



SCoD Management Committee Elections

The deadline for nominations is 27th September. Please make sure that you submit your nominations before the deadline. We require at least five nominations as there will be five vacancies at the time of AGM.

SCoD Honorary Treasurer

Please do not forget to submit your nominations for the Honorary Treasurer – the deadline is also 27th September.

SCoD National Council Meeting and AGM on 27th October

We are delighted that Hamish Rosie, a Deaf watercolourist will talk about his art at the AGM in Dundee on Thursday 27th October.

Eva Fielding-Jackson has agreed to talk about her book “Hava: Against All Odds – A Deaf Person’s Story” at the National Council meeting, prior to the AGM. Eva will also be speaking at the Deaf History Scotland AGM and more information about her book can be found later in this bulletin.

Please note: Non-SCoD members are most welcome to attend for the full or for part of the day.

Employment Survey

Our employment survey was sent to National Council members and Associate Members a few weeks ago. The deadline for responses is **19th September**. We would be pleased if you could encourage deaf people to take part in this survey through this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/L7WCR93>

Lip Reading Campaign

SCoD’s Communication & Access Sub-committee discussed and agreed that the lip reading campaign should continue until 30th September. Therefore, we urge you to encourage deaf people, in particular those who attend lip reading classes in your organisation or area, to send off letters to their local MSPs. You can still download a letter template from our website:

http://www.scod.org.uk/Petitions_and_campaigns-i-147.html

BSL & Linguistic Access Working Group

On 24th August, this group met for an Away Day in Linlithgow to discuss and agree on work priorities for the coming months. A couple of sub-groups have been set up to work on agreed action points. More information to follow.

Cross Party Group on Deafness

The Cross Party Group on Deafness will have their first meeting under Jenny Marra MSP’s convenorship on 14th September at 6pm.

Liz Scott Gibson

We were delighted to hear from Terry Riley, BDA Chair that Liz Scott Gibson’s extensive international work has been recognised by the World Federation of the Deaf at their recent Congress in Durban, South Africa. She received a Medal of Honour from the WFD. Congratulations to Liz for her well deserved award.

BSL Bill Progress

Central Scotland MSP Mark Griffin, who has pledged to take forward the British Sign Language (BSL) (Scotland) Bill, held a constructive meeting recently with key organisations within the deaf community. The meeting involving SCoD, the BDA, NDCS and Action on Hearing Loss who discussed what support they could give to Mark as he takes forward the Bill. Mr Griffin made clear to the organisations his desire for a new consultation process to take place.

Commenting after the meeting, Mark said:

"The meeting was very constructive, with all of the organisations continuing to pledge their unstinting support for a BSL Bill.

Some changes will have to be made to the original document to ensure that the Bill does not clash with issues reserved to Westminster, and I will be instigating a new consultation within the next few months.

I thank those who have already invested their time in this process and hope that they will continue to offer their support for this Bill."

For further information contact Frank McNally on 07814377385



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



MSP tables motion supporting SCoD lip-reading campaign

Lip-reading should be offered to all people with hearing loss, according to Edinburgh Southern SNP MSP Jim Eadie.

He has tabled a motion in the Scottish Parliament backing the campaign by the Scottish Council on Deafness to ensure the skill becomes part of hearing loss rehabilitation and calling for lip-reading classes to be funded as part of rehabilitation support with no cost to the learner.

The motion also urges the Scottish Government to work with local authorities and the Audiology Services Advisory Group on the issue.

The full motion is as follows:

Motion S4M-00662 - Jim Eadie (Edinburgh Southern) (Scottish National Party): Lip-reading campaign

That the Parliament supports the Scottish Council on Deafness' (SCoD) campaign to ensure that lip-reading becomes part of hearing loss rehabilitation and that lip-reading should be classified as an essential skill; considers that access to lip-reading services should be a right for those who have a hearing loss, no matter their age or where they live in Scotland; believes that lip-reading classes should be funded as part of rehabilitation support for people with a hearing loss with no cost to the learner, and calls on the Scottish Government to work with local authorities and the Audiology Services Advisory Group to consider the provision of support to train lip-reading tutors in order that this essential skill can be offered to all people with a hearing loss as part of their rehabilitation.

Supported by: Linda Fabiani, Bill Kidd, Sandra White, Dave Thompson, Colin Beattie, Roderick Campbell, Kevin Stewart, Dennis Robertson, Adam Ingram, Gil Paterson, Margaret Burgess, Jackie Baillie, Ken Macintosh, Fiona McLeod, Richard Lyle, Mark Griffin, Alison Johnstone, Chic Brodie, Mike MacKenzie, Stuart McMillan, Drew Smith, Richard Simpson

Specialist Disability Employment Programmes – Public Consultation

The Department of Work and Pensions has published a consultation that seeks views on the recommendations in Liz Sayce's independent report on specialist disability employment programmes "Getting in, staying in and getting on."

This public consultation applies to England, Wales and Scotland.

The DWP particularly welcome responses from anyone with personal experience of, or an interest in, the Department's employment services for disabled people and people with health conditions, but they would like to hear from anybody who is interested.

The "Getting in, staying in and getting on" report is available in English, Easy Read and BSL here - <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/specialist-disability-employment/>.

The consultation is available here - <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2011/specialist-disability-emp-prog.shtml>. The closing date for responses is **17th October**.

Scottish Government Health & Social Care Web Pages

The Scottish Government is currently working on a project to redesign the Scottish Government Health & Social Care web presence (<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health>) and would like to hear your views/feedback.

Please answer this short questionnaire consisting of 10 questions. All feedback is anonymous and will be used to help them develop a web presence that meets your needs.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sghealth>

Analysis of the 2010 Scottish Inpatient Survey

The Scottish Government has published the analysis of the 2010 Scottish Inpatient Survey, including a separate report in the variations in the experiences of inpatients. This separate report includes information about deaf patients. The report states:

10.1 Patients were asked if they needed an interpreter or any other help to communicate. Of the survey respondents 28,307 (92%) did not have interpreting needs; 459 (1%) had interpreting needs and 2,114 (7%) did not answer the question.

10.2 Patients who required an interpreter or any other help to communicate were compared against patients that did not.

10.3 Patients requiring an interpreter or any other help to communicate were generally less positive than others. For 40 questions they were less likely to report a positive experience and they were never more likely to report a positive experience. Three questions particularly stand out where those requiring an interpreter or any other help to communicate were less positive:

- I understood what my medicines were for
- I was confident I could look after myself when I left hospital
- I understood what was happening to me

10.4 Good communication has been found to be an important contributory factor in the promotion positive patient experience. It may not be surprising therefore that patients with translation, interpreting and communication support needs are less likely to report a positive experience as communication requirements may not be adequately addressed in the hospital setting.

Deafness or severe hearing impairment

11.3 Of the survey respondents 4,424 (14%) were deaf or had a severe hearing impairment.

11.4 Patients with deafness or a severe hearing impairment were less likely to report a positive experience for 7 questions and more likely for one question although this was about being bothered by noise. These patients were less likely to report a positive experience of their time in A&E with

being told what was happening in a way they could understand a problem. It is interesting to note that Inpatient Surveys are using the old "Census" question rather than the new one.

To read the full report, go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/08/29131615/0>.



Department for
Work and Pensions

Enough to make you sick!

The government is urged to claw back millions from contractors after they wrongly assessed thousands on disability benefits

Bungled rulings by the private firm deciding whether benefit claimants are fit to work are costing taxpayers £50million, we can reveal. The Government has been urged to claw back millions from the contractors after they wrongly assessed thousands on disability benefits.

Atos Healthcare is being paid £100million a year by the Tories to reassess people claiming disability and sickness benefits. But around 30,000 people appealed against their decisions, with 40 per cent of them successful, which has cost the government around s50million. The Department for Work and Pensions' contract with Atos allows it to recoup money from the firm for poor medical advice. But UK employment minister Chris Grayling has admitted not a single penny has been claimed back.

Quizzed by Labour's Tom Greatrex, he said Atos "have met all of their targets for medical advice". Greatrex, MP for Rutherglen and Hamilton West, said: "The Tory-led Government's failure to provide the taxpayer value for money is disgraceful and the attitude of the minister responsible for this defies belief. To suggest Atos has met its targets when it is needlessly costing the taxpayer millions is unacceptable. It is astonishing that the Government did not recoup a single penny of taxpayer money from Atos, despite its obvious failings.

"At a time when the welfare budget is being slashed by billions, many people will be surprised that the government is not demanding repayment from a multi-million-pound international organisation. "The Government is very quick to demand money back from welfare recipients who don't live up to their responsibilities. They should do likewise with Atos."

DWP's contract with French owned Atos allows the government to "apply financial remedies" where the firm has "failed to meet contractual targets".

A DWP spokeswoman said: "If a decision is overturned at appeal, it does not necessarily mean that the original decision was inaccurate. Often, customers produce new evidence at their appeal."

Atos said it had nothing to add to the DWP's statement.

We revealed in March how Glasgow GP Margaret McCartney went undercover at an Atos recruitment evening. She was told: "You are not in a typical caring role. This isn't about diagnosing. We don't call them patients. We call them claimants."

Sunday Mail 10/07/11



Atos doctors could be struck off

Twelve medics at the disability assessment centre are under investigation by the GMC over allegations of improper conduct

Twelve doctors employed by the firm that is paid £100m a year to assess people claiming disability benefit are under investigation by the General Medical Council over allegations of improper conduct. The doctors, who work for Atos Healthcare, a French-owned company recently criticised by MPs for its practices, face being struck off if they are found not to have put the care of patients first.

The Observer has found that seven of the doctors have been under investigation for more than seven months. The other five were placed under investigation this year following complaints about their conduct.

It is understood that the majority of allegations concern the treatment of vulnerable people when the government's controversial "work capability assessments" were carried out, but the GMC refused to comment on individual cases. The development will add to fears over the pace and radical agenda behind the government's welfare-to-work policy, which led to protests in Westminster in May by thousands of disabled people. It will also raise concerns about ministers' commitment to Atos Healthcare, which was recently granted a three-year extension on its contract.

The government has repeatedly publicised figures showing that the "vast majority" of claimants for employment support allowance (ESA), which has replaced incapacity benefit, are fit for work. But four out of 10 of those who appealed the decision by Atos - whose parent company is run by a former French finance minister, Thierry Breton - to deny them benefits are successful on appeal, a process that costs the taxpayer £50m a year.

Last month Atos, whose staff assess around 11,000 benefit claimants a week, was savaged by the cross-party work and pensions select committee after it found that many people had "not received the level of service from Atos which they can reasonably expect".

MPs further claimed that a combination of the company's conduct and the test itself had prompted "fear and anxiety among vulnerable people".

One GP who attended an Atos recruitment fair told the Observer she feared doctors could become "agents of the state" who were deprofessionalised by involvement in a system that did not make patient care its first concern.

Campaigners for the disabled seized upon the development, claiming the government needed to go back to the drawing board. Richard Hawkes, chief executive of the charity Scope, said: "If the government wants to get disabled people off benefits and into work then it needs to get its assessment right. The test should be the first step on the road to employment. But disabled people's confidence in the work capability assessment is extremely low – and today's news will send it to rock bottom.

"The test is massively flawed. Now it appears that it is being carried out by a large number of doctors who are under serious investigation."

Neil Bateman, a solicitor who handles ESA appeals, said on two occasions his clients had been successful because, among other reasons, the doctor assessing them had qualified in Romania and registered with the GMC but had not been licensed to practise in Britain.

Citizens Advice told the Observer it was compiling a dossier showing the problems being faced by those assessed by Atos staff, who can be nurses or physiotherapists in cases where there are no potential neurological disorders. It said it regularly found inaccuracies in many of the medical reports featured in ESA appeal papers that could affect people's chances of receiving benefits. It also found a lack of consideration for those being assessed.

A spokesman said a barrister who was unable to practise because of cancer and lymphoma had described the assessment as being like an "interrogation" led by a computer. The assessor moved the client's legs, which caused her great pain, even though the client had warned that this would happen. In another case a claimant with learning difficulties who went for an assessment was found fit for work because he had found his way to the assessment centre on his own.

When asked about this by Citizens Advice, he reluctantly explained that he had got up very early, taken the bus to the town centre, and then kept asking passersby for directions. He couldn't follow their instructions, so he would show the letter, walk in the direction they pointed, then ask again until he arrived.

Two doctors employed by Atos have already been taken by the GMC to an independent panel for adjudication on their fitness to practise. Dr Alexandros Mallios, who it was claimed had not carried out a proper examination of his patient during an assessment, was cleared by the panel last October. Dr Usen Samuel Ikidde, who qualified in Nigeria, was given a formal warning in January, to lay on his records for five years, after he was found to have worked for Atos while on sick leave from an accident and emergency department.

An Atos spokesman said: "Atos Healthcare is committed to providing a high-quality, professional service and requires these standards of all its employees. While we cannot comment on individual cases, any complaint made about an employee is taken extremely seriously.

"In addition to our own rigorous internal investigations we will co-operate with any external investigation to ensure all facts are properly established and the appropriate action taken."

The Labour government introduced work capability assessments in 2008 when it replaced incapacity benefit and income support for new claimants with employment and support allowance. The government has accelerated the changes and started retesting all 1.5 million incapacity benefit claimants to see whether they are eligible for the new benefit.

A GMC spokesman said: "We can and do take action to remove or restrict a doctor's right to practise if there have been serious failures to meet our standards."

<http://www.benefitanswers.co.uk/>

MPs write angry letter to Atos

The MPs who make up the Work and Pensions committee are deeply unhappy with ATOS, the multinational corporation who carry out the unpopular and controversial medical test for Employment Support Allowance (ESA).

They are also unhappy with the way that many disabled claimants are portrayed by some elements of the press and media when the government releases its statistics. Disabled claimants have been described as 'scroungers' and 'skivers' and have been accused of mass fraud, contrary to UK government's own figures from 2009-10 which reveal that less than 2% of the entire DLA budget is lost due to either fraud, wrong assessment or general error*.

In an unusual move, Anne Begg has written to the Minister for Employment, Chris Grayling, to raise concerns about this. To read the open letter prepared by Anne, or the full report written by the Work and Pensions committee, please click on this link below.

<http://www.viascotland.org.uk/content/letter-employment-minister-release-benefit-claimant-statistics>

UPDATE and Values Into Action supports the Campaign for a Fair Society. 1500 people have signed up already! To find out more about this and to link to campaign pages, please visit:

<http://www.viascotland.org.uk/campaigns/campaign-for-a-fair-society>.

This information was provided to UPDATE by Values Into Action Scotland, Unit 33, Evans Business Centre, Hillington, 68-74 Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Glasgow, G52 4NQ, Tel: 0141 880 9055, Mob: 07806 282993 (preferred), Web: www.viascotland.org.uk

*To see these figures please visit page eight of the document:

<http://www.parliament.uk/briefingpapers/commons/lib/research/briefings/snsp-05869.pdf>

<http://www.update.org.uk/>

High Court Orders City Council to Stop Deaf Children's Cuts

The High Court has ordered Stoke-on-Trent City Council to immediately halt its planned cuts to educational support for deaf children while the Court considers the National Deaf Children's Society's (NDCS) legal challenge of Council decisions that NDCS says has put the future of the city's deaf children at risk.

In response to an application the NDCS made on Monday, August 22nd, the High Court has granted temporary protection for Stoke-on-Trent's 200 deaf children, which means they will return to school with their support from last term intact. NDCS was very concerned that the Council would cut one more teacher of the deaf next week, which would have meant a reduction from six to three visiting teachers of the deaf in less than two years.

Jo Campion, NDCS Deputy Director of Policy and Campaigns, said: "The High Court's decision will be a relief to parents of deaf children in Stoke who have been in a constant state of uncertainty about their children's future for months. Deaf children across the country are being left behind in the classroom and particularly in this case the council's decisions to make cuts have been reckless. It is great news that the High Court has recognized the need to urgently protect these deaf children whilst it considers whether the case should be granted a judicial review. "We've been proud to support parents throughout this process. Today we have passed the first hurdle and we will continue to represent deaf children's best interests until they get the support the Council has a duty to provide." On Monday, September 12th, the High Court will decide whether to grant NDCS a judicial review. In the meantime, the court has also stopped the council from making any changes to the job descriptions of teachers of the deaf, which would have meant they no longer directly taught deaf children. It has also prevented the council making changes to the criteria that determines support for a deaf child. The council cannot now implement any of these decisions on 1 September or at any time until the matter is finally determined.

www.worldwithouthearing.com

Sony developing 'subtitle glasses' for cinema use

Sony is hard at work building a special pair of glasses for cinema-goers that will display subtitles to the wearer without the words having to appear on the screen.

For hearing-impaired cinephiles, the glasses will enable them to pop down to any screening rather than having to schedule their lives around special subtitled showings.

"What we do is put the closed captions or the subtitles onto the screen of the glasses so it's super-imposed on the cinema screen, so it looks like the actual subtitles are on the cinema screen," explains Sony Digital Cinema, Tim Potter.

Complications

What's more, Sony reckons the glasses could hit UK cinemas in early 2012, although it's not clear how well - if at all - the specs would work with a 3D film.

We're not sure even the most dedicated film lover would be on board with donning two pairs of glasses at once.

Sony is eyeing future possibilities for its glasses tech too - like simultaneous conversation transcription so that deaf people could read what's being said to them during the course of a conversation.

<http://www.techradar.com>



Ofcom Review Fails to Recognise Needs of BSL Users

Deaf people have been urged to make their views known, following the launch of a major Review of Relay Services for Deaf people by Ofcom. The Review recognises the importance of introducing Video Relay Services (VRS), giving BSL users 'greater equivalence'.

VRS allows BSL users to communicate in Sign Language to hearing people through an interpreter,

via a webcam or video phone, allowing them to communicate in their first language. By law, communications providers must provide 'text relay' services for disabled consumers. However, Ofcom proposes introducing VRS on a restricted basis, which would allow BSL users to access the service for just 30 minutes per month, and only on weekdays between 9am and 5pm. The British Deaf Association (BDA) is appalled by Ofcom's proposal and the BDA's Policy and Campaigns Team is currently constructing a detailed response to Ofcom.

BDA's Chief Executive Officer, David Buxton (Deaf) commented: "What Ofcom is proposing, to allow Deaf BSL users only 30 minutes of VRS on a monthly basis is outrageous and highly unacceptable. "This proposal would not give Deaf BSL users equality to accessible services or bring them on a par with the level of telephone communication access which hearing people have. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Deaf people to finally catch up with the hearing in terms of telecommunications. We are not seeking special treatment, we are asking for equality. Deaf sign language users should be able to call colleagues, friends and relatives in the same way that hearing people take for granted every day. "The BDA are now preparing a strong response to these proposals and to ensure that Deaf people's voices are heard and acted upon."

Ofcom is encouraging Deaf people to respond to its consultation by providing a BSL video translation of the consultation on its website and inviting responses by email or through a video response. See <http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/consultations/review-relay-services/BSLVideos> to get an overview and how to respond in BSL.

The consultation runs until **20th October** – this is your chance to get involved.

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



Using the Public Sector Equality Duty – a tool for the voluntary sector

Glasgow, Thursday 8th September
Free conference

The Equality Act 2010 introduced a new Public Sector Equality Duty designed to ensure that public authorities consider the impact of their work on all groups that they serve and employ.

This full day event will help you as a voluntary or community organisation plan how to use the duty to ensure that public services meet the diverse needs of your communities.

Who should come: The event is for voluntary or community organisations who are serving communities and working towards achieving equality. If you are unsure whether this would be relevant to your work, please contact us to discuss.

Venue: This event will be held in the Radisson Hotel, Glasgow. Full maps and travel advice will be provided on booking.

You can book your attendance by emailing your details and any information that will help us facilitate your participation, including communication support, access or dietary requirements to: equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

For further information or assistance with booking, please contact David Reilly: 0141 228 5967.

Equality Act 2010: One Year On

Wednesday 5th Oct

This is a free conference.

The Equality Act 2010 simplifies equality laws by bringing them together into one practical act whilst adding new provisions. The act sets out what unlawful discrimination means in employment,

education and when using services.

This event will give us the opportunity to tell you about how the act works, what discrimination means and who is protected. It will separate unfairness from discrimination and demonstrate when discrimination might be unlawful and what you can do about it.

We will focus on individual protection against discrimination and by using decisions made under the act we will explain the implications of the legislation for you and your service users. There will be time for case studies and discussion.

You can book your attendance by emailing your details and any information that will help to facilitate your participation, including communications support, access or dietary requirements to:

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Or by contacting David Reilly: 0141 228 5967.

**Inclusion
Scotland**

Accessible Tourism Involvement Event

Thursday 15th September

Inclusion Scotland is working in partnership with Capability Scotland and VisitScotland to find out from disabled people how tourism can be made more accessible for disabled people in Scotland. We are holding an event to gather disabled people's opinions and ideas on Thursday 15 September 2011 at Volunteer Halls, St. John St, Galashiels, TD1 3JX and would like to invite you to take part. Travel expenses will be paid. The event will run from 10.00 – 14.30 and will involve taking part in discussion groups about issues relating to tourism.

If you would like to book a place at this event please contact Angela Marshall by email:

angelam@inclusionScotland.org or telephone 0141 221 7589 by Thursday 1st September. We would also be grateful if you could forward this e-mail to any members in your area.



Naidex Scotland Exhibition 14th-15th September

Location: Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC), Glasgow

Naidex Scotland is Scotland's only homecare, disability and rehabilitation exhibition, enabling you to touch, test and compare the latest products to aid independent living.

Attendance is free to all healthcare professionals, retailers, buyers and members of the public who pre-register in advance – which you can do here:

<http://www.exporeg.co.uk/visit/sites/emap/naidex/sc11/vis/login.asp>

Your entrance badge gives you access to the latest new products, free CPD seminars, Inspirational stories, children's equipment and services, communication aids, adaptive vehicles and free advice. Save the dates in your diary.

The Independent Living in Scotland (ILiS) project and its partner organisations are jointly hosting a panel discussion which will explore what Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs) are, what they do and why they are so important to making independent living a reality for all disabled people. The ILiS project is grant funded by the Scottish Government and hosted by the EHRC in Scotland. The project aims to support disabled people to have their voices heard and to grow and strengthen the disabled people's own Independent Living Movement in Scotland.



Firm Unveils Plans to Launch Campaign: ‘Representing Your Right to Be Heard’

Joseph Frasier Solicitors is the only Law Firm in the country for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

There are more than 9 million deaf and hard of hearing people in the UK. The problems which are faced by deaf/HOH people when trying to access legal services were identified through research carried out during the course of 2010 by the Firm.

In a revolutionary move for the legal sector, Joseph Frasier Solicitors has attempted to fill the gap and has partnered up with national charities, organisations and other legal firms to offer legal services tailored for deaf/HOH clients. The alliances will see the Firm contributing to newsletters, providing legal advice and presenting free seminars for deaf/HOH people.

The Firm’s Campaign called ‘Representing Your Right to Be Heard’ launches on Friday 19 August 2011 and brings together the Firm’s 18 month phased plan.

Saimina J Virmani, the 29 year old Founding Member and Solicitor at the Firm says:

“Last year, I met a deaf client who was in a very bad situation and came to us as her house was about to be re-possessed. She needed help and fast. On the face of things, it looked like a simple re-possession case, but when I dug deeper I realised the extent of her problems.

The lady was suffering from chronic bronchitis as her employer failed to provide her with a protective mask whilst at work working with fumes. A huge communication barrier existed between this lady and her managers with there being no interpreter on site for 4 weeks at a time. The illness meant she couldn’t work and had many days off sick.

She was sacked because of this, fell into depression and ended up in a lot of debt. She didn’t know which benefits she was entitled to and came to us at the last minute with what I saw as a myriad of legal issues. It was at that point I realised just how much of a need there is for deaf/HOH people to have a voice – and decided to do something about it.”

Regarding the support received from the public, through Twitter as well as external organisations, Saimina says

“This has been overwhelming. The last few months have been a journey for us and we have loved learning about deaf culture. The deaf community is very tightly knit and although we see people who are deaf as being on the outside of our world, the tables have now completely turned and we are on the outside. As legal professionals we are trained to use the power of our advocacy and voice but in working with deaf/HOH clients this has essentially been taken away from us.”

‘Representing Your Right to Be Heard’ is about empowering deaf/HOH people and about providing the easiest access to legal service. Sue Allen, Solicitor and Member at the Firm says:

“We are committed to providing the fastest route for our clients to receive the legal advice they deserve. It is astounding the number of people who still don’t have a Will. We aim to improve the awareness of our services, ease of communication and instruction as well as assist our clients in providing peace of mind whatever their legal query or concern.”

In addition over the past month the firm has seen the installation of new state of the art technology to help better communications and make services more deaf aware (webcam, text relay, MSN, text, Skype, Twitter, on site interpreters). You can join the Firm on Twitter @josephfrasier.

The Firm has arranged for fee earners to undergo British Sign Language courses and is arranging for assessment on the Action on Hearing Loss Charter Mark later this year. The new website will launch on 19 August with access to SignTube for deaf/HOH clients. In keeping with the Firm's approach to business the Firm's office is located in a building owned by East Lancashire Deaf Society. The Firm is a recent signatory to the Law Society's Chartermark on Equality and Inclusion.

For more information, press enquiries or to arrange an interview contact:

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<http://www.josephfrasersolicitors.co.uk>

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.



Independent Living in Scotland (ILiS) Produces New Policy Publication

The voices of disabled people must be heard by policy makers. Policy Patter includes information about what's happening now in policy-making around independent living and how you can get involved.

'Policy Patter' is a policy update for disabled people and their organisations. It includes information on policy about independent living. This includes policy ILiS is directly involved in, as the ILiS project and also indirectly e.g. through the Steering Group and their organisations.

As well as information, it will highlight how you can get involved in policy. It is essential that the voices of disabled people are heard in policy, and so sometimes, you could consider this a call to action!

You can download 'Policy Patter' from the ILiS Website: <http://www.ilis.co.uk/get-active/independent-living-policy/-policy-patter-your-policy-update/>.

They aim to produce a new one, every 8 weeks. Sometimes policy issues will come up in between and so we might need to add additional, shorter, updates – so watch that space!



Living Well with Dementia: DVD Launch

Thurs 15th Sept at 11am. Launch will run until 2pm.

Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow G5 9EJ.

Deaf Connections, NHS Health Scotland, Alzheimer Scotland and the Scottish Dementia Working Group would like to invite you to the launch of 'Living well with dementia'. The launch will:

- Provide a preview of 'Living well with dementia',
- Include a presentation from those within the Deaf community who were involved in making the DVD,
- Showcase the drama production 'Seeing Auntie', which shows how dementia affects the whole family, and
- Bring together people within the Deaf community who are affected by dementia and their families and friends.





Interpreters and electronic notetaker support available

To book your place, please get in touch with Paul McCusker providing your contact and dietary details. This event is limited to 100 people, so book early!

Contact information

Paul McCusker - Development Officer (Deaf Connections)

Email: Paul@deafconnections.co.uk | SMS: 07707959297 | Tel/Text: 0141 420 2822

SoS: 0141 280 0351



Open Your Mind – Conversations Project

A group of young Deaf people in Scotland has adopted this exhibition to promote a national conversation about identity and deafness.

Each young person has taken and chosen a photo that contains a powerful statement on the state of society.

Tour Dates

Now until 11th September, Port Seton library, East Lothian

14th -25th September, Prestonpans library, East Lothian

October – December, Touchbase, Glasgow

Library Opening Times:

Port Seton Library: Mon 2pm - 7.30pm, Tues 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Weds Closed All Day
Thurs 2pm - 7.30pm, Fri 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Sat 10am - 1pm

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Thurs 10am - 1pm 2pm - 7.30pm, Fri 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Sat 10am - 1pm



Would You Like to Access Free Support From Your Own Team of Business People?

Pilotlight Scotland's free capacity building service matches charity and social enterprise directors with teams of business people keen to use their skills and strategic awareness to help local organisations. Through the Pilotlight process they can use their experience to assist you in making the decisions that will secure the sustainability of your organisation.

To learn more about our process go to

<http://www.pilotlight.org.uk/index.php/charities/what-we-offer/>

For more information, contact our project management team on 0131 243 2765 or email

scotland@pilotlight.org.uk

By working with Pilotlight, an organisation will get:

- Up to 100 hours of support over a 12 month period from local senior business leaders offering a range of skills including strategic planning, financial management, HR and marketing, from corporations such as Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Ltd, Barclays Bank Plc, Scottish Power Plc and legal firms such as Semple Fraser LLP and Brodies LLP.
- Access to a proven and carefully-managed process that helps tackle the barriers facing your organisation and supports you to look at how to maximise opportunities.
- Experienced facilitation, to ensure everyone's time is managed efficiently and effectively.
- Tools and frameworks to help put the insights gained into practice.



Public and Stakeholder Equality Strategy Survey

The Citizens Advice Bureau is conducting a survey to shape the future of its service. To take part, follow this link: <http://www.smart-survey.co.uk/v.asp?i=36723geiff>



DEAFinitely Greener Project

The DEAFinitely GREENER project is seeking a number of d/Deaf people to be part of a monitoring and evaluation program set up to see if DEAFinitely GREENER can assist you in changing your ways and make some changes in your home to reduce the effect of carbon dioxide (CO₂).

More information in BSL: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccLaL91PP1o

It is a short term project and if you are keen to do this then we are only asking you for a couple of months support from us to see if we can assist you to make BIG changes in your home and possibly SAVE some money too!

We are hoping to use meters to measure the amount of electricity you use and try to reduce them if you use too much.

Young d/Deaf people/children can make this a mini project of their own either at home or for part of their school project linking to science/environmental/climate changes issues. Give it a go and you MAY be surprised that you can make some changes. Contact Paul McCusker



New series of BBC2 quiz show EGGHEADS is looking for contestants!

The hit BBC2 quiz show EGGHEADS is back for the 13th series & we're looking for vibrant, diverse and fun teams of 6 to take on our resident general knowledge Goliaths!

If you, your family, friends or colleagues would like to challenge The Eggheads and possibly win A CASH PRIZE. Contact us NOW!

Email: eggheads@12yard.com to request an application form.

Or write to: Eggheads Applications, 12 Yard Productions, G7, The Hub, Pacific Quay, Glasgow G51 1EA

All applicants must be 18 years or older and be legally resident and currently living in the United Kingdom or the Channel Islands.

The closing date for returning application forms is by midnight on 30th September. We reserve the right to extend the closing date at our sole discretion.

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.



HAVA: Against All Odds – A Deaf Person’s Story

This autobiography is that comparative rarity – a memoir written by a member of the Deaf community, offering an insight into a world and culture that is relatively inaccessible to most people. Furthermore it is a story of survival and triumph against considerable odds, set against the background of the Holocaust.

Very direct, open and uncompromising in its frank depiction of her extraordinary and often sensational life, Hava tells her story as it is, in her own unique and personal style.

Hava was born to two profoundly-deaf Holocaust survivors. Her father miraculously survived seven different concentration camps, among them Auschwitz and Buchenwald. He remained in Bergen Belsen after his liberation until 1947, simply because he was Deaf and did not know the War was over. Later he met her mother in Budapest. Considering the near decimation of the Jewish population of Hungary by the Nazis, for them to have met each other as people who were Jewish, Deaf, single and Hungarian was a virtual miracle.

Growing up as Jewish people in post-War communist Hungary was not easy for her parents. After the 1956 Hungarian uprising, the family made their way to Israel, where a new culture and a new language added to Hava’s difficulties. She was only diagnosed as Deaf when she was 14, and as a consequence Hava had become branded as a problem child. One of her teachers subsequently told her that he had expected her to end up as a whore.

But, against all odds, she prevailed and through sheer strength of character and will-power made a new life for herself. She came to Britain, married her profoundly Deaf husband, and gained a postgraduate degree. She became a widely-known and respected member of the Deaf community in her capacity as a youth worker specialising in helping disabled young people. She is also a trustee for the British Deaf Association.

Her upbringing and the harrowing story of her parents' survival have made her deeply committed to Holocaust awareness teaching which she undertakes all over the world. This is her remarkable and inspiring story.

<http://www.herbertadler.co.uk/Hava.html>

2nd BSL Tutors in Scotland Meeting

Sat 17th Sept from 11am - 2pm. Actual Signs, 100 Brand Street, Glasgow G51 1DG.

The meeting is free.

After a first successful meeting at Dundee in last December, we would like to continue and progress to set up a potential a steering group for BSL Tutors in Scotland.

- Explanation of the first report
- Ideas for the structure for the steering group
- Potential nominations for the steering group
- Suggestion for a name of the group

Are you teaching BSL in Scotland?
Do you want to see the future for BSL teachers in Scotland?
Do you want to share your comments, ideas and opinions with other BSL teachers in Scotland? If so you are most welcome to attend this meeting.

Everyone

Everyone BSL Project – Deaf BSL users: are you interested in this exciting project?

The aim of the project is to get views from Deaf BSL users about how to improve access to two Edinburgh art galleries for people in the Deaf community. The galleries are The Fruitmarket Gallery and Talbot Rice Gallery. They are working with Artlink on this project. The first part of the project is about looking at BSL access in other places. We have arranged to visit two places.

What will happen?

We will visit somewhere and then have a discussion about it. We are making a short film about the project so we will ask you if we can film you (you can say 'No' and still take part).

Visit 1

When? Monday 5 September (start time 2pm and end time 4.30pm)

Where? Scottish Parliament

What? A guided tour of the Parliament using a hand set with information in BSL.

Visit 2

When? Friday 9 September (start time 9.30am and end time 1.15pm)

Where? "Open Your Mind" photography exhibition. Meet at The Fruitmarket Gallery in Edinburgh. We will provide transport to the exhibition.

What? A photography exhibition showing photographs taken by Deaf people in Scotland and Syria. Extra information added by a Deaf Youth Group in Scotland.

The second part of the project is to visit the two art galleries and discuss ideas to improve access for Deaf BSL users.

Visit 3

When? Tuesday 27 September (start time 9.30am and end time 11am)

Where? The Fruitmarket Gallery, Edinburgh

What? See round the gallery and find out what they do. Then a discussion about how to improve access for Deaf BSL users.

Visit 4

When? Wednesday 5 October (start time 5pm and end time 7pm)

Where? Talbot Rice Gallery, Edinburgh

What? See round the gallery and find out what they do. Then a discussion about how to improve access for Deaf BSL users.

Please note: we can pay travel expenses for people to come to these. Please bring your receipt with you.

Are you a Deaf BSL user? Are you interested in being involved? Please contact Sheena to book a place (bsl@fruitmarket.co.uk or SMS text 07527 927 916). Please give me your name and tell me which visits you would like to come to.

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



BSLBT Zoom / Zoom Focus Short Film Schemes 2012

The British Sign Language Broadcasting Trust is committed to creating opportunities for up and coming Deaf filmmaking talent. Administered and supported by Neath Films, Zoom and Zoom Focus are short film schemes designed to support the production of short films, shot digitally, by up-and-coming British Deaf filmmaking talent.

Zoom is designed for beginner-level filmmakers who want the challenge of making a short film between 10 and 15 minutes in length.

Zoom Focus is an intermediate-level filmmaking scheme. Please do not apply for Zoom Focus if you cannot demonstrate a background in filmmaking. Those awarded funding must be able to deliver a film of 24 minutes in length.

Both schemes will provide successful filmmakers with:

- Up to £4,500 of funding to make a short film
- The opportunity to work with Neath Films to make their film
- Standard production insurance cover
- Production support
- Post production support including offline edit, grade and online edit

What we are looking for:

Different types of films we are looking for include:

Documentary, Drama, Comedy, Animation, Experimental

Given the high number of dramas we have commissioned in the past, we are particularly keen to receive applications for documentary and non-drama projects.

The films must be suitable for viewing by ALL ages and importantly they must be suitable for viewing at 7:30am. Should you be selected for interview, you will be asked to demonstrate how the mood and tone of the project will be compliant for viewing at this early morning timeslot.

The film must contain AT LEAST 80% British Sign Language. Please remember, our core audience is made up of BSL users.

You can see examples of past Zoom films here: <http://www.bslbt.co.uk/zoom/>

For further information, visit http://www.bslbt.co.uk/zoom/zoom_2012/

The deadline for applications is **5pm Friday 4th November.**

A shortlist of applications will be made and unsuccessful applicants informed by e-mail by **Monday 21st November.**

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss their projects, in London, with the selection panel week commencing **28th November**.

Successful applicants will be notified by **Friday 2nd December**.



Donaldson's School Information Day for Professionals and Parents

Saturday 24th September, from 10am to 1pm

Donaldson's Information Day offers parents and professionals an opportunity to find out more about Donaldson's School, how they teach and care for pupils who are deaf or have communication difficulties. Donaldson's School caters for pupils who are deaf or have communication difficulties from all over Scotland and the north of England. Pupils have either full or part-time day or residential places funded by their local authority. Donaldson's School has a nursery, primary and secondary school plus Future Focus, a new post school provision for young adults and welcomes new pupils at any stage of their education.

The next Information Day on 24th September gives you an opportunity to meet with Donaldson's specialist staff, view the facilities, attend workshops* on subjects such as Educational Audiology, Learning and Teaching and Speech and Language Therapy and have opportunities to ask any questions you have regarding the school's specialised and very successful approach to education and care.

The Information Day is free to attend but please reserve your place(s) in advance so that the school can book you onto relevant workshops and cater for your individual needs as best as they can. Please contact Kim Pedder on 01506 841923 or email kpedder@donaldsons.org.uk if you have any questions or to register your attendance. Children are welcome (crèche available if required) and communication support can also be provided if necessary. For more information about Donaldson's School visit www.donaldsons.org.uk

* Workshops are open to both parents and professionals. Professionals can use the Information Day as part of CPD.



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

September – as we plan to spend September meeting those who have attended in the past and people who are interested in attending to find out what they may want us to arrange there will be no Fun Fridays.

October - there will be no Fun Fridays but we will have our first Fun Saturday which will be held on Saturday 22nd October. Full details of times, venue and activities will be advertised as soon as possible.

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 : details of venue, times and activity will be advertised later

Friday 4th November: 13.45- Meet at Deaf Action, Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY -activity will be advertised later

Friday 18th November: 13.45- Meet at Deaf Action, Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY -activity will be advertised later

Saturday 3rd December - details of venue, times and activity will be advertised later

If you have any queries or 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.



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.



Scottish Deaf Youth Association: Drop-in

Scottish Deaf Youth Association holds a 'drop in' every Friday night at Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow. Age 16 + Come along and join us from 6pm for an evening of chat and workshops.

Need more information? Contact sallym@bda.org.uk



Ritual Abuse: Information and Awareness Session

Tues 20th Sept from 10am - 3pm. Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow G5 9EJ.

For more information and to book your place, contact Tasnim Sharif: email

tasnim@deafconnections.co.uk, SMS 07749211524, email ishara@deafconnections.co.uk or tel:

0141 420 2819



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 17th Sept OR 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.



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sensory services
achieving independence for blind & deaf people

Joint Sensory Awareness Training

Objectives

- To provide participants with a basic awareness of the practical/psychological problems for people with sight or hearing impairments or deafblind through discussion and practical demonstrations.
- To state the main services available to people in the above categories.

Learning Outcomes

- Knowledge about the main causes of sight or hearing loss
- Understanding of the psychological and emotional effects on loss of sight or hearing
- Experience of loss of sight and hearing through simulated exercises
- Knowledge of organisations providing help and assistance to people with sight or hearing loss

When: 22nd September

Time: One day course (09.30-16.00)

Venue: Elizabeth House, 10 Victoria Crescent, Elgin IV30 1RQ

Cost: £55 per person, includes lunch, refreshments and information pack

For further information and reservations

please call: 0845 27 12345 or email: moray@nesensoryservices.org

COMMTACS training & development are delighted to have been asked to continue the successful Sensory Awareness training provided on behalf of NES to NHS Scottish Mental Health Services for Deaf People (SMHSDP) which is specifically aimed at NHS staff working within the mental health field (throughout Scotland) over the next 18 months focusing on Deaf Awareness & Communication Tactics with Deaf & Deafblind People.

Information on the courses, booking forms and on-line bookings can be found at: <http://www.commtacs.co.uk/sat> - which is updated regularly with new dates/venues being added when available.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this information as widely as possible to those who may benefit from this training.

Training is aimed at NHS staff within the mental health field/involved in the referral/treatment process and is free at point of delivery.

Supporting Deaf Pupils in Secondary Schools

Wednesday 28 Sept from 10 am - 4 pm

Venue: SSC, Edinburgh; Cost: £95; Closing date: 14 September

Content

Different local authorities take many different views on supporting in secondary schools. Some feel it is not really a priority and allow teachers little or no time for support saying that other learning needs don't have access to high levels of support. It is time for professionals working with this age group to have a collective overview of the types of support provided in different areas across Scotland. Topics will include:

In-service for staff.

Social issues.

Styles of support.

Who supports deaf pupils? When do we support deaf pupils?

What are the criteria for supporting deaf pupils?

How do we support deaf pupils? What are the strategies of support?

Are there any subjects more difficult than others?

Subject vocabulary. Exam arrangements.

Transition to college/university/work.

Liaison time. Timetabling support.

Target Audience: Teachers of the deaf and mainstream teachers supporting deaf children in secondary schools.

Presenters: Julie Fordyce, Aberdeen; Elaine Harris, Motherwell; Ashley McKenzie, Dundee; Kirsty Steele, Blantyre; Rachel O'Neill, SSC.

To download an application form, visit:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/dsep11.html>



The BDA Scotland Office is proud to announce that from August 2011 they have been awarded ILA Provider Status

All BDA's British Sign Language (BSL) Scottish courses are now eligible for ILA support



ILA Scotland is a Scottish Government scheme that helps you pay for learning that you can do at a time, place, pace and in a way to suit you. It's for people who have an income of £22,000 a year or less, or who are on benefits.

If you are 16 or over and living in Scotland, you could get £200 towards the cost of learning with a learner account from ILA Scotland.

The benefits of learning:

Learning something new can open doors for you. It can help you to earn more money, get a better job or do something you really enjoy.

It can be a way to meet new people - even if you weren't very keen on learning when you were at school, ILA can help you find a course you'll enjoy now.

If you are interested in learning something new or brushing up your skills there are a wide range of courses available

Would you like to come and join a BSL class?

Brand new Introduction to BSL

Our new Introduction to BSL course is starting on:

Monday 3rd October 6pm to 8.15pm Glasgow Class

Thursday 27th October 6pm to 8.30pm Dundee Class

All our classes are enjoyable, rewarding and challenging; as well as learning to sign you will also learn about the language itself - the Culture & History of BSL

ALL BDA Courses are delivered by a Culturally Deaf BSL Teacher

BSL Level One is designed to allow participants the opportunity to learn the core skills required to communicate with a Deaf person and there are no formal entry requirements for this course.

ILA Contact information for learners:

Do you need information, advice or support to help you get back into learning?

Why not give the ILA Scotland helpline a call on 0808 100 1090. Their friendly advisers will be happy to talk to you about anything you need to know.

Email: enquiries@ilascotland.org.uk

Write: ILA Scotland, PO Box 26833, Glasgow G2 9AN

Or check out the ILA website at: <http://www.ilascotland.org.uk/ILA+Homepage.htm>

Other BSL Courses

Foundation A Courses

Learners can progress to this unit upon successful completion of the Introduction to BSL course or equivalent award. Foundation A builds on the signs the learner has learned but further expands the learner's vocabulary. This unit also starts to introduce the language function and grammar of BSL

Our next Foundation A course is starting:
Monday 16th January 2012 6pm to 8.15pm Glasgow Class
Thursday 19th January 2012 6pm to 8.15pm Dundee Class

Foundation B Courses

Learners can continue onto this unit after successful completion of the Foundation A course or equivalent award. In Foundation B the learner will continue to expand their vocabulary and by the end of this unit the learner will be able to hold a general conversation with other BSL users.

Our next Foundation B course is starting on:

Tuesday 25th October 2011 6pm to 8.30pm Glasgow Class
Monday 16th April 2012 6pm to 8.15pm Glasgow Class
Thursday 20th April 2012 6pm to 8.15pm Dundee Class

The BDA will also be offering BSL Intermediate Level

BSL Intermediate Level is an intense learning experience in a Modern Language and is taught over two years: Year-One comprises of Intermediate A and Year-Two Intermediate B. Upon completion of Intermediate B the learner will be able to consider career options within the Deaf Community

BSL Intermediate A

Those students who successfully attain their Intermediate A will be able to carry out a more in-depth conversation over a wide range of topics with other BSL User. Learners who undertake this qualification should be able to converse fully with other staff, colleagues and clients whose first language is BSL.

Entry requirements for this course: Students must have successfully completed the BDA's Level I BSL Course or have an equivalent qualification; there is also a pre-requisite BSL skills interview for all applicants prior to Intermediate Level.

This will incorporate conversation, production and receptive skills.

Our next Intermediate A course is starting on:

Wednesday 5th October 2011 6pm to 8.15pm Dundee Class
Tuesday 17th January 2012 6pm to 8.15pm Glasgow Class

BSL Intermediate B

Intermediate B will build on the skills and language acquisition gained in Intermediate A; the learner will be able to further their learning to discuss and debate cultural/background knowledge of the Deaf Community. They will be able to ask for and provide detailed information relating to a wide range of topics using language and vocabulary appropriate to the situation, subject and context. At the end of Intermediate B the learner will be able to deliver a prepared presentation in British Sign Language and demonstrate coherence in the modern language. Upon completion of Intermediate A & B the learner will be able to consider career options within the Deaf Community such as Social Worker for the Deaf; Teacher of the Deaf; Interpreter; Councilor; Career Advisor etc. Entry requirements for this course: Students must have successfully completed the BDA's Intermediate A or have an equivalent qualification; there is also a pre-requisite BSL skills interview for all applicants prior to Intermediate B Level. This will incorporate conversation, production and receptive skills.

Our next Intermediate B course is starting on:

Thursday 29th September 2011 6pm to 8.15pm Glasgow Class

For more information or to reserve your place on any of the BDA's BSL Courses, contact Diane at: dianem@bda.org.uk or call: 0141 248 5554

Bookings are now being taken for ALL Classes



Creative Workshop

Four Creative Workshops will be held from 1.30pm - 3.30pm on Tues 13th Sept, Tues 27th Sept, Tues 11th Oct and Tues 1st Nov.

This is a new four week '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



Art and Patchwork Classes at Deaf Connections

Classes cost £2 per visit.

Art Class – every Tuesday, starting from 6th September – 2pm to 4pm – ex-members of 3D can join Art Class

Patchwork Group – every Wednesday, starting from 7th September – 11am to 3pm
Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow



British Deaf Association Conference and AGM

Book now for the BDA Conference & AGM

25th - 27th November

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.

British Deaf Association

Be Empowered ~ Be Inspired ~ Be Independent

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

Do You Look After a Family Member or Friend with Dementia?

10 helpful hints for carers training – funded by Comic Relief

Dementia Services Development Centre, Stirling, Tues 20th September

Training for family and informal carers of people with dementia. Please come along to find out practical ways of coping, get information on local services and support, meet other carers and ask questions.

This training is funded by Comic Relief and so is **free** to attend.

For further information, or to book a place, please contact Lynsey Manson
lynsey.manson@stir.ac.uk or 01786 467732.



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

Job Vacancies



Social Workers:

2 x part time 18.5 hrs/wk

OR

full time 37 hrs/wk)

Salary from £20,858 to £30,011 p.a. (pro-rata)

We are looking for experienced and qualified Social Workers who can work creatively as part of our Social Work Team to meet the needs of people who are Deaf, deafblind, deafened & hard of hearing, of all ages, mainly in the West of Cumbria based in Copeland and/or Allerdale areas.

British Sign Language qualification at Level 1 is essential with commitment to achieve Level 2.

Information & application forms can be obtained by: downloading from the website
www.deafvision.co.uk

Or from: Renée Wilkinson, DeafVision, 3 Compton Street, Carlisle, CA1 1HT
Voice/minicom: 01228 606763 Fax: 01228 606433
email: renee@deafvision.co.uk

For informal discussion, telephone Peter Shaw, CEO: 01228 607457

Closing date for applications: **Thurs 8th Sept**

Interview date: **Tues 20th Sept**

DeafVision is the operating name for Cumbria Deaf Association

Charity Nos: 1088406, SCO38196

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Freelance Communication Support Workers

Are you a CSW with Employment Advisor knowledge and skills and based in Scotland, Wales, North East or Yorkshire?

Clarion has developed an exciting and innovative employment model to support deaf and hard of hearing job seekers into sustained employment under the government's new 'Work Programme'. The model allows Clarion to meet the real needs of deaf and hard of hearing job seekers at a national level by making mainstream employment services, such as Ingeus, A4E and Maximus fully accessible to our client group.

Across England, Scotland and Wales we will be supplying freelance Communication Support Workers (CSW's) with employment advisor skills and knowledge known as 'Communication and Employment Consultants' (CEC's) to support the Prime Contractors Employment Advisors. The outcome will be a truly empathetic end to end service to deaf and hard of hearing job seekers, delivered in partnership between the Prime/sub-contractors and Clarion.

We recently ran this recruitment campaign and secured over 80 CEC's across the country but demand from our Prime Contractors means we need more, especially in Scotland! Why not come and be a proud part of "Team Scotland" joining a team in strategic locations across this region!

We are in particular seeking additional members of the team to operate in prime strategic locations such as Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Galashiels, Musselburgh, Livingston, Ayr, Irvine, Oban, Campeltown and Kilmarnock but are still considering members from other locations. We recently ran this recruitment campaign and secured over 60 CEC's across the country but demand from our Prime Contractors means we need more!

Our Communication and Employment Consultant (CEC) will be required to:

- Communicate fluently in BSL to Level 3 standards.
- Demonstrate a high level of deaf awareness and a comprehensive understanding of the barriers faced by deaf jobseekers gaining entry into the labour market and staying in work.

A typical day as a CEC would include:

1. Attending and providing full communication support to enable smooth interaction between the Prime or sub-contractor EA and the deaf customer at their initial and follow up appointments.
2. Liaison with the Prime or sub-contractor EA and deaf client at their appointments to establish Action Plans (AP) and ensure the client is fully aware of their obligations.
3. Assist clients to achieve their targets set by the Action plan.
4. Carry out one to one appointments with the client where desired and requested by Prime or sub-contractor EA. For example: Assistance with realistic employment aims and job searching; CV writing; Job applications; Interview training, confidence building and motivational goals

Notes:

The CEC will be engaged by Clarion on a free-lance basis at the usual CSW rates.

The Communication and Employment Consultants will not own the 'into work' or 'sustained employment' targets these would be retained by the Prime or sub-contractor.

Interested in this new and exciting role? Then please email Bob Marsh bob.marsh@clarioncall.net detailing your current communication qualifications and why you feel you have the skills and knowledge to perform the CEC role.

For more information on this specialist provision you may like to follow the link: <http://www.clarioncall.net/cec>

Closing date: **Fri 23rd Sept**

Accessible Art: Portable Loop System



David Mach – Precious Light at City Art Centre

Saturday 10th September 11am – 12noon; Cost: £5, concessions £3.50

The City Art Centre has joined forces with internationally renowned Scottish artist David Mach for one of the most explosive exhibitions of 2011. Mach, famed for his dynamic large scale collages, sculptures and audacious installations, tackles his biggest subject yet...the Bible.

The exhibition, over three years in the making, explores the themes and legacy of the King James Bible in the year of its 400th anniversary. The text is widely regarded as one of the most influential works in the English language. Precious Light, is a contemporary imagining of the King James Bible in collage, sculpture and words. Artist Tessa Asquith-Lamb will lead a highlights tour.

Booking is essential. Contact Margaret Findlay on 0131 529 3963 or e-mail margaret.findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk

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

Rhinestone Mondays, Sat 24th Sept at 2.30pm

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

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.

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

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.

Glasgow | Signed



Men Should Weep, Fri 30th Sept at 7.30pm
Citizen's Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS.
Box office 0141 429 0022 | Email: info@citiz.co.uk

The Missing, Sat 1st Oct at 7.30pm
Tramway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow, G41 2PE
Tel: 0845 330 3501 Box Office Opening Times: By phone: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12-6pm.
In person: Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 12-6pm; Mon closed; open later on performance/ event evenings.

***See both above shows: 'Men Should Weep' and 'The Missing' together for £10!
If you want to book a ticket then email Natalie at Deaf Theatre Club on :
natalie@solarbear.org.uk or text me on 07834 734 267

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

Para Handy, Sat 24th Sept at 2pm.
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

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.



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Aberdeen | Captioned

Journey's End, Sat 17th September at 7.30pm
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632, Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

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

Rhinestone Mondays, Thurs 22nd Sept at 7.30pm
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

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.

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

Men Should Weep, Sat 12th Nov at 7.30pm.
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ. Tel: 0131 529 6000.

We Will Rock You, Thurs 13th Dec at 7.30pm
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3AA.
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Glasgow | Captioned

The Missing, Thus 29th Sept at 7.30pm
Tramway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow, G41 2PE
Tel: 0845 330 3501
Box Office Opening Times: By phone: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12-6pm. In person: Tue-Sat 10am-8pm; Sun 12-6pm; Mon closed; open later on performance/ event evenings.

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

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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 the 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.



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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

Keep up to date with the latest captioned releases by visiting our web calendar <http://www.scod.org.uk/calendar.php> regularly to see captioned films (and details of other accessible shows) in Scotland at a glance. Listings are updated very frequently!

Edinburgh: Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh

Cars 2, Sun 11th Sept at 11am

Glasgow: Glasgow Film Theatre, Rose Street, Glasgow

Mars Needs Moms, Sat 24th Sept at 11.30am.



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