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## SCoD Annual Open Day: Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sept

We will open our doors on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm to 6pm. SCoD staff will be in attendance to speak to visitors about their work and projects. Breathing Space and BSL UPTAKE personnel will also be in attendance. Refreshments will be provided.

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## Management Committee Elections

This is to remind you that the deadline for nominations is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**.

There are six vacancies at this year's AGM – please do get your pens and fill in the nomination forms now!

## Breathing Space and Nicola Sturgeon MSP

Lilian Lawson, SCoD Director with two members of Breathing Space staff met Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport at the NHS 24 Clyde Contact Centre in Clydebank on 26<sup>th</sup> August before the NHS24 Annual Review meeting.

## NHS24 Public Partnership Forum

Lilian Lawson has joined the NHS24 PPF and attended an induction meeting in Stirling on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

## BSL & Linguistic Access Working Group and the Roadmap

Lynne Hawcroft from the Scottish Government informed SCoD and other members of the BSL & Linguistic Access Working Group that "The Long and Winding Road - A Roadmap to British Sign Language & Linguistic Access in Scotland" is finally published and available on the Scottish Government website at: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/07/01102537/0>.

There is also a statement welcoming the publication by the Minister for Housing and Communities at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality/disability/remit/Access-Working-Group> (please see the drop down menu).

## Scotland-Wide Free Bus Travel for Older and Disabled People

SCoD had a useful meeting with Transport Scotland recently to discuss a number of issues affecting deaf bus travellers.

## Transport

Lilian Lawson will attend a next meeting of SATA on 17<sup>th</sup> September in Edinburgh and also the Roads for All Forum on 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any transport issue that needs to be raised, please do contact Lilian at SCoD.

## Cross Party Group on Deafness

The Cross Party Group on Deafness will meet on 9<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm in the Scottish Parliament. The main agenda item will be the BSL Bill. CPGD members will discuss the draft consultation paper on the BSL Bill.



Supported by  
**The National Lottery**<sup>®</sup>  
through the Heritage Lottery Fund



The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded us a grant of £47,000 to preserve Scottish deaf people's heritage by capturing their memories on film so that future generations are able to benefit.

The funding will be used to:

Record this unique heritage for future generations – deaf and hearing – especially those with deaf parents or grandparents.

Film Deaf people's reminiscences live on camera in their native BSL to be produced on DVD, providing a valuable and much needed resource for younger Deaf people to learn about their own culture and history.

Provide teaching materials for Deaf Studies courses in schools and colleges so students can learn directly from the films about Deaf Culture, Heritage and Language.

Preserve older deaf people's signs on film. As the language changes and develops these old signs are in danger of being lost forever.

Lilian Lawson OBE, SCoD Director, said:

"We are very grateful that the Heritage Lottery Fund has recognised the importance of preserving Scottish Deaf Heritage. The funding will enable us to produce a DVD which will be accessible to all through BSL, subtitling and voice-over so that younger and future generations can learn about their own heritage.

Deaf people's memories of school, apprenticeships and work will be recorded showing how they coped in an age without the benefits of modern technology such as mobile phones, visual alarms and email. Deaf children in Scotland will, for the first time, be able to learn about their own heritage and cultural history in their own language."

SCoD wishes to acknowledge its appreciation to the British Deaf History Society, Deaf Connections, the Scottish Sensory Centre, Dumfries & Galloway Deaf Society, the British Deaf Association and Scottish Oral History Society for their support of this successful funding application.

Contact Lilian Lawson Fax: 0141 248 2479 Email: [lilian@scod.org.uk](mailto:lilian@scod.org.uk)



### **SMS Text Emergency Number**

Register from 14<sup>th</sup> September to be part of a trial Emergency SMS text service  
[www.emergencySMS.org.uk](http://www.emergencySMS.org.uk)

It is vitally important that everyone can get swift help in an emergency. So RNID and BT, along with the mobile network operators, O<sub>2</sub>, Orange, 3 and Vodafone, and the emergency services, have developed a UK-wide system which will allow you to send an SMS text message to the 999 emergency services from a mobile phone.

Full user trials will begin on 14th September and people with a hearing loss are needed to help test the service by using it if they need to make a real emergency call.

If you would like to take part in the user trial you can register your mobile after 14th September. You can either:

- Visit [www.emergencySMS.org.uk](http://www.emergencySMS.org.uk)
- Or, text 'Register' and send it to 999

You will be sent terms and conditions and, once you have accepted these, you will be able to use the service to make emergency SMS text calls.

Please note, you will only have access to this service for the duration of the trials and, unless you register your mobile, you won't be able to use SMS text to contact the emergency services.

If this trial is a success then we hope that the new service will be launched in 2010.

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## Consultations

### **Draft Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2009**

Scottish Ministers have to prepare a document setting out priorities and objectives for Scotland's Fire and Rescue Authorities. The consultation is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/19102633/0>. Closing date for responses is **20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**.

### **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](mailto:mandy@scod.org.uk) or by telephone/textphone 0141 248 1854 or by post. The closing date for responses is 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009. If contacting Mandy please do so by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009. To download a copy of the consultation go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/08/PrinciplesConsultation>.

### **Proposed changes to Attendance Allowance (AA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**

The UK Government is proposing to change the way that AA is paid to tie in with the change to Employment and Support Allowance and Jobseekers Allowance – so anyone claiming AA will no longer be able to claim for dependents. This is because the Income Support/Incapacity Benefit element of someone over 65 is no longer Income Support/Incapacity Benefit as these benefits no longer exist. It is also tied to the proposed changes for “Right to Control”, another UK Government consultation - [http://www.odi.gov.uk/working/right-to-control.php?utm\\_source=Google&utm\\_medium=PPC&utm\\_campaign=Right+to+Control&utm\\_term=right+to+control&gclid=CPuJl63azZwCFUoB4wodpHc-Jw](http://www.odi.gov.uk/working/right-to-control.php?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=PPC&utm_campaign=Right+to+Control&utm_term=right+to+control&gclid=CPuJl63azZwCFUoB4wodpHc-Jw).

Age Concern/Help the Aged are looking at this in more depth, but there is no report on benefits or disadvantages to the person published yet.

The change to the DLA legislation is to Section 73 of the Social Security Contributions and

Benefits Act 1992 (c.4) which states at the moment – if “he is both blind and deaf”. The proposed change would be “he has such severe visual impairment as may be prescribed.”

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts1992/ukpga\\_19920004\\_en\\_8#pt3-pb4-l1g73](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts1992/ukpga_19920004_en_8#pt3-pb4-l1g73)

BUT the guidelines and guidance and the DLA form do not put both deaf and blind together – and people who are not blind but are deaf do qualify for DLA. So this could impact on deaf people. So there is a case for asking that “deaf” remains in the 1992 Act.

There is also a green paper – Shaping the Future of Care Together -

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_102338](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_102338) – which suggests a new National Care Service in England for everyone. It also says that:

“drawing some funding streams together to enable us to deliver the new and better care and support system we want to create. We think we should consider integrating some elements of disability benefits, for example Attendance Allowance, to create a new offer for individuals with care and support needs. If we did this, the future care and support system would build on the main advantages of the current disability benefits system, providing people with flexibility and an entitlement to have at least some of their care funded wherever they live in England. Whatever the outcome of the consultation, we want to ensure that people receiving any of the relevant benefits at the time of reform would continue to receive an equivalent level of support and protection under a new and better care and support system.”

And

“We have considered a range of different options, from a system in which everyone pays for themselves to one where everyone contributes to the cost of everyone’s care and support.”

At the present time in Scotland, access to care and support and often AA is means-tested, and people are expected by some local authorities to self-fund care if they have assets and/or a house. Local authorities can claim back the cost of care from a person’s estate. So while the person is alive and living in their own house they may be entitled to “free” personal care and other support at a reduced cost, but after they die, their estate is responsible for their “debt”.

SCoD were told that the Scottish Ministers agree in principle to these changes and will consult on these matters in due course.

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## Policy & Research

### Evening and Leisure Classes

SCoD’s 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](mailto: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.

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## Counselling Awareness Project

### Counselling Awareness Project Update *by Barbra Wylie*

The first of the 5 planned Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training sessions took place on 27<sup>th</sup> August in Inverness. This was attended by representatives from the Highland council, NHS Highland from local counselling and support organisations. Stephen Joyce from Deafblind Scotland started the day with a 2 ½ hour session on Deafblind Awareness and the afternoon Deaf Awareness Training was run by Trudi Collier. This was a great day and all the feedback was all very positive. Those who attended said it made them think about the accessibility of their services and they will feed it back when they return to work.

Those who attend the training are asked to fill out a short questionnaire at the start to tell us how accessible they think their organisations are to deaf and deafblind people. These people will be contacted again a few months after completing the training to discover if any changes have been made to improve accessibility.

I was again invited to Hayfield this month to hold a counselling awareness workshop for 6 service users. Again those who attended were very interested in the subject and were keen to get involved and asked lots of questions. Hopefully we will be invited back later in the year.

Sense Scotland had a meeting of their Service User Group in Perth on 6<sup>th</sup> August which I was invited along to present at. This was a small group and we had a discussion on counselling and what was involved and also how they would go about accessing counselling if it was needed.

I have again started contacting lipreading classes and hard of hearing groups to arrange to go along and give them a Counselling Awareness workshop so my diary is starting to fill up for September, October and November so I will be out of the office a lot travelling all over the country.

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

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

#### **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. We hope to have some tickets for the First Minister's Question Time.

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.

#### **Democracy Workshops**

Democracy Workshops are being delivered around Scotland throughout September 2009 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; so if you're interested in attending or want more information, please contact Derek Todd. Or if you want one of our A2D Trainers to come and deliver a Workshop in your area, again please contact Derek Todd.

Confirmed Workshops are:

Friday 11 September 2009 – Western Isles Deaf Club, Ardseileach Centre, Stornoway at 7.00pm-9.00pm

Thursday 24 September 2009 – Aberdeen Deaf Club, 13 Smithfield Road, Aberdeen at 1.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 24 September 2009 – Aberdeen Deaf Club, 13 Smithfield Road, Aberdeen at 7.30pm-9.30pm

Wednesday 30 September 2009 – Falkirk Deaf Club, Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Redbrae Road, Camelon at 1.00pm-3.00pm

Friday 2 October 2009 – Falkirk Deaf Club, Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Redbrae Road, Camelon at 7.30pm-9.30pm

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

Thursday 8 October 2009 – Edinburgh Deaf Club, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh at 4.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 8 October 2009 – Glasgow Deaf Club, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow at 6.00pm-8.00pm  
Thursday 8 October 2009 – Edinburgh Deaf Club, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh at 7.30pm-9.30pm  
Thursday 29 October 2009 – Renfrewshire Deaf Group, Mile End Centre, Seedhill Road, Paisley at 2.00pm-4.00pm

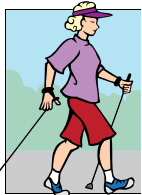
If you would like to attend or require more information, please get in touch with Derek Todd, A2D Project Coordinator at the details below.

### **Electoral Registration Checks**

A2D Project is organising Electoral Registration Checks around Scotland at 17 local Registration Offices for Deaf People from October to December 2009 to speak to their local Electoral Registration Officer and 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 next 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](mailto:derek@scod.org.uk)



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### **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 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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** which will uncover 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 19<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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](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.



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## Training/Workshops/Courses/Conferences

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### Deaf Education courses 2009-2010

Course Number 3 | Monday 2nd November

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

Course Number 4 | Wednesday 11th November

**The Transition Processes**

Course Number 7 | Wednesday 9th December

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

Course Number 8 | Wednesday 13th January 2010

**Emotional Wellbeing Training Programme: Getting it right for deaf children and young people**

Course Number 9 | Thursday 14th January 2010

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

Course Number 11 | Tuesday 26th January 2010

**Improving Memory Skills in Deaf Young People**

Course Number 13 | Wednesday 3rd February 2010

**Signing SQA Exams**

Course Number 14 | Tuesday 2nd March 2010

**Informed Choice from Theory into Practice**

Course Number 15 | Wednesday 10th March 2010

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

Course Number 17 | Thursday 13th May 2010

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

Course Number 20 | Friday 11th - Sunday 13th June 2010

**BSL Immersion weekend**

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

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



### British Deaf Association ~ Scotland

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.

**The BDA ~ Scotland is offering taster sessions on the following dates:**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 10am to 12pm**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009 10am to 12pm**

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### **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 BDA ~ Scotland is offering Deaf Equality Training sessions on the following dates:**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 10am to 1pm**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 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](mailto:scotland@bda.org.uk)

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### **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.

**The BDA ~ Scotland is offering Introduction to BSL on:**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 6pm to 8.45pm**  
*Bookings now being taken*

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

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## **BSL Training for Your Staff and Management** British Sign Language (BSL) Essential Frontline Training

Who is this course 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD

**Tel: 0141 248 5554** Email: [dianem@bda.org.uk](mailto:dianem@bda.org.uk)

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## **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](http://www.saifscotland.org.uk)

Each course costs £140 (no VAT)

Or you can email Susan: [sburn@saifscotland.org.uk](mailto:sburn@saifscotland.org.uk)

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## **Social and Emotional Development in Deaf Children**

Tuesday 6th October 2009: 10am to 4pm

Alcuin Research Resource Centre, University of York

*A Deaf Children, Young People and Family Service Conference* in collaboration with the *British Society for Mental Health and Deafness*. A one day conference for mental health professionals, Teachers of the Deaf, Deaf Children and Youth Workers, Equality and Diversity Officers, parents and carers and all professionals with an interest in social and emotional development in deaf children.

## Presentations

What child focused interventions improve social and emotional outcome? Does a new national service have a role to play? – Barry Wright, Consultant Child Psychiatrist at the Deaf Children, Young People and Family Service.

The Hearing Outcomes Project and social and emotional outcomes. – Colin Kennedy, Professor in Neurology and Paediatrics at the University of Southampton School of Medicine.

Social and emotional issues for parents: parent centred interventions and professionals' responses to family needs. – Arlene Brown, Consultant for Intervention and Education Programs, Marion Downs Hearing Centre, Boulder, Colorado, USA.

## Workshops

1. Materials from the Hearing Outcomes Project – Colin Kennedy

2. Useful strategies to Engage Parents – Arlene Brown

Question Time with a Panel of Speakers

**Conference Chair** – *Jonathan Isaac*, General Secretary, BSMHD.

Delegate Fees: Standard £75, BSMHD Member £55.

Exhibition space available.

This programme is provisional and subject to change.

• Delegate Booking Form: [http://www.bsmhd.org.uk/docs/061009\\_Booking\\_Form.doc](http://www.bsmhd.org.uk/docs/061009_Booking_Form.doc)

• Exhibitor Booking Form: [http://www.bsmhd.org.uk/docs/061009\\_Exhibitor\\_Booking\\_Form.doc](http://www.bsmhd.org.uk/docs/061009_Exhibitor_Booking_Form.doc)

Directions available at <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/arrc/directions.htm>

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## Scotland's Third Sector Research Conference

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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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## **BSL Level 1 Course at Tayside Deaf Association**

Tayside Deaf Association has a new afternoon Level 1 British Sign Language course starting in September.

Unit 1 starts 24<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm – 4.15pm for approx 12 weeks: £100 (includes exam fee)

Unit 2 following successful completion of unit 1; approx 12 weeks £100 (includes exam fee)

Unit 3 following successful completion of unit 2; approx 12 weeks £100 (includes exam fee)

Completion of all three units leads to a certified Level 1 in BSL.

To enrol or receive and a pack with further information, please contact Gail Henderson: Secretary, Tayside Deaf Association: Tel - 01382 221124

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## **Lanarkshire Deaf Club**

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

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

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

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

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## **Improving Communication Support Services in the NHS**

A Working Seminar: 11am – 4pm, Wednesday 16th September

GO Business and Training centre, Second Floor, George House, 36 North Hanover Street, Glasgow G1 2AD

### **Background and Programme Details**

Seminar Planning Partners

Kim Hartley	Communication Forum Scotland
Amanda Bennett	Civic Participation Network, Communication Forum Scotland
Jac Ross	NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
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## General News



### A New Deaf Organisation in Scotland?

Two of the oldest organisations working with deaf people in Scotland, Deaf Action and Deaf Connections, are pleased to announce they are beginning merger talks to create a brand new organisation.

With nearly 400 years of experience between them, offices in Edinburgh, Fife, Glasgow, Inverness, and West Lothian, and a track record of providing a range of services, the future for people who are deaf looks bright.

Chief Executive of Deaf Connections, Gordon Chapman said “This is an exciting development. Both organisations have an excellent history of developing and delivering innovative services for deaf people and the synergy arising from a merger will have a positive impact on the quality of deaf people’s lives.”

Liz Scott Gibson, Deaf Action’s Director added “We are looking forward to discussing the proposal with all who have an interest. By extending our work throughout Scotland, people who are deaf will have an organisation which can truly be responsive to local needs”

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### Driver Disciplined After Incident

The bus company Stagecoach has disciplined a driver in Fife after a registered blind man who uses a guide dog was not allowed to travel.

All staff are also being reminded of company policy, after the incident involving Mark McLenaghan. The 37-year-old, from Rosyth, was not allowed onto a bus to his local station after the driver said a woman with a pet dog was already using the service.

Mr McLenaghan complained to the company after the incident, on Saturday.

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### “All deaf people are entitled to have a properly qualified electronic notetaker for their communication needs”

...says Linda Donnelly, who became ENT Development Manager at Sign Language Interactions earlier this year.

Linda has organised training for nine notetakers to attain the new Signature Level 3 Certificate for LSPs Working with Deaf and Deafblind People (LNT3). These notetakers already hold the old CACDP Level 2 qualification and four are registered with the National Register of Communication Professionals Working with Deaf People, but all have to reach Level 3 by 2010 in order to register. They will be the first in Scotland to achieve the new qualification.

“The NRCPD is the only way to ensure quality standards in our profession, and we would encourage deaf clients to check for registration when sourcing a notetaker”, says Linda. “Registered LSPs abide by a Code of Practice and Ethics, have a proper Complaints Procedure and have undergone Enhanced Disclosure Scotland checks. There are approximately ten CACDP qualified notetakers in Scotland, so we are considering running a second course early

next year for anyone currently operating as a notetaker but not CACDP qualified, having undergone one of the basic notetaking courses available. This would enable them to progress to NRCPD registration.”

The Level 3 training comprises 4 units of 20 hours each, including written assignments and a portfolio of work. It covers Professional Issues, Accessible English, Notetaking Skills and Strategies, and Professional Practice for LSPs, all relating to working with Deaf and Deafblind People. There’s much more to being an ENT than just being a fast typist! It usually involves more than just taking notes, as it is a method of facilitating communication between deaf and hearing people, so the role could better described as ‘text interpreter’.

Contact Linda (07949 570466) to add your name to the waiting list for Level 3 training – places will be limited.

Sign Language Interactions, 27-29 Crown Street, Ayr KA8 8AG

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### **Big Fun Run - Holyrood Park, Edinburgh Saturday 3rd October**

Hearing Concern LINK Scotland staff will be running as a team to raise money towards the cost of supporting our volunteer network. Please support us to continue transforming the lives of deafened and hard of hearing people through access to trained volunteers with experience of acquired hearing loss.

Sponsor us, run with us or come along and lend us your support!

Please encourage friends, family and colleagues to support us too.

To sponsor the team or view the runner’s blog please follow link below

<http://www.mycharitypage.com/HCLBigFunRun/> or email [lorna.mcnae@hearingconcernlink.org](mailto:lorna.mcnae@hearingconcernlink.org)

Why not join the team and run 5km! For more information about the run please go to The Big Fun Run website [www.bigfunrun.com](http://www.bigfunrun.com) and find us in the Fundraising pages.

Hearing Concern LINK Scotland team have their trainers out so please support them.

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### **New DeafBlind Communicator**

The DeafBlind Communicator enables a Braille computer to send messages to a mobile phone display.

A person with full vision can use the phone to type a message that the Braille computer then relays to the deaf-blind person.

Alan Davis from HumanWare, which makes the DeafBlind Communicator, says the device opens new doors.

Graham Hicks, who is deaf and blind, tests a system that enables a Braille computer to send messages to a mobile phone display.

A person with full vision can use the phone to type a message that the Braille computer then relays to the deaf-blind person.

Humanware, the company that makes the DeafBlind Communicator, employed Mr Hicks to write an evaluation report of the system.

“HumanWare’s new DeafBlind Communicator opens a world of communication possibilities for people who are deaf and blind!”

Find out more by visiting the Humanware website: <http://www.humanware.com/>

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## Pilot Projects at NHS 24

Health Secretary Nicola Sturgeon will find out more about two pilot projects at NHS 24 - a British Sign Language (BSL) Breathing Space service and cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) telephony service. Ms Sturgeon's visit will take place shortly before she chairs the NHS 24 Annual Review. NHS 24 provides out of hours health care advice over the phone, assisting thousands of people every year.

The Breathing Space BSL internet service is due to launch shortly and will give BSL users access to Breathing Space counselling via secure webcam. Breathing Space offers support to people suffering from depression or feeling down.

The CBT service is being piloted in five health boards and is designed to offer better access to psychological therapies across Scotland, particularly in remote and rural areas.

Speaking in advance of her visit, Ms Sturgeon said: "NHS 24 is an integral part of the NHS in Scotland, providing vital health care advice when doctors' surgeries are closed. In recent months, NHS 24 has also played a key role in Scotland's fight against pandemic flu. Many people have already used NHS 24 to access out of hours services - whether that is from a GP, emergency centre or late night community pharmacy. The new BSL and CBT services are examples of NHS 24 adopting an innovative approach to ensure that they can offer a wider range of services, tailored to meet the needs of more people."

Speaking about the NHS 24 Annual Review, Ms Sturgeon said: "Our NHS should always strive to provide the best possible care, so holding those who manage our NHS boards to account in public is the right thing to do.

"This not only gives credit for the many successes, but helps to tackle tough issues and drive forward improvements. I hope people will take the opportunity to attend, ask questions and contribute their ideas to help shape the future of their NHS."

As in previous years, the annual review will include an opportunity for members of the public attending the review to ask questions.

NHS 24's Chairman, Allan Watson, said: "NHS 24 delivers a vital and valuable health advice and information service to the Scottish public. There have been many positive developments within NHS 24 in the last year, including the launch of the CBT and BSL pilots.

"We are committed to ensuring our service meets the needs of the people of Scotland and look forward to reflecting on our achievements and progress as part of the annual review."

The CBT service is being piloted in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, NHS Shetland, NHS Borders, NHS Western Isles and NHS Lothian.

Scotland has around 6,000 people whose first language is British Sign Language.

[http://thegovmonitor.com/world\\_news/britain/pilot-projects-at-nhs-24-2171.html](http://thegovmonitor.com/world_news/britain/pilot-projects-at-nhs-24-2171.html)

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## Directing Your Own Support: Self Directed Support Event

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The Scottish Government is dedicated to increasing the use of direct payments in Scotland. Research evidence shows that many people who purchase their own support through direct payments enjoy a better quality of life. The Scottish Government is firmly committed to involving people who use services and family carers, through developing its strategy for self-directed support.

This event will provide up to date information on recent self-directed support developments in Scotland and delegates will hear directly from direct payment recipients. Service users and professionals will have the opportunity to share their views on the next steps to making self directed support a reality. To register your interest in this event, please contact Helen Sprakes on 0131 275 7751 or e-mail [helen.sprakes@nhs.net](mailto:helen.sprakes@nhs.net)



## Access to Leisure Facilities in Edinburgh Deaf People

Deaf Action's Health Project has been working closely with Edinburgh Leisure in order to make leisure facilities in Edinburgh more accessible for deaf people.

Discount Cards, which are part of Edinburgh Leisure's Community Access Programme, are now available from, and will be administered by, Deaf Action's Head Office at Albany Street in Edinburgh. In most instances, these discount cards will allow holders to access Edinburgh Leisure facilities for just £1 at off-peak times (Monday to Friday before 4pm) – this includes gym facilities, swimming and fitness classes. Badminton and squash courts are reduced to £2 per hour.

Edinburgh Leisure is the biggest leisure provider in Edinburgh and also has facilities in South Queensferry. Their Community Access Programme is designed to support community groups and encourages people to start doing some physical activity through making more and better use of Edinburgh Leisure facilities - and at an affordable price.

Please note that because there is no charge for carers or support staff, they will not need a discount card in order to accompany someone to an Edinburgh Leisure facility.

For more information, please visit Edinburgh Leisure's website at [www.edinburghleisure.co.uk](http://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk) or contact Deaf Action's Reception on:

**Tel:** 0131 556 3128 | **Fax:** 0131 557 8283 | **Text:** 0131 557 0419 | **SMS:** 07775 620 757

**Email:** [admin@deafaction.org](mailto:admin@deafaction.org)

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### Volunteers needed for BSL study

"I am doing my PhD on British Sign Language at the University of Aberdeen and I am looking for deaf and hearing adults who are fluent in BSL to take part.

"There are 2 parts to the study, the first bit will ask you to translate English words into BSL and the second will ask you to sign the names of pictures that appear on a computer. All the instructions will be provided in both English and BSL. The study should take around an hour to complete.

"Whilst I am unable to pay you for taking part (aside from in tea and biscuits!), I can reimburse you for any transport costs (e.g. bus tickets or car mileage). You can take part at a time that suits you best, days, evenings and weekends are all possible.

"If you would like any more information or if you would like to take part in the study, please e-mail me at [emilynordmann@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:emilynordmann@abdn.ac.uk) or text or call to 07803 598 673."

Emily Nordmann



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### Donaldson's Receives Glowing Report from HM Inspectorate of Education

Donaldson's school has received high commendation from Scotland's HM Inspector of Education. The excellent report confirms that the Inspector has disengaged from the School and follows hot on the heels of other recent awards and recognition for the grant assisted special school, which is Scotland's national school for children who are deaf or have severe speech and language difficulties. In her supporting letter, HM Inspector of Education has confirmed that the school demonstrates "high performance, a strong record of improvement and very effective leadership."

Speaking about the HMIE report, Principal, Janice MacNeill said, "Donaldson's high performance within the quality indicators of this report is something of which our pupils, staff and parents should all be proud. To see elements of the school singled out for praise, along with recognition for the dedication of our staff, is very rewarding. It is also particularly good to receive confirmation that our School continued to deliver excellent learning and teaching plus therapy

and care to all our pupils through the upheaval of our move to the new building last year.”

A number of areas within the school highlighted within the Inspector’s report included the Nursery class, in which the Children’s experiences received an “excellent” as well as both the *Improvements in Performance* and the *Meeting Learning Needs* categories were recognised as being “very good” – attributed to the interactive learning in the Nursery. The Nursery, which is often the first port of call for children who are deaf or have communication difficulties and which is run by a team of highly skilled staff, also recently received a glowing report from the Care Commission.

In addition to the Nursery, the report highlighted the particular strengths within Donaldson’s as including: the quality of support for children and young people; the positive impact of the new, purpose-built school on learning and care; the School’s clear sense of direction; along with leadership and the involvement of the staff in improving the school. Projects which were also identified as being of merit included: the excellent Transition programme which enables pupils to transfer into work or higher education; the Developing Vocabulary project in BSL and English; and in particular, the achievements of the ‘Hungry for Success’ team for encouraging positive attitudes in the pupils towards healthy eating, an initiative that also recently won a HealthyLiving award, as well as the Catering In Scotland ‘Smarter Scotland’ award.

Donaldson’s is one of the seven national Grant Aided Special Schools (GASS) supported by the Scottish Government to provide education, therapy and care for pupils who are deaf or have severe speech and language difficulties. Donaldson’s is a bilingual community encouraging the use of both British Sign Language (BSL) and English, and has day and residential places available for children of all ages from across Scotland and the north of England.

For more information contact: Angela Casey/Anne McMunn, CM Porter Novelli, 0131 470 3400  
[angela.casey@porternovelli.co.uk](mailto:angela.casey@porternovelli.co.uk)



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### **Building Blocks, a brand new weekly support group at Donaldson's for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers, is now open**

Every Wednesday between 11am and 3pm

The group is open to parents/carers with children aged from birth to 3 years old who are affected by hearing or speech and language difficulties; deaf parents with hearing children or siblings of children with hearing or speech and language difficulties.

Building Blocks is co-ordinated by Donaldson's Nursery Manager and offers families:

- Social opportunities and the chance to share experiences with other families
- Programmed input from Donaldson's Speech and Language Therapists, Educational Audiologist; British Sign Language (BSL) Tutors; Physiotherapist; Occupational Therapist; trained counselor and a school nurse. Access to an Educational Psychologist can also be arranged.
- Themed advice sessions on topics such as communication, benefits, education and health
- Practical sessions in areas such as British Sign Language, music therapy and baby massage
- Use of Donaldson's facilities including the nursery, sensory room, swimming pool, play areas and children's library
- Sessions delivered in both English and/or BSL as appropriate to the needs of the group

If you have any questions about Building Blocks then please don't hesitate to contact Donaldson's on (01506) 841900 or email them at [info@donaldsons.org.uk](mailto:info@donaldsons.org.uk).

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## Come and Meet the Equality and Human Rights Commission Legal Team

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](mailto: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](mailto:jamesandrew@equalityhumanrights.com)

### All Scotland Dates:

Mon 14th Sept at the Aros Venue, Skye  
Weds 16th Sept at the Cairndale Hotel, Dumfries  
Tues 27th Oct at West Park, Dundee



Scottish Union of  
Supported Employment

### Glasgow Business Diversity Awards

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](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](mailto:margaret.borland@drs.glasgow.gov.uk)



### BT Launches Converse 2200 and 2300

The 2200 and 2300 replace the Converse 1200 and 1300. Positively reviewed by the RNID, these telephones are available from the BT shop.

Key features of the **Converse 2200** are:

- handset volume adjustment with amplify function - maximum volume of 99 dB @ 1kHz (RNID supplied)
- the volume returns to default when the handset replaced
- inductive coupler for hearing aid compatibility
- adjustable ringer volume (2 available settings and off)

- three ring-tone options available
- hands-free loudspeaker (with volume adjustment) – half duplex
- headset socket with volume adjustment
- 10 one-touch memory buttons
- energy efficient “Switch Mode” power supply

The **Converse 2300** has all of the above features plus:

- handset volume adjustment with amplify function - maximum volume of 109 dB @ 1kHz (RNID supplied)
- three-line LCD, for caller display, to see who is calling and volume level selected.
- hands-free loudspeaker (with volume adjustment) – full duplex
- on-hook dialling, put the required number in before dialling to ensure you have it right, saves mis-dialling
- 100 name and No. directory – keeps dialled numbers easily available

Over the past year, we have been developing our network of Try Before You Buy (TBYB) centres in order to support consumers who like to be able to see and feel a phone before buying it, to make sure it meets their needs. We are able to provide a range of phones to these centres and we hope that they are a useful resource for you and your clients. We are no longer able to update the loan telephones we have provided to individuals for demonstration purposes. We have replaced the Converse 1200s in our TBYB centres with the new 2200. For more details on the location of our TBYB centres please go to [www.btplc.com/inclusion/TrybeforeYouBuy/index.htm](http://www.btplc.com/inclusion/TrybeforeYouBuy/index.htm).

If you have a previously loaned Converse 1200, please feel free to use it as you see fit, perhaps by donating it to someone you know will benefit from it.

#### **Emailing BT:**

BT has reviewed the ways in which you can contact them and have made improvements to offer you a better service.

If you wish to email BT with an order for a client, please send this to [tbyb.support@bt.com](mailto:tbyb.support@bt.com), remembering to quote your pin number. As before, if you prefer, you can continue to call the BT team with orders and enquiries on behalf of your clients on 0800 919 591, please don't forget to have your pin number to hand.

Both the email address and telephone number are for you and other healthcare professionals only, please do not give this email out to the public as this will reduce the level of service we can provide to you.

If your clients wish to contact BT themselves, please direct them to [www.bt.com/inclusion](http://www.bt.com/inclusion) where they can use either the 'contact BT' link or use our live chat service. This gives real time access to our customer service advisors for an instant message style conversation, or they can call 0800 800 150.

#### **Music for the Deaf**

Paul Whittaker, artistic director of Music and the Deaf, brings music to life using just his hands. From an imaginary scabbard he draws a long slow sword. Fire shimmers in his fingertips. Gold is mined with a majestic bump of the wrists. Paul Whittaker is signing the most famous hymn in the book. Alongside him The Sixteen, the lustrous choir currently celebrating its 30th year, sings on the steps of the altar to a splendid church in Clerkenwell. But you can't for a second take your eyes off the action-packed visualisation of Blake's Jerusalem on the side.

Jerusalem, it turns out, is just about the easiest piece of music to sign. "It's got very strong visual images," he says, "and it's sung in unison. You start and you finish."

If anyone hard of hearing wants to see a choral concert or even a dance performed with signed accompaniment in the UK, it will inevitably be Whittaker doing the hand-waving. And extraordinarily, Whittaker is totally deaf.

The Sixteen have just embarked on their annual choral pilgrimage and released a new CD of

church music, at least part of which is in English. "It is a wonderful change from what I normally do with them," he says, "which is learning in Latin."

The mind boggles at what he pulls off. As well as signing, Whittaker mouths the words and conveys a sense of dynamics and tempo through an inventive set of graphic techniques. Throw in his twinkling charisma, and the effect is intoxicating, graceful, even balletic.

"I agreed to work with The Sixteen before I knew what they were singing. I'm so committed to trying to make music events accessible and trying to get deaf people involved that I said, yes." He seems to have been relishing a challenge almost from birth. As a totally deaf five year-old growing up in Huddersfield, he asked his parents if he could learn the piano. They were both musical, and encouraged it.

"It is one of the easiest things to play as a deaf person because you know that note on the staff is that note on the piano. It's very, very physical. When you press a key down you feel a hammer hit a string. The vibration travels up your arm and every one of those notes feels different." He also took on the organ, sang in a choir and learnt to conduct. At 15 he was told he could have been good enough to play professionally. "Instead I decided that I wanted to help deaf people get involved in music." So he went to Oxford to read music, having been turned down by 12 other universities over two years. "Nobody else wanted me. 'You're deaf, you can't be a musician, don't be stupid, don't waste our time.' Even though I had three Grade 8s and two diplomas."

Whittaker's day job is running Music and the Deaf, the charity he founded in 1988. He was awarded an OBE in 2007. But he also has a parallel life as a performer and made his professional debut signing Joseph in the West End in 1992. He has done Les Mis, Phantom, Cats among 64 musicals, for which he has to learn the entire score and lyrics. He added an extra layer of comedy to Jerry Springer: the Opera: "It's very direct and very graphic. The audience howl."

The summons to work with The Sixteen came when the choir was looking at ways to provide access to deaf people. Whittaker had never signed a non-narrative piece.

"There are some people who say, 'Well what's the point of it?', but I find that a bit of a selfish attitude. A couple of years ago I was with the Rambert in Stoke. Two deaf ladies said that for the first time in 30 years they'd actually been able to understand and appreciate what was going on in the pit. A lady in York Minster said for the first time in her life she'd been able to understand and enjoy choral music. So yeah, job done."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/music/music-news/5452711/Music-for-the-deaf.html>

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### **Deaf Fiancée Says No to Ear Implants**

The deaf fiancée of an Edinburgh man who had revolutionary hearing treatment has refused a similar procedure. The Evening News revealed last year how 30-year-old Mark Ramsay had cochlear implants, allowing him to hear for the first time in his life.

He revealed at the time his fiancée Charlotte Redden was also due to have them this summer, meaning they could verbally exchange their wedding vows when they tie the knot in April next year.

But Mr Ramsay, from Gorgie, said she had now decided against the treatment, which has transformed his life. He said: "She decided going against the cochlear implants, she is too scared. But I always help her and act as an interpreter for her if someone speaks to her." He added that while his own hearing was fine, he was still becoming accustomed to listening to the English language. He said: "I pretty much understand everybody now and I can hear a few words behind my back without lip reading."

<http://news.scotsman.com/health/Deaf-fiance--says-no.5318857.jp>  
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## Deaflympians Aim for Gold Repeat

It's been another exciting summer in world sport. Usain Bolt blew the world away on the athletics track, England regained the Ashes in breathtaking fashion and Manchester City and Real Madrid defied the global recession by spending hundreds of millions in the transfer market.

However, if you thought that the summer fun had ended then you'd be wrong.

September sees the 21st Deaflympics competition in Taipei and the Great British men's football team will be going there as reigning champions.

Previously known as the World Games of the Deaf, the Deaflympics has been running for 85 years. The last competition, held in Melbourne in 2005, attracted over 3500 athletes and team officials from 97 different countries.

If you're not familiar with the Deaflympics then don't worry. You are not alone.

Unlike Olympians and Paralympians; athletes representing Great Britain at the Deaflympics receive no government funding and very limited publicity. This is a fact which angers veteran centre-half Chris Beech, who juggles his career as a footballer with working for Wolverhampton City Council.

"When you look at what we're asking for (from the government) it's really peanuts compared to the kind of backing that the other athletes are getting. We just want a fraction of that. But the government have denied us that opportunity. It's really baffling why we don't get any support. "Obviously it does feel that we've been ignored by society. I guess that our competition taking place the year after the Olympics and Paralympics doesn't help. When we go to different places for training camps we're surprised that people have never heard of us but when we tell people what we're doing they throw themselves behind us."

Glasgow-born midfielder Steve Gardiner is equally unhappy at the lack of government funding for the team. "I feel disappointed. We're having to raise the money ourselves. I myself am a footballer and it's really distracting my focus from the game as I have to worry about money. I've no idea why we don't get any funding. I don't know what their excuse is. Deafness is a disability. What separates us from people with any other kind of disability?"

Beech is hoping for a repeat of the 2005 triumph. "It was fantastic, absolutely fantastic. It was my first experience of a major deaf competition. To do it was just amazing. I was just so pleased," he said. "Obviously I hope we can retain our gold medal and status as Olympic champions. I'm pretty confident we can do that."

For Beech, winning gold would be a just reward for all the hard work which has gone into getting the team there. "Another gold medal would be really nice. We've worked hard for this and we owe it to the people who have contributed towards us going there."

Both Beech and Gardiner have had to rely on the generosity of friends and family to support their trips to Taipei. With all the money and publicity that the Paralympics has received over the last few years do they wish that their competition was part of the Paralympics?

"I strongly think they should be kept separate," says Beech. "We are isolated in terms of our disability because of the linguistic differences. We wouldn't be able to mix with the other athletes, we wouldn't know what was going on. At the Deaflympics we can all communicate through international sign language."

Gardiner echoes his team-mate's sentiments: "There is a history there with the Deaflympics. I'd rather we kept our own recognition of what we've done."

When asked what the future holds for deaf football in the UK both point to politics within the governing body. "There's a lot of politics involved. The people who run the association don't see how the players suffer. I think a lot of people just need to grow up and get on with it," Gardiner said.

Beech said: "The English FA has their own deaf team but they've declined to work with us. Without everyone working together it's difficult to see how things are going to improve in the future. But if we all keep going and support what's going on then I'm sure we can build on what's been done so far."

Great Britain began the defence of their title on 4 September.

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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](mailto:sallygallimore@bslbible.org.uk)

Visit the group online: [www.bslbible.org.uk](http://www.bslbible.org.uk)

**Deaffest**

*Deaf Film & TV Festival*

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.deaffest.co.uk/)



**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**5.45pm- 8.15 pm**  
**GFT**

### **A Month of Action to Raise Awareness of Child Sexual Abuse Screen Debates**

The Women's Support Project, in conjunction with Glasgow Film Theatre, presents this popular annual event to mark September as 'Month of Action' to raise awareness about child sexual abuse.

'EASTENDERS' has a long history of exploring difficult social issues and its latest storyline of child sexual abuse follows in this tradition. Whitney is sexually abused by Tony, the partner of her stepmother Bianca. When this comes out in the open it is just before her sixteenth birthday but Tony has been 'grooming' Whitney since she was twelve. We see how he has manipulated the situation so that Whitney thinks she is consenting to a sexual relationship with him and doesn't recognise it as abuse. The way this story unfolds allows us to see not only how a child sex abuser grooms the child but also the parent. It also shows the abuser losing interest in Whitney and focusing his attention on a younger girl, Lauren. We will screen selected episodes and the discussion will focus on Whitney's reactions to the abuse, and Bianca's response to disclosure, as well as the behaviour of child sex abusers.

Following the screening there will be an audience/panel discussion and we are delighted to welcome to the panel, from BBC John Yorke, Controller, Drama Production and New Talent, Liz Grattan, Family Support Project and Robert Dempsey, Criminal Justice.

**\*\* PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT \*\***  
**GLASGOW FILM THEATRE, CINEMA 2**

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 5.45 pm- 8.15 pm**

Sign Language Interpreter. Wheelchair Accessible

Tickets £6.50 /£5 available from Glasgow Film Theatre, 12 Rose Street, Glasgow, 0141 332 651  
or on line at <http://www.gft.org.uk>

Women's Support Project, 31 Stockwell Street, Glasgow, G1 4RZ

Tel: 0141 552 2221, Minicom: 0141 552 9979, Email: [wsproject@btconnect.com](mailto:wsproject@btconnect.com)



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### **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

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### **Renfrewshire Hard of Hearing Support Group**

The group meets at 1.30pm on the first Thursday of every month

If you live in or around Renfrewshire why not pop in.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anyone 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!

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**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.

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**Stories of Scottish Emigration** exhibition at the National Libraries of Scotland.

Guided tour with portable loop system

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2 – 3 pm

The exhibition draws on letters and journals for inspiration and explores the experience of Scottish emigration over the past 300 years. Music, song, poetry, film, maps and artefacts bring the exhibition to life.

This will be a small friendly event and with the chance to meet in the café afterwards.

If you would like to come along, please get in touch as places are limited

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**Eva Hesse: Studioworks:** guided tour of the exhibition

The Fruitmarket Gallery

Wednesday 23rd September 6.30 – 8pm

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**The Georgian House:** guided tour of furnished historic house

Charlotte Square

Tuesday 3rd November, 11am – 12.30pm £4.50

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**An Entangled Bank:** guided tour of contemporary artists' work relating to Darwin's theories

The Talbot Rice Gallery

Tuesday 1st December, 6.30pm

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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](mailto:susan@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk)

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:education@royalcollection.org.uk)

## Accessible Theatre: Signed



### Aberdeen | Signed

**Evita**, Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

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

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**The Steamie**, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**Chicago**, Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at 5pm  
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)

**Cinderella**, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm **AND** Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**The Sound of Music**, Sat 10<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm  
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL.  
Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632  
Website: [www.hmtaberdeen.com](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

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## Dundee | Signed

**The Cherry Orchard**, Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm  
Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB  
Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

**The Silver Darlings**, Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm  
Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB  
Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

**The Elephant Man**, Weds 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2.30pm **AND** Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.15pm  
Dundee Rep Theatre, Tay Square, Dundee DD1 1PB  
Box Office Tel: 01382 223530, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

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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)

**Beggars Opera**, Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 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)

**Beauty and the Beast**, Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 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 Interpreter: Andy Higgins

**Little Shop of Horrors**, Fri 2nd Oct at 7.30pm  
Festival Theatre, 13/29 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9FT  
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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).



**The Steamie**, Sat 3rd Oct at 2.30pm

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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**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 Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at [www.eft.co.uk](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**The Grapes of Wrath**, Fri 16th 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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Entertaining Angels**, Fri 23rd 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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Kes**, Fri 30th 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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Confessions of a Justified Sinner**, Weds 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

**The House of Bernarda Alba**, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at [www.eft.co.uk](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Rain Man**, Fri 13th 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 Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at [www.eft.co.uk](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**We Will Rock You**, Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 7.30pm **AND** Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.eft.co.uk)



**Peter Pan**, Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm

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)

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

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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**The Sound of Music**, Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm

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

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848 | Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949

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

**Les Miserables**, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm **AND** Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm

Edinburgh Playhouse 18-21 Greenside Place, EH1 3AA.

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

Access bookings(v): 0800 587 5007

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

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

Box Office: Tel: (0131) 248 4848 | Group Tel: (0131) 248 4949

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

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## Glasgow | Signed

**The Silver Darlings**, Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm

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

Box Office: 0870 060 6648(v) (fee) Groups Hotline: 0141 240 1122 Fax: 0141 240 1301



**The House of Bernarda Alba**, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 2.30pm  
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS  
Box office: 0141 429 0022 Email: [info@citz.co.uk](mailto:info@citz.co.uk) Online: [www.citz.co.uk](http://www.citz.co.uk)

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

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm  
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS  
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: [info@citz.co.uk](mailto:info@citz.co.uk) Online: [www.citz.co.uk](http://www.citz.co.uk)

**Aladdin**, Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1pm **AND** Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7pm  
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS  
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: [info@citz.co.uk](mailto:info@citz.co.uk)

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

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### **Inverness | Signed**

**The Silver Darlings**, Weds 16<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm  
Eden Court, Bishops Road, Inverness, IV3 5SA.  
Box Office Tel: 01463 234234  
Box office open from 10am-10pm, Monday - Sunday.  
Email: [boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@eden-court.co.uk)

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### **Inverurie | Signed**

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

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### **Musselburgh | Signed**

**Sinbad the Pantomime**, Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bruntontheatre.co.uk)

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## Perth | Signed

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

**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](http://www.horsecross.co.uk) | Email: [tickets@horsecross.co.uk](mailto:tickets@horsecross.co.uk)

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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.

### Aberdeen | Captioned

**Evita**, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

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

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hmtaberdeen.com)

**The Sound of Music**, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm

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

Box Office Tel: 01224 641122, Fax: 01224 337632

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

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### Edinburgh | Captioned

**Dangerously, Yours**, Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7.30pm

The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh

Tickets: £10/£7/£5 Box office: 0131 668 2019(v)

Website: [www.thequeenshall.net](http://www.thequeenshall.net)

Lung Ha's Theatre Company: Enabling inclusion in theatre

**Little Shop of Horrors**, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct at 7.30pm

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

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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**The Silver Darlings**, Thurs 8th 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](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Kes**, Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 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



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**The House of Bernarda Alba**, Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Typetalk: 18001 0131 529 6003, or online at [www.eft.co.uk](http://www.eft.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

**Confessions of a Justified Sinner**, Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Nov at 2.30pm.

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

Special Artlink Captioning Offer: Tickets £5 with a drinks reception. Remember to quote "Artlink Captioning Offer" when you book.

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)

**Rain Man**, Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm

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

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**Il Panico di Pantalone**, Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm

Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street, Edinburgh, EH1 2ED. [boxoffice@traverse.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@traverse.co.uk)

Tel: 0131 228 1404 [www.traverse.co.uk](http://www.traverse.co.uk)

**The Corstorphine Road Nativity**, Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.eft.co.uk)

**We Will Rock You**, Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30pm **AND** Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December: Artlink Reception – email [joyce.sandilands@livenation.co.uk](mailto:joyce.sandilands@livenation.co.uk)

**The Sound of Music**, Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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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Groups Hotline: 0141 240 1122 (no booking fee) Fax: 0141 240 1301



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**Dangerously, Yours**, Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm  
Platform, The Bridge, 1000 Westerhouse Road, Glasgow G34 9JW  
Tickets: £8/£5/£3.50 Box office: 0141 276 9696(v) – option 1  
Website: [www.platform-online.co.uk](http://www.platform-online.co.uk)

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**The House of Bernarda Alba**, Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 7.30pm  
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS  
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: [info@citz.co.uk](mailto:info@citz.co.uk) Online: [www.citz.co.uk](http://www.citz.co.uk)

**That Face**, Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct at 7.30pm  
Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow, G1 5HB  
Box Office: 0141 552 4267(v)  
[www.tron.co.uk](http://www.tron.co.uk)

**Othello**, Weds 4th Nov at 7.30pm  
Citizens' Theatre, 119 Gorbals Street, Glasgow, G5 9DS  
Box office 0141 429 0022 Email: [info@citz.co.uk](mailto:info@citz.co.uk) Online: [www.citz.co.uk](http://www.citz.co.uk)

**Aladdin**, Fri 18th Dec at 7pm AND Weds 30th Dec at 2pm  
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

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Major cinema chains: contacts

Vue [www.myvue.com](http://www.myvue.com) 0871 224 0240 | Odeon/UCI [www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk) 0800 085 4857 / 08700 102030 [www.uci.co.uk](http://www.uci.co.uk) | Cineworld [www.cineworld.co.uk](http://www.cineworld.co.uk) 0871 220 8000  
Empire [www.empirecinemas.co.uk](http://www.empirecinemas.co.uk) 0871 471 4714 | Picture House [www.picturehouses.co.uk](http://www.picturehouses.co.uk) 0871 224 0240 | Apollo [www.apollocinemas.co.uk](http://www.apollocinemas.co.uk). 0870 444 3150 | Showcase Cinemas [www.showcasecinemas.co.uk](http://www.showcasecinemas.co.uk).



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