



SCoD Annual General Meeting

By the time you read this, you will have received papers for our AGM which is taking place in Perth on Wednesday 28th October at 2pm.



federation of
scottish theatre

The theme of our meeting is **Deaf Friendly Theatre in Scotland** and we are delighted to have secured the following theatre luminaries for the guest address:

- **Mairi Taylor**, from the Federation of Scottish Theatre (who co-ordinate the captioning in theatres in Scotland),
- **Ramesh Meyyappan**, Deaf performer and artistic director of theatre company **little beacon**
- **Gillian Garrity** of Solar Bear, hosts of Deaf Youth Theatre



SOLAR BEAR

little
beacon

The Provost of Perth has kindly agreed to extend a civic welcome so there will be a civic reception for members, associate members and guests at 12.30pm.

Attendance is free, but you **MUST** book your place. Email Alison (alison@scod.org.uk) by Weds 21st October. Venue address: PKAVS, The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 5PP.

SCoD National Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the National Council on Wednesday 28th October at 10.30am – same day as the AGM.

Tony McLaren of NHS 24 will speak to the National Council about the new BSL Service at Breathing Space.

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director will also be launching our heritage project: "Presenting the Past: My Firsts".

SCoD Annual Survey

We issued our annual survey to SCoD members on 24th September. This is the first time we have run the survey online and we hope members found it easy to complete. We would be pleased to receive any feedback on your experience!

BSL Bill

The Cross Party Group on Deafness met on 9th September in the Scottish Parliament. They discussed and agreed to accept the fourth draft consultation document on the BSL Bill, subject to approval of amendments to this draft.

BSL & Linguistic Access Working Group

The BSL & LA Working Group met with Lynne Hawcroft and Hilary Third of the Equality Unit in Glasgow on 23rd September. They had a full day of discussion about next steps for "The Long and Winding Road – A Roadmap to British Sign Language & Linguistic Access in Scotland".

NHS Health Scotland

A SCoD delegation (Lilian Lawson, Linda Sharkey of HearingConcernLink Scotland and Paul McCusker of Deaf Connections) attended the NHS Health Scotland's Communications Seminar in Glasgow on 16th September. It was a useful day to look at communication support not only for deaf people but also people who have learning difficulties, visual impairment, speech impairment and neurological problems that affect their ability to communicate.

Paul Barton of NHS Health Scotland summarised with the top three priority areas:

- a) A need for greater awareness and training for NHS staff on communication support issues;
- b) A need for standards on communication support that are consistent throughout Scotland, and for the NHS in Scotland to be held accountable to those standards and
- c) Fuller engagement with service users, the general public, the voluntary sector and so forth.

Bowel Cancer Screening DVD

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director attended a preview of the Bowel Cancer Screening DVD at NHS Health Scotland in Edinburgh on 7th September. More information later on in this issue.

Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents

SCoD invited Dr Jane Morris, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist from Royal Edinburgh Hospital to speak to the Mental Health and Deaf People (MHDP) Task Group on 11th September. Her presentation was most informative and the MHDP Task Group agreed to discuss deaf children's mental health issues further at their next meeting on 11th December.

Independent Living in Scotland

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director attended part of the Independent Living in Scotland Core Reference Group meeting in Glasgow on 11th September.

Ministerial Dinner

The Director also represented SCoD at a Ministerial Dinner in Edinburgh on 24th September. Jonathan Shaw MP, the Minister for Disabled People and Richard Simpson MSP were in attendance to receive views from Lilian Lawson, Bob Nolan of Deafblind Scotland and other disabled people about the Government's disability equality agenda.



Transport

Lilian Lawson attended SATA's AGM in Edinburgh on 17th September. Anne McLaren, Convenor of MACS gave an address about MACS and its role. The next SATA meeting is on 12th November.



General Register Office
for
SCOTLAND
information about Scotland's people

2011 Census: Gross Disappointment

The Scottish Government held a consultation on 9th July 2009 along with the UK Government Office for Disability Issues and the Office of National Statistics as well as the General Register for Scotland (GROS) to discuss the "disability impairment types" for use in social surveys and the 2011 Census. SCoD and its members that attended the event disagreed with the proposed question for the census and have since written to the Scottish Government and to the GROS Census Director about this.

We asked that the question offer the following options to tick:

Deaf Deafblind Deafened and Hard of Hearing

so that accurate numbers of deaf people in Scotland can at last be gathered.

The question that GROS is proposing will not give any accuracy about the numbers of Deaf, Deafblind, Deafened and Hard of Hearing people there are in Scotland.

This is the proposed question –

Do you have any of the following physical or mental health conditions or impairments which have lasted or are expected to last 12 months or more?

Please include those that are related to ageing] [Select all that apply]

1. **Deafness or partial hearing loss**
2. **Blindness or partial sight loss**

Peter Scrimgeour, Census Director, sent a reply that states:

“The response option in the long-term health conditions question used in the rehearsal in relation to hearing difficulties was "Deafness or severe hearing impairment". Following the Rehearsal, and feedback from the "Harmonising the Disability Question" consultation which was held in July, the question was reconsidered to ensure that the most appropriate version be used for the cognitive testing. Hence, **the response option was modified, to "Deafness or partial hearing loss"**, due to concerns about the word 'severe' being included. The testing is due to conclude in the next few weeks.

Whilst GROS understand the argument for the four response options that you detailed in your letter in relation to hearing difficulties, the long-term health conditions question which is asked in the census is aimed at gathering statistics on the prevalence of certain broad types of condition in the population, rather than obtaining exact numbers of those with very specific conditions.

Given the competing demands for space on the questionnaire, the space available for the long-term health conditions question is limited - as indeed it is for all questions - to allow as many user-required questions as possible to be fitted on the questionnaire.

This means that health conditions have to be grouped into general categories for the response options in the question. Our plans to introduce this new long term health conditions question in the census in 2011 mean that there will be much more valuable detail on health, including deafness, available from the 2011 census than was the case in 2001, and indeed than is likely to be available in the rest of the UK.

It may not go as far as you would wish but we inevitably have to make hard choices in deciding on the census content, and some other topics in which there is significant user interest are likely to be left out of the census entirely to allow us to accommodate this new health question. I am not aware of any census-taking country in the world which has been able to include in their census the sort of detailed questions on deafness that you are seeking.

I appreciate that having one response option in the census question may not be satisfactory to you. Nonetheless, **I also hope that you appreciate the limitations that the design and content of the census questionnaire must adhere to. In addition, however general the groupings of conditions have to be, the question will yield data which can be usefully crosstabulated with other census information, such as that on the labour market. The cognitive testing exercise will ensure that the question chosen for 2011 is robust, fit-for-purpose and the best possible, within the space constraints available.**”

You can read more about this on our website, which includes pdfs of the correspondence in full: http://www.scod.org.uk/news.php?action=view&news_id=83

If you feel strongly about the wording of the 2011 Census Question, then please write to:

Peter Scrimgeour,
Census Director,
General Register for Scotland,
New Register House
3 West Register Street,
Edinburgh EH1 3YT or email Peter Scrimgeour at Peter.Scrimgeour@gro-scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Consultations

Mental Health Review Consultation

The Scottish Government would like to know what your views are about the recommendations made by the Mental Health Review group in their report to Scottish Ministers. The specific areas that they want your comments on are Named Persons, Medical Examinations and Reports and the Tribunal if you have to attend more than one hearing. The review report also mentions

Advance Statements and access to Independent Advocacy. To read the consultation document go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/08/07143902/0>. SCoD will be putting together a response to this consultation. If you have any comment to make about anything said in the review report, please contact Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk or by telephone/textphone 0141 248 1854 or by post. The closing date for responses is **6th November**. If contacting Mandy please do so by Monday 27th October.

Privacy and Public Confidence in Scottish Public Services – Draft Principles

People are often asked by public service organisations to prove that they are who they say they are - either to prevent fraud or to show that they are entitled to receive a particular service or benefit. They want to know that public authorities and other organisations respect their privacy and recognise the harm which may be done if personal information is collected or held unnecessarily, or lost or misused. These draft Principles have been developed by the Scottish Government to help ensure that respect for privacy is central to the way public services prove identity or entitlement and to help public service organisations comply with data protection and human rights legislation. Closing date for responses is **Monday 23rd November**. Download a copy of the consultation: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/08/PrinciplesConsultation>.

Equality Duty: Putting it into Practice

The Scottish Government is seeking views on the duties that should be placed on Scottish public authorities to assist them deliver on the general Equality Duty outlined in the UK Government's Equality Bill. For more information, go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/09/28154835/0>. Closing date for responses is **15th January 2010**.

The Debt Arrangement Scheme - Improving Access

The Debt Arrangement Scheme (DAS) allows people time to repay multiple debts over an extended period, through a formal Debt Payment Programme (DPP). The Scottish Government has published a consultation providing information on the scheme and invites responses from interested parties to contribute to the continued development of a robust and effective mechanism to allow the people of Scotland to manage their debt. To read the consultation document, go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/09/22141137/0>. Closing date for responses is **14th December 2009**.

Privacy and Public Confidence in Scottish Public Services: draft Identity Management and Privacy Principles consultation

People are often asked by public service organisations to prove that they are who they say they are - either to prevent fraud or to show that they are entitled to receive a particular service or benefit. They want to know that public authorities and other organisations respect their privacy and recognise the harm which may be done if personal information is collected or held unnecessarily, or lost or misused. These draft Principles have been developed by the Scottish Government to help ensure that respect for privacy is central to the way public services prove identity or entitlement and to help public service organisations comply with data protection and human rights legislation. The consultation is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/08/PrinciplesConsultation>. Closing date for responses is **Monday 23rd November 2009**.

Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill Consultation Responses

The Scottish Government has published the responses to the Draft Housing (Scotland) Bill. To read the responses, go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/09/23142042/0>.

Proposed Victims Commissioner Bill

The Scottish Parliament has published the responses it received on the consultation about whether or not Scotland needs a Victims Commissioner. To read the report, go to <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/MembersBills/documents/20090908ConsulationSummaryVictimsCommissionerFINAL.pdf>

Policy & Research

Evening and Leisure Classes

Our Policy & Research Officer is about to start a piece of research into access to evening and leisure classes at colleges, universities and community venues for deaf people in Scotland. Mandy would like you to contact her if you have applied for a course – for example, DIY, wine tasting, creative writing, digital photography, Chinese cookery – and been told that you cannot attend as the course organiser won't pay for appropriate communication support. Also if you have an acquired hearing loss and had problems accessing BSL classes, Mandy would like you to get in touch with her. You can contact Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk, by telephone/textphone on 0141 248 1854 or by post at SCoD, Central Chambers Suite 62, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6LD.

Counselling Awareness Project

Counselling Awareness Project Update *by Barbra Wylie*

After a successful Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training session in Inverness on 27th August, this trend continued this month with the remaining 4 sessions taking place. These were in Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow and Dumfries. Participants were from a variety of backgrounds within the NHS, Social Work Departments of Local Authorities as well as Counselling Organisations. All those who attended were willing to participate in all the training involved which made for great sessions. The feedback I have received has been fantastic. Hopefully the information gained will be taken back to workplaces and put into practice to make services and organisations more accessible.

I am really keen to hold further training sessions as the uptake was so good. If you are interested please keep checking our website as details of any sessions will be posted there.

I had my first visit to a lipreading class since before the summer and this is the start of my visits. I will be attending a couple more in Dumfries and Galloway and then onto East Lothian later in the month. I'm really happy that the class tutors are willing to give up class time to have me along and hopefully the information may be of help to some of the group members.

I travelled up to Aberdeen this month to meet with tutors from Aberdeen College. We are looking at holding another Training Pathways Workshop there later this year. I was able to discuss with the tutors what would be involved and find out more about the counselling courses they run. I'm delighted to say the College are keen to be involved. When I have met with the University of Aberdeen I will then arrange a date for this workshop. Again, take a look at our website for further information.

If you have any questions please contact me Tel/Text 0141 221 2991 Email Barbra@scod.org.uk

Access to Democracy Project Update *by Derek Todd* Events for 2009

A2D Project has organised another BSL Guide Tour of the Scottish Parliament. It will take place on Thursday 8 October 2009 (Learn to Sign Week) at 10.00am-11.00am or 2.00pm-3.00pm. There are 10 places available for each time slot.

If you would like a ticket(s) or more information, please get in touch with Derek Todd, A2D Project Coordinator at the details shown below.

National Deaf Conversation Day

A2D Project hopes to organise a National Deaf Conversation Day for Deaf People in Scotland in mid-November 2009. We are working with the Scottish Government to get this organised and confirmed ASAP. It may take place in the City of Glasgow where we hope to have Ministers attending the Event where there will be a Q&A session allowing Deaf People to question Ministers on issues about Scotland's constitutional future.

More information in the November 2009 edition of SCoD Bulletin.

Democracy Workshops

Democracy Workshops are being delivered around Scotland from now to November 2009, 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 – “Result”.

Confirmed Workshops are:

Thursday 8 October 2009 – Glasgow Deaf Club, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow at 10.00am-12.00pm

Thursday 8 October 2009 – Glasgow Deaf Club, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow at 6.00pm-8.00pm

Saturday 10 October 2009 – Highland Deaf Centre, 16 Kenneth Street, Inverness at 2.00pm-4.00pm

Thursday 22 October 2009 – Edinburgh Deaf Club, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh at 4.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 22 October 2009 – Edinburgh Deaf Club, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh at 7.30pm-9.30pm

Saturday 24 October 2009 – Highland Deaf Centre, 16 Kenneth Street, Inverness at 2.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 28 October 2009 – Disability Resources Centre, Burns House, Burns Statue Square, Ayr at 10.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 28 October 2009 – Paisley Town Hall, Abbey Close, Paisley at 6.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 29 October 2009 – Renfrewshire Deaf Group, Mile End Centre, Seedhill Road, Paisley at 2.00pm-4.00pm

More Workshops are being organised in October and November 2009.

If you would like to attend or require more information, please get in touch with Derek Todd, A2D Project Coordinator at the details below. Or if you want one of our A2D Trainers to come and deliver a Workshop in your area, again please contact Derek Todd.

Electoral Registration Checks

A2D Project is organising Electoral Registration Checks around Scotland at 17 local Registration Offices in Mid-November 2009 for Deaf people to speak to their Local Electoral Registration Officer and the A2D Project Coordinator for advice, information and support regarding their registration to vote at future elections, especially the next General UK Election.

More exact details regarding their venues and dates will be in the November 2009 edition of SCoD Bulletin.

Please contact Derek Todd, A2D Project Coordinator for more information on the details below:-
Direct Textphone: 0141 221 2991 Direct Email: derek@scod.org.uk

Experience Scotland's Beauty - Trek for SCoD...

We are delighted to launch our treks for 2010, and offer you the chance to experience Scotland's beauty while raising money for a good cause, accompanied by Charitytrek's experienced guides.

So 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 in September 2010. 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.

We are also introducing a new cycling challenge **The Hebridean Odyssey** uncovering the



hidden gems 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 and click "support us".

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

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



Training/Workshops/Courses/Conferences

SSC

Deaf Education courses 2009-2010

Course Number 3 | Monday 2nd November

Working with children with Cytomegalovirus, Auditory Neuropath Spectrum Disorders or Autistic Spectrum disorders

Closing date: 12th October

Course Number 4 | Wednesday 11th November

The Transition Processes

Closing date: 21st October

Course Number 7 | Wednesday 9th December

Learning Support Assistants working with Deaf young people in Schools and Colleges

Closing date: 18th November

Course Number 8 | Wednesday 13th January

Emotional Wellbeing Training Programme: Getting it right for deaf children and young people Closing date: 16th December

Course Number 11 | Tuesday 26th January

Improving Memory Skills in Deaf Young People

Closing date: 5th January

Course Number 13 | Wednesday 3rd February

Signing SQA Exams

Closing date: 13th January

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 14 | Tuesday 2nd March
Informed Choice from Theory into Practice
Closing date: 9th 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 out more from: <http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/courselist.html> - where you
can also download an application form.



British Deaf Association - Scotland
ALL BDA Courses are delivered by a Culturally Deaf BSL Teacher

British Sign Language (BSL) Taster Sessions

During a BSL Taster session participants will learn a bit about Deaf Culture, basic BSL and some everyday signs such as how to say their name and where they live and work. Each BSL taster is an enjoyable and welcoming introduction to BSL and participants will also be given further information about forthcoming courses.

Taster sessions are offered on the following dates:

Tuesday 20 th October	10am to 12pm
Tuesday 10 th November	10am to 12pm

Staff Development Opportunity

Enable Your Organisation To Project A Positive Attitude Towards Your Deaf Customers & Staff

By now we're all aware of The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). Public bodies, private and voluntary service providers, and businesses now have new statutory duties to promote disability equality.

Have you considered your obligations toward your Deaf Customers & Staff?

The BDA ~ Scotland can help - we can offer both Deaf Equality Training and/or Frontline Staff Training

Deaf Equality Training will:

- Facilitate understanding of Deaf Culture.
- Allow professionals to meet their obligations to provide equality in their services.
- Know the two types of d/Deaf people.
- Understand that Deaf BSL users don't have 'needs'.
- Learn about the Deaf Community & their language: British Sign Language
- Consider the background of Deaf people.
- Recognise the three ways of looking at 'Deaf' in different perspectives.
- Identify unnecessary barriers to Deaf people.

Why not combine YOUR Deaf Equality Training with a specifically tailored BSL Taster to suit the needs of your Frontline Staff

The next Deaf Equality Training session is:
Wednesday 11th November 10am to 1pm

Alternatively the BDA ~ Scotland will attend your place of work and deliver Deaf Equality Training at a time convenient to your working environment

Contact Diane on: 0141 248 5554 or Email: scotland@bda.org.uk

British Sign Language (BSL) Level One

Would you like the opportunity to enjoy learning the basics of BSL in an informal atmosphere in Glasgow or in your own place of work?

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

Introduction to BSL is offered on:
Monday 19th October 6pm to 8.45pm

Bookings now being taken

For more information and class times contact Diane at: dianem@bda.org.uk or call: 0141 248 5554

BSL Training for Your Staff and Management

British Sign Language (BSL) Essential Frontline Training
Who is this course aimed at?

Aimed at frontline staff who need to learn basic communication in BSL so they can better facilitate customers who are Deaf.

The courses will be delivered by a Culturally Deaf Teacher using BSL at your workplace or training centre.

The BSL Teacher will introduce the frontline staff to basic BSL vocabulary signs that are relevant to meet your specific needs.

For example the everyday work signs you would require to converse with customers to better facilitate your business.

There is particular focus on dialogues and conversation skills relating to your mode of business.

Minimum no of participants: 10 – Maximum No of Participants: 12

This course would be delivered over three 2-hour sessions in your workplace; and the cost of this training would be £600 and this includes a BSL product and certificate of attendance.

The BDA ~ Scotland will attend your place of work and deliver BSL Frontline Training at a time convenient to your working environment or alternatively we can offer this training at no extra cost in our offices in Hope St, Glasgow

If you are interested in any of these courses or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Diane McCabe, Office Manager, at your British Deaf Association, Scottish Office, Suite 58, 1st Floor, Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD

Tel: 0141 248 5554 Email: dianem@bda.org.uk



NVQ4 BSL/English Interpreting

Deaf Perspective, Scotland's largest provider of BSL training, is now pleased to offer an NVQ4 BSL/English Interpreting course.

This National Vocational Qualification, starting in January 2010, will be attained by a continuous work-related assessment structure and will be taught and assessed by experienced and accredited professionals in the field of interpreting in Scotland.

Our realistic pricing structure allows Deaf Perspective to offer the most cost-effective method for achieving this qualification. We provide all training, assessment and tuition, unlike some other centres which currently offer separate assessment and portfolio building programmes.

Our aim is to produce proficient and professionally intelligent practitioners so it should be noted that participants on this programme should already be employed in a BSL related field of work.

For further information see www.deafperspective.co.uk



Bookings Being Taken Now for Scottish Accessible Information Forum Three Half-Day Ecommunication Courses

Creating Accessible Documents, Sending Accessible Emails and Testing Website Accessibility are running in Glasgow on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November at Strathclyde University.

Take one course or do all three!

Creating Accessible Documents: 9.30am - 12.30pm Thursday 5th November
Sending Accessible Emails: 9.30am - 12.30pm Friday 6th November
Testing Website Accessibility: 1.30pm - 4.30pm Friday 6th November

To find out more or to download a booking form visit us at www.saifscotland.org.uk
Each course costs £140 (no VAT)
Or you can email Susan: sburn@saifscotland.org.uk



New Lipreading Class Coming soon to Anniesland College

The class will run from 10 am 'till 12.45 on Friday mornings.
Start date is to be confirmed and is dependant on numbers.

For further information please contact:
Sandie Beagrie: 0141 357 6064 | email - sandie.beagrie@anniesland.ac.uk



Help Us Help You, What Next?

Strathclyde Police Event for Deaf people of all ages
Thurs 8th October from 10am - 2.45pm.
Reidvale Community Centre, 13 Whitevale Street, Glasgow, G31 1QW.

Strathclyde Police Glasgow North East and East Dunbartonshire Division, in partnership with the British Deaf Association and BLISS Scotland, would like to invite members of the Deaf Community to an event that they are hosting.
Presentations on:

Working Together Building Safer Communities, Sexual Abuse, Domestic Abuse.

Stalls from:

Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, British Deaf Association, Crimestoppers, Victim Support and Childline Refreshments will be provided.

Interpreters will be at the event.

Spaces are limited and to register your interest, please email

faroque.hussain@strathclyde.pnn.police.uk



DeafHope conference on Domestic Violence

Date and time: Monday 12th October 2009 from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

Venue: Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Led by Susan Gonzalez

Chaired by Laraine Callow

co-led by Nicki Norman and Lynn Shannon of Southampton Women's Aid, this should be a conference of interest to many.

Places are still available (£50 for the day including lunch). Please would you bring this to the attention of anyone you think might be interested?

Administrator

SignHealth - the healthcare charity for deaf people

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www.signhealth.org.uk Registered Charity No. 1011056



Scotland's Third Sector Research Conference

Monday 26th October, Old College, University of Edinburgh, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is collaborating with the University of Edinburgh to host Scotland's Third Sector Research Conference 2009, the first of its kind since 2004. Speakers and panellists include high-level representatives from all the major funders of Third Sector research in Scotland.

I am writing to you as you were a recipient of the SCVO publication series, "VIEW: Policy insights from civil society". This event is the logical successor to many of the articles and themes that were raised in the VIEW series.

The conference will be held on October 26th at Old College, University of Edinburgh. For further details on the programme, list of speakers and presentations, and for booking details including early discounts, please visit:

<http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1138&from=EventHome>

Join Scotland's Third Sector Research Conference 2009 to:

- Highlight your organisation's interest in Third Sector research to key policy-makers and funders of Third sector Research in Scotland.
 - Attend your choice from 12 presentations showcasing the latest research of relevance to the sector in Scotland
 - Help set the research agenda for the Third Sector in Scotland alongside key decision-makers and commissioners of Third Sector research at UK and Scotland levels.
 - Receive a free copy of the new ESRC/SCVO publication, "The Third Sector – discussions around public policy issues" which will be launched at the conference.
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Ageing with Sensory Loss: Maintaining Independence, Maximising Choice

This conference will be jointly hosted by UKCoD and Sense on Wednesday, 9th December at the Resource Centre, Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA

There will be a range of speakers from across the sector looking at the issues surrounding ageing with sensory loss.

In the morning we will be concentrating on setting the scene, and discussing the problems people face from hearing and sight loss as they get older. In the afternoon there will be a number of short sessions showing a range of solutions that can help people to maintain their independence.

More information on speakers and tickets will be sent out soon, but until then, please put the date in your diary.

Clare Long: UK Council on Deafness, Westwood Park, London Road, Little Horkesley, Colchester, CO6 4BS

Tel: 01206 274075 | Text: 01206 274076 | Fax: 01206 274077

Email: c.long@deafcouncil.org.uk | Website: www.deafcouncil.org.uk

Introduction to Transactional Analysis

This is a personal development course you might be interested in. It is taught by Teresa Brasier who works for Lothian Deaf Counselling Service.

The course dates are Saturdays: 31 Oct, 7 Nov and 14 Nov.

Electronic Notetakers have provisionally been booked as communication support so this course is accessible to deaf people who use spoken English. If you want to come on this course and need communication support then you must book by 19 Oct and request communication support.

Contact Teresa on teresa@glasgowcounselling.com

Lothian Deaf Counselling Service, LifeSkills Health, 110-112 Cadzow Street, Hamilton, ML3 6HP

Fee: £60.50; For more information:

0800 804 7462 (voice) | 0800 804 7463 (text) | 07872 604642 (voice/sms) | www.lothiandcs.org.uk



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

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 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.

Interpreting in Tribunals

Kings House Conference Centre, Sidney Street, Manchester, M1 7HB

Thurs 26th Nov: 10.30am – 4.30pm, Fri 27th: 9.30am – 4.30pm and Sat 28th: 9.30am – 3.30pm

A three-day training course for Registered, Qualified BSL/English Interpreters (and those about to qualify), Language Service Professionals and appropriately experienced relay/Deaf interpreters.

Trainers and facilitators include:

Steve Powell, Frank Essery, Martin Ring, Mike Unsworth

Following on from the four-day course on Interpreting in Mental Health Settings held in June 2008, this training course will equip qualified BSL/English Interpreters (and those about to qualify), Language Service Professionals and experienced relay/Deaf interpreters with the skills necessary to work in Tribunals. The course will cover working within the English legal framework but should also have relevance to those working in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The primary focus of the training will be the Mental Health Tribunal. There will also be sessions on the specific issues related to interpreting in Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Tribunals, Employment Tribunals, Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunals (SENDIST) and Asylum and Immigration Tribunals (AIT).

Day One, led by Steve Powell and Frank Essery, will look at what a Mental Health Tribunal does and how it operates covering; Whose involved and their respective roles; The statutory legal questions explaining the reasons for detention; Burden of Proof; Type of Sections; How evidence is taken and what that evidence is; Risks; How decisions are made; What are the options open to patients; The use of community treatment orders; Different types of mental illness and treatments. For day One only we will be joined by a cohort of deaf Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) trainees and it will be a unique opportunity to explore how the two roles of Interpreter and Advocate interplay with each other.

Day Two, led by Martin Ring and Mike Unsworth, will start by looking at the dynamics of the Mental Health Tribunal from an Interpreter perspective covering; seating plans, who is who, possible contributors, who represents who, who is the interpreter interpreting for, who owns the interpreters for that day i.e. tribunal booked or booked directly for solicitor, deaf staff, etc. The second part of the day will focus on the challenges for the Interpreter such as jargon busting and will include an interactive demonstration. Throughout the day the dilemmas and tensions, the linguistic issues and the involvement of the Interpreter will be addressed.

Day Three, led by Mike Unsworth supported by external contributors, will focus on the specific issues related to interpreting in Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Tribunals, Employment Tribunals, Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunals (SENDIST) and Asylum and Immigration Tribunals (AIT).

Full details of the course content and structure will be provided to delegates prior to the course commencement.

Download a Tribunal Training Booking Form:

http://www.bsmhd.org.uk/docs/Tribunal_Training_Booking_Form.doc

To book your place or for further details contact:

Jonathan Isaac, BSMHD, PO Box 10587, Colchester, CO1 9JE

Tel: 07880 715427 | Fax: 07876 835857 | Email: j.isaac@bsmhd.org.uk | www.bsmhd.org.uk

General News and Events



On the 1st September Deafblind Scotland, a small national charity, celebrated its 20th Anniversary. Deafblind Scotland works with adults who have lost, or are losing, both their sight and hearing and aims to help them overcome difficulties with communication, information and mobility to enable them to re-integrate into their communities.

The event was celebrated with a special lunch at the Westerwood Hotel, attended by forty deafblind people and their guides. A good time was had by all, and it was a rare opportunity for some deafblind people to have a day out and socialise with friends. People who suffer from dual sensory loss can often feel isolated and depressed, and Deafblind Scotland works hard to counteract this.

Later in the day, Deafblind Scotland opened its doors to the public for an exhibition of its history. Around a hundred and forty people, including former staff and volunteers, came along to the Lenzie Union Parish Church to show support for the work that Deafblind Scotland has done with more than twelve hundred deafblind people over the past two decades. The afternoon included displays of hundreds of photos, dozens of film clips, drama performances from a deafblind drama group and presentations about past and current projects and events. A very special birthday cake was donated by East Dunbartonshire Council and presented by Councillor Anne Jarvis, Deputy Provost. A particular highlight was a surprise visit from Margaret Mitchell MSP, who is well known to deafblind people. Margaret was enthralled by the performances of the deafblind drama group, and suggested they might perform for other MSPs in the future.

The exhibition was such a success that Deafblind Scotland will arrange two further opportunities to view this piece of history later this year in Edinburgh and Aberdeen.

To round off the anniversary celebrations, Deafblind Scotland held an 80s Disco on the night of the 4th, which was a perfect opportunity for supporters to dig out their legwarmers and their rara skirts. The night was a huge success, and some deafblind members even came along for a boogie!

Finally, at the weekend a number of Deafblind Scotland supporters took part in a freefall abseil from the Titan Crane. This helped to raise much-needed funds for the charity, as well as being a fantastic, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those who took part. If you would like to take part in future events like this, please call us on 0141 777 6111 or email Drena O'Malley at drena@deafblindscotland.org.uk.



Dress 'n' Gown Swishing Party in aid of Deafblind Scotland

Mon 9th November at Lenzie Union Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10, which includes chocolates, gateau, coffee and the opportunity to get a new wardrobe by swapping clothes, jewellery, shoes, belts etc. Some of it designer gear too!

Should be a good night out for the ladies!

Visit www.deafblindscotland.org.uk to find out more.



Development Project Launched in Dumfries

DeafVision and Dumfries & Galloway Society for the Deaf have been working together for years to make life better for people who are Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deafblind across Dumfries and Galloway.

There is an estimated 50 – 75 BSL users in the area with just under 21,000 deafened and hard of hearing people. By using statistics from Dept. Health and Deafblind Scotland there may be between 60 and 150 deafblind people in the Dumfries and Galloway area.

A research project previously identified unmet needs for Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing or deafblind people in the region, and now a new part-time development worker has been recruited to develop services across the region.

The development project was launched on 5th October and opened by Elaine Murray MSP and Russell Brown MP. John Denerley, chair of the Dumfries and Galloway Society for the Deaf, and Peter Shaw, Community Services Manager with DeafVision, explained the background to the project. Claire Unwin, the newly appointed Development Worker, outlined her role.

DeafVision, 3 Compton Street, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1HT.

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Website: www.Deafvision.co.uk

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Inclusion Scotland

Lower Rate DLA and Concessionary Travel

Inclusion Scotland are looking to speak to people on lower rate DLA who previously got concessionary travel but have lost it when they tried to renew their pass.

We want to know how this has affected your lives – not being able to go out with friends, do voluntary work etc – as we want to try to convince policy makers that the loss of concessionary travel further isolates disabled people.

If you have any comments please send them to information@inclusionScotland.org or telephone Donna on 0141 887 7058.

Also, Inclusion Scotland has been working with Leonard Cheshire Disability and organisations of Disabled People to raise the issue of concessionary travel for those on lower rate DLA. Several MSPs from the two main parties (SNP and Labour) support extending the concessionary fare scheme to those on lower rate DLA.

The following motion has been lodged by Des McNulty MSP:

***S3M-4780# Des McNulty: Concessionary Travel**—That the Parliament welcomes the recommendation of the *Review of the Scotland Wide Free Bus Travel Scheme for Older and Disabled People* to include seriously injured armed forces veterans in the scheme but notes with disappointment and concern the review's recommendation that appears to disenfranchise disabled people who receive the lower rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) from the scheme; further notes that the review paints a worst-case scenario of the costs of including disabled people who receive the lower rate of DLA, that the methods used to arrive at these projected costs is questionable and that the review also played down the positive social impact that the scheme has on people's lives; considers that denying disabled people on the lower rate of DLA access to the scheme will damage the main aims and ethos of the scheme, namely to allow disabled people improved access to services, facilities and social networks by free scheduled bus services and so promote social inclusion and improve health by promoting a more active lifestyle for disabled people; notes that previous local schemes operated in Strathclyde and West Lothian provided people on the lower rate of DLA access to concessionary travel schemes and that they supported the national scheme, mirroring its eligibility criteria instead of the stringent criteria that are now adopted; supports disability organisations Leonard Cheshire Disability, Learning Disability Alliance Scotland (LDAS), Inclusion Scotland and many more in challenging the review's negative recommendation; considers that disabled people's views and those of the organisations that represent them should be taken into account, and believes that the recommendation on eligibility contained in the review is unfair and that that the national concessionary travel scheme should include those in receipt of the lower rate of DLA.

Inclusion Scotland is trying to get enough MSPs to support the motion so that there will be a Parliamentary debate on the issue. It would help greatly if you wrote to your MSPs (you have several, a constituency one and also those elected through the Regional list system) encouraging them to support Des McNulty's motion. A pro-forma letter is enclosed so feel free to use it or adapt it. You can find your MSPs' contact details here – <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/msp/membersPages/MSPAddressPostcodeFinder.htm>

With your help we can maybe get the Government to re-think this issue and gain a real benefit for several thousand disabled people.

Please let us know how you get on when you contact your MSP by e-mailing us at: information@inclusionscotland.org or telephone 0141 887 7058.

Deaf People Missing Out on Benefits

A new report from RNID, *Who Benefits?*, says that it shows that people who are deaf are missing out on Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Attendance Allowance (AA) because their benefits claims are being rejected unfairly. Previous research conducted by RNID in 2001 showed that many deaf people were not claiming DLA because they had had their claims turned down. *Who Benefits?* shows that this situation has not improved in the last seven years, despite an internal push from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). The report reveals that while there has been some improvement, the majority of issues identified in 2001 are still pertinent today, and in certain cases, the situation for deaf claimants has actually worsened.

Findings include:

Over half of those questioned who claimed DLA had had a claim turned down previously, yet 91% of appeals by British Sign Language (BSL) users are successful
65 per cent of respondents said that DWP staff aren't deaf aware, with 31 per cent saying they had been sent a letter they could not understand
74 per cent of respondents said that they found the 54-page DLA form difficult to complete, with 56 per cent of BSL users saying they could not understand some of the questions
66 per cent said that most of the questions on the form were not relevant to deafness
When examinations were conducted in the claimant's home by a DWP health professional, 28% said that they had difficulty communicating with the doctor.
Jackie Ballard, RNID Chief Executive said: "The process of claiming DLA and AA is failing deaf people. The sums of money involved aren't immense, but they can and do make a real difference to people's lives. It's staggering that 91% of appeals against claims refused are successful, and suggests that lots of people are initially denied a benefit to which they are undoubtedly entitled. Whilst the DWP has tried to remedy some of the problems identified in 2001, it is disappointing that many of the issues remain the same. We are calling for the guidance for decision-makers regarding the specific needs of deaf people to be strengthened and adhered to. We want to work with Government to accelerate change so that deaf people are no longer denied access to benefit entitlements."

RNID recommends:

Government work with RNID to increase awareness and take-up of DLA and AA amongst deaf people

A clearer, better-designed claim form with specific guidance for deaf claimants, coupled with alternative and accessible methods of making a claim.

Deaf awareness training for all decision-makers, including claim form assessors, DWP health professionals and chairs of appeals tribunals

Better medical guidance for decision-makers as to the care needs of deaf people and proper scrutiny to improve the quality of decisions and - - reduce the number of unnecessary appeals and tribunals.

Easier communication with DWP, with useful alternatives to telephone contact, training of staff in appropriate technology, more use of BSL and letters in plain English

Ensuring that all stages of the process comply with the Disability Equality Duty of the Disability Discrimination Act and that appropriate communication support is both offered and given when required.

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Bowel Screening DVD

A brand new DVD which will help health professionals deliver key messages about bowel screening is to be launched in Fife on 12th October.

The launch of the DVD is an important part of the ongoing Scottish Bowel Screening Programme which aims to increase awareness of bowel cancer and encourage participation in the Programme. About 3,400 new cases are diagnosed each year in Scotland with 95% of cases occurring in the over 50's. The Bowel Screening Programme aims to save about 150 lives per year.

Professor Bob Steele, Director of the National Bowel Screening Programme said:

"Bowel cancer is a major problem in Scotland and is the second most common cause of cancer death. It is, however, a curable disease if it is caught early and the introduction of a Screening Programme is the most significant advance we've made in the management of this disease for many decades. This DVD will be invaluable in helping GPs and other health professionals get the right messages across within communities in Scotland"

The DVD presents information in a clear, practical way and includes a 'step-by-step' guide to performing the test at home. The DVD - which can be used in community-based settings is aimed at all 50-74 year olds and also includes several language options via voiceover and dubbing and British Sign Language.



Edinburgh Fringe Festival Leaves Hard of Hearing Visitors Out of The Loop

RNID has found that only 20% of surveyed show venues in Edinburgh provided induction loops for audiences.

Induction loop equipment, which amplifies speech over background noise, is essential to help hearing aid users access information about the shows and fully enjoy the performances. RNID is now calling on the Edinburgh Fringe organisers to improve provision for deaf and hard of hearing people before next year's events.

RNID Chief Executive, Jackie Ballard, says: "The Edinburgh Festival is a wonderful event that should be enjoyed by as many people as possible. We think that the organisers and festival customers will be disappointed to learn that there are barriers to accessing shows because induction loops are not available at the box offices and at 76% of the venues we surveyed. We're hoping to work with organisers and individual venues to make sure that hearing aid users have a better experience next year."

James Murray, a hearing aid user from Edinburgh, "It's frustrating that so many of the box offices and venues didn't have induction loops because it means we have less opportunities to get information about the many shows which interest us and we don't have the chance to enjoy the performances as much as we could. Shows are often performed in loud environments with music and noise from the audience, which make it difficult to follow what the performer is saying if no induction loop is being used. They're easy to install and operate so it's a shame that more shows aren't accessible to enable everyone to join in the fun!"

Social Work Bully's Hate Campaign on Deaf Couple

Fury as death-card sicko is let off with a warning

A Social Worker sent hate mail to a deaf couple who complained about the poor service they had received. Alan Whyte, 60, mailed the couple a sympathy card for the husband's "untimely death". The victims and their young children were left sickened. But the bully escaped with just a warning, sparking an angry backlash from deaf charities. Church elder Whyte, who works for the Tayside Deaf Association in Dundee, was rumbled when

an interpreter for the victims also received hate mail. She hired one of the UK's leading handwriting experts to help uncover the culprit.

Devastated

Yesterday, a friend of the couple, from Tayside, said: "This has devastated them. They have been vocal about the lack of support in the community for deaf people and Whyte obviously took exception. How sick is it to send a bereavement card – was it supposed to be a threat?" He added: "Whyte should never work with deaf people again. He's regarded as a bit of a dinosaur and an Old School bully within the deaf community, but no one thought he'd stoop to these levels."

A letter to the interpreter, who didn't want to be named, claimed she was making trouble for the deaf. The sign-language professional suspected Whyte and hired handwriting expert Margaret Webb to compare the letter and the sympathy card to a fax Whyte had sent weeks before. Webb believed there was an 85 per cent chance they were penned by the same person and the interpreter called the police.

Whyte, of Arbroath, Angus, admitted sending the sympathy card but denied being behind the letter to the interpreter. A report was sent to the procurator fiscal in Arbroath. But they decided not to proceed with a court hearing and issued Whyte with a warning.

Ron Scrimgeour, of Deaf Links, a deaf awareness charity, branded Whyte's actions "beyond belief" and claimed he should not have got off with a warning.

He added: "It has set the equality and diversity agenda for deaf people back at least a decade."

Yesterday a Crown Office spokesman confirmed the fiscal in Arbroath had received a report about a 60-year-old man in connection with an incident in April.

He added: "After a full and careful consideration of all facts and circumstances, the matter was dealt with by way of a 'direct measure' and is now closed."

Whyte has been off sick since the hate mail came to light in April.

When approached by the Record yesterday, he said: "I'm not prepared to say anything – it has all been dealt with."

The Tayside Deaf Association works with the deaf in Perth and Kinross, Tayside and Angus.

They are funded by three councils. Manager Liz Watson said: "I am unable to comment on this issue or confirm whether an internal investigation is taking place because Mr Whyte is off sick."

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Come and Meet the Equality and Human Rights Commission Legal Team: Dundee

Tues 27th October at West Park

Meet the Commission's Scotland team and find out more about the Commission, discuss how to work together and tell them about the issues of significance to you and your service users. This event is for advice giving organisations, as well as frontline representatives of voluntary, community and educational organisations who give advice or assistance directly to the public. Event is FREE but as spaces are limited you **must** book.

Email roadshow@equalityhumanrights.com for a booking form or contact James Andrew: 0141 228 5917 or David Reilly on 0141 228 5967. Communication Support has not been automatically booked for these events but will be booked if requested. Contact James Andrew by email: jamesandrew@equalityhumanrights.com

Glasgow's Got Talent and Diversity and this year's Glasgow Business Diversity Awards will be held on Friday 23rd October 12.00 - 14.30 at Hampden Park. This is an opportunity for service providers and employers to come together and celebrate the excellent partnership work that is going on in the city to promote equality and diversity in the workplace.

The awards acknowledge employers who demonstrate good practice in recruiting and/or retaining a diverse workforce. Closing dates for completed nomination forms is 18th September (no forms can be accepted after this date). You can download a form at: http://www.susescotland.co.uk/Local_Networks/Glasgow.aspx

Market Place: this year they have additional capacity to offer exhibition space for service providers. This is an excellent opportunity to let employers know what supports are available to them in the city. The cost of exhibition space this year will be £100. If you would like to take this opportunity please contact Margaret Borland for an application form: Margaret Borland, Glasgow Works Tel: 0141 287 6493 email: margaret.borland@drs.glasgow.gov.uk



Justice Sector Involvement Event for Deaf, Deafened, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind People

Fri 9th Oct from 10.30am - 3.30pm. Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow. Deaf Connections is working in partnership with Capability Scotland and the Scottish Justice Sector to find out from people in the deaf community how access to justice can be improved. The justice organisations involved include the Law Society of Scotland, the Scottish Government, the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, the Scottish Court Service, the Scottish Legal Aid Board and the Scottish Prison Service.

Deaf Connections is holding an event to gather deaf people's opinions and ideas and would like to invite you to take part.

Travel expenses will be paid and lunch will be provided. The event will run from 10.30am – 15.30pm and will involve taking part in small discussion groups about issues relating to access to justice.

If you would like to book a place at this event please contact Janice McCusker, Community Development Worker - Textphone 0141 420 2817; or email: janice@deafconnections.co.uk We have arranged for photographs to be taken during the course of the event and may use these photographs for future marketing or campaigning purposes.



More than 40 events are planned for the finale of Homecoming Scotland over four days around St Andrew's Day. (ie the end of November)

The events - some of which will be free - include concerts, fashion shows, parades and art exhibitions.

Homecoming organisers said it would be the largest St Andrew's Day celebration ever seen in Scotland.

Eddie Reader, Mike Scott, Evelyn Glennie and Dougie MacLean are among those who will be performing in events across the whole country in November.

Homecoming project director Marie Christie said: "All over the country hundreds of individuals and organisations are working hard to make sure that this Homecoming Year presents the most diverse and exciting programme of events ever co-ordinated to mark St Andrew's Day and the spectacular finale of our unique and successful Homecoming Year."

There has been some criticism of Homecoming Scotland, with claims that the event has been lacklustre and has done little to win overseas visitors.

But it is understood the Scottish government is planning another Homecoming, which ran from

Burn's Night to St Andrews Day, to mark the anniversary of Bannockburn in 2014. The end of Homecoming marks the start of the winter festival season in Scotland, which is designed to promote Scotland as a year round tourist destination.

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BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECT

Deaf Focus/Feedback Group: Bible Translation

Sat 24th Oct from 1-4pm. Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ.

For Deaf BSL users and native BSL users to look at translation clips done so far and give feedback.

Free entry - tea and coffee will be provided.

For further details, email Sally Gallimore: sallygallimore@bslbible.org.uk

Visit the group online: www.bslbible.org.uk

Deaffest

Deaf Film & TV Festival

Fri 27th – Sun 29th November

Deaffest, the UK's only Deaf-led Film and Television Festival which celebrates the talents of Deaf filmmakers and media artists, returns on Friday 27th - Sunday 29th November at the Light House Media Centre, Wolverhampton.

This year's festival will see the return of the Deaffest Gala Awards on Saturday 28th November.

For more information, visit: www.deaffest.co.uk/



GET OUT! Youth Activity:

Friday 23rd October

Another activity has been arranged for age 12+.. The Health Project has been working with Edinburgh Leisure who are arranging a wide range of activities including trampoline.

Contact: Kaz Langlands, Edinburgh and Lothian Health Project
Deaf Action, Head Office, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY

Direct contacts: Email kaz.langlands@deafaction.org (Tues, Weds & Thurs morning)

Head Office contacts: Tel: (direct line) 0131 652 3209

Textphone: 0131 557 0419 | Fax: 0131 557 8283 | SMS: 07775 620757



New Keep Fit Class for Deaf/HoH people

Instructor – Alexis

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 11.30am to 12.30pm

Cost: - £1.90 (free if with Shape-Up)

Where – Gorbals Sports Centre Dance Studio

Good way to improve your fitness and health do it every week – its fun too!!

More information from Catriona, Paul or Carol at Deaf Connections

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.

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

Anyone who is 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!

Job Vacancies / Work Experience

Full-time Communication Support Worker for Office Manager

Flight Aerials Ltd, based in Glasgow

Salary per annum £20,000 - £22,000

A full-time CSW is required for the office manager of a busy company supplying TV Aerials, Sky+, etc...

The successful candidate shall have very good BSL skills, be qualified equivalent NVQ Level 3 (those who are working towards this qualification or are proficient at level 2 are also invited to apply).

The successful candidate shall also possess a high standard of spoken/written English as they shall be dealing with a large number of correspondences via telephone and email/letters, etc.

An excellent telephone manner is therefore essential. Computer literacy and experience of working with all applications of Microsoft Office along with Administration experience are highly desirable.

The initial contract shall be for 12 months, with a review process at the end of that time, if successful, it is envisaged that the contract will be extended a further 24 months.

Please email your CV to Nicola Kane at: nicola@glasgowst.co.uk or fax CV to: 0141 564 5118.



Work Experience/Internship

Nina Baker who is a Councillor for Glasgow City Council is looking for disabled people to shadow her in her work and gain some experience of council work. Some of the tasks you could do would be:

- sitting in on council meetings
- accompanying Nina to committee and other meetings
- working with Nina on issues of interest, perhaps with a view to write a motion to the council

This would be a great opportunity for someone looking to:

- get back into employment
- do some volunteering

- become more politically active
- find out how local authorities work

Anyone interested in this opportunity should contact Nina via e-mail - nina.baker@glasgow.gov.uk. Spread the word to anyone you think may be interested.

motherwell college **Communication Support Worker**

Salary: £36,946 per annum pro rata (under review)
7hrs per week (Temporary until 25 June 2010)

Working with learners and lecturers, you will play a vital role in providing access to the curriculum to enable deaf and hearing impaired learners to be as independent and effective as possible. Using a variety of communication strategies, including sign language, sign supported English and cultural mediation you will ensure full understanding of the subject, adapting your skills to meet learners' needs and language abilities. You will also be involved in transcribing course materials into sign language.

Qualified to a minimum of BSL Stage II (or comparability), you must have experience of working within deaf communities or organisations. Experience of working in an educational environment is desirable.

Application details are available from www.motherwell.co.uk or by contacting Human Resources, Tel: 01698 232391, Email: humanresources@motherwell.co.uk. Completed applications should be returned no later than **Friday 23rd October**.

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

A new initiative, *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 is joining 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.

The Georgian House: guided tour of furnished historic house
Charlotte Square
Tuesday 3rd November, 11am – 12.30pm £4.50

An Entangled Bank: guided tour of contemporary artists' work relating to Darwin's theories
The Talbot Rice Gallery
Tuesday 1st December, 6.30pm

To reserve your place on any of these tours 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

The Heart of the Great Alone: BSL interpreted and lipspeaking guided tour. Join a Royal Collection guide to discover the stories behind the photographs taken by Hurley and Ponting and the significance of Antarctic expeditions nearly 100 years later. Pre-booking required.

Wednesday 20th January 10.30am – 12.30pm

Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Edinburgh EH8 8DX.

Join a Royal Collection guide to discover the stories behind the photographs taken by Hurley and Ponting and the significance of Antarctic expeditions nearly 100 years later. Pre-booking required.

For more information on this tour and other BSL / lipspeaking tours, contact the Education team: Tel(v): 0131 557 2500 | education@royalcollection.org.uk

Accessible Theatre: Signed



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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Fri 16th Oct at 7.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

The Steamie, Thurs 29th Oct at 7.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Chicago, Sat 21st Sept at 5pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

Cinderella, Sat 19th Dec at 2pm **AND** Weds 23rd Dec at 7.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

The Sound of Music, Sat 10th 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



Dundee | Signed

The Elephant Man, Weds 28th Oct at 7.30pm

Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB

Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

A Christmas Carol, Sat 12th Dec at 2.30pm **AND** Weds 16th Dec at 7.15pm

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The Silver Darlings, Fri 9th Oct at 7.30pm

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

To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 529 6000 (Mon-Sat, 11am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights); by Tynetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at www.eft.co.uk (booking fee applies).

The Dark Things, Thurs 15th Oct 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 (no booking fee)

The Grapes of Wrath, Fri 16th Oct at 7.30pm

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

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Entertaining Angels, Fri 23rd Oct at 7.30pm

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

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Kes Theatre Talk, Thurs 22nd Oct from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

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

A great introduction to the play Kes before seeing it on stage. This event includes a break with refreshments. The talk will be interpreted by Mary Dunlop.

Quote "Artlink BSL Interpreted Offer" to get your ticket (for the talk AND the performance – see next listing) for only **£7.50**.

Please contact the King's and Festival Theatres box office: Tel 0131 529 6000

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If you have any questions, please contact Susan at Artlink 0131 229 3555 option1, text relay 18001 229 3555 or email susan@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk

Kes, Fri 30th Oct at 7.30pm

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

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Confessions of a Justified Sinner, Weds 4th Nov at 7.30pm.

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)

An Argument About Sex, Thurs 5th Nov 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 (no booking fee)

The House of Bernarda Alba, Fri 6th Nov at 7.30pm

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

To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 529 6000 (Mon-Sat, 11am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights); by Tynetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at www.eft.co.uk

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non-performance nights); by Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at www.eft.co.uk (booking fee applies).

Rain Man, Fri 13th Nov at 7.30pm

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

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We Will Rock You, Mon 23rd Nov at 7.30pm **AND** Sat 2nd Jan 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 Interpreter: Clare Edwards

The Corstorphine Road Nativity, Fri 11th Dec at 7.30pm

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

Tel: 0131 529 6000 | Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003 | Fax: 0131 662 1199 www.eft.co.uk

Peter Pan, Weds 16th Dec at 7pm

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

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Robinson Crusoe, Thurs 17th Dec at 7pm **AND** Sat 9th Jan at 2pm

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

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The Sound of Music, Thurs 28th Jan at 7.30pm

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

Enquiries (v): 0131 557 2692 | Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings: 0800 587 5007 Groups: Tel (v) 0131 524 3301 | Fax 0131 524 3350

The Price, Weds 3rd Feb 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 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)

Every One, Weds 7th 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)

Les Miserables, Tues 4th May at 7.30pm **AND** Sat 8th 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 5th 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)

Glasgow | Signed

That Face, Fri 16th Oct at 7.30pm
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB
Box Office: 0141 552 4267(v) www.tron.co.uk

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Thurs 29th Oct at 7.30pm
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.
Box Office: 0870 060 6648(v) (booking fee)
Groups Hotline: 0141 240 1122 (no booking fee) Fax: 0141 240 1301

Othello, Thurs 5th Nov at 7.30pm
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: info@citz.co.uk Online: www.citz.co.uk

Aladdin, Weds 9th Dec at 1pm **AND** Sun 20th Dec at 5pm.
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN.
Box Office: 0870 060 6648(v) (booking fee)
Groups Hotline: 0141 240 1122 (no booking fee) Fax: 0141 240 1301

Cinderella, Thurs 10th Dec at 7pm
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: info@citz.co.uk

Ya Beauty and the Beast, Sat 19th Dec at 7.30pm
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB
Box Office: 0141 552 4267(v) www.tron.co.uk

Inverness | Signed

The Steamie, Sat 21st Nov at 7pm.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA.
Box Office Tel: 01463 234234
Box office open from 10am-10pm, Monday - Sunday.
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

Jack and the Beanstalk, Fri 18th Dec at 1.30pm **AND** 7pm,
Sat 19th Dec at 1pm, Weds 6th Jan at 7pm
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA.
Box Office Tel: 01463 234234
Box office open from 10am-10pm, Monday - Sunday.
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk

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Dick Whittington:

Sun 13th Dec at 2pm, Fri 18th Dec at 7pm, Sun 20th Dec at 2pm **AND** Tues 22nd Dec at 7pm
Inverurie Town Hall, Bothy, Inverurie AB51 3SN **check times when booking**
Box Office Tel. 01467 621610

Musselburgh | Signed

Sinbad the Pantomime, Fri 18th Dec at 7.30pm.

Brunton Theatre, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh EH21 6AA.

Tickets: Peak performances £15.50 (£12.50), Family £54; Off-peak performances £13.50 (£10.50), Family £46; Schools: £5.75 ELC, £6.25 other.

Box Office: 0131 665 2240 www.bruntontheatre.co.uk

Perth | Signed

Perth Theatre: The **last Saturday matinee** of each show at Perth Theatre is BSL interpreted.
www.horsecross.co.uk; Perth Theatre, 185 High Street, Perth, PH1 5UW.

Box Office Tel: 0845 612 6324

Pinocchio, Sat 19th Dec at 2.30pm.

Perth Theatre, 185 High Street Perth PH1 5UW

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



Accessible Theatre: Captioned



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Aberdeen | Captioned

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Sat 17th Oct at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

Website: www.hmtaberdeen.com

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

Edinburgh | Captioned

The Silver Darlings, Thurs 8th Oct at 7.30pm

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

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The Grapes of Wrath, Thurs 15th Oct at 7.30pm

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

To book tickets, contact the Box Office on 0131 529 6000 (Mon-Sat, 11am - 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights); by Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at www.eft.co.uk (booking fee applies). Special ticket price (£12.50) includes a reception. Quote “Artlink Captioning Offer” at the time of booking.



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Kes, Tues 27th Oct at 7.30pm

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

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The House of Bernarda Alba, Thurs 5th Nov at 7.30pm

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

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Confessions of a Justified Sinner, Sat 7th Nov at 2.30pm.

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

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Rain Man, Thurs 12th Nov at 7.30pm

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

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Il Panico di Pantalone, Weds 14th Nov at 7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED. boxoffice@traverse.co.uk

Tel: 0131 228 1404 www.traverse.co.uk

Special ticket price of £5 – just quote “Artlink Captioning Offer” at the time of booking.



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The Corstorphine Road Nativity, Thurs 10th Dec at 7.30pm

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

Tel: 0131 529 6000 | Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003 | Fax: 0131 662 1199

www.eft.co.uk

Special ticket price of £12.50 – just quote “Artlink Captioning Offer” at the time of booking.

We Will Rock You, Thurs 17th Dec at 7.30pm **AND** Fri 18th Dec 2.30pm

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

Enquiries (v): 0131 557 2692 | Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings: 0800 587 5007

Group Bookings: Tel (v) 0131 524 3301 | Fax 0131 524 3350

Thurs 17th December: Artlink Reception – email joyce.sandilands@livenation.co.uk

The Sound of Music, Thurs 4th Feb at 7.30pm

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

Enquiries (v): 0131 557 2692 | Box Office(v): 0870 606 3424

Access bookings: 0800 587 5007

Group Bookings: Tel (v) 0131 524 3301 | Fax 0131 524 3350

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

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Inverness | Captioned

Jack and the Beanstalk, Weds 16th Dec at 7pm,
Eden Court Theatre, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA.
Box Office Tel: 01463 234234
Box office open from 10am-10pm, Monday - Sunday.
Email: boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk



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Actors: Hal Draper, David Sands, Patsy Palmer and Abi Gorman
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The BSL Zone on the Community Channel, found on:
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and after broadcast on www.bslbt.co.uk

The Boy From Before

A four part drama series, The Boy From Before, airs this week. It features deaf teenagers from south London and was filmed at a deaf school, Oak Lodge School and on location on Clapham Common. A boy is killed by a WW II bomb and appears at a present day school in Clapham as a ghost. It will begin on Tuesday on BSL Zone on the Community Channel, which broadcasts on Freeview, Sky and Virgin TV. Find out more: www.bslbt.co.uk/

Captioned Films at the Cinema

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Aberdeen: The Lighthouse, 10 Shiprow, Aberdeen, AB11 5BW

Thur 29 Oct – Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Fri 30 Oct – Primary – Secret of Moonacre, The (U, 103)

Mon 2 Nov – Primary – Alvin and the Chipmunks (U, 92)

Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Monsters vs Aliens (PG, 94)

Wed 4 Nov – Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94)

Thu 5 Nov – Primary – Coraline (PG, 100) Introduced by the Storyteller David Brown (15 mins)

Fri 6 Nov – Primary – Curious George (U, 88)

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Annan: Lady St Leisure Centre, Moat St, Annan, Dumfries & Galloway DG12 5DE

Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Golden Compass, The (PG, 113)

Wed 4 Nov – Primary – Arctic Tale (U, 120)

Ayr: Burns Statue Square, Ayr, South Ayrshire, KA7 1UP

Fri 30 Oct - Primary / Secondary – Coraline (PG, 100)

Mon 2 Nov - Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Tue 3 Nov - Primary – Tale of Despereaux, The (U, 93)

Wed 4 Nov - Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94)

Thu 5 Nov - Primary – Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (U, 94)

Fri 6 Nov - Primary – Nim's Island (U, 96)

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Dumfries Odeon

Shakespeare St, Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway DG1 2JJ

Mon 2 Nov – Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Curious George (U, 88)

Thu 5 Nov – Primary – Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG, 106)

Fri 6 Nov – Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94)

Dundee Odeon (Douglasfield)

Douglas Rd, Dundee DD4 75N

Mon 2 Nov – Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94)

Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Wed 4 Nov – Primary / Secondary – Coraline (PG, 100)

Thu 5 Nov – Primary – Alvin and the Chipmunks (U, 92)

Dunfermline Odeon

1 Whimbrel Place, Fife Leisure Park, Dunfermline, Fife KY11 8EX

Fri 30 Oct - Primary – Laura's Star (U, 80)

Mon 2 Nov - Primary – Spiderwick Chronicles, The (PG, 104)

Wed 4 Nov - Secondary – Kite Runner, The (12A, 122) Preceded by the winner of First Light Movies 2009's Best Fantasy Adventure, Doodle Disaster (5 mins)

Thu 5 Nov - Primary / Secondary – Coraline (PG, 100)

Fri 6 Nov - Primary – Secret of Moonacre, The (U, 103)

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East Kilbride Odeon

Olympia Shopping Centre, Rothesay St, East Kilbride G74 1PG

Fri 30 Oct – Primary – Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG, 106)
Mon 2 Nov – Primary – Dr Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! (U, 88)
Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Tale of Despereaux, The (U, 93)
Wed 4 Nov – Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94)
Thu 5 Nov – Primary / Secondary – Coraline (PG, 100)
Fri 6 Nov – Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Edinburgh Odeon (Wester Hailes)

120 Wester Hailes Road, Edinburgh, EH14 3HR

Mon 2 Nov – Primary – Charlottes Web (U, 97)
Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Chronicles of Narnia, The: Prince Caspian (PG, 144)
Thu 5 Nov – Primary – Little Polar Bear 2, The (U, 78)
Fri 6 Nov – Primary – Monsters vs Aliens (PG, 94)

Glasgow GFT

12 Rose St, Glasgow G3 6RB

Mon 2 Nov - Primary – Secret of Moonacre, The (U, 103) Followed by CBBC Me and My Movie hands-on film-making workshop (Ends 3pm)
Tue 3 Nov - Primary – Coraline (PG, 100) Followed by a Masterclass on the process of film classification, from a CBBFC examiner (45 mins)
Wed 4 Nov - Secondary – Slumdog Millionaire (15, 120) Introduced by Amnesty International UK (15 mins) Followed by a discussion on the film (25 mins)

Inverness Eden Court Theatre

Bishops Road, Inverness IV3 5SA

Mon 2 Nov – Primary – March of the Penguins (U, 85)
Wed 4 Nov – Primary – Charlottes Web (U, 97)
Thu 5 Nov – Primary – Spiderwick Chronicles, The (PG, 104)
Fri 6 Nov – Primary – Tale of Despereaux, The (U, 93)

Inverness Vue

Inverness Business and Retail Park, Eastfield Way, Inverness IV2 7GD

Fri 30 Oct – Primary – Ant Bully, The (U, 89)
Tue 3 Nov – Primary – Secret of Moonacre, The (U, 103)
Wed 4 Nov – Secondary – Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, The (12A, 94) Preceded by short film 'I could make sounds' (4 mins)
Fri 6 Nov – Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)

Kilmarnock Odeon

Queens Drive, Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire KA1 3XF

Fri 30 Oct – Primary – WALL-E (U, 103)
Mon 2 Nov – Primary / Secondary – Coraline (PG, 100)
Tue 3 Nov - Primary – Night At The Museum 2 (PG, 105)
Wed 4 Nov - Secondary – Star Trek (12A, 126)

Thu 5 Nov - Primary – Bolt (PG, 96)
Fri 6 Nov - Primary – Secret of Moonacre, The (U, 103)

Stirling MacRobert Arts Centre
University Of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA

Mon 2 Nov – Primary – Race To Witch Mountain (PG, 98)

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