



## CONNECT & THRIVE – CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE



Dear Colleagues,

As you all know, we planned to be busy over May. It has proven a fruitful, if tiring month, and we met many of you on more than one occasion. Thank you all for your support, attendance and contributions to our activity. There are still some practicalities from our legal status change to be worked through however, the topic can now come off the reporting list. We will set a date for an AGM once we have the details of the finances from the audit. Work on the feasibility for our “hub” idea to support a more enterprising future has moved from desk research to a survey of members. We hope you will take the time to complete it. We know several of you have done so already. Thanks!

We had to let Anthony Morgan go this month as funding to support his post is not ongoing. Anthony made a significant contribution with his membership research and his legacy will be the development of our membership through time. He intends going on to study for his Master’s degree in Engineering. Good news was we received funding to extend Adeel’s post for 18 months, through Glasgow City Council support. He will continue in administration supporting membership and events.



### Connect & Thrive Activity

#### BSL (Scotland) Bill

The Bill continues to make good progress and has growing support. The Government amendments are being finalised. We are waiting to see if other will be lodged. To date the amendments seem constructive, practical and supportive. Derek will be working with Avril from BDA to ensure good, factual, information continues in BSL on the progress, process and any implications.

We will continue to report on this topic as news emerges.



#### Research –Public Bodies

The report is going through final checks and will be released in due course. It will help us consider how we all work better and differently with public bodies in the future.

Thank you to Brenda Armstrong, Equality and Diversity Manager of Police Scotland who re-gifted her prize of a £25 M&S gift voucher for participating in the public bodies study around the BSL (Scotland) Bill. We raffled the voucher at our National Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May and it was won by the West of Scotland Deaf Children’s Society, so congratulations to them.

#### Deaf Sector Partnership

The “cluster” project is developing some clarity and momentum. The organisations involved are BDA, Deaf Action, Deaf Connections, Deafblind Scotland, SCoD, Voluntary Action Fund and the Scottish Government Equalities Unit. Hilary Third is project controller and she has managed to double the funding allocation to the deaf sector in support of the BSL (Scotland) Bill. The current support allows for strong engagement with BSL Users and public bodies. It also supports the development of the practicalities of the structure and recruitment for the National Advisory Group should the Bill be successful. More information will follow as the work develops.



#### Connect & Communicate Conference

Save the date: **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016!**

We are in discussions with several member organisations about plenary, workshop and other contributions for next year's conference. Don't miss out! We hope to double the attendance to 250-300 attendees and expand the workshops with some "introductory" and other more advanced topics.



### **Cross Party Group on Deafness**

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm in the Scottish Parliament and includes the AGM. If you want to attend as an observer, you need to email Kellas – [kellas@scod.org.uk](mailto:kellas@scod.org.uk) no later than noon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Policy Meeting**

Chaired by John Gill, this meeting is supported by Mandy and will influence our progress as it develops its themes and topics. Themes will develop in tandem with wider engagement activity. We are waiting on the action points from the meeting however it is worth noting that there was a common and strong theme around data (or lack of it) and research.

### **Communications Think Day**

The attendance over the two sessions was good, representing wide interests from training and communication providers. A report will be available in due course.

### **“Deaf Register” Think Day**

Discussion on the need, use and consequences of a “register” resulted in agreement to write up action notes and seek permission from the Minister for several services to explore the matter further. The lead Officer for and further work would likely be Angela Bonomy and it would sit with responsibilities around the current Sensory Impairment Strategy.

### **Website**

We continue to develop our website and use of social media. We have set up new pages so that we can provide greater detail on our everyday work.

### **Effecting Change, Equality and Access for Deaf People in Scotland**

This is the SCoD project that is part of the Deaf Sector Partnership that has been funded to work with BSL Users and Public Bodies in preparation for the proposed BSL (Scotland) Bill. We will build on the work that was done by the Equality and Access for Deaf People project since November 2013.

At the present time, we are working with the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) to look at how we will, as a partnership, report to each other, the Scottish Government and the wider deaf sector. We will report regularly in this bulletin and on our website.

Best wishes  
Janis McDonald  
Chief Officer

## SATA Achievement Awards 2015



### 1. Purpose of Awards

- SATA Achievement Awards will recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals or organisations in promoting and delivering SATA's aim and in providing transport and transport-related services and facilities for disabled people.
- Recognition will be for life-time or similar work or particular projects.

### 2. Recipients

- Awards will be given to an individual or organisation.
- They will be given to either SATA members or non-members working in a paid or unpaid capacity in any sector, voluntary, public or private.
- Generally nobody should be the recipient of more than one award.

### 3. Frequency and occasion

- Awards will be made annually or at such intervals as decided by the Management Committee.
- This year they will be presented at the SATA AGM on 16th September 2015 at Norton Park Conference Centre, Edinburgh.
- Endeavours will be made to invite a high profile person to make the presentations.

### 4. Nature and number of Awards

- Awards will not carry financial reward but will be in the form of a framed citation or certificate.
- The maximum number of awards will not exceed one or at most two Awards each year.

### 5. Publicity

- Nominations for the Award will be invited through the SATA membership and by other means.
- The Award ceremony and the result to be publicised as widely as possible.
- The successful nominee will be profiled.
- The press will be invited to the Award ceremony.

### 6. Records

- A full and confidential record of nominations and awards will be kept by the Secretariat.

### 7. Nominations

- Nominations will be invited from SATA members and non-members and must be submitted by 19th June 2015.
- They must be made on a signed nomination form with details of the person or group nominated and reasons why an Award should be made.
- They must be kept confidential.

### 8. Questions to be asked

The following are questions to be asked and answered when making nominations and selections for Awards:

- Is it for an individual, a group or organisation?
- Is he/she/it a member of SATA? (Though not a condition for an award)





- How is the achievement related to SATA's aims and objectives?
- Is it for work over a period of time or for a particular project?
- Is it supported by good and well-documented evidence?
- How have disabled people benefited and can this be verified?
- Does the achievement have, or is it likely to have, lasting value?
- To your knowledge, has the recipient previously received other similar awards of any kind?"
- What makes this person, group or organisation particularly outstanding?

### 9. Judging

- Short-listing and decisions on who will receive Awards will be made by a panel of three people appointed by the SATA Management Committee
- The panel can get further information on the nominations as required
- The panel will inform the Management Committee of their decisions and the Committee will formally endorse them or otherwise.
- Nominations and reasons for decisions to make or not to make an Award must be kept strictly confidential.

For an award nomination form email: [secretary@scottishaccessibletransport.org.uk](mailto:secretary@scottishaccessibletransport.org.uk)

Or contact:  
Mike Harrison  
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LOANHEAD  
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### Ofcom - Changes to signing arrangements for relevant domestic TV channels



Thank you for responding to Ofcom's [consultation](#) last year on proposed changes to signing arrangements for smaller channels. We have published our decisions, see below:

Some respondents pointed out that the consultation was too complex to understand easily. We recognise this, which was why we produced a BSL summary and invited a range of Deaf groups to two meetings in Ofcom, with sign language interpretation. Given that we expected close scrutiny of the consultation from broadcasters (including their legal advisers), we considered it important to ensure that the proposals were expressed precisely, and with supporting evidence and argument. In the circumstances, higher level summaries might have been criticised as insufficiently clear, and could have set the process back.

For the statement, we have prepared a BSL summary that can be found at this link: <http://youtu.be/fELP8yZC27c>, and a plain English summary at this link: [http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/review-signing-arrangements-tv/statement/Plain\\_English\\_Guide.pdf](http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/binaries/consultations/review-signing-arrangements-tv/statement/Plain_English_Guide.pdf). The statement itself, available [here](#), contains a more detailed summary of the decisions, and our reasons for them. The statement summarises what people told us, and our response to those comments.

Here is a summary of the main changes that will apply smaller channels – those with an audience share of between 0.05% and 1%. The changes will come into effect from 1 January 2016, rather than 1 January 2015, in order to give broadcasters sufficient time to prepare.

As now, broadcasters will be able to choose whether to:

- (a) show sign-presented programmes on their channels. From 1 January 2016, if broadcasters choose to do so, they will need to show more such programmes over time (sign-presented programmes are like those in the BSL Sign Zone or the BBC's *See Hear*). The minimum time will rise from 30 minutes a month (from the first anniversary of the start of a channel) to 75 minutes a month (from the tenth anniversary of the start of a channel); **or**
- (b) contribute to the cost of alternative arrangements, such as the British Sign Language Broadcasting Trust. If broadcasters choose to do so, they will need to pay more over time. The minimum amount will rise from £24,500 in 2016 to about £61,400 (though this amount will be adjusted each year for inflation).

The table below shows how obligations will rise over time.

<b>Signing obligation for relevant channels</b> (that have not reached the fourth anniversary of their relevant date by 1 January 2016)		
Anniversary of relevant date	<b>Sign-presented content</b> (monthly)	<b>Minimum annual contribution towards alternative arrangements</b>
First	30 minutes	£24,500
Second	30 minutes	£24,500
Third	30 minutes	£24,500
Fourth	30 minutes	£24,500
Fifth	45 minutes	£36,800
Sixth	45 minutes	£36,800
Seventh	60 minutes	£49,100
Eighth	60 minutes	£49,100
Ninth	60 minutes	£49,100
Tenth	75 minutes	£61,400

For some channels, these changes would mean a big jump in obligations. As we proposed in the consultation, we will allow those channels more time to reach the same targets. In fact, we have decided to allow them more time than we proposed in the consultation – seven years rather than four years.

<b>Transitional obligations for relevant channels</b> (that have reached the fourth anniversary of their relevant date by 1 January 2016)						
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Minimum monthly sign-presentation obligations</b>	30 minutes	35 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes	60 minutes	65 minutes

<b>Minimum annual contributions to approved alternative arrangements</b>	£24.5k	£28.6k + CPI	£36.8k + CPI	£40.9k + CPI	£49.1k + CPI	£53.2k + CPI
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The main reason for doing so is to protect the interests of people who use subtitles to watch TV. As you know, many people use subtitling to watch TV, including people who also use signing. A four year transitional period would have meant that some channels would have to spend more than 1% of their income on access services. As a result, they could have been exempted from subtitling obligations, which would reduce choice for those people who use subtitles. A seven year transitional period reduces the risk that some channels will not have to provide subtitling, signing and audio description.

Ofcom will review these arrangements in 2019, to see whether the rules are benefiting sign language users as expected, and whether, as we expect, the costs to broadcasters remain affordable.

If you have any questions about these arrangements, please feel free to contact me at [jacopo.genovese@ofcom.org.uk](mailto:jacopo.genovese@ofcom.org.uk).

## VOLUNTEER FOR LOCAL CHARITY – S.I.S.G



S.I.S.G charity are currently looking for more volunteers to help them provide a social and practical service for older people with hearing loss/sight loss throughout South, North and East Ayrshire.

There are in three Volunteer Opportunities as follows:-

- Support Group Helper
- Basic Servicing of NHS Hearing Aids (training provided)
- Administration

Their current 50 volunteers service hearing aids free of charge for older people within 16 of our own drop in centres, care homes, sheltered housing complexes, hospitals and individuals in their own homes.

These volunteers try to encourage the hearing aid users to use their aids effectively and also provide some social time as having a hearing loss can be isolating.

We also run 4 Joint Sensory Support Groups for Older People with Hearing or Sight Loss in addition to a “Skills For Seeing” Project for Older people with Macular Degeneration.



Free Awareness Training is provided by specialists in the field and further shadowing training is given.

If you have two hours a month to spare to help the work of this Ayrshire wide charity please contact:

Denise McClung,  
Project Manager,  
SISG Charity,  
Suite 5 Beresford Court,  
6/8 Beresford Lane,  
Ayr,



KA7 2DW

[denise@sisg.co.uk](mailto:denise@sisg.co.uk)

or call 01292 266791 on a Mon/Wed/Thurs morning

The NSPCC logo consists of the letters 'NSPCC' in a green, sans-serif font, followed by a solid green circle.

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## Underwear Rule video to help protect deaf children from abuse

The NSPCC have launched a video version of our successful Underwear Rule guide to help deaf children talk PANTS and stay safe.

The new 7 minute film was launched to coincide with [Deaf Awareness Week](#) (May 6-12) has been produced by specialist production company and [Liverpool Street Productions](#) and award-winning Deaf film-maker Bim Ajadi.

Research shows disabled children are 3 times more vulnerable to abuse and last year over 8,000 adults contacted our helpline with concerns about children and sexual abuse. Our new film, which is in British Sign Language and includes subtitles, aims to teach deaf children about the [Underwear Rule](#) and encourages them to share secrets that upset them with a trusted adult.

The successful campaign is designed to allow parents to start easy conversations with their children without having to mention scary words like sex or abuse. It teaches them that their privates are private and that their body belongs to them.

To view the video, please click [here](#).



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## Deaf Action Youth Service starts in less than three weeks:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June between 13:30 - 16:30; Deaf Action, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh

This first session will be an opportunity for young people to meet one another, the team and begin to get the group underway!

We are still looking for young people to join the youth council and help represent the group and organise the sessions, but hope to have more interest as the group forms.

Right now they have 19 young people signed up to the service, from across Edinburgh, Lothian, Fife and Falkirk, which is fantastic! It would be great to see more young people get involved as we progress.



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## Football stars to celebrate Scottish Cup silver anniversary for sensory charity

Former Aberdeen Football Club (AFC) players are coming home to Aberdeen to celebrate the club's winning of the Scottish Cup in 1990 and to support a local sensory impairment charity.

North East Sensory Services, (NESS), which is based in Aberdeen, with offices in Dundee and Elgin, will host a fund-raising lunch to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dons triumph, which will be attended by several members of the 1990 squad.

Theo Snelders, Neil Simpson, Paul Mason, Willem Van Der Ark, Robert Connor and other players will take part in a Question and Answer session at the event, taking

place at Norwood Hall Hotel on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015. BBC sports presenter Richard Gordon, who was born and bred in Aberdeen and is a keen AFC fan, will comper the afternoon.

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1990, AFC took part in the 105<sup>th</sup> final of the Scottish Cup, Scotland's most prestigious football cup competition, at Hampden Park. The team played defending holders Celtic and after 90 minutes with no goals, and a further 30 minutes of extra time, the result was decided on penalties. Aberdeen won the shoot out 9-8, in front of a crowd of 60,000 people, with goalkeeper Snelders one of the heroes of the day, saving Anton Rogan's spot kick.



Graham Findlay, CEO for NESS, said: "We are delighted that so many of the ex players are able to come along to the celebration – and we expect to be able to announce more names in the near future. It will be an historic event and a good chance for all AFC fans to relive the glory days.

"By coming along the players are helping to raise awareness of sensory impairment and the important work that NESS does. We have been caring for people with a visual or hearing impairment for over 100 years in Aberdeen, so it is fitting that we celebrate an important day in the club's history. We hope AFC fans will come and celebrate with us, and we are also offering a number of exciting sponsorship packages."

The NESS Scottish Cup Silver Celebration will be held from 12pm-6pm on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, at Norwood Hall Hotel. Tickets, priced at £45 each, with tables of ten at £450, are on sale now.

To book your place at this unique event, contact Yvette Rayner on - 01224 857999 or email [Yvette.rayner@frasermedia.com](mailto:Yvette.rayner@frasermedia.com).

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**Email** [yvette@frasermedia.co.uk](mailto:yvette@frasermedia.co.uk)

**Tel** 01224 857999/07741 312 804



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### **New: Going to a Children's Hearing film with BSL and subtitles**

The Scottish Children's Reporter Administration have launched a new short film aimed at children and young people (but also parent's and carers) for people going to a Children's Hearing for the first time.

They have a version which is in BSL and has subtitles. To view the signed version of the film, please click [here](#).

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### **Electronic Notetaking (ENT) interest questionnaire**



The Scottish Sensory Centre is redeveloping its SQA accredited Electronic Notetaking course for delivery online. To gauge interest in such an online course they have produced a short questionnaire.

There are only 4 questions. Please click on the link below to take you to the questionnaire.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y0JK2OTSfox06RRy6XbMvyVpqxIBpTvUCNCFIHjv>





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## MONEY MATTERS

Our Money Matters Advisor is here to help YOU!

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- 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**.

## Consultation on Regulations and Statutory Guidance under the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015

Please see the link below to the Consultation on the Regulations and Statutory Guidance under the Welfare Funds (Scotland) Act 2015, which is now open.

The consultation will run until 21 August, and we would be pleased if you would respond.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/welfare-funds/regulations-and-statutory-guidance-under-the-welf>

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## Vacancies

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Closing date: Friday, 31 July 2015.

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## Events

### WSDCS are holding a Fun Day on Sunday, 21st June 2015.



This promises to be a fantastic day out for the whole family and we hope you will all join us. Not only do we have the '**Knockout Challenge**' but other activities include face painting; a raffle; games; and something for everyone to enjoy. Not least of all the opportunity to participate in the Challenge itself or to cheer on your family and friends.

To book places please contact Carol or Morag on 0141 243 2958; email us at [wsdcs@btconnect.com](mailto:wsdcs@btconnect.com) or message us on Facebook.

Don't miss out! Get in touch as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Scotland's National Dementia Strategy 2013/16 - Equality Impact Assessment

Thank you for indicating your interest in taking part in this Equality Impact Assessment.

We now have a date, which is the most popular date of the three we proposed. The workshop will take place on the **2 July 2015** and will start at approximately 10.30 and will finish at 4pm, at James Watt A, 5 Atlantic Quay, 150 Broomielaw, Glasgow, G2 8LU.

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=z3fJcVG4FQGQ.kU\\_k93QxXTFU&msa=0&ie=UTF8&z=17](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=z3fJcVG4FQGQ.kU_k93QxXTFU&msa=0&ie=UTF8&z=17) A full programme will follow in due course.

There will be tea and coffee on arrival and in the afternoon and a buffet lunch at 12pm

Please can you let me know if you are able to come. Sorry if you are not able to make this date. If you are not able to come could you confirm whether you are able to send a representative or someone else from your organisation to represent your interests

### 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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## **Support for children with additional support needs**



Are you responsible for supporting families who have children with additional support needs?

If so, Sleep Scotland may be able to help.

At Sleep Scotland we provide training to professionals from Health, Education, Social Work and the Voluntary Sector to work as Sleep Counsellors and run a sleep service in their local area.

Details of our next course are as follows:

### **Sleep Counsellor Training: Glasgow, September 2015**

1, 2, 3, 8, 9 September +1 day tbc (approx. two months later)

This training aims to give participants a comprehensive knowledge of sleep processes and the problems children with additional support needs may experience, and introduce cognitive behavioural management.

Upon completion of the training, participants will be able to apply cognitive and behavioural principles to managing sleep problems in children with additional support needs. They will also be able to set up and run a sleep counselling service in conjunction with Sleep Scotland to help families with children with additional support needs.

For further information, or to apply, see our website [www.sleepscotland.org](http://www.sleepscotland.org) or call us; 0131 651 1392

Sleep Scotland  
8 Hope Park Square, Edinburgh, EH8 9NW  
0131 651 1392 [enquiries@sleepscotland.org](mailto:enquiries@sleepscotland.org)

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## **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

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## **Hate Crime Drop-in Centre**

**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>

## BSL (British Sign Language) and Deaf Awareness Training in Scotland

### **Introduction to BSL short course (10 weeks plus 1 week break)**

Tuesday 6.00– 8.00 (18th August– 27th October 2015) EDINBURGH

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### **SQA Introduction to BSL (16 weeks plus 1 week break) (Access 3)**

Monday 6.00-8.30pm (17th August– 7th December 2015) EDINBURGH

Wednesday 6.00-8.30pm (19th August– 9th December 2015) DUNDEE

Thursday 6.00-8.30pm (20th August– 10th December 2015) EDINBURGH

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### **SQA Level 1 (16 weeks plus 1 week break) (intermediate 1)**

Monday 6.00-8.30 (17th August– 7th December 2015) EDINBURGH

Wednesday 6.00-8.30 (19th August– 9th December 2015) EDINBURGH

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### **SQA Level 2 (32 weeks plus 4 weeks break) (intermediate 2)**

Wednesday 6.00 - 8.30pm (19th August 2015– 11th May 2016) EDINBURGH

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### **SQA Level 3 (Higher) To be confirmed for January 2016**

**E:** [learn@deafaction.org](mailto:learn@deafaction.org)

**T:** 0131 556 3128

**Textphone:** 0131 557 0419

**SMS:** 07912 308 424

**Fax:** 0131 557 8283

**49 Albany street Edinburgh EH1 3QY**

**\*ILA funding accepted for all courses**

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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

Tel: 01506 841900 Email: [info@donaldsons.org.uk](mailto:info@donaldsons.org.uk)

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## Lipreading Classes, Sessions & Information



### 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

### Deaf Action: FREE British Sign Language taster classes in Edinburgh

Fancy learning something new?

At Deaf Action we are running some FREE British Sign Language taster classes over June, so that you can try out our BSL classes, learn something new and have fun! All sessions are run at our head office on **49 Albany Street, Edinburgh.**

The tasters are running on the **23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June**, to get a place sign up through Eventbrite:

Evening sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/british-sign-language-taster-course-tickets-17078762037>

Afternoon sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/british-sign-language-taster-course-tickets-16974670697>

If you can't make our taster sessions, but are interested in more information about our BSL and Awareness training sessions, let me know by emailing: [learn@deafaction.org](mailto:learn@deafaction.org)





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## 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



### Invitation: Young Adult Carer Summit, Exhibition Stand - Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July 2015.

Carers Trust Scotland, as part of our Time to be Heard for Young Adult Carers in Scotland campaign initiative, is hosting the first young adult carer Youth Summit on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 July 2015 at Stirling University. At this event, there will be over 150 young adult carers (aged 16-25) from across Scotland in attendance who will come together for a weekend of learning, celebration and respite. We are hoping you will be interested at exhibiting at our event.

Time to be Heard for Young Adult Carers in Scotland is a new awareness raising campaign to give the estimated 30,000 young adult carers in Scotland a voice. A young adult carer is a young person in this age range who dedicates their time to caring – **unpaid** – for someone who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

Young adult carers experience many challenges as they grow up - in school, in further and higher education, employment and in their social lives as they make the transition to adulthood. They often have great difficulty fitting in the things their peers take for granted, alongside their caring responsibilities. Our new report ([http://www.carers.org/sites/default/files/ttbh\\_scotland\\_report\\_-\\_final\\_0.pdf](http://www.carers.org/sites/default/files/ttbh_scotland_report_-_final_0.pdf)) sets out key recommendations for national and local government, health, and education providers on how to improve the lives of young adult carers. Some of the recommendations Carers Trust Scotland is making as part of the Time to be Heard campaign include:

- Improved identification of and support for young adult carers in further and higher education.
- Targeted young adult carer anti-bullying and mental health campaigns and projects.
- Entitlement to Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for all young adult carers aged 16-19 years old in full-time education who are not receiving other bursary sources or Carer's Allowance.
- Free or concessionary public transport at all times for young and young adult carers.
- Young Carers Authorisation Cards made available by all NHS health boards and backed by promotional campaigns. Scottish Government to extend the age of the Young Carers Authorisation Card to 25 years old.

At our event there will be a designated exhibition and marketplace area for organisations to promote the work it does and for young adult carers to receive information that could benefit them. Carers Trust Scotland would like to invite you to host a free exhibition stand at our event. Our exhibition area will be running from 9.00 to 15.30 on both Friday 3 July and Saturday 4 July 2015. You are welcome to exhibit on either or both of these dates. We hope that you are keen for your organisation to be represented at our event, please e-mail me at [p traysnor@carers.org](mailto:p traysnor@carers.org) to confirm your exhibition place.

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## Healthy Deaf Minds Scotland is proud to present a one day conference

### Deaf Friendly Mental Health Act

**When:** Friday 19 June 2015

**Time:** 9.30 to 4pm

**Where:** Room 7/8, NHS Lothian Headquarters,  
Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place,  
Edinburgh, EH1 3EG

Healthy Deaf Minds Scotland invites you to hear Dr Deborah Innes and her associates explain the complex Mental Health Act in a way that is easy to understand and hear how Mental Welfare Commission and Advocacy help patients to understand and exercise their rights under the Act. There will be a role play scenario in the afternoon.

Coffee/tea and lunch are provided free of charge.

Everyone (Deaf and hearing) is welcome to attend - BSL/English sign language interpreters and electronic note-takers are provided.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Contact Healthy Deaf Minds at [hdmscotland@gmail.com](mailto:hdmscotland@gmail.com) to book a place



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## 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

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**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)



**The 9th Deaf History International Conference will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland on Tuesday 14 to Saturday 18 July 2015.**

For full details of this jam packed programme, please click [here](#).



**British Academy of Audiology – Innovate / Integrate / Initiate 2015 Annual Conference**

**26th and 27th November 2015  
Harrogate International Centre**

On 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 the British Academy of Audiology is thrilled to be presenting the 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference at Harrogate International Centre. The theme of this year’s conference is ‘**Innovate / Integrate / Initiate**’ and it will have a very strong clinical focus.

**Registration is now open! For more information visit:**  
[www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference)

## Accessible Theatre: Interpreted

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

**Modern Ballet**

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland  
Friday 5 June, 7.30pm



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

**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.

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