weekend will be led by experienced NDCS staff and invited specialists will join us to share their knowledge and understanding.

Accommodation will be in a hotel specially chosen for this event and to cater for the needs of you and your children. The hotel and meals are included and we will cater for all dietary requirements including providing Halal and vegetarian meals. Prayer facilities will be provided. There will be interpreters for all languages needed, including BSL.

Whatever the challenges would be for your family coming to this event, whether they are medical, accommodation or equipment related, tell us and give us the chance to meet those challenges.

Discussions will include:

- Feeling positive at home, for both your child and for you, including managing challenging behaviours and how to take time for you • A deaf child in the family – real life experiences
- Communication
- Understanding audiology: cochlear implants; hearing aids; using your ears

During the day time your child will be looked after by qualified and experienced staff with experience of supporting deaf children with additional complex needs. We provide full support according to the needs of your child, so please discuss their particular needs with us. We will be arranging fun activities for your other children too, appropriate to their ages and interests. If you have any concerns

about attending, please do talk them over with us. We want you and your family to be able to take advantage of this special opportunity.

For further information please contact: The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) Tel: 0121 234 9820 (voice and Text)

Email: complexneeds.familyweekend@ndcs.org.uk | www.ndcs.org.uk

Cost: The weekend, accommodation and meals are free.

We may be able to help with travel costs if necessary – please talk to us.

Talk With Sign Books

Specialist bookshop offering a friendly and fast service

Specialist Bookshop Relating to Deafness and Deaf Culture

Talk With Sign Books Ltd is a mail order company specialising in all media relating to D/deafness and Deaf Culture.

From their website:

“British Sign Language (BSL) is the first or preferred language of an estimated 50,000 Deaf people in the UK. In March 2003, BSL was recognised by the Government as a language in its own right.

BSL is a visual-gestural language, with its own grammar and principles, which are completely different from the grammatical structure of English.

More and more hearing people are learning BSL and ‘Talk With Sign Books’ is there to help the D/deaf and hearing community that would like to learn British Sign Language or would just like to learn more about deafness and deaf culture. We offer the best collection of Books, CDroms and DVDs relating to D/deafness and Deaf Culture.

All staff have a minimum of level 1 BSL and have over 10 years experience in dealing with the deaf community and BSL users. We provide a high quality service, working with excellent people to deliver the right products for your needs first time, exceeding expectations every time. We provide a fast and friendly service that you will not find anywhere else.

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<http://www.talkwithsign.com/>



Tues 11th Oct from 10.30am - 2.30pm

Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow.

In partnership with Capability Scotland and VisitScotland, Deaf Connections wants to find out from Deaf and hard of hearing people how Tourism can be made more accessible for deaf and disabled people in Scotland.

This event is being held to gather Deaf and hard of hearing people's opinions and ideas.

Expenses will be paid and a buffet lunch provided.

The event will involve taking part in an open meeting about tourism.

If you would like to attend this event please let contact Janice McCusker:

janice@deafconnections.co.uk | SoS: 0141 280 0358 | SMS: 07999495507

Photographs will be taken during the course of the event and may be used for future marketing or campaigning purposes.



New venture for NDCS Scotland

NDCS has been successful in their application to the Scottish Government for funding to roll out an early years support curriculum, including family sign language, for parents of deaf babies and toddlers in Scotland.

NDCS will shortly be recruiting for a full time Early Years Development Worker, who will then have responsibility for recruiting and training a team of trainers who will be paid on a regular sessional basis to deliver our Family Sign Language Curriculum, Parenting a deaf child, and Communicating with a deaf child courses in selected areas of Scotland – initially Highland, Glasgow and Edinburgh, although this can be tailored to meet demand as the year progresses.

More information will be released in the near future. In the meantime, please take a look at the Scottish Government news release confirming the announcement:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/09/22150602>

Edinburgh BSL Group

The Southern: 22-26 South Clerk Street **every Thursday 7pm – 8pm.**

The first Thursday of each month takes place in South Bridge Resource Centre.

Use your signing skills in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere

Have a chat with some other BSL learners and users. Come to our group events, games nights, quizzes, outings and Deaf awareness nights. This is a group for anyone who signs whether you are Deaf, hearing or hard of hearing. All levels of learning are welcome and there is no charge for this group.

Contact Rachel on: 07814198715 or rachel@edinburghbsl.co.uk; Visit the new website!

www.edinburghbsl.co.uk There is also a Facebook group – Edinburgh BSL Group

Scottish Deaf Golf Association: 25th Anniversary Celebrations



In preparation for their 25th Anniversary celebrations, SDGA is trying to reach former members of SDGA dating back to 1986. They thought that perhaps Bulletin readers may be able to help reach some of them. The 25th Anniversary is taking place at Airth Castle near Kincardine Bridge on Saturday 26th November.

You can find out more about this event on the SDGA's website: <http://www.scottishdeafgolf.com/>

SDGA Secretary Ralph Sutherland can be contacted by email: sdgasecretary@yahoo.co.uk



Fun Friday Events

Suitable for 12-18year olds with hearing loss. Attendees can bring along a sibling or friend. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Kaz for more information: kaz.langlands@deafaction.org

October - there will be no Fun Fridays but we will have our first Fun Saturday which will be held on Saturday 22nd October.

November - Fun Fridays will be held on Friday 4th November and Friday 18th November

December - again, no Fun Fridays but there will be a Fun Saturday on the 3rd December, activity to be arranged.

Dates to note are:

Saturday 22nd October : contact Deaf Action for venue, time and activity

Friday 4th November: 13.45- Meet at Deaf Action, Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY Contact kaz.langlands@deafaction.org for details of activity

Friday 18th November: 13.45- Meet at Deaf Action, Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY Contact kaz.langlands@deafaction.org for details of activity

Saturday 3rd December 3QY Contact kaz.langlands@deafaction.org for details of activity

If you have any queries pr require more information please contact me.

Contact Number : On Fun Friday -Youth Worker Mobile : 0796 713 0073

Deaf Action's Health Project will meet the cost of activities, entrance fees, etc. If attendees could bring their bus passes or fares also money for a snack and/or juice.



British Deaf Association to open their new office at Derby

The British Deaf Association (BDA) is pleased to announce that they formally opened their new office at the Rycote Centre on Parker Street on Friday 16 September.

The official opening will take place prior to the Derby Deaf Forum's open meeting, with representatives from Royal Derby Hospital who will be holding an open forum for the local deaf community in Derbyshire.

The BDA Community Development Team, which will be based at the Derby office, was established in April 2011 and they are the face of the British Deaf Association at a local level and are the all-important link between the local deaf community and the national campaign work of the BDA.

The team's objectives are to research, visit and meet with the local deaf community in order to establish a strong link between the BDA and the deaf community. Their aim is to develop relationships within the local deaf communities and research how the BDA can improve local opportunities for deaf people.

The team will support local deaf groups with their events and work in partnership to improve social opportunities and their access to the local services. This will enable the team to communicate the BDA message to the deaf community. They will also work with local authorities, service providers and organisations to encourage them to sign up to the BSL Charter.

Robin Ash, Team Manager, BDA Community Development Team commented: "We are pleased to officially open our team office within Derby Deaf Community with Derby Deaf Club and the Rycote Centre. We are keen to work to develop and empower the deaf community and stakeholders to work together to improve access and opportunities for the community across the country."

To find more information about the British Deaf Association, please visit the BDA's bi-lingual website www.bda.org.uk

An Event for the Deaf Community: Meditation Retreat

Try something new!

What: A residential retreat for Deaf people to learn how to stay calm and to understand yourself better.

Why: You will be learning to take care of your thoughts in a peaceful, clear and positive way. This is sometimes called meditation. Positive thinking affects how you feel about yourself and your life. There are many current studies showing the positive effects of meditation on physical and mental health. No postures or chanting involved. Just simple lessons in understanding and practising positive and peaceful thoughts.

Who: There will be experienced meditators. There will be interpreters and support from Deaf people who have already been practising meditation.

When: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October 2011

Where : Global Retreat Centre, Nuneham Park Estate, Nuneham Courtenay, Oxford

To book a place or for more information: SMS 07984 998 215 or Email: dc@uk.bkwsu.org

Places are limited so you must book. The weekend is free of charge, but contributions are welcome. Guests are asked to make their own travel arrangements.

Brahma Kumaris have been working with the Deaf Community in the UK and abroad since 2000. BKWSU teaches Raja Yoga meditation as a way of experiencing peace of mind and a positive approach to life.



Tayside
Deaf Hub

Comedian John Smith Comes to Dundee!

Sat 19th Nov at the Tayside Deaf Hub, 23 Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EF.

There will be:

Raffle, Bar (from 6.30pm-12pm), Buffet.

Tickets: £10 (aged over 18 only) and are selling fast!

Get your now by sending a cheque payable to Dundee Deaf Sports & Social Club; - don't forget to include an SAE for your tickets! Post to:

Pam Bruce, DDSSC Treasurer, Tayside Deaf Hub, The Old Mill, 23 Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EF.

For those in need of overnight accommodation the Travelodge is a two minute walk from the Hub.

Visit: <http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/info?hotelId=301>

This is a great chance for everyone to see the new premises!

Renfrewshire Hard of Hearing Support Group

The group meets at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of every month. If you live in or around Renfrewshire why not pop in.

We use speech to text on an overhead screen to make sure the session is accessible.

The group meets in the Conference room of the Mile End Centre 30 Seedhill Road. Paisley PA1 1SA. Meetings last about an hour and a half and tea/coffee is available.

Find out more: phone: 0141 847 4979, fax: 0141 847 4981, textphone: 0141 848 7232, SMS: 07799477108 ... or just call in at the meeting.

BDA Tartan Hands Youth Forum Aged 14 to 25? Then get involved!

The BDA Tartan Youth Forum is now launched. The next meeting is on Tuesday the 1st of November at the Arches Theatre practise room in Glasgow from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a range of activities and guest speakers. For more information, please contact Sally on sallym@bda.org.uk or text 07795822102

Future dates (all at the same time and in the same venue)

Tues 6th Dec

2012: Tues 17th Jan, Tues 7th Feb, Tues 6th March, Tues 10th April



Right Support, Right Place, Right Time exploring the impact of welfare reform and access to work changes on those with Sensory Impairment

In partnership with Sense, and Vision2020UK

Venue: Clifford Chance LLP, 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ

11th October: 9.30am Registration, 10am - 4.15pm Conference

Chair: Stephen Lloyd MP

Speakers include:

- Maria Miller, MP - the wider welfare agenda
- Pat Mangan - National Delivery Manager from Job Centre Plus on Access to Work
- Dr Mark Baker – Head of Social Research and Policy, Action on Hearing Loss; Co-Chair of the Policy Group of the Disability Benefits Consortium
- Simon Shaw – Parliamentary and Public Policy Officer, Sense, and Chair of the Disability Benefits Consortium Parliamentary Group
- Lidia Best - Trustee, UKCoD, Board Member of the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People, Vice-Chair at National Association of Deafened People
- Cheryl Cullen – Head of Business Development, Clarion Interpreting Ltd
- Andrew Kaye - Policy and Planning Officer, RNIB
- Mark Brooks - Head of Communications, Career Development Group
- Peter Corbett - Chief Executive, Thomas Pocklington Trust

About the Conference:

The conference will focus on all aspects of the welfare reform agenda. There will be presentations from key speakers about welfare reform, the welfare to work and access to work agendas. Key representatives from the Deaf Sector will examine how the sector has been responding the reform agenda. Action on Hearing Loss will be presenting new qualitative research on employment and their recent report on employment experiences 'Opportunity Blocked. Sense and the Disability Benefits Consortium will be talking through their current welfare campaigns relating to Employment and Support Allowance and Personal Independence Payments. An AtW provider will talk about developing a new business model in the current climate. The conference will also assess the impact of the new Personal Independence Payments and Employment Support Allowance, and examine the issues relating to welfare provision for the sight impaired.

So that we all understand the full impact of the changes, we will be hearing the experiences of those in receipt of benefit, and those using Access to Work. Part of the conference will be given over to a lively plenary session so that delegates can help frame the sector-wide debate. The final session of the conference will concentrate on action and campaign planning – pulling together the threads from the first three sessions into some agreed, sector wide, actions.

During the early afternoon session, the conference will focus on two main issues, both of which will have a dedicated workshop:

- Responding to the universal credit, welfare to work and access to work agenda (the policy response)
- Developing pragmatic solutions to the fast changing welfare reform landscape (what can be done now)

Delegate Fees: £55 UKCoD Members £95 Affiliate Members / Sense Discounted Rate/
Vision2020UK Discounted Rate £135 Non Members Public/Voluntary £170 Non Member
Corporates

To book your place, contact Clare Long at c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk



Deafblind Scotland Hands-On Signing in Visual Frame for LSPs

One Day Training Course

For language service professionals who may work or interact with people whose first language is BSL and have a visual impairment.

When: Sat 14th Jan 2012.

Class will start at 9.30am and finish at 4pm.

Where:

Deafblind Scotland Training Office, 19 Alexandra Avenue, Lenzie, G66 5BG

Morning Session: 9/30a,m – 12.30pm: Visual Frame

Afternoon Session: 1pm – 4pm: Hands-on signing

Cost of the course: £100. All participants will receive a certificate of attendance.

If you are interested in joining the class email trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk or write to: Deafblind Scotland, 21 Alexandra Avenue, Lenzie G66 5BG.



Thursday 17th November at the Venue: John McIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock Halls, Edinburgh

A programme is available online: <http://mentalhealth.holyrood.com/agenda>

With key presentations from:

Billy Watson, Chief Executive, SAMH
and

Isabella Goldie, Head of Scotland, Mental Health Foundation

This one day event will be an opportunity to identify the current position of Scotland's Mental Health policy and strategy, outlining the preferred direction of travel for a holistic, collaborative and joined up national mental health strategy. It will also include the opportunity to:

- hear choice examples of positive developments as a result of professional collaboration, community engagement and empowerment, and attitudinal change
- discuss and make recommendations for developments in key areas including health and social care, education and justice, identifying how these could inform the Scottish Mental Health Strategy going forward
- learn about new, innovative ways of working such as the development of the Wellbeing Unit in Dumfries and Galloway and how this could be applied to your area

Book online now:

http://conferences.holyrood.com/?option=com_paypal&conference=156&template=mh11

Places are limited



British Deaf Association Conference and AGM

Book now for the BDA Conference & AGM

25th - 27th November at the Holiday Inn, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast, BT2 8HS

Empowerment - not dependency!

Don't miss out on the next BDA Conference & AGM. BDA conferences are free to all members but you must book a place - download the booking form at <http://www.bda.org.uk/events/bda-conference-belfast>. If you are not already a BDA member why not take advantage of our limited offer of FREE membership until 31st December 2011 - join now here: <http://www.bda.org.uk/join-free/free-online-membership>

Friday Evening Social

Relax with drinks in the Holiday Inn bar & lounge with friends old and new. You can stay in the hotel or you may prefer to visit some of the sights in Belfast city. Belfast has a thriving night life and will be hosting the annual Belfast Continental Christmas Market situated by the City Hall.

Saturday Conference

Special guest speakers including Dr Adam Kosa, the first ever Deaf member of European Parliament and other well known Deaf speakers. Workshops include: Empowering Deaf campaigners, Empowering individuals, Empowering Deaf leaders and Empowering young Deaf people. This year's theme focuses on Empowering our Deaf community, how we can move away from being dependent on others and become an empowered, independent community.

Saturday Night Gala Dinner & Live Entertainment

Great food, good friends, laughs and entertainment. Only £30 per adult or £15 per child (up to 12 years) for a 3-course meal served in luxury surroundings with family entertainment. This promises to be an excellent night full of fun and laughter but book soon as places are limited!

Sunday will be the AGM where the newly elected Trustees will be announced.

For more information contact Dionne Lawrie, BDA Membership & Events Coordinator on 01772 259725, email: dionnel@bda.org.uk



One Day Conference for Deaf Interpreters

...or Deaf people wanting to become interpreters to discuss issues, learn more about the profession and meet with colleagues

Fri 11th November, 10am-5pm | 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT

For enquiries / delegate pack, please contact Rosie: events@neal.uk.com | tel 020 8686 9590



Creative Workshop

Creative Workshops will be held from 1.30pm - 3.30pm on Tues 11th Oct and Tues 1st Nov.

This is a new 'taster' course open to Deaf people who would like to improve their English through writing. No experience is needed. The tutor will be Sarah Smith.

Contact Anne Handsley anne@deafconnections.co.uk



Deaf Tennis Festival

Sat 26th Nov from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

At the David Lloyd, Glasgow West End, 242 Netherton Road, Anniesland, Glasgow G31 1BJ.

"Tennis Scotland is pleased to be holding a festival for deaf and hearing impaired children and youngsters aged 7+, who would like to try tennis and have a fun afternoon out. All are welcome and if your child already plays tennis, why not come along and meet others and get some expert coaching which will be available on the day.

Family and friends are welcome as spectators and we also encourage local club officials and coaches to come along and see the exciting opportunities in UK deaf tennis.

On the day we will have:

Licensed coached in attendance;
Tennis equipment (racquets and balls); Refreshments available to buy on site; Volunteers provided by NDCS."

This event is free but you must book your place before Fri 11th Nov.

Please contact Andrew Raitt: 07908 091820; andrew.raitt@tennisscotland.org

Deaf Tennis Festival, Tennis Scotland, 177 Colinton Road, Edinburgh, EH14 1BZ.

Family Service Interpreted

at Maddiston Evangelical Church, 10-12 California Road, Maddiston, Falkirk, FK2 0NH.

Sun 6th Nov and Sun 4th Dec from 11.30am - 12.30pm

From 11am tea and coffee is available in the church hall at the rear of the building. This is a regular feature: a BSL interpreter is available on the first Sunday of each month for the Morning Family Service.

Accessible Theatre: Signed



Aberdeen | Signed

Men Should Weep, Fri 4th Nov at 7.30pm.

His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Jack and the Beanstalk, Sat 17th Dec at 7pm AND Fri 23rd Dec at 2.30pm.

His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Dirty Dancing, 23rd March 2012 at 8.30pm

His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Edinburgh | Signed

The Lyceum Theatre has made a commitment to ensure that at least one performance per run of every show is BSL interpreted. www.lyceum.org.uk

Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off, Weds 5th Oct at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Street Scene, Sat 8th Oct at 2.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Para Handy, Sat 15th Oct at 7.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

The Salon, Tues 18th Oct at 7.30pm.

Traverse Theatre, Cambridge Street, off Lothian Road EH1 2ED

Box office: 0131 228 1404.

One Man, Two Guvnors, Sat 29th Oct at 2.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.



Simon Callow in Dr Marigold and Mr Chops, Sat 5th Nov at 2.30pm
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Deaf in the Story: Visual Stories of an Invisible People, Sat 5th Nov 12noon – 4.30pm
One hour taster workshop at 1pm and 2.30pm

Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR: This event is FREE!

A drop-in day of information, ideas and story sharing, plus sign story taster workshops and performances. Come and see what sign language storytellers have to offer, and find out about the fantastic stories of Deaf people in Edinburgh, Scotland and around the world. Learn how you too can express yourself in sign with British Sign Language (BSL) storyteller Mark MacQueen. BSL/English interpreters will be on hand throughout the afternoon.

Men Should Weep, Weds 9th Nov at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

27, Weds 9th Nov at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Stories on Air: Mark McQueen, Thurs 10th Nov at 7pm

Storytelling Centre, 43-45 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1SR:

Star Quality, Sat 19th Nov at 2.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Edinburgh Gang Show 2011, Sat 26th Nov at 2.15pm

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

We Will Rock You, Weds 7th Dec at 7.30pm

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3AA

Enquiries (v): 0131 524 3301; Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

Email edinburghgroupsales@theambassadors.com

Cinderella, Fri 16th Dec at 7pm **AND** Sat 7th Jan at 2pm

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

The King and I, Sat 17th Dec at 2.30pm **AND** Fri 6th Jan at 7.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Beauty and the Beast, Weds 21st Dec at 7pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times:

Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Swallows and Amazons, Fri 3rd Feb at 7pm.

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

The Infamous Brothers Davenport, Weds 8th Feb at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times:



Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Of Mice and Men, Weds 7th March at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

The Marriage of Figaro, Weds 11th April at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

The Steamie, Sat 14th April at 2.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Calendar Girls, Sat 28th April at 2.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

The Lieutenant of Inishmore, Weds 9th May at 7.45pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848; Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949; Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Glasgow | Signed

Days of Wine and Roses, Weds 26th Oct at 7.45pm

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 3HB. Box Office: 0141 552 4267 www.tron.co.uk

A Day in the Death of Joe Egg, Thurs 3rd Nov at 7.30pm.

Citizens Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS, Box office 0141 429 0022.

Email: info@citiz.co.uk

Blackbird, Sat 19th Nov at 2.30pm

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 3HB. Box Office: 0141 552 4267 www.tron.co.uk

Dirty Dancing, Fri 4th Nov at 5pm

King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.

Tickets from theatre Box Office on Bath Street (open 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat) or tel(v) 0844 871 7648 Option 4; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email specialistsales@theambassadors.com.

South Pacific, Weds 16th Nov at 7.30pm

Theatre Royal, 282 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 3QA

Box Office: 0844 871 7647

Website: <http://www.ambassadortickets.com/information.aspx?VId=654&cat=contactus>

Mister Merlin, Sat 10th Dec at 2.30pm.

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 3HB. Box Office: 0141 552 4267 www.tron.co.uk

Sleeping Beauty, Weds 14th Dec at 1pm AND Weds 28th Dec at 7pm
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.
Tickets from theatre Box Office on Bath Street (open 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat) or tel(v) 0844 871 7648 Option 4; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email specialistsales@theambassadors.com.

Peter Pan, Tues 10th Jan at 7.30pm.
Pavilion Theatre, 121 Renfield Street, Glasgow G2 3AX. Tel: 0141 332 1846
www.paviliontheatre.co.uk

Inverness | Signed

Singing Kettle Funny Farm, Sun 9th Oct at 3pm.
Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA Box Office Tel: 01463 234234
Box office open from 10am-10pm, Monday - Sunday
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

Men Should Weep, Sat 29th Oct at 7.30pm.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA. Box office: Tel: 01463 234 234
Box Office Opening Times: 10am - 10pm Monday - Sunday
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

Perth | Signed

Perth Theatre: The last Saturday matinee of each show at Perth Theatre is BSL interpreted.
www.horsecross.co.uk; Perth Theatre, 185 High Street, Perth, PH1 5UW.
Box Office Tel: 0845 612 6324

Men Should Weep, Sat 26th Nov at 2.45pm.
Perth Theatre, 185 High Street, Perth, PH1 5UW. Tel: 0845 612 6324.
Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-5pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-6pm.

Accessible Theatre: Captioned

The Federation of Scottish Theatre www.scottishtheatres.com oversees captioning in Scotland's theatres. Contact your local theatre and ask to be added to their mailing list.



When booking tickets, remember to ask for seats suitable for viewing the captions!

Aberdeen | Captioned

End of the Rainbow, Sat 29th Oct at 2.30pm
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Men Should Weep, Thurs 3rd Nov at 7.30pm.
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Dirty Dancing, Sat 24th March 2012 at 2.30pm
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Sister Act, Sat 12th May 2012 at 2.30pm
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Edinburgh | Captioned

Mary Queen of Scots Got Her Head Chopped Off, Sat 8th Oct at 2.30pm.

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848 Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949 Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

One Man, Two Guvnors, Thurs 27th Oct at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Simon Callow in Dr Marigold and Mr Chops, Thurs 3rd Nov at 7.30pm

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Sister Act, Thurs 10th Nov at 7.30pm

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3AA.

Enquiries (v): 0131 524 3301; Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

Email edinburghgroupsales@theambassadors.com

27, Sat 12th Nov at 2.30pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848 Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949 Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Men Should Weep, Sat 12th Nov at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

Beauty and the Beast, Sat 3rd Dec at 2.30pm

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We Will Rock You, Thurs 13th Dec at 7.30pm

Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3AA.

Enquiries (v): 0131 524 3301; Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007 Email edinburghgroupsales@theambassadors.com

The Infamous Brothers Davenport, Sat 11th Feb at 2.30pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

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Of Mice and Men, Sat 10th March at 2.30pm

Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX

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The Steamie, Thurs 12th April at 7.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.



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The Marriage of Figaro, Sat 14th April at 2.30pm
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Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Calendar Girls, Thurs 26th April at 7.30pm
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

The Lieutenant of Inishmore, Sat 12th May at 2.30pm
Lyceum Theatre, 30b Grindlay Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9AX
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Mon 10am-6pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm for advanced booking; until 7.45pm for tickets for that evening's performance. (Otherwise, 10am- 6pm on non-performance days)

Oliver, Thurs 14th June at 7.30pm
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3AA.
Enquiries (v): 0131 524 3301; Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424
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Glasgow | Captioned

Days of Wine and Roses, Thurs 27th Oct at 7.45pm
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 3HB. Box Office: 0141 552 4267 www.tron.co.uk

A Day in the Death of Joe Egg, Fri 4th Nov at 7.30pm.
Citizens Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS,
Box office 0141 429 0022. Email: info@citz.co.uk

Dirty Dancing, Weds 2nd Nov at 7.30pm
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.
Tickets from theatre Box Office on Bath Street (open 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat) or tel(v) 0844 871 7648 Option 4; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email specialistsales@theambassadors.com.

Sleeping Beauty, Thurs 22nd Dec at 7pm AND Weds 28th Dec at 2pm
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.
Tickets from theatre Box Office on Bath Street (open 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat) or tel(v) 0844 871 7648 Option 4; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email specialistsales@theambassadors.com.

Inverness | Captioned

Men Should Weep, Fri 28th Oct at 7.30pm.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA. Box office: Tel: 01463 234 234
Box Office Opening Times: 10am - 9pm Monday - Sunday
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

Cinderella, Tues 20th Dec at 1.30pm AND Fri 6th Jan at 7pm
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA. Box office: Tel: 01463 234 234
Box Office Opening Times: 10am - 9pm Monday - Sunday
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

Perth | Captioned

Twelfth Night, Fri 14th Oct at 7.45pm.

Perth Theatre, 185 High Street Perth PH1 5UW

Box office 0845 612 6324; Web: www.horsecross.co.uk; Email: tickets@horsecross.co.uk

Men Should Weep, Fri 25th Nov at 7.45pm.

Perth Theatre, 185 High Street, Perth, PH1 5UW. Tel: 0845 612 6324.

Box Office Opening Times: Mon 10am-5pm; Tue-Sat 10am-7pm; Sun 10am-6pm.



Captioned Films at the Cinema

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Edinburgh: Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, Mon 24th Oct at 5.50pm.

Glasgow: Glasgow Film Theatre, Rose Street, Glasgow

Midnight in Paris, Mon 17th Oct at 2.40pm **AND** Thurs 20th Oct at 6.40pm.

Inverness: Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA

Midnight in Paris, Tues 11th Oct at 7.30pm

Woody Allen returns the action to the French capital for the first time since *Everyone Says I Love You*. Owen Wilson and Rachel McAdams are Gil and Inez, a young couple visiting friends in Paris. Gil becomes completely captivated by the city and, on a series of midnight walks, he dreams of another life, a life so different to the one he's currently living.

Rise of the Planet of the Apes, Sat 29th Oct at 5.45pm

Scientist Will Rodman is experimenting with a drug he hopes will cure his father's Alzheimer's disease. Although, initially, his work is deemed a failure, Caesar, an infant chimp who was exposed in-utero to Will's drug, begins to display unusual intelligence. When a group of captive chimps are exposed to the same drug, high speed evolution and a battle for supremacy begins.



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