



## CONNECT & THRIVE – CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE



Dear Colleagues,

April has flown by and the office has been very busy, partly because staff members have been on holiday. My own holiday seems a distant memory now. We hope you have all had a break of some sort!

### Office

Firstly, can I say, at long last, the small seating area furniture has arrived in the office. One of our suppliers has given us new seats so that we have a “wee café” area in the big office. The seating is comfortable, wifi is available and people are welcome to use the area between appointments if it helps. We only ask that you put a small donation in the honesty box if you help yourself to tea & coffee. Obviously also note that we might be quite busy but you are welcome! We have a new printer too and can offer good prices for colour and black and white copies!

### Bulletin

Secondly, I hope we see a BSL version of the main content of this bulletin and ongoing ones!

### Research – Public Bodies

We expect to see Dr Grimes’ report on public bodies’ needs around the BSL (Scotland) Bill anytime. We plan a BSL version of the summary too. Congratulations to Brenda Armstrong, Equality and Diversity Manager, of Police Scotland who won the £25 M&S voucher for participating in the study.

### SCoD Legal Changes

It will take some months to work through the practical elements of the legal changes, however the transition occurred on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Our Company Number is 492886. The Charity Number remains the same although OSCR have amended our public details. A fuller report will be available by AGM time in the autumn.

### BSL (Scotland) Bill

The Bill is progressing through its process. The next stage will see revisions and amendments. The basic content of the Bill will remain unchanged: it is focussed on promoting and supporting the language known as BSL in Scotland. Changes are more about the operational aspects of how a structure to support the Bill would work. We are happy to be involved in generating options and ideas to support the best way forward, learning from other groups and themes. We were very pleased to learn that the Scottish Government Equalities Unit secured increased funds to support BSL this year, in anticipation of a successful outcome. With the Government supporting this Member’s Bill it has a good chance of a positive result. For more details about the Bill’s progress, go to the BSL (Scotland) Bill page on our website - <http://www.scod.org.uk/bsl-scotland-bill/>

### Connect and Thrive

Our programme is being well supported. The evaluation of the Connect and Collaborate Conference is helping us plan for next year. We will soon be putting out calls for contributions on the theme Connect and Communicate: either serious or fun contributions will be welcome – get your thinking caps on! Let’s make it bigger and better next year.



### Don't forget

Our National Council meeting is on 21<sup>st</sup> May and the venue is Paterson's Land, Edinburgh. Full address details will be listed on the agenda and associated paperwork. This will be sent out to members shortly.



The Back To School Project "official launch" is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank. As well as premiering a small part of the DVD, it will involve presentations from representatives of Deaf History Scotland and NDCS Scotland.

The reports from our Policy and Deaf Register Think Days will be available soon. Our Think Day Sessions on Communications/Training on 15<sup>th</sup> May in the Albany Centre have had a good response and a report will follow.

The Cross Party Group on Deafness AGM and meeting are scheduled for the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> June. We will put out reminders nearer the time.

The team is ready for May although we did not expect snow!

Best wishes  
Janis McDonald  
Chief Officer

### Effecting change equality & access for deaf people in Scotland

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## News:General



### Help us promote our GCSE in BSL

**\*(Please note: this qualification is not currently available in Scotland).**

As you may know, [Signature is developing a GCSE in BSL](#). We are currently preparing for the pilot in the academic year 2015/16.

We already know there's lots of interest from both schools and learners. But we want to make sure as many people as possible know about it.

If we're successful, we'll win a £250,000 marketing campaign. We'll use it to raise the profile of the GCSE – and, in the process, of BSL and deafness in general. And remember, the funds we raise from the GCSE will be used to campaign for better communication between deaf, deafblind and hearing people.

**Please [vote for us in the Virgin Business Pitch to Rich competition](#) and pass the message on!**

Your support is very much appreciated.

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## Petition launched to increase investment in children and young people mental health services in Scotland



The Scottish Children's Services Coalition (SCSC) has today [launched a petition](#) calling for the Scottish Government to increase its investment in mental health services for children and young people in Scotland and we would ask for your help to raise awareness of this campaign and encourage your contacts and networks to support it.

At the moment mental health services in Scotland are at breaking point, with the number of referrals for specialist child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) increasing by 60% over the last two years. This is putting medical professionals under incredible pressure.



We are asking the Scottish Government to use the c. £25 million in additional health funding coming to Scotland annually from the UK Budget (as a result of increased spending on mental health services) for mental health services for children and young people.

Our health professionals do fantastic work to help people suffering from mental ill health, but a lack of resources in the face of a dramatically increased demand means that we are often asking medical staff to work with one hand tied behind their back.

Due to a lack of adequate provision hundreds of vulnerable children and young people are being treated in unsuitable adult or paediatric wards, or being sent miles away from their families. And half of Scotland's Health Boards are failing to meet waiting time targets to access CAMHS that came into force at the end of last year.



The petition can be viewed and signed on the 38 Degrees website:

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/investinmentalhealthscot>

You can also tweet your support to [@the\\_scsc](#) and share our post on [Facebook](#)

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### Hearing Link Update



#### HRH The Princess Royal to be guest of honour at Hearing Link reception

HRH The Princess Royal will be our guest of honour at a Hearing Link reception in June.

The Princess Royal, who is Patron of our charity, will attend the event at the Tower of London on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Also attending the reception will be invited corporate and individual supporters of the charity, Hearing Link staff, and our valued volunteers and Trustees.

Dr Lorraine Gailey, Chief Executive of Hearing Link, said: "We are delighted to welcome HRH The Princess Royal, as our guest of honour to this reception at the Tower of London.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate to our Patron and our supporters the lasting impact Hearing Link's personalised support and services has on the lives of

individuals, their families and friends across the UK.

“I’m sure it will be a wonderful occasion for everyone involved and I’m looking forward to seeing everyone on the day.”

### **Join our national audit of hearing loops in November!**

This year’s Hearing Loop Awareness Week will take place from **2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

It is part of our highly successful initiative [‘Let’s Loop the UK’](#) which has been empowering people with hearing loss to promote the use of hearing loops in towns and cities nationwide.



The details were announced at the annual conference of Rotary clubs of Great Britain and Ireland that took place in Belfast, Northern Ireland, recently involving Hearing Link staff and volunteers. Rotary International has already adopted the campaign as one of their community projects and as a result a number of its clubs nationwide are taking the lead with loop projects.

To find out more about how you can get involved visit: [www.hearinglink.org/loop-week](http://www.hearinglink.org/loop-week).

### **Self Management Funding: Scotland**

We’re very pleased to have been awarded a £20,000 grant from the Self Management IMPACT fund in Scotland, which will be used to deliver a series of community self management events across the country this year. These events will bring people together to share experiences, as well as providing the information necessary to help them to live well with confidence. This fund is being provided by the Scottish Government through the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE), and we thank both parties for their ongoing support. We’ll announce full details of the events, including their dates and locations, shortly – stay tuned to our website!

### **Coffee & Cake Week**

Get the kettle on! This year’s Coffee and Cake Week will take place during Volunteer’s Week (1st -7th June 2015). If you are a Hearing Link volunteer or supporter, we would love for you to be involved! We will help by providing you with a free pack filled with great ideas and suggestions to host your party. Visit [www.hearinglink.org/cake](http://www.hearinglink.org/cake) for more details or email [fundraising@hearinglink.org](mailto:fundraising@hearinglink.org) to request your pack.



### **College Preparation Course**

We have now finalised plans for our yearly College Preparation Course. This course is aimed at young deaf and hard of hearing people aged 16-25 living in Central Scotland who are either leaving school this year or considering their options for next year. The young people will get to experience what it is like being a student during the course and learn more about managing their finances, working with Communication Support, what support they can expect from the college and what funding may be available to them – as well as taking part in a photography class. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year this course has run and feedback from previous years has been great.

The details are as follows:

Dates 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
Time 10am – 4pm each day  
Venue City of Glasgow College

The young people must be able to commit to attending the full week. We will cover travel expenses, when a receipt is provided, and will also provide lunch each day.

If you have any pupils interested please complete the attached booking form and send it back to me to secure their place. I have also attached a poster and would be grateful if you could send this email to other people who you think may be interested.

If you have any questions please contact:

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Employment Adviser  
Action on Hearing Loss Scotland  
Empire House  
131 West Nile Street  
Glasgow  
G1 2RX

Tel/Text 0141 341 5346  
Mobile 07436267402  
Email [barbra.woodburn@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:barbra.woodburn@hearingloss.org.uk)

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## Help to Adapt

The Scottish Government's Help to Adapt scheme launched on 7 April, with Managing Agent, the Link Group, now ready to help people aged 60 or over to adapt their home. The Help to Adapt initiative encourages homeowners, aged 60 or over, to be proactive in adapting their homes to enable their long term independence and quality of life.

Uniquely it will help owners pay for the adaptations – by using the equity in their own home – and organise all the work for them.

The pilot will run initially in 12 local authority areas:

Argyll and Bute Council  
City of Edinburgh Council  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
East Lothian Council  
East Renfrewshire Council  
Falkirk Council  
Glasgow City Council  
North Lanarkshire Council  
North Lanarkshire Council



Scottish Borders Council

Stirling Council

The scheme is having a soft launch and details will be sent to referral agencies in the first instance. We have plans to involve Ministers and organise a more formal launch next month once Link have had a chance to test the process with some customers.

Meantime I attach the link to the Help to Adapt webpage so you can have a look at the information available. Please feel free to share with other colleagues you think may be interested.

<http://linkhousing.org.uk/our-services/help-to-adapt/>



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## MONEY MATTERS

Our Money Matters Advisor is here to help YOU!

Drop in: Tuesdays 1:00pm – 3:00pm

- Money Advice
- Benefits Explained
- Apply for Benefits
- Welfare Reform
- Debt—Avoid it
- Debt—Reduce it
- Pension
- Spend Less
- Reduce Costs

For further Information please contact:

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## Consultations



### Consultation - Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011 - Part 3 - Overcrowding Statutory Notices

The Scottish Government has published a consultation on Overcrowding Statutory Notices for the private rented sector. These give local authorities the power to force landlords to take steps to bring their properties to permitted occupation levels. The link to the consultation document is below:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/05/4044>

There is a requirement to consult on:

The form of a notice issued to a landlord

The form of a notice issued to the occupier of the property

The form of guidance for local authorities considering issuing a notice.

The closing date for the consultation is 18 June 2015.

If you would like to contribute to a SCoD response, please mail your comments to Mandy at [mandy@scod.org.uk](mailto:mandy@scod.org.uk) by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015**.



## Vacancies



### **Risk Management Authority (RMA) – Appointment of Psychologist Member**

#### **About the RMA**

The Risk Management Authority was established, as an executive non-departmental public body, by Section 3 of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003. Scottish Ministers established the RMA on the recommendation of the Committee on Serious Violent and Sexual Offenders, chaired by Lord MacLean, which reported to Scottish Ministers in 2000.

The RMA's role is to promote public protection by supporting, and developing, professional practice in managing the risk of serious harm presented by sexual and other violent offenders in Scotland. Its overall aim is to facilitate the development of best practice in offender risk assessment and management in order to meet the long-term goal to reduce re-offending.

#### **Member duties and responsibilities**

As a Member of the RMA your duties will include:

- accrediting persons and/or methods of offender risk assessment;
- considering and assessing offender Risk Management Plans;
- monitoring the Authority's performance to ensure that it meets its aims, objectives and performance targets; and
- ensuring that high standards of corporate governance are observed and promoted at all times.

#### **Skills, knowledge and experience required:**

You must be:

- a clinical and/or forensic psychologist who is registered with the **Health Professions Council**

You must have:

- significant practical experience of structured risk assessment, and the effective management of risk presented by sexual and other violent offenders, including experience of supervision and training of others;



significant practical experience of effective multi-agency working across the criminal justice system

You must be able to:

collaborate and challenge constructively within a team/committee setting

In addition, it would be ideal if you have:

the ability to contribute to the Board's strategic thinking and management of its performance; and have undertaken research activity in a relevant field.

### **Remuneration**

The remuneration payable at the date of appointment will be at the rate of £5,880 per annum. Your appointment as a member of the RMA is not pensionable. The RMA will pay allowances at rates set centrally for any travel and subsistence costs necessarily incurred by Board Members on RMA business. All reasonable receipted dependant-carer expenses will also be reimbursed where applicable.

### **Length of appointment**

The length of appointment is for 5 years starting from August 2015 in the first instance. Re-appointment for a further term may be possible subject to evidence of effective performance and satisfying the requirements of the person specification for the role at the time of re-appointment.

### **Time commitment/Location**

As a member of the RMA Board you must spend the equivalent of 2 to 3 days a month on the Authority's work which will include a full day of meetings at the RMA headquarters in Paisley. Board and/or committee meetings are held every third Monday of the month, apart from January, when the Board meets on the fourth Monday. There is flexibility around when other work is done, and other Members have been able to manage their commitment around a full time job. The precise arrangements will be a matter for the Authority.

### **Interviews**

Interviews will take place on 30 June 2015 in Glasgow.

### **Additional information**

If you are looking for a challenging, rewarding and worthwhile opportunity we would like to hear from you. Please pass on details of this opportunity to anyone you think might be interested. To find out more about the role please contact Yvonne Gailey, RMA Chief Executive on 0141 278 4478 or [yvonne.gailey@rmascotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:yvonne.gailey@rmascotland.gsi.gov.uk) Full details of the criteria to be met for the position are contained in the person specification which forms part of the application pack. Also included in the pack is more detailed information about the Risk Management Authority.



For full information on the appointment, please read the Application Information





Pack which you can access via the link below:

We encourage applicants to apply for this appointment online. However, if you experience any difficulties with accessing our website please contact the Public Appointments Wellbeing and Diversity (PAWD) on (Freephone) 0800 015 8449 or fax 0131 244 3833 or by email at [paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), or by writing to PAWD, E1 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Road, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD.

If you would prefer not to access this information electronically, please contact Sheree McAlpine on 0131 244 4372 or [sheree.mcalpine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sheree.mcalpine@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) who will be happy to make the appropriate alternative arrangements for you.

**Completed application forms must be received on or before 8 May 2015.** Full details about this, and other public appointments, can be found at the public appointments website [www.appointed-for-scotland.org/](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org/)

Scottish Ministers welcome applications from groups currently under-represented on Scotland's public bodies, such as women, ethnic minorities, disabled people and people aged under 50.

### **Appointed on merit; committed to diversity and equality**

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#### **Member appointments**



If you are looking for a challenging, rewarding and worthwhile opportunity, we would like to hear from you. Applications are invited from a wide range of people who have an interest in public service and are committed to the NHS in Scotland. Please pass on details of these opportunities to anyone else you think may be interested.

NHS Lothian is responsible for meeting the health needs of around 800,000 people living in the area, and provides a comprehensive range of primary, community-based and acute hospital services for the population.

NHS Lothian is looking for five new members to join its Board – three in August 2015, and two early 2016. As a non-executive member of the Board, you will be expected to play a central role in guiding the strategies which address the health priorities and health care needs of the resident population and monitor the performance of the Board in delivering these. These roles are as challenging as they are rewarding – and you will be offered the training you'll need to make a strong contribution.

An essential requirement of these posts is that you can demonstrate knowledge about, interest in, or connection to the delivery of health and social care services in the area served by the Board. You must also be able to demonstrate the following:

- Ability to analyse and review complex issues
- Ability to contribute to 'bigger picture' (eg strategic) thinking within a body or organisation
- Understanding of the issues that affect the quality of the patient experience
- Ability to question, challenge and debate constructively
- Ability to communicate effectively

In addition, we are looking for individuals who can also demonstrate functional experience in **ONE** of the following:

- Human resources
- Information and communications technology
- Capital projects
- Financial control
- Risk Management
- Organisational merger and integration

**Remuneration:** £8,088 per annum (non-pensionable) is payable. You will also receive reimbursement for all reasonable travel and subsistence costs and any reasonable dependant-carer expenses incurred whilst undertaking Board duties and for support required to help you carry out your duties effectively



**Time commitment:** The time commitment will vary week to week, but on average the role will take up around 8 hours per week. This time will be a mix of daytime Board meetings, committee meetings, reading documents and attending stakeholder events. Occasionally you may be required to attend at a greater frequency subject to the Board's ongoing business needs.

**Appointment details:** The appointments will be for up to 4 years, with the possibility of re-appointment subject to evidence of effective performance and to satisfying the requirements of the person specification for the role at the time of re-appointment.

**Location:** Meetings for the Board will normally be held in Edinburgh, but may on occasion be held elsewhere in the NHS Board area.

**Interviews:** It is expected that interviews will be held on 9, 10, 11 and 12 June 2015 in Edinburgh.

**Further information:** If you would like to discuss these opportunities in more detail, you are welcome to contact the Chairman, Brian Houston, by calling Elaine Watters, Executive Assistant to the Chairman & Chief Executive, on 0131 465 5804; or by emailing [elaine.watters@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:elaine.watters@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk).



Full details of the criteria to be met for the positions are contained in the person specification, which forms part of the application pack. Also included in the pack is more detailed information about Lothian NHS Board and its role within NHS Scotland.

For full information on the appointments, please read the Application Information Pack accessed via the link below.

We encourage applicants to apply online, however, a downloadable application form is available. If you experience any difficulties accessing our website, please contact Public Appointments, Wellbeing and Diversity (PAWD) on (Freephone) 0800 015 8449 or fax on 0131 244 3833, by email at [paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:paapplicationsmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk), or by writing to PAWD, Scottish Government, E1 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD.

Completed applications must be received on or before **Friday 15 May 2015**.

Appointments to Lothian NHS Board are regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

Scottish Ministers particularly welcome applications from people currently under-represented on Scotland's public bodies, such as women, disabled people and people aged under 50.

Appointed on merit; committed to diversity and equality.





### **Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD) is supporting BT with their Next Text Generation Relay (NGTR) Train the Trainer Training in Scotland.**

This is the only one in Scotland where there's four other training sessions – three in England and one in Northern Ireland.

**NGTR Train the Trainer Training**  
**Thursday 25 June 2015**  
**1.00pm – 4.00pm**  
**Glasgow**

The training will be held at Alexander Bain, 15 York Street, Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8LA.

The session will run 1.00pm – 4.00pm with the following agenda:

- 1.) Basic overview as to what the NGT service is and outline the key enhancements compared to the old service
- 2.) We will explain how the service can be used in a variety of ways – by Typing and Reading, Speaking and Reading, Hearing and Typing and Speaking and Hearing
- 3.) Show Android Step by Step videos
- 4.) Walk through the key steps to getting started using a smart device and the NGT Lite App
  - a. What you need to get started
  - b. How to download the app
  - c. Setting-up your device
  - d. Making and Receiving calls
  - e. How to get a TextNumber
  - f. Troubleshooting
- 5.) Opportunity to make some live relay and text to text calls, including hints and tips on the best way to manage the conversation on the app
- 6.) Quick intro to the website



Followed by the opportunity for Questions.

Devices will be handed out at train the trainer session and an appointed person from each charity will need to be given for handout of second batch of devices. More details will be given at the events and an idea prior to attending on how many devices a charity would need would be helpful.

There is no set criteria for being trained, only that the appointed person then further



trains others whether it be in their workplace, social or other. The more trained the better the outcome for all. The handset will be owned by the end user.

As a general rule there are only **2 places per organisation**, but it might be that one event an organisation is able to send 4 attendees who are being appointed to go out and train others and 0 at another, and therefore places would be allocated. **THERE ARE ONLY LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE.**

BSL / English Interpreters and Electronic Note-takers will be provided at the training.

**Lunch will NOT be provided.** Please do have your lunch before you arrive.

**If you would like to attend the training, please get in touch with Derek Todd at SCoD: [derek@scod.org.uk](mailto:derek@scod.org.uk). Deadline for registration is by 10.00am on Thursday 21 May 2015.**

For more information about NGTR, please see link below:  
<http://ngts.org.uk>



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### **What does mental health mean to you?**

An event for Deaf people

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
6.00 - 9.15pm  
Teacher Building, 14 St Enoch Square  
Find out more information from NHS staff.

Share your thoughts about mental health issues.

Tell us how services can be improved.

For more information event or to register for the event contact Gemma at NHS.  
[gemma.gallacher@gqc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:gemma.gallacher@gqc.scot.nhs.uk)



Scan here for BSL info about the event



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### **This year the IUK camp will be returning this summer and is taking place in Northern Ireland from 23rd to 29th July 2015.**

IUK camp is a Deaf led camp for children between the ages of 13 to 17 years old and residing in the 4 parts of the United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales) as well as Republic of Ireland.

Sean Herlihy who identified that the relationship between the neighbouring countries of Ireland and UK was poor and he set out to create a camp that would foster a relationship between both countries first established this in 2004. This first camp took place in Ireland in 2004 with the goal of each region of UK and Ireland taking turns yearly to host the camp.

For more information and how to apply, please go to: [www.iukcamp.org](http://www.iukcamp.org)

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# SSC

## **Introduction to Cochlear Implants: Tuesday, 2nd June 2015**

The Crosshouse Cochlear Implant Team will be at the SSC on **Tuesday, 2nd June** to present an "Introduction to Cochlear Implants".

This day is suitable for those who are new to cochlear implants. It aims to provide an overview of the auditory system, the hearing brain and the impact that profound deafness has on spoken language development.

All aspects of cochlear implantation will be covered pre-, peri- and post-implant, including the selection criteria and the assessment process, the surgical procedure, and an overview of the science and the technology and the rehabilitation process (including video case study presentations).

The day will include practical considerations for those who are supporting a child with a cochlear implant for the first time.

Application forms can be downloaded from the SSC website:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/djun15.html>



## **SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND LANGUAGES (SML) Thought Leadership Series**

**Can Scotland play a leading role in redefining Heritage?**

**Wednesday, 27 May 2015**

**Postgraduate Centre  
Heriot Watt University  
Edinburgh**

Before the referendum the SNP promised that in the event of a yes vote, Scotland would sign up to UNESCO's Charter for Safeguarding of The Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). Given the result of the vote, Scotland is not in a position to sign the Charter unless it can persuade Westminster of the value of doing so – but should it? How do we define intangible heritage in Scotland today? Should language be explicitly identified as ICH and does this include British Sign Language and the languages of migrants? Does it include aspects of living heritage supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund? Has ICH any relevance at all for the Historic and Built Environment? Involving representatives from across the heritage sector, this debate will focus on the heightened awareness of ICH nationally and internationally. It will explore the implications of ICH for the public sector, from museums to the Historic Environment to universities. It will ask whether now is the time for Scotland to take a leading role in creatively re-defining the relationship between tangible and intangible heritage by pioneering a new holistic approach to heritage that will be of relevance on a global scale.

### **Programme**

**Arrival, refreshments and light buffet (17:30)**



**Setting the Context (18:00)**  
**Professor Máiréad Nic Craith**  
Chair in European Culture and Heritage

**Speakers**

**Ann Packard** (Chair) - Chairperson of the RSA Scotland  
**Joanne Orr**, CEO of Museums Galleries Scotland  
**Luke Wormald**, Head of Environmental Strategy, Historic Environment Scotland  
**Janet Archer**, CEO Creative Scotland  
**Colin McLean**, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund

**Open Discussion (19:00)**

**Informal discussion over refreshments (19:30)**

**Event close (20:00)**

[Register online now](#)



**Personal Advocacy Drop-in Sessions**

**Tuesdays from 11am – 1pm**

With Avril Hepner, BDA Community Advocacy and Development Officer

Avril will offer independent, confidential, one-to-one (peer) advocacy services for Deaf BSL users.

Explain what advocacy is and how to use the service

She will find information to help you to make your own decisions and choices, put you in touch with other organisations and sources of support and advice.

Venue: BDA Scotland, Suite 58, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD

Email: [cado.sthscot@bda.org.uk](mailto:cado.sthscot@bda.org.uk) SMS: 07814386298; ooVoo: Avril.Hepner.BDA



**Hate Crime Drop-in Centre**

**Please note: the office will be closed over the festive period and reopen on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

**When:** Every Monday from 10 am to 2pm

**Where:** BDA Scotland, Suite 58, 1st Floor, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD

- Do you want to know more about Hate Crime?
- Did you experience or witness a Hate Crime?
- Do you want to report a Hate Crime in a comfortable and private place?

For more information and to book an appointment, contact Helen Morgans-Wenhold

**Email:** [hco.scot@bda.org.uk](mailto:hco.scot@bda.org.uk) **ooVoo:** helenmorgans-wenhold

For more information, go to <http://www.bda.org.uk/Events/226>

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## SSC

### **British Sign Language (BSL) Acquisition and Assessment of Deaf Children: \*Friday, 28th August 2015\***

This two-part workshop aims to provide participants with an opportunity to examine and discuss a range of practical and theoretical issues related to BSL acquisition and assessment of deaf children.

Part 1 explores individual differences in (sign) language acquisition and/or different conditions in which language is acquired and developed by deaf children. Attendees will learn about current research involving BSL and children.

Part 2 focuses on the challenges related to assessing signing deaf children. Attendees will have an opportunity to get some hands on experience with the latest assessments available for BSL.

In addition, findings from a recent study that used dynamic language assessment procedures with signing deaf children will be presented and discussed.

This course would be suitable for Teachers of the Deaf, Educational Psychologists, Speech & Language Therapists, and all other professionals who have an interest in BSL and work with children with a hearing loss. Participants should have a working level of BSL if possible to get the best from examining assessments mentioned above.

Presenter: Dr Wolfgang Mann, Senior Lecturer in Special and Inclusive Education, University of Roehampton.

Application forms are available to download from the following link.

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/daug15.html>

**NB:** Due to the course date being close to the start of the new school term the closing date has been set for **22nd June** so that places can be confirmed and admin in place before the summer break begins.

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### **Bespoke Deaf Awareness Training**

Learners will be taught basic sign language that will allow them to communicate with deaf people. In addition, participants will be made aware of the essential 'dos and don'ts' when communicating with deaf people.

Courses can be tailored to meet the requirements of business users.

The 'I've signed up to Donaldson's' deaf awareness course will help your organisation to become compliant with the Equalities Act.

Dates for 2014/2015

Dates and times may be flexible to meet the needs of your organisation. We may also be able to hold the training courses in your work place.

Campus at Donaldson's,  
Donaldson's School,  
Preston Road,  
Linlithgow  
EH49 6HZ



## Lipreading Classes, Sessions & Information



### Scottish Lipreading report launched

Hearing Link has played an active role in the Scottish Lipreading Strategy Group which recently launched a new report – [‘Lipreading classes in Scotland: the way forward.’](#)

Our UK Director, Linda Sharkey, attended the launch at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre in Falkirk alongside Chris Milne, Scotland Manager, and Hearing Link volunteers. For more information about lipreading classes in Scotland and resources visit: [www.scotlipreading.org.uk](http://www.scotlipreading.org.uk).



### Communication Training Classes

These classes are for those with hearing loss who wish to learn techniques to help them cope with their deafness and learn good communication tactics and gain other valuable information. Weekly classes are held in:

Ayr Hospital, every Thursday 2:00 – 4:00pm

Cumnock Community Hospital, every Tuesday 10:00 – 12:00pm

Girvan, Carrick Buildings every Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00pm

Largs, ToCH Hall, every Thursday 10:00 – 12:00pm

For more information on dates and times please e-mail Dorothy McRobert on [dorothy@sisg.co.uk](mailto:dorothy@sisg.co.uk) or Julie Craig on [admin@sisg.co.uk](mailto:admin@sisg.co.uk). or Telephone 01292 266791.

## BSL (British Sign Language) Sessions for Learners in Scotland

### Edinburgh BSL Group

This is a welcoming group of signers, both hearing and Deaf. Join us every second Thursday for a cake and some friendly, relaxed chat in BSL. The group is informal and the signers are of different levels of ability. Signing is on and voices are off!

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Walker on 07814198715 or [edinburghbslgroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:edinburghbslgroup@hotmail.co.uk)

Meeting day: Every second Thursday

Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm

Venue: 'Edinburgh Coffee Cake', 18 South Clerk St, Edinburgh, EH8 9P

## Conferences





## CODALAND: SAY YOU'LL BE THERE!

### Quintessential Coda Conference

From the 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015, from all over the world, an estimated 250 participants will be congregating at Wokefield Park in Reading for the 30<sup>th</sup> Coda International Conference. CODA UK and Ireland have reached a critical milestone in its short history to be able to host this prestigious Conference.

This conference is specifically aimed at hearing adults aged 18 and over with one or two Deaf parent/s. Parents themselves may communicate orally or through sign language.

In the words of Millie Brother, founder of Coda:

“Coda was officially founded in 1983 as a result of research I did as a graduate student at Gallaudet University. I sent out the first Coda introductory newsletter and coined the term “CODA – Children of Deaf Adults” referring to hearing offspring of Deaf parent(s). Research has shown that approximately 90% of the children born to Deaf parents are hearing. I was one of them and set out to organize our widely dispersed group. My life was full of constant movement between Deaf and hearing worlds. I felt comfortable in both but not fully immersed in either. The Coda world would become my third option where I felt balance between my Deaf and hearing cultural experiences.

Coda has moved from a small, grassroots organization to a worldwide entity with strong familial bonds reaching overseas. Our shared family experience has transcended global boundaries, languages and cross-cultural divides. Our mission is to raise funds for deserving Codas for continuing education. The annual conferences, retreats and meetings allow for self-exploration of our bilingual-bicultural heritage.”

The July 2015 Conference will be a further opportunity for participants to discuss and explore elements of what makes a CODA Quintessential as well as entertainment, banqueting and fun/relaxing activities. Pre and Post Conference activities have been organised for Windsor Castle and a cruise on the Thames. If wish to volunteer your services, do let us know.

“We are aware that individuals from far and wide, may struggle to attend without financial assistance. Coda International has a financial aid scheme that individuals can apply. This scheme also welcomes sponsors who may wish to donate to assist those in achieving a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend”.

Further information and updates will be provided through the following sources:

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

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



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## ALLIANCE Annual Conference - Citizens Wellbeing Assembly, 25 June, Edinburgh

Join our **Citizens Health Wellbeing Assembly** to share your experiences, debate pertinent issues, and generate ideas to create a future where we can all enjoy good health and wellbeing across Scotland. We will collectively identify where these ideas are already being turned into reality and make the connections needed to drive our



health and wellbeing.

Help inform:

The ALLIANCE's campaigning priorities ahead of the 2016 Scottish Parliament election.

New ways to deliver the Scottish Government's 2020 Vision for health and social care in Scotland

An open dialogue with our members and others to support the integrated health and social care support and services.

The Stronger Voice's programme of activities with the Scottish Government's commitment to "truly hear the voice" of people who use health and social care support services.

We are delighted to confirm:

Chair **Penny Taylor**, Journalist and health specialist and keynote address from **Shona Robison** Cabinet Secretary for Health, Wellbeing and Sport.

**Attend if you have an interest in shaping Scotland's health and social care**, including people who access support and services, unpaid carers, their sector, NHS, local authorities, health and social care partnerships, policy makers, service planners, frontline practitioners and professional bodies.

### Registration / further information

**Register your place today - [conference booking form](#)**. Follow the hashtag #citizen15 for all conference updates.

There are a limited number of stand and sponsorship opportunities available, email [justine.duncan@alliance-scotland.org.uk](mailto:justine.duncan@alliance-scotland.org.uk) for details.

The event will be held at [Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh](#). For general enquiries about our conference, please email [event@alliance-scotland.org.uk](mailto:event@alliance-scotland.org.uk)

## Accessible Theatre: Interpreted



### Glasgow | Signed

**Shrek the Musical**, Sun 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 5.30pm  
King's Theatre, 297 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JN. Tickets from theatre Box Office on Bath Street (open 10am-6pm, Mon-Sat) or tel (v0844 871 7648 Option 4; text relay calls 18001 0844 871 7677 or email [specialistsales@theambassadors.com](mailto:specialistsales@theambassadors.com) ; [www.atgtickets.com/glasgow](http://www.atgtickets.com/glasgow) (bkg fee)

## SOLAR BEAR

**Solar Bear events – [www.solarbear.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.solarbear.org.uk/whats-on/)**

### Fever Dream: Southside

Citizens Theatre

Friday 8 May, 7.30pm

BSL Interpreters: Yvonne Strain & Catherine King

**The Venetian Twins**  
Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh  
Wednesday 13 May, 7.30pm

**Into That Darkness**  
Citizens Theatre  
Friday 29 May, 7.30pm  
BSL Interpreters: Yvonne Strain & Catherine King

**Modern Ballet**  
Royal Conservatoire of Scotland  
Friday 5 June, 7.30pm

There will be 3 Solar Bear productions happening in the Autumn:

**SOLAR BEAR**

**Tribes** – a contemporary family drama  
**Kind of Silence** – a new performance created by Danny Krass for Solar Bear  
**Progression 2015** – an international celebration of deaf arts at the Citizens Theatre run by Solar Bear.

## Accessible Theatre – Captioned

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



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

### Aberdeen | Captioned

**Wicked**, Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 at 2.30pm  
His Majesty's Theatre, Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen, AB25 1GL  
Box office tel: 01224 641122, fax: 01224 337632; [www.boxofficeaberdeen.com](http://www.boxofficeaberdeen.com)



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