



## SCoD Convenor

The Management Committee elected John Denerley as Convenor and his term will last until the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## National Council

At the last National Council meeting, David Wilson and Iain Cameron spoke about the World Deaf Golf Championship which will take place in St Andrews on 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August. Due to a technical hitch, they could not show their PowerPoint presentation. However, updated PowerPoint slides were sent to us afterwards. Copies were sent to all National Council members. Associate members and anyone else interested in this event, please feel free to contact Alison Coyle for a copy: [alison@scod.org.uk](mailto:alison@scod.org.uk).

As requested at the last National Council meeting, Helga McGilp, Director of SASLI agreed to come and talk to the National Council about SASLI at a next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## Representatives and Depute Representatives on the National Council

Some representatives find it difficult to attend SCoD National Council meetings due to their work commitments so we would like to encourage you to ask a depute to attend in your place. We will always be pleased to see them at our meetings.

## SCoD Bulletin and Website

As part of your membership benefits, we are happy to promote your news, services, new projects and any other developments in this monthly bulletin and also on the home page of our website – there is no charge for this publicity. Why not make the most of this free resource?! The Information Officer edits the bulletin, so email [editor@scod.org.uk](mailto:editor@scod.org.uk) with your copy.

## Mental Health and Deaf People

A number of SCoD member organisations were represented at the recent launch of a mental health research report by RNID at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh.

## New Pan-Scotland Community Mental Health Service for Deaf People

Prior to the launch above, we received an email from the Scottish Government's Mental Health Division which read as follows:

"..... on the desire to develop and enhance mental health services for people with sensory impairment in Scotland (and following representation from key stakeholders and patient groups on this matter) the Scottish Government has now approved and is funding the establishment of a Pan-Scotland Specialist Community Mental Health Service, which is to be hosted by NHS Lothian with significant expert input from NHS Lanarkshire.

Primarily a consultation and liaison service, it will focus on supporting and enhancing local community mental health services in this specialised area in caring for people with sensory impairment and moderate to severe mental health problems. The primary aim will be to ensure timeous access to specialist advice, when needed, by local community mental health teams. National Services Scotland has commissioned and will performance manage this service. This service is of course in addition to the existing specialist in-patient service, provided by the John Denmark Unit in Manchester, for those patients with severe mental health problems who also have profound sensory impairment and who require in-patient care. We also envisage that referrals to the JDU in-patient service will increasingly be guided by specialist advice from this

new service. (As you may know, NSS have now also established a Quality Assurance Panel to monitor the quality of referrals to JDU).

The new community specialised service is presently at the very early stages of operational planning, and will be launched formally later this year.....”

The Scottish Government also said that the network including representatives from SCoD and some member organisations will be reconvened to input on the shape of the new service. Watch this space!

### **“Don’t leave me out! Information Sheet for Politicians**

We reported in the last issue that copies of this information sheet were sent to MSPs, MPs, MEPs and parliamentary candidates. We received a number of complimentary letters and one of them was from the First Minister!

If you like to have some copies to give out to your local politicians, you can download the sheets from our website: [http://www.scod.org.uk/SCoD\\_publications-i-127.html](http://www.scod.org.uk/SCoD_publications-i-127.html)

### **BSL Bill**

It is our intention to start a consultation on the BSL Bill in June. The Bill consultation will be discussed at the next National Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please note of this date for your diary!

### **NATED Scotland**

For those of you wanting information about NATED Scotland, you can contact Rachel O’Neill at her email address: [rachel.oneill@ed.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.oneill@ed.ac.uk)

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

Filming of deaf people sharing their memories has started.

### **Deaf History Scotland**

A reminder – there will be a Spring Gathering of Deaf History Scotland at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre in Camelon on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There will be a short EGM at 12 noon and this will be followed by a buffet lunch for DHS members and non-members.

After lunch, the DHS Executive Committee will give information about the planned series of workshops which will take place in the autumn. Then anyone can step on a “soapbox” to talk about their research, project or stories about deaf heritage.

This event is free for DHS Members and non-DHS members will pay a fee of £5.

For more information, contact Dr Ronnie Scott, DHS Secretary [rscott@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk](mailto:rscott@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk) or Lilian Lawson, DHS Treasurer [llawson@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk](mailto:llawson@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk)

### **Deaf History Scotland Spring Gathering**

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre in Camelon, the Deaf History Scotland (DHS) Executive Committee will have their meeting at 10.30am and this will be followed by a short EGM which is open to all DHS members. Non-DHS members can attend as observers only. After the EGM, a buffet lunch will be provided. After lunch, the DHS Executive Committee will tell members and non-members about the planned series of workshops which will take place in the autumn. Then anyone can step on a "soapbox" to talk about their research, project or stories about deaf heritage.

For more information, contact Dr Ronnie Scott, DHS Secretary [rscott@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk](mailto:rscott@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk) or Lilian Lawson [llawson@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk](mailto:llawson@deafhistoryscotland.org.uk)

## Counselling Awareness Project Update by *Barbra Wylie*

I told you last month that I was travelling to Elgin for a Counselling Awareness Workshop to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, due to the terrible snow at the end of March I did not make it. I had held back on travelling to Elgin earlier in the year due to the bad weather and did think that by April it would be clear-I was wrong!

On 31<sup>st</sup> March I set out on the train and made it to Aberdeen no problem at all. Caught the connecting train at Aberdeen to take me to Elgin, and the weather was clear. We reached Dyce and hit terrible blizzards. The train stopped somewhere just outside Huntly and did not move for 2 ½ hours due to a points failure. Eventually they decided to turn the train around and take us back to Aberdeen.

The line was still closed the next day so I unfortunately had to cancel the workshop. I want to apologise to anyone who turned up expecting me to be there but there was nothing that could be done. I do hope to get to Elgin at some point in the next few months-maybe I'm best to wait until the summer!!

The Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training in Dunfermline on 21<sup>st</sup> April was, again, well attended and received. It was mainly attended by counsellors and staff from counselling organisations which was great.

I am keen to hold further training sessions soon, especially as a result of the funding extension so please keep an eye on our website for updates.

The project evaluation is still ongoing, and thank you to those who have sent back their completed questionnaires. I appreciate people giving up their time to help me. If you have received a questionnaire and have not sent it back yet I would be really grateful if you would take the time.

If you would like any further information please contact Barbra Wylie, Project Co-ordinator  
Tel/Text 0141 221 2991 Email [Barbra@scod.org.uk](mailto:Barbra@scod.org.uk)



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### 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 17th to Sunday 19th September 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



### Roads for All Conference

*"Working together to open the door to independent travel along Scotland's roads"*

Hosted by Transport Scotland, the conference takes place at the Glasgow Thistle Hotel on 8th June. To register, or to find out more about the day, please visit the website: <http://www.eventsforce.net/transportscotland10> or contact the Expotel Event Admin Team using the following contact details:

By Telephone: 0161 603 4719

By E-mail: [event.reg@expotel.com](mailto:event.reg@expotel.com)



## Deaf Parenting UK

### Deaf Parenting UK Annual Conference: 'Are We Equal?'

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA

Deaf Parenting UK is delighted to host their next annual conference - Deaf Parenting UK Conference 2010: Are we Equal? The theme of the Conference will focus on three key areas: Health, Social Services and Children's Education.

The conference offers an exciting programme of speakers and fun family activities for children of Deaf parents. In addition the conference offers an excellent opportunity to meet with other Deaf parents, families and professionals, in order to work together to ensure Deaf Parents have equal access to Health, Social Services and to their Children's Education.

An excellent programme of speakers includes:

- Professor Waqar Ahmad (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research & Enterprise, Middlesex University & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador)
- Sabina Iqbal (Chair/Founder of Deaf Parenting UK)
- Surinder Sharma (National Director, Equality & Human Rights Department of Health)
- Anne Bristow, (the Joint -Chair of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services Physical Disabilities Network/ HIV/ and Sensory Network)
- Professor Alys Young PhD, CQSW (Professor of Social Work Education and Research University of Manchester University & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador)
- Jeff McWhinney (Deaf Perspective & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador)
- Dr Lesley Jones (Senior Lecturer in Social Science, Hull York Medical School, University of York & Deaf Parenting UK Ambassador - Chair of Workshops Summary & Closing remark)
- Penny Allsop (Healthy Child Programme Policy Lead, Department of Health - 'Healthy Child Programme - What it Means for Parents')

<http://www.deafparent.org.uk/services/conference/conference-2010/>

Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis.  
Cost: Deaf parents/ families £5, Student £10, Professionals/ service providers £80 "Limited places, please book early to avoid disappointment"  
Please contact us for more information on by email [info@deafparent.org.uk](mailto:info@deafparent.org.uk) or SMS: 07789 027186 (text only) E-Fax: 0871 2643323



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## A New Government? Priorities for the Education of Deaf Children

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> June at The London Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London N7 6PA

This one-day conference will address the following issues:

In the context of a new government and a public funding squeeze, what are the priorities for education of deaf children?

What does quality education for deaf children look like?

Share and disseminate good practice in relation to developments in literacy.

Delegate Fees: Standard £95 | Affiliate £75 | Member £45

Exhibitor Fees: Standard £380 | Affiliate £300 | Member £180

Contact Clare Long: [c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk](mailto:c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk) for further details and to book.

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British Society for Mental Health and Deafness  
*promoting healthy deaf minds*



## 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)

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## Audiology Rehabilitation Study Day

Fri 7th May from 9am

Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Camelon, Falkirk.

The Forth Valley Audiology Department is holding a study day on Audiology Rehabilitation.

This day will consist of lectures from prominent Audiology professionals and charities and will cover topics such as patient's wishes and understanding of rehabilitation, rehabilitation techniques, assistive listening devices updates, consideration of non audiology issues, tinnitus rehabilitation updates and cochlear implant rehabilitation.

Attendance costs £15 per person - Please send a cheque for £15 made payable to Forth Valley Audiology Department, Audiology Study Day, Stirling Royal Infirmary, Livilands, Stirling, FK8 2AU. There will also be an opportunity for delegates to view up to date audiology equipment.

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## In-house Training

In-house training courses are now available for individual organisations.

Courses include:

+Raising Awareness

+Is It Accessible?

+Creating Accessible Documents

+Sending Accessible Emails

+Testing Website Accessibility

Visit the SAIF website to find out more and download a programme:

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

For more information or to discuss individual requirements contact Susan Burn at

[sburn@saifscotland.org.uk](mailto:sburn@saifscotland.org.uk)



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

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## General News and Events

### Thousands will lose benefits as harsher medical approved

Tens of thousands of claimants facing losing their benefit on review, or on being transferred from incapacity benefit, as plans to make the employment and support allowance (ESA) medical much harder to pass are approved by the secretary of state for work and pensions, Yvette Cooper.

The shock plans for 'simplifying' the work capability assessment, drawn up by a DWP working group, include docking points from amputees who can lift and carry with their stumps. Claimants with speech problems who can write a sign saying, for example, 'The office is on fire!' will score no points for speech and deaf claimants who can read the sign will lose all their points for hearing.

Meanwhile, for 'health and safety reasons' all points scored for problems with bending and kneeling are to be abolished and claimants who have difficulty walking can be assessed using imaginary wheelchairs.

Claimants who have difficulty standing for any length of time will, under the plans, also have to show they have equal difficulty sitting, and vice versa, in order to score any points. And no matter how bad their problems with standing and sitting, they will not score enough points to be awarded ESA.

In addition, almost half of the 41 mental health descriptors for which points can be scored are being removed from the new 'simpler' test, greatly reducing the chances of being found incapable of work due to such things as poor memory, confusion, depression and anxiety.

There are some improvements to the test under the plans, including exemptions for people likely to be starting chemotherapy and more mental health grounds for being admitted to the support group. But the changes are overwhelmingly about pushing tens of thousands more people onto JSA.

If all this sounds like a sick and rather belated April Fools joke to you, we're not surprised. But the proposals are genuine and have already been officially agreed by Yvette Cooper, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. They have not yet been passed into law, but given that both Labour and the Conservatives seem intent on driving as many people as possible off incapacity related benefits, they are likely to be pursued by whichever party wins the election.

We know that many people will find this news deeply upsetting and even frightening and we know that some people will condemn us for publicising the planned changes or for the language that we are using to do so. But we also believe that it's not too late to stop these ugly plans in their tracks if claimants and the organisations that represent them act now.

With 1.5 million incapacity benefit claimants waiting to be assessed using the work capability assessment in the next few years and tens of thousands of people already on ESA and set to be reviewed annually, these changes will be of great concern to many voters – if they find out about them before polling day.

So, please spread the word in forums and blogs and to people you know who may be affected. Ask any disability charity you have a connection with to speak out now, before election day, against these plans. You might also want to contact local newspapers and radio to warn people about the proposals.

And above all, contact not just your MP, but the other candidates in your constituency, and let them know you will not be voting for anyone who does not loudly condemn this shameful attack on sick and disabled claimants.

These plans really are a potential seat loser, but only if enough people know about them.

Source: <http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/blogs/2010/04/13/thousands-will-lose-benefits-as-harsher-medical-approved/?tried=1>

NHS Forth Valley

### Health records lost in IT failure

A computer failure at NHS Forth Valley led to the loss of records for all patients being treated at its audiology department, the BBC has learned.

The health authority said the majority of the information had been recovered, although a "small number" of records were still missing.

It is understood that the records were lost last week resulting in a number of appointments being cancelled.

The authority has issued an apology to those affected.

In a statement they said: "We can confirm that there has been a problem with the audiology computer system.

"As a result staff were unable to access patients records for a number of days and regrettably patients who were due to be seen were told that their appointments would have to be re-arranged.

"The system is now up and running again and work is under way to identify what went wrong and to put in place steps to ensure that this does not happen again.

"We are obviously very sorry for the inconvenience to our patients and are doing everything to make sure they are seen as soon as possible."

The authority has not revealed how many patients were affected by the data loss.

*news.bbc.co.uk 08/04/10*

## TextRelay TextRelay Transition a Success

The final phase of the transition of Text Relay into BT has now taken place. The operation has smoothly moved to BT's Lancaster House in Liverpool and the IT systems have worked seamlessly. A high standard of customer service has been maintained. Since Text Relay transferred to BT one of the things they have been looking at is the use of the relay in contacting businesses. We know that it can be a frustrating experience. You may be interested to see the news item on the Text Relay website ([www.textrelay.org](http://www.textrelay.org)) that provides information about businesses that are providing a direct textphone number. These organisations, the service they provide and the equipment they use are all completely independent of Text Relay and outside BT's control. However, if you have any comments or suggestions about the way organisations can improve services for customers who use text the Text Relay team would be pleased to share your suggestions with them. Similarly, if you know of an organisation that provides a good service for customers who use text and would like to share it please send details to [helpline@textrelay.org](mailto:helpline@textrelay.org) and they will be added to the list.

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### RNID casework team will cease operating from 23rd May

As disclosed in previous articles, RNID decided to axe their casework team because the service is not 'inline with its new strategic direction'. (See: RNID confirms welfare rights team to be axed: <http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/news/latest-news/1191-rnid-confirms-welfare-rights-team-to-be-axed>).

With the proposed introduction of a new 'simplified' work capability assessment for employment and support allowance which will award zero points for deafness to claimants who can read, the need for a specialist service is likely to be even greater in the future.

Sadly, there will no longer be anyone to meet that need.

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

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### Work Capability Assessment for Employment and Support Allowance

Once again, a bombshell that could cause huge financial hardship to tens of thousands of claimants has been dropped, virtually unnoticed, by a government minister. The shock plans, for 'simplifying' the work capability assessment for employment and support allowance (ESA) include docking points from amputees who can lift and carry with their stumps. Claimants with speech problems who can write a sign saying, for example, 'The office is on fire!' will score no points for speech and deaf claimants who can read the sign will lose all their points for hearing.

Meanwhile, for 'health and safety reasons' all points scored for problems with bending and kneeling are to be abolished and claimants who have difficulty walking can be assessed using imaginary wheelchairs.

These changes, and many more, have already been approved by the secretary of state for work and pensions but have not yet passed into law. They will affect both ESA claimants and the 1.5 million incapacity benefits claimants waiting to be assessed for ESA. <http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/news/members-only-news/1207-even-harsher-new-esa-medical-approved> - you need to be a member to access this area. If you're not a member, you can find out more, comment on the plans and learn how to try to prevent them happening in the new open access blog: [Thousands to lose benefits as harsher medical approved](#)

<http://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=13839923&msgid=258582&act=5SF2&c=144836&destination=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.benefitsandwork.co.uk%2Fblogs%2F2010%2F04%2F13%2Fthousands-will-lose-benefits-as-harsher-medical-approved%2F>

<http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/blogs/2010/04/13/thousands-will-lose-benefits-as-harsher-medical-approved/>

## DLA AND AA SAVED?

Thanks to the enormous outcry led by Benefits and Work members, disability living allowance and attendance allowance are safe – for the course of one parliament at least. It's a victory worth remembering as politicians now launch their attack on ESA and incapacity benefit claimants instead.

Read more in: [DLA and AA safe for one parliament](#) (This article is open access)

<http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk/news/latest-news/1208-dla-and-aa-safe-for-one-parliament>  
[www.benefitsandwork.co.uk](http://www.benefitsandwork.co.uk)



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## Encouraging signs

Clare Canton's three children speak English, French and Spanish competently, even though they are still only six, four and two.

And that's a bit more surprising when you realise that she and her husband Enrique are both deaf, and the main language used in their home is British Sign Language (BSL).

Later this year, Mrs Canton will become Scotland's first deaf interpreter, when she qualifies from a new course backed by the Scottish Government. The pilot scheme is part of the £1.5m Building Bridges project, and 10 people are currently more than halfway through a 20-month apprenticeship to become BSL/English Interpreters. At the end of the scheme all 10 are expected to be taken on by the Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters (SASLI).

It is aimed at addressing the chronic shortage of people who can interpret on behalf of deaf Scots. With deaf people now rightly expecting to play a full part in society, and deaf children increasingly expected to attend mainstream schools, there is a high demand for interpreters who can help them understand lessons, lectures and interact easily with social services, business colleagues, political or artistic events and in all the other aspects of life where most people take communication for granted.

Of those taking the course, only Mrs Canton is deaf herself. In September, a year after starting her apprenticeship, she will be signing in Glasgow at the conference of the European Federation of Sign Language Interpreters, along with her fellow trainees.

She admits that the event will be very challenging, as she has not done anything like it before. "With just four months to go I have to say that I am new and have no experience on the platform," she says, "But I'm willing to learn, and it will be excellent experience." In fact, her only taste of something similar was something of a disaster. "I've already had the worst possible experience in interpreting at a seminar," says Mrs Cantor, "when I was asked to interpret from International Sign to British Sign Language and the plan was that I could translate into BSL at the back of the seminar. However, in the event I had to stand at the front and try to watch the lecture and interpret at the same time which I wasn't prepared for. My confidence took a huge hit."

She's not going to let anything like that happen again, she says. In fact, as an experienced TV presenter, she does have significant experience in other settings, as well as a willingness to overcome hurdles which began when she was at school.

Born in East Kilbride, she went to St Vincent's School for the Deaf in Glasgow but her early educational experiences prior to that were not positive. "I am one of five children born to hearing parents, however two of my siblings are profoundly deaf, so, as a family, we all communicated through BSL," she explains.

"When I was at school in Motherwell, at Dalziel High, I was the only deaf pupil in the classroom. I couldn't cope when the teacher talked while walking about or faced the blackboard as I couldn't lipread. In the end I just copied from my hearing peers. My development and learning was very limited and I had no confidence."

The move to St Vincent's School for the Deaf changed all that and while she has been very aware of occasions when she has been patronised and sidelined as a result of being deaf, her determination to develop her career led to her teaching BSL to hearing students before working as a television presenter on dedicated programmes for the deaf community such as Sign On for Channel 4.

Further work as an in-vision signer in mainstream media sparked her interest in interpreting. "I applied to become an apprentice with SASLI as I felt it was the right time to bring together the skills I had learned over the years and gain a formal qualification as an interpreter, equal to that of my hearing colleagues," she says. "I was over the moon when I was successful. It was only then I realised that when I qualified, I would become the first deaf interpreter in Scotland".

The training is a blend of recognised qualifications and work experience delivered in conjunction with the languages department at Leeds University and as BSL is Clare's first language, she has been studying Advanced English at Glasgow's Metropolitan College. She is also working with students at Donaldson's School in Edinburgh on a range of communication needs as well as sign language.

Her unique role and experience means that Mrs Canton works with agencies and organisations across the country and is translating SASLI's policies into BSL to make them easily accessible for deaf people. "As a working mother I couldn't do this without tremendous support from my family, who are truly multi-lingual and multi-cultural."

Her husband Enrique was born in France and uses BSL, French and Spanish Sign Language. When they started a family neither she nor Enrique worried about their children possibly being deaf, working on the premise that if they were sufficiently well informed themselves they could pass on the required skills to their children.

"I didn't like the idea of them being made to feel like second class citizens, which can still happen to me when people assume that because you are deaf that makes you a lesser person. You have to ask them in a respectful manner not to treat you like that."

She hopes to work in education or the public sector when she completes the course, but would also like to be involved in international conference work. She's sure September's event will be a better experience than her last conference.

"It all comes down to preparation and planning but that applies to anyone involved in an event like this," she says. "I might be slightly nervous but this conference will also mark how far we've come and I think all the apprentices will enjoy it."

For further information visit [www.sasli.org.uk](http://www.sasli.org.uk) and [www.efsl.org](http://www.efsl.org)

*The Herald 04/05/10*

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The logo for NOTEABLE, featuring the word "NOTEABLE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background.

**Live Remote Captioning Pilot**

Electronic Notetaking is a speech to text communication support service for deaf and hard of hearing people. It is suitable for education, business, medical and conference settings. The current lack of qualified Electronic Notetakers in Scotland means there are many areas of the country with little or no access to this vital support service.

Live Remote Captioning is a pilot scheme run by Noteable Electronic Notetaking Services aimed at improving this situation. It offers clients the use of real-time captioning at short meetings and appointments delivered to any location in the country.

Free trials are available and no specialist equipment is required.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing and would like to participate in this scheme, please contact: Louisa on 07837 622229 (mobile)

or

Andrena on 07947 835969 (mobile)

or email [mcmenemy@noteable.co.uk](mailto:mcmenemy@noteable.co.uk)

Signature Qualified/NRCPD Registered Electronic Notetakers

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

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## time out

Exploring mental health & wellbeing from the perspectives of Deaf people

Launch of project report: Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 12noon

Deaf Connections, 10 Norfolk Street, Glasgow G5 9EG

Tea, coffee and lunch provided

Deaf people and organisations with an interest in mental health are invited.

To confirm attendance, or for more information: contact:

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

Lesley Ross: [l.ross@gamh.org.uk](mailto:l.ross@gamh.org.uk)

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### SASLI Open Meeting for Deaf People

Weds 19th May from 7pm - 9pm: Glasgow.

Ramada Jarvis Hotel - Banker Suite, 201 Ingram Street, Glasgow G1 1DQ.

**AND**

Tues 25th May from 7pm - 9pm: Edinburgh.

Ramada Jarvis Hotel – Skyline Suite, 53 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2DG.

SASLI wants to talk to you about your experiences of using BSL/English Interpreters.

This is a chance to tell them what you think and how they can make improvements

These meetings are for Deaf people only and will be run by the SASLI Director, Helga McGilp.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, email: [mail@sasli.co.uk](mailto:mail@sasli.co.uk) or text 07540 724 023

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### Deafblind charity seeks signers for 'mini bus adventures'

At first glance it might seem slightly odd that the national deafblind charity Sense is seeking signers. But to help make its summer programme of holidays happen, the group is seeking volunteers and is now putting out an S.O.S. for British Sign Language (BSL) users, who also happen to be male and can drive a mini bus!

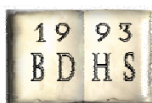
According to Sarah Fisk, Sense Holidays Manager says: "Our holidays give deafblind people the opportunity to have fun, make friends and do activities that they often wouldn't get the chance to do. To help us do this we need volunteers of 18 years and over, male and female. BUT the icing on the cake for us would be someone who can sign a little. If they happen to be male and can drive a minibus that would be an even bigger bonus!"

This summer Sense will organise 25 holidays all over the UK for more than 120 deafblind

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children and adults. Activities range from canoeing and camping, theme parks, to sailing with volunteers and holidaymakers staying in cottages, holiday villages, yurts, tents riverboats, activity centres and yachts.

Visit [www.sense.org.uk/holidayvolunteering](http://www.sense.org.uk/holidayvolunteering) for more information or call 0845 127 0060.



### Dimmock Banquet

Saturday 10th July; doors open at 6.30pm; dinner at 8pm

Sunderland Stadium of Light, Sunderland, SR5 1SU

3 Course Dinner

Guest Speaker; Friends Reunited

Ticket: £30 (to reserve your ticket now, £8 non-refundable deposit is required. The remainder must be paid by 5th June)

Tickets can be obtained from the British Deaf History Society office at:

11-13 Wilson Patten Street Warrington, Cheshire W1 1PG; Fax: 01606 593142

Dress: formal shirt & tie

Email: [admin.bdhs@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.bdhs@btconnect.com) website: [www.bdhs.org.uk](http://www.bdhs.org.uk)



### I'm Deaf, I'm OK

Tues 18th May from 9.30am - 2.30pm at DeafVision in Carlisle.

Come and learn how to help deaf children be confident and OK!

For adults: Workshop to gain a better understanding of issues for a deaf/hearing impaired child

For the kids: A day just for you to talk, play, learn about important issue related to deafness and confidence.

£ Free. [www.deafvision.co.uk](http://www.deafvision.co.uk)



### Arthritis Talk by Arthritis Care

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> May from 1.30pm – 3pm

Deaf Connections, Norfolk Street, Glasgow

For more information see Catriona Lafferty or Paul McCusker

This event is for anyone interested in finding out more about arthritis

### Bake and Craft Sale

Sat 29th May from 10am - 2pm at Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow G5 9EJ.

In aid of St Vincent Centre for the Deaf Fundraising Committee. Families welcome.

For sale: a range of handmade cards, crafts hearts, pictures, jam, tablet, homebaking, jewellery, new and used DVDs, books, tombola

Entrance fee (paid at the door): £2 - includes tea/coffee and cakes!



### Visit to Galloway Wildlife Park in Kirkcudbright with DeafVision

Mon 12th June.

Contact DeafVision for more details.

This event costs: £5 for adults and £4 for children.

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



**Deaf Sports Personality of the Year**  
**Wembley Stadium, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

We want YOU to be involved in voting for your views who should be recognised and most

people may think back to the most recent summer Deaflympics 2009 in Taipei, which was probably one of the best Summer Deaflympic hosted in the history with the most media interest BUT there many more deaf sport events to come in 2010 that you can consider before voting. Celebrity sport heroes are anticipated to also attend this event so that they can present the awards to the winners. For the winner, it will be an unforgettable moment! Dont miss the chance to witness this memorable event which is open to everyone who gets tickets (On a first come, first served basis).

This event is also to raise funds to donate towards UK Deaf Sport for the next 22nd Deaflympics 2013 in Athens, Greece to encourage Great Britain Deaf Athletes to keep on trying to get more medals. We hope this event will help enormously to contribute toward the fundraising target for the coaches, managers, physiotherapists and athletes who work with the GB voluntarily to be able to attend. To-date, no one has been paid for their hard work for years. We look forward to having you on the night, don' t forget to nominate for your sporting hero to win the Award!" *by Richard Weinbaum*

<http://www.dspy2010.co.uk/>



### 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.



### Deaf Awareness Week

28th June – 4th July

With thanks to sponsors:- St Andrew's Healthcare: [www.stah.org](http://www.stah.org)

Deaf Awareness Week is a unique awareness campaign bringing together about 250 deaf charities and organisations. Lots of events are being organised by UK Council on Deafness member and affiliate organisations around the country during the week.

The publicity materials will be available to download from the website:

[www.Look-At-Me.org.uk](http://www.Look-At-Me.org.uk)

The posters ask people to "Look At Me" - emphasising the need to look at someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, so that that they can see your lips and facial expression. All the models are deaf or hard of hearing and the photography was organised by REMARK! a deaf production company.

To download them, go to the "Publicity Materials" section and you can click on the images for a PDF version. The leaflet focuses on interesting facts about deafness and gives examples of ways to be more accessible to deaf people and can be downloaded by clicking on the links provided.

If you are participating in Deaf Awareness Week you are welcome to use the Deaf Awareness Week logo on your publicity material. If you would like a high resolution version sent to you please contact us.

Deaf Awareness Week offers excellent opportunities for people to publicise and create media interest in deaf issues. You can do this by organising events during the week involving the

public and giving the events the maximum possible coverage by informing the media. Local newspapers, radio and television are particularly receptive to events taking place in their area.

Please let UKCoD know the details of your event so they can add them to the 2010 Events Diary on the website. For hints about gaining maximum publicity for your event, check out the "Publicity Tips" section on the website. Any local media enquires that we receive will be forwarded on to the appropriate organisation.

To have your event listed on the campaign website please contact Clare Long [c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk](mailto:c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk) with details.

# Deaffest 2010

The UK's only Deaf-led Film & Television Festival  
21 - 23 May - Light House, Wolverhampton



## Lanarkshire Deaf Club Website Launches

Shona Smith volunteers at Lanarkshire Deaf Club every Wednesday and is keen to help them with some fund raising. Find out what she has been doing by visiting Lanarkshire Deaf Club's new website: [www.lanarkshiredaefclub.co.uk](http://www.lanarkshiredaefclub.co.uk).

Shona has set up a JustGiving page and all monies raised will go to the deaf club. The plan is to spend the majority of it on getting some new activities for the children at the club. If enough is raised, it could help towards the cost of a trip for them to have a well-deserved fun day out.

"Any donations that you make - no matter how big or small - will be of great help to the deaf club, and you can all have a laugh at me with my bald head afterwards, yes the pictures and hopefully a video will go up there too." – *Shona Smith*

## 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.



## FUN FRIDAYS for Young People

Deaf Action is introducing FUN FRIDAYS for young people.

These will be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month starting Friday 7th May.

Fun Fridays are open to deaf and hard of hearing young people aged between 12 and 18 years old; they can also bring along a friend or sibling.

The Youth Workers all have Disclosure Scotland checks and will support and encourage the young people during the wide range of activities which are being organised.

On Fun Fridays all will meet at Deaf Action's head Office in Albany street at 13:45 with the activity finishing about 16:30.

Each young person should have some money with them for bus fares if required and also should they wish to buy a snack or juice when out. Most activities will cost nothing, on occasion there may be a small charge.

Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> May | 21<sup>st</sup> May | 4<sup>th</sup> June | 18<sup>th</sup> June | 2<sup>nd</sup> July | 16<sup>th</sup> July | 6<sup>th</sup> August | 20<sup>th</sup> August  
3<sup>rd</sup> September | 17<sup>th</sup> September | (September weekend) | 1<sup>st</sup> October | 15<sup>th</sup> October  
5<sup>th</sup> November | 19<sup>th</sup> November | 3<sup>rd</sup> December | 17<sup>th</sup> December

The first activity, arranged for the 7th May, is ice skating at Murrayfield Ice Rink. Warm clothes and gloves may be a good idea!

If you wish to know more, have any queries or would like to book place(s), please contact Kaz Langlands for the necessary forms.

Kaz Langlands Edinburgh and Lothian Health Project, Deaf Action, Head Office, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY | Email [kaz.langlands@deafaction.org](mailto:kaz.langlands@deafaction.org)

Tel: (direct line) 0131 652 3209 | Text phone 0131 557 0419 | Fax 0131 557 8283

SMS 07775 620757 | Videophone 82.71.100.121 | [www.deafaction.org](http://www.deafaction.org)

Please share this information with anyone else who may be interested.

## Job Vacancies



**UNIVERSITY OF  
STIRLING**

### **Assistive Technology Adviser 0.6 fte**

University of Stirling - Disability Service  
(Student Development and Support Services)

Salary: £29,853 - £35,646 pro rata

Applications are invited for the post of Assistive Technology Adviser within the Disability Service. You will play a leading role in relation to the identification, deployment, maintenance and evaluation of assistive technologies used by disabled students in labs and other learning environments. Providing specialist expertise and acting as a central resource for the Disability Service in the area of assistive technologies, you will make recommendations on policy and guidance information relating to the technological support of disabled students.

You will have a key role, in collaboration with other Disability Service staff, in the identification of needs process arising from the legal responsibilities of the University relating to disability equality and in the processes involved in applications for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA). In addition you will play a central role in the maintenance of internal and external quality systems relating to DSA processes and the fulfilment of the University's disability related policies and duties.

Educated to degree level or equivalent you will have experience in the field of assistive technology and knowledge of the role of such equipment to support learning in higher education. You will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills and an up to date knowledge of disability discrimination, disability legislation and the social model of disability as well as other issues relating to student support. Previous experience of drafting policy and report writing would be an advantage.

Informal enquiries about the post should be directed to Ali Clark, Head of Disability Service, tel: 01786 466612.

Further particulars and an Application Form can be found on [www.hr-services.ac.uk](http://www.hr-services.ac.uk) and are available from the HR & OD Department, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA, telephone 01786 467028, fax 01786 466155 or email [hr-services@stir.ac.uk](mailto:hr-services@stir.ac.uk)

Closing date for applications: Tuesday, 11th May at 12 noon.

Please Quote Reference no: 16467/7342



Deaf Action is the leading Scottish voluntary organisation providing a range of services to deaf people. Due to our new partnership with Aberdeenshire Council we are now recruiting to the following post:

**INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE WORKER**

(Ref: IAG 30 hours per week)

Salary £20,388 - £22,371 (pro rata £17,475- £19,175)

You will provide a wide-ranging information, advice and specialist equipment service to people with a hearing loss in Aberdeenshire, including those who use British Sign Language, are hard of hearing, deafened and deafblind.

**You should have:**

Experience of providing person-centered advice and support  
Knowledge of the practical issues faced by deaf people in everyday life  
Good organisational, IT, record-keeping and report writing skills

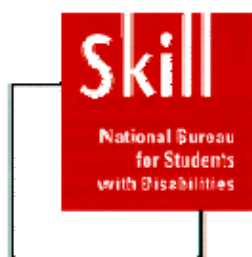
**We can offer:**

Skilled and supportive team working  
Training and professional development opportunities  
Contributory pension scheme

This post is based in Inverurie. For an informal discussion on this post contact: Jackie Slater at our Head Office below: Application packs are available from: Lisa Roy, Deaf Action Head Office, 49 Albany Street Edinburgh EH1 3QY  
Tel: 0131 556 3128 Fax: 0131 557 8283 Text: 0131 557 0419 SMS: 07775 620757  
Email: [admin@deafaction.org](mailto:admin@deafaction.org) **Closing date for applications: 14 May**

Posts are subject to Enhanced Disclosure Scotland Checks. Scottish Charity Number SCO09898. Applications welcome from all sections of the community. We expect you will share our commitment to the core values of Deaf Action. British Sign Language training will be provided if necessary.

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**Information and Policy Officer**

Part-time 17.5 hours, Maternity Cover to March 2011  
£20k pro rata.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a small team in a well-respected charity. You will help us to promote learning, training & employment opportunities for disabled people across Scotland, by providing a key information service & promoting innovative policy & best practice development.

You will have experience of information & policy work, preferably within an education &/or disability context. You will have the ability to deal sensitively with members of the public, & to build positive working relationships with a wide range of professionals.

Application packs available from:

Skill website: <http://www.skill.org.uk/page.aspx?c=47&p=195>

or  
Skill Scotland, Norton Park, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY  
Email: [admin@skillscotland.org.uk](mailto:admin@skillscotland.org.uk), Tel: 0131 475 2348  
Closing date for applications: **Weds 12<sup>th</sup> May 5pm**  
Interviews will be held in Edinburgh on Weds 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Skill is a company limited by guarantee (2397897) and a registered charity (801971) also registered in Scotland (SC039212).

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

*In The Loop*, making the arts in Edinburgh more accessible to people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Artlink, an Edinburgh based charity is able to offer the use of a portable loop system.

## Accessible Theatre: Signed



### Aberdeen | Signed

**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

**Sweeney Todd**, Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm  
Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB.  
Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, **Textphone 01382 342 611** Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.  
Or email [info@dundeereptheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@dundeereptheatre.co.uk) for enquiries only.

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### 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)

**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  
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

**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  
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

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

**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.  
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

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## Glasgow | Signed

**Peter Pan**, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.  
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 7677; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email [specialistsales@theambassadors.com](mailto:specialistsales@theambassadors.com).

**Whistle Down the Wind**, Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm.  
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 7677; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email [specialistsales@theambassadors.com](mailto:specialistsales@theambassadors.com).

**Betrayed**, Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267  
[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**Address Unknown**, Fri 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267

www.tron.co.uk

**Valhalla!** Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267  
www.tron.co.uk

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### **Musselburgh | Signed**

**Mother Goose**, Weds 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm  
Brunton Theatre, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh, East Lothian, EH21 6AA  
Box Office: 0131 665 2240.

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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

## Accessible Theatre: Captioned



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

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

### Aberdeen | Captioned

**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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### Edinburgh | Captioned

**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.  
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

**When Harry Met Sally**, Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm  
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General Box Office: 0131 529 6000  
Text Relay: 18001 0131 529 6003  
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In person at the Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street

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**Spamalot**, Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 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 7677; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email [specialistsales@theambassadors.com](mailto:specialistsales@theambassadors.com).

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**Valhalla!** Fri 23rd July at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267  
[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

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### **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!

#### **Glasgow | captioned**

**Old Dogs**, Saturday 15th May at 11.30am  
GFT, Rose Street

**Cemetery Junction**, Tuesday 25th May at 12.45pm  
GFT, Rose Street

**Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang**, Saturday 29th May at 11.30am  
GFT, Rose Street



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