



## Deaf Action

SCoD was represented at a recent civic reception that took place in the City of Edinburgh's City Chambers to commemorate Deaf Action's 175 years anniversary. It is rare for a deaf organisation to manage to exist for 175 years. It was encouraging to hear from Keith Hyland, Deaf Action Chair how Deaf Action has succeeded as a long serving organisation through successful evolution over the past years. SCoD congratulates Deaf Action on its achievements and wishes them well for many more years.

## National Council

This is to remind everyone that the next National Council meeting will take place at Deaf Action on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 at 2pm. Jane McCartney of NHS24 and John Finlay of Transport Scotland will be the main speakers.

## SCoD Annual Survey

The SCoD Management Committee considered and discussed the survey results at their recent meeting on 27th January. They agreed that the National Council members would be asked to respond to a much shorter survey, this time focussing on employment issues. This survey will be issued on 1st March so that results will be available for the Management Committee to consider and discuss at their next meeting.



## Special message for you, Bulletin reader and SCoD Supporter!

We need your feedback. Tell us how we're doing by taking our online survey. It won't take long. Our future funding depends on it. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCoDSupporters>

## Mental Health

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director attended a meeting of the NHS Scotland's National Services Division (NSD) Commissioning Panel to oversee quality of inpatient Mental Health Services for people with sensory impairment. The Commissioning Panel agreed to ask the John Denmark Unit for formal reports so that they would know how the money had been spent for deaf people who had been referred from Scotland.

SCoD wrote to the Scottish Government's Mental Health Division asking what progress had been made regarding the "Business Case" because there had been no further meetings or formal communication from the Mental Health Division since the meeting in January 2009. Dr Denise Coia replied stating "...a key part of continuing to analyse the business case for establishing an inpatient service in Scotland has been attention to developing specialist community services ..... we have been in quite complex discussions and negotiations with colleagues and commissioners on identifying money and establishing a nationally-funded specialist community mental health capacity for this client group." Dr Coia also said in her letter that when these arrangements are finalised, a meeting will be arranged to review and discuss the new arrangements. So watch this space!

## Citizens Advice Bureaux

SCoD had a useful meeting with CAB to discuss deaf people's access to CAB services. It is hoped that CAB will get in touch with a number of deaf and deafblind organisations with view to recruiting and training deaf people as volunteers.

## **Transport Scotland**

The SCoD Director attended Transport Scotland's Roads for All Forum on 26<sup>th</sup> January. A national conference "DDA – Roads for All" is being organised for 8<sup>th</sup> June in Glasgow. It is aimed to raise awareness in the wider roads community of the issues faced in making road travel accessible to all disabled people. More details about this conference will be posted in a future bulletin.

## **BT Scotland**

SCoD was represented at BT Scotland's Parliamentary Surgery in the Scottish Parliament on 14<sup>th</sup> January and Lilian Lawson took this opportunity to ask about funding for a national online interpreting trial project which had been mooted at the Cross Party Group on Deafness meeting in December 2009.

## **Equality Bill**

SCoD was invited to the Scottish Government Equality Unit's Equality Bill Roundtable on 8<sup>th</sup> January. It was interesting to note that other voluntary organisations had similar misgivings about the Equality Bill.

## **Health Rights Information Scotland**

SCoD received DVDs entitled "Health care in Scotland for former UK residents now working abroad", "Health care in Scotland for UK passport holders living abroad" and "Health care for UK pensioners visiting Scotland". These DVDs are all subtitled and translated in BSL. If you wish to have copies, please contact your local NHS health board.

The same video clips can be viewed on Health Rights Information Scotland's website:

[www.hris.org.uk](http://www.hris.org.uk)

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## **Presenting the Past: My Firsts – Scottish Deaf Heritage Project**

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director has arranged to talk to deaf people about this project at:

**Aberdeen** Deaf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 11am

**Kirkcaldy** Deaf Club on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm

**Edinburgh Golden Amber Club** at Deaf Action on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

Deaf people aged 50 or over are very welcome. We hope that some of you will volunteer for filming taking place later in the year.

Attempts are also being made to arrange a visit to the Scottish Borders and also to meet the St Vincent's Deaf Community.

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## **Consultations**

### **A National Approach to Anti-Bullying for Scotland's Children and Young People**

Inclusion Scotland plans to respond to the above consultation on how disabled children and young people are affected by bullying. They would like to hear your stories and experiences along with any comments you have on the strategy document.

The Anti-Bullying Strategy Document can be found here:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/13154751/0>

Please send all comments to [information@inclusionScotland.org](mailto:information@inclusionScotland.org) or telephone 0141 887 7058 by 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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### **Amendments to the Mental Health Legislation in the event of a Civil Emergency or Influenza Pandemic**

The Scottish Government has published the responses it received from the consultation on possible amendments to the mental health legislation should there be a civil emergency or a flu pandemic. To read the responses, go to

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/05102650/0>.

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## On-Demand Services from the BBC

BBC Trust has launched a public consultation on the BBC's on-demand offerings, including the iPlayer, simulcast TV and podcast downloads. This is launched with an eight week public consultation to which they would welcome a response from your organisation or your members.

- In April 2007, the Trust approved four new on-demand offerings, with a condition that it would review the performance of these 24 months after launch. This review covers:
- 7 day TV catch-up over the internet via BBC iPlayer. This includes the provisions for platform neutrality
- 7 day TV catch-up over cable (currently BBC iPlayer on Virgin TV)
- Simulcast TV over the internet (the "Watch Live" function)
- Podcasts - non-digital rights management (DRM) audio downloads from BBC radio stations

The consultation ends on **12th March** and the review will be published soon afterwards.

The consultation and the project's Terms of Reference can be accessed on the Trust website:

[https://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/departments/bbc/bbc-on-demand-offerings/consultation/consult\\_view](https://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/departments/bbc/bbc-on-demand-offerings/consultation/consult_view)

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## Counselling Awareness Project Update *by Barbra Wylie*

I travelled to Aberdeen on 20<sup>th</sup> January to hold 2 events. On the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup> I held a Counselling Training Pathways Workshop where I was supported by tutors from Aberdeen College and The University of Aberdeen.

Those who attended were given information about what courses are available in the area should they be interested in training to become a counsellor. It was a very informative session and it gave people the chance to ask questions directly to the tutors themselves about exactly what is involved in training. I'd like to thank the tutors from the College and University for giving up their time to support me in this event.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training sessions were held for GPs, Health Professionals, Counsellors and Social Workers in the Aberdeen/shire area. There was a fantastic turn out; even the bomb scare at Aberdeen Train Station didn't keep people away! Everyone was willing to get involved which made for a great session and I've since had feedback from those who attended to say that they found it a really informative session and will take what they learnt on the day back to their workplaces and put it into practice.

Another Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training session is being held in Perth on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010. If you are a GP, Health Professional, Counsellor or Social Worker in the area and would like to attend then please contact Barbra on the details below, or have a look at our website.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact me Tel/Text 0141 221 2991 Email [Barbra@scod.org.uk](mailto:Barbra@scod.org.uk)

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## Access to Democracy Project Update *by Derek Todd*

### Democracy Workshops

Democracy Workshops are being delivered around Scotland, where the majority of A2D Workshops will take place in Deaf Clubs. Our A2D Trainers will provide you information about

- How to Register to Vote
- Voting Systems
- Why is it important to Vote

Also you will get a free information DVD; so if you're interested in attending or want more information, please contact Derek Todd. Or if you want one of our A2D Trainers to come and deliver a Workshop in your area, again please contact Derek Todd.

Confirmed Workshop(s) are:

Friday 5 February 2010 – Kirkcaldy Deaf Club, 10 St Brycedale Road, Kirkcaldy at 7.00pm-9.00pm (Notice – light evening snacks will be provided from 6.00pm)

Sunday 7 February 2010 – St. Vincent's OAPs Church Club, St. Mary's Church, Glasgow after the Mass around 6.45pm / 7.00pm (Notice – light evening refreshment will be provided around 6.45pm / 7.00pm)

Monday 8 February 2010 – Falkirk High School, Falkirk at 1.15pm-3.15pm (Notice – this is for Falkirk High Deaf Pupils only)

Thursday 11 February 2010 – St. Vincent's Deaf Club, East End Healthy Living Centre, 183 Crownpoint Road, Glasgow at 1.00pm-3.00pm (Notice – light lunch snacks will be provided from 12.00pm)

Saturday 13 February 2010 – Dundee Deaf Club, 36 Roseangle, Dundee at 1.00pm-3.00pm (Notice – light lunch snacks will be provided from 12.00pm)

Confirmed Workshops for Deafblind People are:

Thursday 4 February 2010 – Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh at 10.30am-2.30pm (Notice – light lunch snacks will be provided)

Tuesday 9 February 2010 – Deafblind Scotland, Alexandra Avenue, Kirkintilloch at 10.30am-2.30pm (Notice – light lunch snacks will be provided)

If you would like to attend or require more information, please get in touch with Derek Todd, A2D Project Co-ordinator: Direct Textphone: 0141 221 2991 Direct Email: [derek@scod.org.uk](mailto:derek@scod.org.uk)



## Experience Scotland's Beauty – Trek or Cycle for SCoD

We are delighted to offer you the chance to experience Scotland's beauty while raising money for a good cause, accompanied by Charitytrek's experienced guides.

Why not join us on a trip up the UK's highest mountain? The **Ben Nevis Challenge** is taking place from Friday 14th to Sunday 16th May 2010, and there will be another chance to participate later on in September. Accommodation and transport will be arranged for you, all we ask is you pledge to raise a minimum of £375, with all profits from the trip going to our charity.



### What about a cycling challenge?

The **Hebridean Odyssey** takes in the length of the Western Isles. Discover a land of quiet roads, stunning scenery, incredible wildlife and a friendly Gaelic culture. Taking place from Thursday 19th August until Tuesday 24th August 2010, to participate you simply need to raise a minimum of £780 which will cover the costs of accommodation, transport and packed lunches.



Alternatively, trek through some of Scotland's most beautiful countryside along The **Great Glen Way** from Inverness to Fort William. Just raise a minimum of £575 to participate on the trek which takes place from Saturday 11th September until Wednesday 15th September 2010. We'll do the rest!



Help us to support deaf people across Scotland by participating on one of our treks. To secure your place, all you need to do is complete and return a registration form along with a deposit of £75 (£100 for the Hebridean Odyssey). You can download an information pack from our website. Just visit [www.scod.org.uk](http://www.scod.org.uk) and click "Support SCoD".

To make it even easier for you to raise funds for the trip, you can start your own personal 'Justgiving' page by going to: [www.justgiving.com/scod](http://www.justgiving.com/scod)

If you would like to know more you can also contact our fundraiser, Linda Ogston. Email: [linda@scod.org.uk](mailto:linda@scod.org.uk) or telephone/text: 0141 248 1854. Linda works on Thursdays.



## Training/Workshops/Courses/Conferences

spaces  
in  
between

mental health and wellbeing through the arts



**One-Day Event Hosted by  
The Scottish Arts Council**

Spaces In Between is a one-day event hosted by the Scottish Arts Council in partnership with the Scottish Government's Mental Health Division.

Spaces In Between is a national conference bringing together policy makers, health professionals, and artists in health, arts, and social policy to explore and articulate the importance of this work in Scotland.

Programme details

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd March

**Time:** 9am to 5pm

**Venue:** Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow, G1 1TF

**Cost:** £60 for day's conference (price includes lunch and refreshments)

**Extra Cost:** £20 for dinner and evening performance

**Booking Deadline:** Friday 12th March 5pm

For more information, visit: <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/spacesinbetween>



**council for  
healthcare  
regulatory  
excellence**

### **How are local hospitals, nurses, dentists, doctors or other healthcare professionals regulated?**

Find out on Mon 15th March at The Surgeons Hall

The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence is holding a one day seminar on Monday 15th March in Edinburgh at The Surgeon's Hall to meet representatives from local health charities, to outline how different parts of the health service work together, to form new relationships with organisations that are local to Scotland and to involve delegates to this meeting in our work.

CHRE oversees the nine health professional regulators such as the GMC, NMC etc. and on 15th March, will have representatives from the GMC and GDC at this meeting who are also hoping to meet you and your colleagues. For further information about the CHRE us and our work, please visit our website [www.chre.org.uk](http://www.chre.org.uk).

This may only be a question you ask when something goes wrong with your treatment or in the treatment of a loved one. You are invited to attend a meeting with the CHRE where you can meet some of the people who can answer this question and who are involved in making decisions that may affect your healthcare.

The meeting starts at 10am and is free to attend.

- Receive our report on how the regulators handle fitness to practise – 'hot off the press'
- Receive a 'complaints roadmap,' which tells you where you can go to if you need to make a complaint about your healthcare – this is not available from any other source
- Find out who does what in delivering health services in Scotland
- If you need an osteopath, chiropractor etc., how can you check whether this person is registered to deliver your services? Find out about this at the meeting
- Give us your views to help us to make better policy decisions in healthcare

- Meet some of the people that make the policy decisions that may affect the quality of health services that you receive in Scotland.

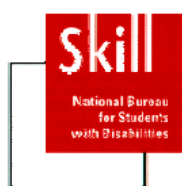
If you wish to find out more information about us and our work, you can visit [www.chre.org.uk](http://www.chre.org.uk).

To see a draft programme for this event, please visit:  
<https://www.chre.org.uk/public/199>

***Places at the meeting are limited, so we encourage you to register early to avoid disappointment later in the year.***

You can register by emailing us at [reception@chre.org.uk](mailto:reception@chre.org.uk) or by calling us on 020 7389 8030.

When emailing or telephoning us, please clearly state the date and location of the event that you are registering for.



### **Skill Scotland Conference: Mental Health in Colleges and Universities**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the West Park Centre in Dundee.

More information about this all-day event will be available from the Skill website shortly:  
<http://www.skill.org.uk/>



### **Advancing Technologies: opening new communication opportunities**

UKCoD & The Ear Foundation

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at The Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA

This one-day conference offers the opportunity to gain accessible, up to date information on the latest developments in:

Hearing aids, Cochlear Implants, Electro-acoustic hearing aids, Bone-anchored hearing aids, FM systems and their use in school and the workplace, Sound field systems, Middle ear implants and Communication Support Systems.

Presentations will be set in the user and family perspective, exploring the use of the modern technologies in promoting effective communication in everyday life.

More information from Clare Long at [c.long@deafouncil.org.uk](mailto:c.long@deafouncil.org.uk)



### **Deaf and Deafblind Awareness and BSL Courses Starting Soon**

Deaf Links new programme of Deaf and Deafblind Awareness and British Sign Language courses will be starting shortly in Dundee.

#### **Signature 2-day Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Level 1 Course**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

#### **Signature 2-day Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Level 1 Course**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

**BDA Level 1 BSL (4 progressive units)** Evening course beginning Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010, 6.30pm – 9.00pm

**BDA Level 1 BSL (4 progressive units)** Daytime course beginning Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010, 10.00am – 12.30pm

If you would like to apply for a place or for further information on any of these courses, please don't hesitate to contact Alana Trusty, Manager, Deaf Links, Number Ten, 10 Constitution Road, Dundee, DD1 1LL, Tel: 07711462385 (voice and text) or email: [alana@deaflinks.org.uk](mailto:alana@deaflinks.org.uk)



## Training Courses from Deafblind Scotland

Advanced Sensory Impairment Awareness – 5 day training course

Key Elements:

- Develop awareness and communication with Deaf and Deafblind people (Signature Level 1)
- Introduction to BSL (Signature Level 1)
- Visual impairment awareness

If you are interested in this or other courses offered by Deafblind Scotland, contact Ellen on [trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk](mailto:trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk)

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## BSMHD to Host ESMHD Congress

The British Society for Mental Health & Deafness (BSMHD) will host the next ESMHD Congress. This event occurs every 4 years and involves a great deal of planning and organisation. This notice is just a first 'alert' so that members can get the dates in their diaries (and start saving up"!)). These are the very basic outlines of what we hope to be able to offer.

The Congress will be held, in Cambridge, on **2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

As details are developed and confirmed they will be available on the ESMHD website:

[www.esmhdcongress2010.org](http://www.esmhdcongress2010.org)

It is hoped that the Congress will attract between 250 and 500 delegates – mainly from Europe, but also for further afield.

A variety of entertainment will be offered on the Tuesday evening, and on the Wednesday evening there will be a formal dinner (which will be included in the cost of attending the Congress).

BSMHD will not be offering to arrange accommodation, but will make a list of possible places available to all applicants so that they can make their own arrangements.

BSMHD plans also to give applicants a list of projects and facilities across the UK, in case any attendees might want to visit other places before or after the Congress – any UK-based organisations wanting to accept potential visitors will be invited to give a very brief pen-picture of their services to BSMHD.

The focus of the Congress will be on 'Preventive Work' – this will be programmed to consider a range of issues or services.

The expectation is that the cost for attending the whole Congress will be about £395 (which will include tea/coffee at breaks, lunches and the formal Dinner)

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## Deaf Education courses 2010

Course Number 9 | Thursday 25th February

**Technology to support learning and teaching of pupils with complex sensory and learning disabilities**

Closing date: 18th February

Course Number 15 | Wednesday 10th March

**Curriculum for Excellence and Sensory Impaired Young People**

Closing date: tbc

Course Number 17 | Thursday 13th May

**Improving the Listening Environment for Deaf Children in Educational Settings**

Closing date: 22nd April

Course Number 20 | Friday 11th - Sunday 13th June

**BSL Immersion weekend**

Venue: Pollock Halls, University of Edinburgh

Time: 7pm arrival on Friday to 11am departure on Sunday

Cost: £200 Closing date: 11th February



Scottish Sensory Centre, Moray House School of Education,  
University of Edinburgh, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh EH8 8AQ

Find our more from: <http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/courselist.html> - where you can also download an application form.

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## **BSL & The BDA**

**Finished Level II?**

**Loving the Language?**

**Want more but not sure where to go?**

### **Why not come and join a BDA Intermediate B class?**

BSL Academy Courses incorporate a unique BSL curriculum created by our highly trained and experienced Deaf Academics. Because Deaf people create our curriculum, you can be assured that your qualified training will accurately reflect the grammar, language, structure and developing regional variations that are used daily by the UK's signing population. ALL our Teachers have a culturally Deaf background and have successfully completed BDA Curriculum Training

Throughout the course the learner will be taught the correct use of BSL language structure and demonstrate a good lexical knowledge with appropriate fluency. Intermediate B does not have the restrictive or set vocabulary normally associated with the earlier stages of alternative curricula language acquisition; learners are encouraged to discuss current topics through natural conversation, including issue based subjects rather than the more restrictive themed based learning previously met by the student. Emphasis is also placed on interaction with the Deaf Community and there will be three social nights throughout the course where learners have the opportunity to converse with native BSL users.

The next course will be starting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 6pm

For further information contact [Scotland@bda.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@bda.org.uk)

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### **Learning Opportunities**

FREE learning for Disabled Glaswegians (priority given to first time learners).

Free Transport may be provided, if necessary.

Venue: Glasgow Disability Alliance, Templeton Business Centre, Glasgow

- Home Budgeting
- Emergency First Aid
- Learn basic First Aid
- How to help in an emergency
- Burns and scalds
- Internet & Email
- Enhance basic numeracy skills

For more information contact Linda or Shirley 0141 556 7103.

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### **Hearing Loss? Join a Lipreading Class – Run by Deaf Connections**

Classes have now started, but you can still join. Choose a class then contact Deaf Connections to confirm your place and fee chargeable.

| Day   | Time          | Location  |
|-------|---------------|---|
| Mon   | 10.00 – 12.00 | Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk St, Glasgow                           |
| Tues  | 14.00 – 16.00 | Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk St, Glasgow (£30 for a 10 week block) |
| Weds  | 15.00 – 17.00 | Audiology Dept, Princes Gate, Hamilton (behind ASDA)                |
| Thurs | 19.00 – 21.00 | Vale of Leven Hospital, nr Alexandria                               |

Learn to lip-read and how to cope with hearing loss in everyday situations e.g. learn about hearing aids, listening/alerting devices, telephones, text/captioning services, useful services, your rights, communication tips, etc.

To join a class or for more information (including costs), contact Carol Grice at Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk St, Glasgow G5 9EJ  
Tel/Text 0141 420 1759 | Email: [enquiries@deafconnections.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@deafconnections.co.uk)



### Lanarkshire Deaf Club

Lanarkshire deaf club has recently set up basic sign language classes for any member of the public or organisations to attend. They have had a huge response - overwhelming in fact - so we hope this will lead to great things for them. Every Saturday is the social night in Motherwell's Daisy Park Centre and this is open to anyone, so if you have a loved one, friend, relative who is hearing impaired then this may be what they need.

Please contact Ian Galloway either on 01698 275710 or email [lanarkshdeafclub@btconnect.com](mailto:lanarkshdeafclub@btconnect.com) for more information.

If you are interested in joining there is a membership fee of £10 per person for the year and all are welcome.

Should you be interested in the sign language classes it is basic class lasting 8 weeks, it is a free service however any donations to help with the cost of materials would be a greatly appreciated. Due to the high demand please call to book on 01698 275710.

## General News and Events



### Have YOU Registered Yet?

Deaf Health Research Project

- Do deaf people have worse health than hearing people?
- Do deaf people have unequal access to health services?
- How difficult is communication with doctors and other health people?

Register to take part at: [www.iwantbetterhealth.org.uk](http://www.iwantbetterhealth.org.uk)

We know that deaf people are more likely to get ill than hearing people. We are told plenty of horror stories. Deaf people not understanding what's wrong or taking the wrong medication. Deaf people not given an interpreter at the doctors.

But it doesn't have to be like this!

To improve health services for deaf people, we need evidence that things are not working well. Unfortunately, we don't have a lot of good scientific 'evidence'. Without this it is hard to get health services to change. No-one has tried to get this evidence before... until now.

SignHealth is leading a group of Deaf organisations to produce the scientific evidence. For the first stage, we need Deaf people to complete an online survey (in BSL and English).

We can then compare the results from Deaf people with results from hearing people.

Will you take part in the research?

Yes? - then please register by visiting: [www.iwantbetterhealth.org.uk](http://www.iwantbetterhealth.org.uk).

We will contact you with some updates and let you know when the survey is launched



### Share Your Story of Hate Crime

Central Scotland Police is asking people to share their story of a hate crime incident they have experienced. They would like to hear stories from anywhere in the United Kingdom. The survey is being carried out with the aim of developing a learning tool. The questionnaire will be open

for your feedback until the end of **February**. Central Scotland Police add: "We believe that hearing the impact of hate crime is one of the most powerful tools in preventing it from happening again."

Share your story by visiting: <https://www.survs.com/survey/Z8OMH001HF>

If you go to page 4 of the survey, you can give your contact details, and you will be contacted by Central Scotland Police so that you can tell your story in a different way which includes by video recording.



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## **Breathing Space Helpline for Deaf People Nominated for Award**

New British Sign Language web-cam service recognised

A web-cam helpline for Deaf people in Scotland has been nominated for a national award. Breathing Space's British Sign Language service, which operates from NHS 24's headquarters in Cardonald, Glasgow, went live only last month.

It has been nominated for "Innovative use of technology in delivering a helpline service" at the BT/THA Helpline Awards 2010.

Deaf people struggling to cope emotionally can access the helpline via a web-cam to explore their problems or anxieties in confidence. They can communicate directly with a Deaf adviser who uses British Sign Language rather than having to relay their worries through a sign language interpreter or via textdirect (typetalk).

The adviser can offer support, advice and provide information on local services that may be able to help with specific problems. The new BSL service is run by Breathing Space, the free, anonymous and confidential phone line and website for people in Scotland experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety or stress.

The one-year pilot project is being supported by NHS 24, Scottish Council on Deafness and Deaf Connections and is being funded by the Scottish Government's e-health department. Breathing Space's National Coordinator Tony McLaren said: "It's vital that anyone who is experiencing difficulty can access support no matter who they are or where they live and this new web-cam service can help Deaf Scots get the support they need from the comfort of their own home. Rather than having to use a BSL interpreter to relay their concerns, a Deaf user can communicate directly with our advisers in their own language."

Lilian Lawson, Director of Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD), said: "SCoD has always actively campaigned for fuller access to mental health services, including counselling for Deaf people. We are delighted that Breathing Space has taken a positive step forward in recruiting BSL advisers so that Deaf Sign Language users can access this important service."

The out-of-hours webcam service can be accessed by clicking on the BSL button at [www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk](http://www.breathingspacescotland.co.uk) Please refer to the website for opening times.

The BT/THA Helpline Awards 2010 are organised by The Helplines Association, the membership and good practice organisation for helplines. The awards promote and recognise the outstanding work carried out by helplines within the not-for-profit sector. The Awards are supported by BT. You can find out more about the Awards at [www.helplines.org.uk](http://www.helplines.org.uk)

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Following a successful collaborative project with Scotland's justice sector in 2009, Capability Scotland is delighted to announce that 2010 will see them working in partnership once again.

Through the Housing Voluntary Grant Scheme they have been selected as one of the Scottish Government's Key Strategic Partners for housing and will be teaming up with the Glasgow Centre for Independent Living (GCIL) on an ambitious involvement project aimed at radically improving disabled people's access to suitable housing.

Housing is key to independent living; without a house it can be impossible for disabled people to access employment, education or even social and recreational opportunities. However, many disabled people face significant barriers when it comes to finding somewhere to call home.

The Scottish Household Survey continues to show that disabled people are limited in their ability to buy property and that they are frustrated in their ability to rent privately. The supply of suitable social housing is tiny despite a high demand for accessible housing in this sector.

Furthermore, the Scottish House Condition Survey shows that disabled people's ability to get even the most basic adaptations made to their homes is limited. Even a statutory requirement to ensure that housing policy meets the needs of disabled people (the Disability Equality Duty) has failed to make significant change happen.

Capability's Director of External Affairs, Richard Hamer, commented:

*"We are delighted through this grant scheme to be selected as one of the Government's Key Strategic Partners for housing. This puts Capability together with GLIC in a position where we can use our combined specialist knowledge and expertise to tackle these major problems. Most importantly, we will be working with disabled people to ensure that their voices are heard by the relevant agencies in relation to housing issues. By promoting and facilitating a better understanding of disabled people's housing needs within the Scottish Government, local authorities and housing associations we believe disabled people will gain better access to suitable housing."*

Grant Carson GCIL Manager of Housing and Employment Services said:

*"Being appointed as a Key Strategic Partner in relation to the housing needs of disabled people is a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with the Scottish Government. Both GCIL and Capability are committed to equality of housing opportunity for disabled people and we will bring together the experience of service users from across Scotland to raise awareness of the issues they currently face. Using the lived experience of disabled people as a benchmark, we will identify barriers and suggest solutions to influence the implementation of both existing and future housing legislation, policy and practice."*



## Drum Workshop for Young Deaf People

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7-9pm

Find out about drumming from the experts!

Join SheBoom - Europe's largest women's drumming ensemble - at Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow G5 9EJ.

SheBoom is an unforgettably dynamic percussion band playing a uniquely infectious mix of Afro-Brazilian, Samba, African, Latin, Celtic and European rhythms.

This event is organised by West Scotland Deaf Children's Society and Deaf Connections and is aimed at young people aged 11-17years.

For more information, contact Heather on 0141 243 2958 or email [wscdcs@btconnect.com](mailto:wscdcs@btconnect.com)

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## BSL Blog 3 is now online, in both BSL and English

<http://www.bsuptake.org.uk/?p=1358>

*From Bob Duncan:*

In a sense this is the blog that gets closest to addressing what BSL:UPTAKE is all about - **Talking Politics - in BSL.**

It is directly relevant to the Scottish Government's Equality Duty consultation, to which Deaf people have up to 29th January to respond, in BSL and/or English. This is still on the BSL:UPTAKE website.

The BSL Blog gives a direct link to the Equality Duty consultation and a lot of other information.

Bob Duncan, Writer, Producer, Director

Project Officer, BSL:UPTAKE | Tel/fax: 0191 215 9042 | Mobile: 07709 426378

[www.bsuptake.org.uk](http://www.bsuptake.org.uk)

## There are now over 30 resources in the BSL:UPTAKE Health and Social Care Library:

<http://www.bsuptake.org.uk/info/?cat=15>

These range from sources of help and advice in BSL and English to academic research papers in the following categories:

[Counselling](#) (3)

[General](#) (14)

[Help & Advice](#) (6)

[Mental Health](#) (9)

[Social Care](#) (3)

Sorry we haven't put these up before, but we were hoping for more material to be supplied by others more expert in the field. Not much has been forthcoming so far, so this is mostly from us. But please, if you have more you think should be up there, let us know.

Of course, all other comments are also gratefully received.

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## Touching Lives - Across The Generations

Deafblind Scotland has announced their new project that will take place over the next three years and will have a great impact on the lives of deafblind people across Scotland, particularly for those who are over 50 years of age. The aim is to increase confidence and engender a sense of well-being in older deafblind people, who live uniquely isolated lives, by enabling them to acquire the necessary skills to become a valuable resource to their communities.

For more information, go to

[http://www.deafblindscotland.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=127:touching-lives-project&catid=36:about-us&Itemid=53](http://www.deafblindscotland.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=127:touching-lives-project&catid=36:about-us&Itemid=53).

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## Ishara Project Launches New BSL Resource

We would like to advise you of the launch of our new online BSL resource. Ishara has been working with Deaf BME people on the sensitive issue of forced marriage. An important outcome identified from the work is a need to have information about forced marriage guidance translated into British Sign Language (BSL). Under our Resource Development programme we have worked in partnership with Shakti Women's Aid and have been supported by the Scottish Government to make this resource happen in Scotland. *Please note that this resource is mainly guidance in the context of Scottish legal systems.* You can now access the webpage at the Deaf Connections on the following link:

<http://www.deafconnections.co.uk/ishara/information-about-forced-marriage.html>

We hope that you find this resource useful and can pass this on to other contacts. We also look forward to any feedback about this webpage which can be sent to

[Ishara@deafconnections.co.uk](mailto:Ishara@deafconnections.co.uk).

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## Going to Secondary School or Leaving School? BSL information from Enquire

The law says that young people in Scotland have the right to get extra help at school if they need it. This help is especially important when young people are undergoing lots of changes like when they are moving to secondary school or leaving school.

To find out more, check out the BSL videos on Enquire's website for young people.

<http://www.enquire.org.uk/yp/BSL>

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## Tories plan £1m fund to help disabled people become MPs

Conservatives hope to break down barriers facing disabled people who want to be parliamentarians, local councillors or civil servants.

A £1m fund to help people with disabilities become MPs is being planned under Conservative moves to make parliament more inclusive. The money would pay for transport and support costs to break down the barriers facing disabled people who want to work as MPs, local councillors or civil servants.

It is part of Tory policy to encourage parliament to become more reflective of the country. At the moment one in five people in Great Britain has a disability, but only 5% of MPs are registered disabled. There are currently 126 women in the House of Commons compared to 519 men, and only 15 MPs from ethnic minorities.

Today's move by the Conservatives would establish an access to public life fund, to be trialled immediately after a Tory victory at the general election. The funds would cover the costs of adapting premises to make them accessible, sign language interpreters, specialised equipment, travel and support workers. The money – to be spent over four years – would come from efficiency savings made by the government equalities office from their existing £84m annual spending, including from the Equality and Human Rights Commission's budget. Disability charities would be invited to tender to administer the fund.

Mark Harper, the shadow minister for disabled people, said: "Despite there being over 10 million disabled people in the UK, they are still under-represented in public life. It is important that we break down the barriers which prevent disabled people from standing for public office. "Given the recent damage done to the standing of parliament and our politics, it is all the more

important that we open up our democracy and set up this fund to ensure that disabled people are given a fair chance to enter public life."

Earlier this week the Speaker published a report of a commission convened to consider the problem, which suggested that there should be quotas set for the number of women, people from ethnic minorities and those with disabilities. The policy of all-women shortlists that Labour has adopted in some constituencies and David Cameron is considering for this year should be extended to black and minority ethnic groups, it said.

Abigail Lock, head of campaigns at the disability charity Scope, said: "We know many people want to be candidates and that money has been a barrier to that. Campaigning is prohibitively expensive so we welcome this move to break down those barriers."

[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk), 14/01/10



## BT Sign Site Gets Makeover

BT was the first FTSE100 business to launch a website, BT Sign ([www.bt.com/btsign](http://www.bt.com/btsign)) with content in British Sign Language.

Launched in Deaf Awareness Week 2007, the site provides important information about BT including how to contact us, how to report a fault, useful phone features and services and more about using computers and the web. We have now updated the whole site, refreshing the content to maintain its relevance and accuracy.

The updated version of BT Sign is now live and includes a new welcome from Clive Mason; the other presenters have dressed in colours to match each menu section!



## Driving Theory Test in BSL

SCARO Training is releasing a unique educational DVD covering the Theory Test Extra with full British Sign Language translation.

Produced under a BSL Education Licence and crown copyright, the twin DVD is presented by deaf people for the deaf community and includes the information needed to pass the Driving Theory Test.

The initial idea came from an Approved Driving Instructor who teaches deaf pupils to drive and discovered that there was a high failure rate on the Theory Test within the deaf community. After research proved that relevant resources in British Sign Language were non-existent, the idea was born.

Presented by two profoundly deaf tutors, students are guided through the various sections of Theory Test information with the inclusion of photographs and traffic signs. A brief revision test is included at the end of the second DVD.

The Theory Test Extra DVD in British Sign Language will be made available through retailers and libraries. SCARO Training has also obtained a licence to produce Know your Traffic Signs in British Sign Language, which will be available in the very near future.

SCARO Training can also offer specific awareness courses for companies and organisations, tailored to suit their needs.

Contact SCARO Training in partnership with Windsor School of Motoring  
For more information contact Carol Robertson 0191 4201319 (tel/fax) 07852953947 (mobile) or email on [carolr17@msn.com](mailto:carolr17@msn.com)

**Released 16/1/2010**

## Sailing Voyage with OYT Scotland

3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May: Greenock to Oban

As part of Deaf Awareness week, OYT Scotland has six places for young Deaf people (aged 16 – 24) for the voyage from Victoria Harbour, Greenock to Oban from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

The trip is funded by KPMG finance

There were three successful voyages with young Deaf people involved – Sept 07 (two Deaf) and May 08 and 09 (both with 8 Deaf).

This is a good way to make new friends but more importantly to gain experience and confidence for any young Deaf person. If you or know any young Deaf person interested in this voyage – please get in touch with either:

Paul McCusker: [paul@deafconnections.co.uk](mailto:paul@deafconnections.co.uk)

or Matt Roche: [matt@oytscotland.org.uk](mailto:matt@oytscotland.org.uk)

[www.oytscotland.org.uk](http://www.oytscotland.org.uk)

**Please note:** those who are going on the voyage must make their own travel arrangements to Greenock and return from Oban.

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### What Were You Born to Be?

Admittedly it's not terribly sophisticated, but STV has been plugging their quiz that promises to tell you your ideal career. Why not try it and see for yourself!

<http://jobs.stv.tv/article/68980/quiz-what-were-you-born-to-be/>

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### Unlimited Opportunities for Disabled and Deaf Artists!

Are you a disabled and deaf artist, or disabled and deaf-led arts organisation, looking to develop your work, strengthen artistic practice, challenge perceptions and forge new partnerships with presenting venues and events? If so, then Unlimited could be just the offer you've been waiting for!

Unlimited is a new UK-wide disability arts commissioning fund being run as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. The fund aims to commission new work that is artistically-led by disabled people and projects of between £25,000 and £50,000 are being actively encouraged.

Unlimited will celebrate disability, arts, culture and sport on an unprecedented scale, as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. The application process is being operated by Arts Council England on behalf of London 2012, the Scottish Arts Council, Arts Council of Wales, Arts Council of Northern Ireland and the British Council who have all contributed to the scheme.

Read on at:

<http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/artsinscotland/equalities/features/unlimited.aspx> or use

<http://digbig.com/5baray>

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### New DVD: How to Use the Health Service in Scotland

Working with NHS 24 and Consumer Focus Scotland, this new DVD and online resource is funded by the Scottish Government.

- DVD will be ready for launch in early 2010
- Will be available at no cost
- Useful and valuable resource for anyone needing to know how to access NHS services
- Useful tool for explaining NHS services to others
- Produced in 17 languages including English and British Sign Language

Work is underway to develop an effective communication and distribution strategy to make people aware of this resource and how to obtain a copy.

We would very much welcome your support in raising awareness of this new resource.  
For more information, please contact:  
E: [antonia@55degrees.co.uk](mailto:antonia@55degrees.co.uk)  
T: 0141 222 2855



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## Help Sense Win on Disability Issues in the General Election Invite your local candidates to their training events

A huge majority of polling stations had serious barriers to access for disabled people in the last general election.

The first stage in their general election campaign is to run events all around the country - training parliamentary candidates in how to ensure disabled people can vote. We will also provide training in how to engage with deafblind people. To make sure Sense reaches the right people, please invite your local candidates - and look out for the next stage in their campaign.

<http://campaigns.sense.org.uk/ea-campaign/clientcampaign.do?ea.client.id=150&ea.campaign.id=5058&ea.url.id=21830&ea.campaigner.email=mArd4mNOa3%2BWq4HMNyEPS4XylaYN8uML&forwarded=true>

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## The Citizenship Academy Free Cheese and Wine Sessions for Disability Groups

The General Election is coming and with every political party talking about budget cuts, it's never been more important to have your say and vote.

But **who** do you vote for and **how** do you vote?

The Citizenship Academy wants to help disabled people to get their voices heard. To this end, the Academy is running a free series of cheese and wine events where disabled people will have the space to talk about voting, democracy and active citizenship.

If you would like one of the events to take place with your group or more information then please contact William Neil by email at [william.neil@lcdisability.org](mailto:william.neil@lcdisability.org) or call on 0131 346 9040.

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## Debt Advice for the Deaf Community - DVD

Lots of people have debt for many different reasons. You may owe money to people and have debt, or think that you will have debt soon. It is **essential** that you get debt advice quickly.



At the moment there are regular radio adverts telling the Hearing Community where they can access money advice if they are having money problems. These radio information adverts are not accessible to the Deaf Community and thanks to a generous grant from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation; the BDA has produced a BSL DVD which provides help and advice for individuals who might be struggling to meet their financial commitments.

The BDA is trying to offer BSL users the same access to information and if you know of a friend, family member or colleague who might benefit from this DVD ask them to contact myself, Diane McCabe via email at: [dianem@bda.org.uk](mailto:dianem@bda.org.uk) who will arrange for a DVD to be sent out.

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## 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 by phoning: 0141 847 4979, faxing: 0141 847 4981,  
textphoning: 0141 848 7232, SMS-ing: 07799477108 ... or just call in at the meeting.

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### **Jumble Sale at Deaf Centre**

Sat 13th Feb from 11am - 2pm

Deaf Centre, 100 Norfolk Street, Gorbals, Glasgow.

The sale is in aid of Church Funds and held on behalf of the John Ross Memorial Church for Deaf People.

Entry is £1, which includes a voucher for tea or coffee.

Donations for the sale are also welcome:

Please make them in person at the church on Sunday mornings or see Jack & Margaret Giffen or Ronald MacDonald at the church or Deaf Club

You can also phone Rev Richard Durno:

Home: 0141 772 1052 fax or voice/voice mail

Office: 0141 420 3778 fax or 0141 420 1391 voice/voice mail

Mobile: 07748607721 text or voice

No donations of shoes please; and electrical goods will only be accepted if they are new, unused and still boxed.



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### **ABBA-solutely: 80s Disco with Hot Buffet**

Friday 19th Feb from 8pm - 12midnight at the Ramada Hotel, Glasgow.

**Mama Mia**, Deafblind Scotland is sending out an **SOS** for **Dancing Queens** to raise **Money Money Money!** Fancy dress is optional, but be a **Souper Trouper** if you dare. **The Winner Takes it All!**

To dance, enjoy a hot buffet and a chance to win some super prizes.

Tickets cost £17.50 and can be bought online by visiting: [www.deafblindscotland.org.uk](http://www.deafblindscotland.org.uk)

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### **Glasgow BSL Student Support Group**

A friendly and informal environment to have conversational practice in BSL, share tips, experiences, information and advice with fellow students.

The group meets every Wednesday night, from 6pm – 9pm in Grahamstons Pub in Glasgow City Centre, (Waterloo Street, near the hope street entrance to central station).

Comfy couches and tables are booked, just ask for Yvonne or Marco.

The group's email address is [glasgowbsl@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowbsl@gmail.com)

Anyone studying BSL - at whatever level - is very welcome.

Any Deaf people are especially welcome along for a chat, the group won't ask you lots of questions, and will definitely buy you a drink!

## Vacancies



DEAFBLIND  
SCOTLAND

### **Trainee Guide/Communicators Wanted**

Trainee guide/communicators required across Scotland to support deafblind people live independent lives. Good communication and interpersonal skills required. Car owners who are prepared to travel are particularly welcome. Flexible hours to suit. Full training provided. Contact Emma Russell at Deafblind Scotland, 21 Alexandra Avenue, Lenzie, G66 5BG. Phone: 0141 777 6111 Email: [execadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk](mailto:execadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk)

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### **Invitation to meet and shadow the Minister for Disabled People**

The Minister for Disabled People, Jonathan Shaw, would like to offer a shadowing opportunity to a young disabled person interested in meeting and shadowing him on either 18<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

At present we have no firm details in the diary but there may be meetings with officials or stakeholders and possibly a visit to the House of Parliament during one of the dates.

If anyone is interested, or knows of a young person who would be appropriate, please contact Kath Sutherland on 01204 431638 or e-mail [adp.admin@ntlworld.com](mailto:adp.admin@ntlworld.com)

# In the Loop: arts access for deaf and hard of hearing audiences

*In The Loop*, aims to make the arts in Edinburgh more accessible to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Artlink, an Edinburgh based charity has joined forces with The Fruitmarket Gallery, Talbot Rice Gallery and National Library of Scotland to jointly offer the use of a portable loop system.

Having a loop system will make the resources of some of Edinburgh's main cultural venues accessible to many more people. *In The Loop* will offer a programme of guided tours at The Fruitmarket Gallery, Talbot Rice Gallery and National Library of Scotland. The loop system will also be available at some public talks in these venues. This new initiative adds to the venues in Edinburgh which already have portable loop systems such as the National Museum of Scotland, National Galleries of Scotland and National Trust properties.

To book: email [info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk](mailto:info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk) or telephone 0131 650 2010.

*Veterinaries Talk Drawings – Weds 17th Feb from 1.15pm - 1.45pm*

Dr Alastair MacDonald and colleague Colin Warwick from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary studies will give their insights into how drawing plays a key role in veterinary education and in addition will provide some of the historical background to the drawings on display.

*Chemists Talk Drawings – Weds 3rd March from 1.15pm – 1.45pm*

Drs Stephen Moggach and Elizabeth Stevenson, both from the School of Chemistry at the University of Edinburgh, are delighted to give you a guided tour of the chemistry drawings and objects on display.

*Artists Talk - Fruitmarket Gallery – Weds 24th Feb 6.30pm*

Toby Paterson in conversation with Fiona Bradley, director of the Fruitmarket Gallery

To book: email [bookshop@fruitmarket.co.uk](mailto:bookshop@fruitmarket.co.uk) or telephone 0131 226 8181

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

To find out more or to join the mailing list, please contact Susan at Artlink 0131 229 3555 option 1, text relay 18001 229 3555 or email [susan@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk](mailto:susan@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk)

## Accessible Events: Signed

**Glasgow museums**

### Free BSL Tour of World Cultures Collection

Sat 6th March from 1pm-2pm.

Glasgow Museums Resource Centre, 200 Woodhead Road, South Nitshill Industrial Estate, Glasgow, G53 7NN

Venue details: <http://www.glasgowmuseums.com/venue/index.cfm?venueid=8>

This tour is free of charge but must be booked in advance.

There is a maximum capacity of 15 people.

Book online: <http://www.glasgowmuseums.com/venue/details.cfm?venueid=8>

by phone (0141 276 9300) or textphone (0141 276 9428).

## Accessible Theatre: Signed

### Aberdeen | Signed



**Fiddler on the Roof**, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122 | Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**The Sound of Music**, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**When Harry Met Sally**, Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**Calendar Girls**, Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Aug at 7.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

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### Dundee | Signed

**Equus**, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB.

Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Textphone 01382 342 611 Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.

### 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](http://www.lyceum.org.uk)



**The Woman in Black**, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.

General Box Office: 0131 529 6000

Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003

Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form

In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**What We Know**, Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm.

Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED.

To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 228 1404 (Mon-Sat, 10am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights) or online at [www.traverse.co.uk](http://www.traverse.co.uk) (no booking fee)

**Lord Arthur Savile's Crime**, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.

General Box Office: 0131 529 6000

Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003

Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form

In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Hormonal Housewives**, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via the Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Dinner Ladies**, Fri 5th March at 7.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**The Beauty Queen of Leenane**, Weds 10th March at 7.45pm  
Royal 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)



**Porridge**, Fri 12th March at 7.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Whistle Down the Wind**, Weds 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.  
Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-21 Greenside Place, EH1 3AA. Enquiries (v): 0131 557 2692  
Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424  
Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

**Utopia Limited – The Edinburgh Gilbert and Sullivan Society**, Sat 20th March at 2.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**The Hobbit**, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via the Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**The Bohemians: Singin' in the Rain**, Sat 27th March at 2.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street



**The Secret of Sherlock Holmes**, Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Every One**, Weds 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm  
Royal 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 History Boys**, Fri 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Treasure Island**, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm  
King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street



**The Goat (or Who is Sylvia)**, Tues 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.  
Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED.  
To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 228 1404 (Mon-Sat, 10am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights) or online at [www.traverse.co.uk](http://www.traverse.co.uk) (no booking fee)

**Les Miserables**, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm **AND** Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm  
Edinburgh Playhouse 18-21 Greenside Place, EH1 3AA.  
Enquiries (v): 0131 557 2692 Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424  
Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

**The Cherry Orchard**, Weds 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.45pm  
Royal 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)

**Stepping Out**, Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via the Accessible Booking Form  
In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Girls' Night Out**, Sat 29<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.  
General Box Office: 0131 529 6000



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**Any Given Day**, Wed 9th June at 8pm.

Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED.

To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 228 1404 (Mon-Sat, 10am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights) or online at [www.traverse.co.uk](http://www.traverse.co.uk) (no booking fee)

**Peter Pan**, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm

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**When Harry Met Sally**, Fri 18<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.

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**Jack and the Beanstalk**, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm **AND** Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 at 2pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.

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## Glasgow | Signed

**Blood Brothers**, Fri 12th Feb at 7.30pm.

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

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**Clutter Keeps Company**, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm

£10/£6 0845 330 3501 [www.tramway.org](http://www.tramway.org)

Tramway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow, G41 2PE Tel(v): 0845 330 3501

**Backbeat**, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm

Citizens Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS

Book online at: [www.citz.co.uk](http://www.citz.co.uk)

Tel: 0141 429 0022

**The Government Inspector**, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB

Box Office: 0141 552 4267

[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**Empty**, Tues 16th March at 7.30pm

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB

Box Office: 0141 552 4267

[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**The Miracle Man**, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267  
[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**Raspberry**, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267  
[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**Peppa Pig's Party**, Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm  
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JN.  
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**Peter Pan**, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.  
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JN.  
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### **Inverness | Signed**

**Blood Brothers**, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm  
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](mailto:boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk)

**Pobby & Dignan**, Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am  
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](mailto:boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk)

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### **Perth | Signed**

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

**Proof**, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.30pm  
Perth Theatre, 185 High Street Perth PH1 5UW  
Box office 0845 612 6324  
Web: [www.horsecross.co.uk](http://www.horsecross.co.uk)  
Email: [tickets@horsecross.co.uk](mailto:tickets@horsecross.co.uk)

**Jane Eyre**, Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm  
Perth Theatre, 185 High Street Perth PH1 5UW  
Box office 0845 612 6324  
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## Accessible Theatre: Captioned



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### Aberdeen | Captioned

**The Sound of Music**, Sat 3rd April at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

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### Dundee | Captioned

**Equus**, Fri 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB.

Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Textphone 01382 342 611 Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.

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### Edinburgh | Captioned

**Lord Arthur Savile's Crime**, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.

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**Hamlet**, Weds 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Brunton Theatre, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, EH21 6AA

[boxoffice@eastlothain.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@eastlothain.gov.uk)

Tel 0131 665 2240

**The Hobbit**, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

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**The Secret of Sherlock Holmes**, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm.

King's Theatre, 2 Leven Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9LQ.

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Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003

Online at [www.fctt.co.uk](http://www.fctt.co.uk) via our Accessible Booking Form

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**The History Boys**, Thurs 8th April at 7.30pm.

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In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

**Les Miserables**, Thurs 13th May at 7.30pm  
Edinburgh Playhouse 18-21 Greenside Place, EH1 3AA.  
Enquiries(v): 0131 557 2692 Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424;  
Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

**Peter Pan**, Fri 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street Edinburgh, EH8 9FT.  
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Tel: 0141 276 0950  
Fax: 0141 276 0954  
Email: [info@tramway.org](mailto:info@tramway.org)

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

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### **Paisley | Captioned**

**Hamlet**, Fri 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

Presented by Rapture Theatre Company at the Paisley Arts Centre Paisley

Tickets £6

To book call 0141 887 1010 / TEXT RELAY 18001 0141 887 1010, visit Box Office or website or email [ram.els@renfreshire.gov.uk](mailto:ram.els@renfreshire.gov.uk).

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**Jane Eyre**, Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

Perth Theatre, 185 High Street Perth PH1 5UW

Box office 0845 612 6324

Web: [www.horsecross.co.uk](http://www.horsecross.co.uk)

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### **Edinburgh: Captioned**

**Invictus**, Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5.45pm

Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ

**Fantastic Mr Fox**, Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Feb at 1pm

Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ



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