



CONNECT & THRIVE – CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE



Dear Colleagues,

Holiday season is here and the weather has been awful! It has helped us stay in the office and work hard in a number of areas.

Many of you will be on holiday over the next few weeks. We have a lot to look forward to:

Connect & Thrive Activity

BSL (Scotland) Bill

We are working to promote and support the Bill. We are grateful for the huge, cross party support and the commitment from many private, public and third sector organisations for the spirit and content of the Bill as amended.



Deaf Sector Partnership

Much of the early paperwork has been concluded and we are working towards the promotion of the work over the next few weeks: promotional leaflet and materials, communications guidelines and learning through the project activities established. We will let the promotional work do the talking when we get started.

We do hope you notice the information starting come through with BSL translations. Whilst the background work is being completed we are using the current resources to improve the range of information in BSL.

National Council Meeting



We have set a date for the next meeting Tuesday, 25th August and it will be held in the Scottish Sensory Centre, Paterson's Land in Edinburgh. The train disruption should be over by then! We hope to combine the information sharing element with a bit of work to support policy development for the next few months. The policy think day prioritised "more research" so we plan to develop some research options! Please save the date and we will also contact members directly and with a programme.

Membership

We are currently seeking membership commitments from existing and some new organisations (and individuals!). Please consider what you can do to promote and support our membership work as we aim to be responsive and inclusive. Please also remember that our bulletin is for members, by members. We are happy to publish details about your news, information, events, employment opportunities, training courses and conferences. Please send the **text** you want to be included in the bulletin to Kellas at admin@scod.org.uk



Website & Social Media

We are ready to make more progress to develop the website and social media presence. Tell us what we can do better or differently! Let us promote and support your work too.

Best wishes
Janis McDonald

Effecting change equality & access for deaf people in Scotland



News:General

Double award win for North-east sensory charity

A leading Aberdeen charity is celebrating after winning two prestigious awards.



[North East Sensory Services](#), (NESS), which is based in Aberdeen, with offices in Dundee and Elgin, has won the Elevator Alick Buchanan-Smith Enterprising Communities Award, just a week after winning the Trend Life With Style Community Award.

The Elevator award, which is organised by Elevator and main sponsor RBS Ahead for Business, aims to recognise the achievements of local organisations which operate solely for the benefit of their community. Judges were impressed by the outstanding support NESS gives to the community, and how the organisation goes beyond its remit and provides genuine value to people with sensory impairments in the North-east.

The Trend Life With Style award also recognised the contribution of NESS to the community of the North-east, and in particular by the outstanding support the organisation gives to people of all ages with a visual or hearing impairment.

NESS exists for people who were born deaf or blind, for those who have lost all their sight and/or hearing or have developed serious vision and/or hearing problems. Providing information, equipment and support, both practical and emotional, to deaf and blind people, NESS is the first fully integrated joint sensory service in Scotland.

NESS provides a combination of publicly funded statutory joint sensory social work services in Aberdeen city and Moray, and 'added value services' across Grampian, including a Young Person's Sensory Service, PEEP, a group for mothers and babies and Connect, Inform, Support, providing activities and assistance to people aged 65 or older.

As well as advice, practical support, benefits advice and the provision of aids and equipment to improve the quality of life, the NESS office at 21 John Street has a drop-in duty social work service, a library, gym, café and a technology centre.

Graham Findlay, chief executive for NESS, said: "At NESS, we work hard to ensure that the services we provide to the local community for visually and hearing impaired people is tailored to suit individual needs. Our social work and rehabilitation services work closely with our clients to provide both practical and emotional support, and our

added value services are tailored to help people to lead more independent lives.

“Winning both awards not only gives NESS the recognition it deserves, but also acknowledges the commitment of every member of staff and each of our 100 volunteers in their dedication to serving our community, as it is their hard work which improves the lives of so many people.”

HRH The Princess Royal attends Hearing Link reception at the Tower of London



HRH The Princess Royal was the guest of honour at a reception hosted by UK charity Hearing Link in London recently.

Princess Anne, who is Royal Patron of the organisation, met the charity’s volunteers, trustees, staff and invited guests during the afternoon event held in the beautiful surroundings of the Tower of London.

It was an opportunity for the charity to raise awareness of the social and psychological effects of hearing loss and highlight how its peer-led personalised support is making a lasting difference to the lives of individuals, their families and friends in every country of the UK.

Guests heard the emotional and remarkable stories of Shona, Emmanuelle and Tony and Sue who have all been supported by the charity in recent years. There was also a chance to meet Hearing Link’s valued volunteers and trustees to find out how their experiences of hearing loss assist the organisation day-to-day.

At the close of the reception, HRH The Princess Royal congratulated the charity, its volunteers and supporters for the vital role they played in helping Hearing Link to reach more people across the UK in the past year.

HRH Princess Anne said, “Hearing Link, as it now is, is making a greater impact. You can all take enormous pride in your achievements in delivering a quite extraordinary benefit to the well-being of individuals and to society.”

Changing Faces Client Services



Changing Faces Scotland is a charity with 20 years’ experience in providing professional and life-changing support to children, families, young people and adults with disfigurements from any cause. All our services are designed to build self-confidence and self-esteem so that people can get on with leading full and satisfying lives.

Rebecca Mitchell, our Changing Faces Practitioner, provides free one-to-one confidential emotional support, advice and information to help children and their families:

- Find out more about a condition and treatments
- Develop a more optimistic attitude
- Cope with their feelings

- Share experiences and exchange ideas with other families
- Handle staring, questions and comments
- Sessions can be held face-to-face, over the phone, via Skype or email.

Young people, parents and carers can refer themselves or we can take referrals from professionals by calling 0131 659 2942 or by emailing the attached form back to scotland@changingfaces.org.uk.



SCoD's Countersignatory service for PVG scheme applications resumes

In February 2011, the Scottish Government introduced a new membership scheme to replace and improve upon the current disclosure arrangements for people who work with vulnerable groups.

The Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG Scheme) will:

- help to ensure that those who have regular contact with children and protected adults through paid and unpaid work do not have a known history of harmful behaviour.
- be quicker and easier to use, reducing the need for PVG Scheme members to complete a detailed application form every time a disclosure check is required.
- strike a balance between proportionate protection and robust regulation and make it easier for employers to determine who they should check to protect their client group.



The PVG Scheme is managed and delivered by Disclosure Scotland which, as an executive agency of the Scottish Government, will take on additional responsibilities. This will include taking decisions, on behalf of Scottish Ministers, about who should be barred from working with vulnerable groups.

As a registered umbrella body, SCoD will countersign a PVG scheme membership application for an admin fee of £20. Anyone who wishes to have a form countersigned must contact the SCoD offices to make an appointment with Kellas prior to visiting the office with 3 forms of identification along with the completed form.

For more information on how to have your PVG scheme membership application countersigned, email: admin@scod.org.uk or call 0141 248 2474



Notetaking Interactions Access to Communication and information for all deaf people

Increasing numbers of Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people are using ENTs to access communication in a variety of situations.

One of the benefits of using ENTs is that we can provide the script, which belongs to the client and allows them freedom to watch their communication support without having to worry about taking notes themselves.

Our ENTs use specialist software to link up with another laptop, enabling the deaf person to read from the second screen or overhead screen at a conference.

SLI Notetaking Interactions are professional, impartial, and confidential, and available Scotland wide.

Tel: 0141 419 0420

Email: admin@signlanguageinteractions.com

Web: www.signlanguageinteractions.com



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:

Kaz Langlands

Tel: 0131 652 3209

SMS: 07792 941629

Email: kaz.langlands@deafaction.org

Facetime: kaz.langlands@deafaction.org

Webcam: OOVVOO—Kaz Langlands Skype: kaz.langlands1



Vacancies

Events



Family Summer Outings

21st July Science Centre

28th July – Kelburn Country Park

4th August- M&Ds, Theme Park

Coaches will be leaving **10.00am SHARP** from Caledonian University opposite Buchanan Bus Station Cowcaddens Road or you can make your own way there.

We will pay entrance to all places for 1 carer and deaf child/young person.

Additional family members will pay £5 for adults & £3 for siblings.

There will also be an additional charge of £1 per person for a seat on the coach.

Due to delays in the past taking payments on the day, many of the children were unsettled and we feel it will be better for all the families if we collected all monies before the trips and avoid such delays .

Therefore all payments have to be made when you book your place for trip(s)

All payments are non-refundable!

This year we will be unable to phone families who have not arrived for the outing by the time the coach is ready to depart. Again, this is to prevent delays arriving at our destination and more importantly to avoid the children present from becoming unsettled.

Please confirm your place by 2nd July 2015

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

Stress Management

Are you deaf or hard of hearing?

Aged 16 – 25?

Feeling stressed?

Learn how to relax and cope with stress.

When	Thursday 23 rd July
Time	6pm – 8pm
Where	Action on Hearing Loss office, Glasgow

For more information contact

Ray Bradshaw, Employment Adviser

Tel	0141 341 5330
Mobile	07918 640 925
Email	movingon@hearingloss.org.uk

**ACTION ON
HEARING
LOSS**

SQA Employability Award

In partnership with Glasgow Disability Alliance, Action on Hearing Loss Scotland 'Moving On' Project is delivering the SQA Employability Award for young deaf and hard of hearing people, aged 16-25, living in Central Scotland. This is a recognised and certificated course which focuses on generic employability skills to enable a successful move to the job market. Those who attend will develop skills and attitudes which can be used across all areas of employment.

The course comprises of two mandatory units – Preparing for Employment: First Steps and Building your Employability Skills, as well as one optional unit. Candidates will build a portfolio which will then be assessed by the SQA and when passed they will receive an SQA certificate which will show prospective employers that they have the necessary skills for the workplace.

**ACTION ON
HEARING
LOSS**

See details below



When: Every Wednesday for 7 weeks – starting 19th August
(candidates must commit to attend all 7 sessions)
Time : 10am – 3pm each day
Where : Action on Hearing Loss Office, Glasgow

Support outside of the course to job search will be provided by Employment Advisers from the 'Moving On' Project.

Travel will be refunded and lunch will be provided. BSL Interpreters and Electronic Notetakers will be provided at all sessions.

If you have any young people you think would be interested please contact us and we will arrange to meet with them to ensure their suitability for the course.

Phone 0141 341 5330
Mobile 07436 267 402
Email movingon@hearingloss.org.uk

EdSign Lectures



Dynamic assessment of signing deaf children's vocabulary knowledge – Wolfgang Mann

The use of dynamic assessment (DA) has growing international acceptance among clinicians as an alternative to standardized testing methods, particularly useful for work with children from non-mainstream backgrounds.

DA's interactive approach to psychological assessment makes it particularly appealing for use with deaf children, given the shortcomings of available (sign) language assessment procedures.

This talk introduces a model for assessment of semantic knowledge in American Sign Language within the framework of dynamic vocabulary assessment, used in a study with a group of 37 deaf participants aged 6-11 years.

Does dynamic assessment of word learning in ASL, in a test-teach-test format, distinguish deaf children identified as stronger and weaker signers through
(a) a modifiability index and
(b) post test scores?

Theoretical and practical implications arising from this study will be discussed.

When: Thursday, 27 August 2015, 6.30pm-8.00pm
Where: Paterson's Land, Room LG 34, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh.

Please check for updates:

Website: www.edsignlectures.com/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/edsignlectures/

Twitter: www.twitter.com/EdSignLectures/



Email: edsignlectures@gmail.com

BSL/English interpretation will be provided



**East & Midlothian Children and Young People's Sensory Impairment Event – SAVE THE DATE
9 September 2015**

Following the launch of the Scottish Government's "See Hear" sensory impairment strategy, we are planning an event to look at local implementation specific to the issues for children and young people, their families and carers.

This will be a joint East and Midlothian event, held at Musselburgh Racecourse on **Wednesday 9th September**.

Bring your personal experience and ideas to share with us.

Help us improve services to meet the needs of children and young people in East and Midlothian who live with hearing or sight loss.

Assistance with transport can be arranged/Communication support will be provided/ Guide and Hearing dogs welcome.

There will be two sessions:- 2-4pm and 4.30-6.30pm. Refreshments will be served 4-5pm.

The NDCS Listening Bus will also be on site and group sessions can be booked in advance.

Personal invites will be sent out nearer the time with all the details and information on how to book a place, but in the meantime please keep your diary free.

Jayne.lewis@midlothian.gov.uk

jwhite@eastlothian.gov.uk



**Access to Justice for Deaf sign language users
INVITATION TO COMMUNITY INFORMATION EVENT**

Wednesday 9th September 2015: 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Hosted by:

Centre for Translation & Interpreting Studies in Scotland (CTISS) Heriot Watt University.

Click here to see the information in BSL: <https://youtu.be/rmVtLGoeGkM>

Justisigns is a 30-month project funded through the European Commission Leonardo Da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme. The focus of the project is police settings.

The aim of the project is to promote 'access to justice for deaf sign language users by developing a range of training materials and resources for deaf people, interpreters and police officers.

Jemina Napier, Robert Skinner, and Graham Turner from the Department of

Languages and Intercultural Studies at Heriot Watt University are conducting the project in collaboration with consortium partners: Trinity College Dublin in Ireland, University of Applied Sciences of Special Needs Education in Switzerland, KU Leuven in Belgium, efsli (European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters) and EULITA (European Legal Interpreters & Translators Association).

Would you like to know more about the project? Come and meet the team and find out more about the project at our free wine reception evening. Nibbles and wine / soft drinks will be provided.



The evening is aimed at deaf people, interpreters, and any other people who work in the Deaf community and are interested in the project. We will present information about the project, and give an opportunity for people to ask questions.

Information will be presented in BSL and an interpreter will be provided.

Venue:
George Davis Lecture Theatre,
Esmee Fairbairn Building
Heriot Watt University
Edinburgh
EH14 4AS



Progression 2015 - International celebration of deaf arts

24 & 25 September 2015

Citizens Theatre, Glasgow

Solar Bear take over the Citizens Theatre for two days to celebrate theatre and performance that is accessible to deaf and hearing participants and audiences.

All performances and workshops are fully accessible to hearing and deaf participants and audiences. Workshops are open to all for age 14+

There are workshops and talks from **Jenny Sealey** (Graeae Theatre), **Jennifer Bates** (The Deaf & Hearing Ensemble), Sign Song Diva **Caroline Parker**, composer **Dr. Oliver Searle**, **Josette Bushell-Mingo** (Tyst Teater) and **Gerry Ramage**, Solar Bear Artistic Director.

Two international theatre companies join them: **ANO Nedoslov** from Russia with a performance double bill on Thursday 24 September and **Tyst Teater** from Sweden performing a devised piece based on Alice in Wonderland on Friday 25 September. The two companies will also lead workshops during the day for delegates.

Add to this a screening of **A Love Divided**, a short film by Solar Bear Deaf Youth Theatre, a new production from Solar Bear, **Kind of Silence**, devised and directed by Danny Krass and designed by Kai Fischer and you have two exciting days of theatre and performance.

Thursday 24 September

10am – 5pm: Workshops – FREE. (includes a free performance of Kind of Silence)

Workshops will be led by **Jenny Sealey**, Graeae Theatre, **Gerry Ramage**, Solar Bear, **Jennifer Bates**, The Deaf and Hearing Ensemble and Russian company **Ano Nedoslov**

Friday 25 September

10am – 5pm: Workshops – FREE. (includes a screening of A Love Divided)

Workshops will be led by **Jenny Sealey**, Graeae Theatre, **Caroline Parker**, Sign Song Diva and **Dr Oliver Searle**.

Each participant can select two workshops. Lunch is provided.

Book in advance to be a Participant (spaces limited) at www.solarbear.org.uk/whats-on/



GLASGOW ASIAN DEAF CLUB – Celebrate their 15th Anniversary with a Bollywood Ball

Saturday 26th September 2015

Hilton Glasgow
1 William Street
Glasgow
G3 8HT

5pm – 1am Tickets £45 (over 18s only)

Mocktails, chocolate fountain, 5 course Asian meal, 5 star entertainment, DJ, cultural dance performances and photo booth.

To purchase tickets and for more information please contact us using the information below:

Email: glasgowasiandeafclub@gmail.com

Facebook: Glasgow Asian Deaf Club

Tasnim Sharif: 07769 827735 (sms only)

Iftiker Sharif (chairperson): 07970 811427 (sms only)

FOR BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Asian Deaf Club

Account Number: 06000848

Sort Code: 80-26-70

IBAN: GB75 BOFS 8026 7006 0008 48

BIC: BOFSGBS1ARG

Tickets must be purchased by 1st September 2015

Cochlear Implant Technology Update
SSC Course 7: Wednesday, 30th September, 2015

Content: This day is aimed at those who already have a basic understanding of cochlear implants and are looking for practical training in supporting children in the classroom. You will be provided with an update on recent advances in cochlear implant technology including accessories. Hands-on training will be provided in workshops where you can learn to troubleshoot cochlear implant systems, fit and check accessories. This day is limited to 16 delegates due to the practical nature of the workshops.

NB: teas/coffees will be provided. Please bring your own packed lunch - it will be possible to purchase food locally if preferred.

Target Audience: Teachers of deaf children, mainstream teachers, speech & language therapists, support staff and parents.

Presenters: Cochlear Implant Team, Crosshouse

Restrictions: limited to 16 places.

Cost: FREE

Time: 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Venue: SSC, Edinburgh

NOTE - closing date for course is 9th September, 2015

The courses are run on a self-financing basis, dependent on a minimum number of applicants to make them viable. If this minimum is not reached by the closing date, the event will be cancelled. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, we would urge you to book early and well before the closing date for any course in which you are interested.

A provisional booking is acceptable but this should be confirmed by the closing date.

An incomplete form will delay registration onto the course and may be returned in order that missing information is entered. To obtain a form, please contact the Scottish Sensory Centre.

We would be grateful for information on whether you may be from a mainstream school, special unit, etc, as well as the age range of pupils; please supply as much information as possible - thank you.

Bookings are acknowledged by email; confirmation, after the closing date, is also by email. If you do not receive these, please ring SSC. Every effort is made to keep to the advertised arrangements, but the SSC reserves the right to make changes.

Tel: 0131 651 6501
Fax: 0131 651 6502

Scottish Sensory Centre
Moray House School of Education
The University of Edinburgh
Paterson's Land 1.14

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

Online BSL Interpreter Workshop

CPD: Personal and professional development



Aims

- Understand the nature and purpose of online BSL interpreting
- Know and be able to use an online interpreting platform.

Objectives

By the end of the workshop participants will:

- Be aware of the various technologies that can be used within online interpreting
- Be aware of the factors that influence 'good' online interpreting (both technical & personal)
- Know the differences between face-to-face and online interpreting models
- Be able to successfully complete an online interpreting session.

Cost

£45 (inc VAT) for 3 hour session
includes refreshments

Date

Wednesday 9th September, 6pm – 9pm

Venue

Sign Language Interactions
Claremont Office
112 Cornwall Street South
Kinning Park
Glasgow G41 1AA

Trainers

Andy Irvine
Andrew Dewey

Booking form:

www.signlanguageinteractions.com/online-course

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 or Julie Craig on admin@sisg.co.uk. or Telephone 01292 266791.



Scottish Course to Train Tutors of Lipreading (SCTTL)

Could you teach people to lipread?

A qualified lipreading tutor has the ability to help improve the confidence and quality of life of deafened and hard of hearing adults of all ages.

The course is one-year, part-time, commencing Sept 2015 and comprising six study weekends covering:

- **Theory of Lipreading**
- **Audiology**
- **Course Planning and Delivery**
- **Psychological and Social Effects of Hearing Loss**
- **Rehabilitation and Information Sharing**

Students will also be involved in 25 weekly classes of practical teaching experience, working alongside a qualified lipreading tutor.

Applications are especially welcomed from people with a hearing loss.

For further information and an application form

Please visit our website www.scotlipreading.org.uk

Or contact - **Catriona Crosby – course administrator**

Email – cclipreading@gmail.com

Tel/SMS text – 07884072005

BSL (British Sign Language) Sessions for Learners in Scotland

British Sign Language (BSL) Studies Level I



NEW CLASS STARTING IN GLASGOW ON
Thursday 20th August 2015 18.00 – 20.15

- Would you like to feel more confident and enjoy communicating with Deaf people?
- Ready for a different type of language challenge?
- Want to learn a new and transferable skill that will allow you to communicate with other BSL users or as part of a programme of study or professional development?
- If so, get your hands moving, because this Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (BSL) Studies is just right for you.

British Sign Language (BSL) Studies Pre-Level 3

NEW CLASS STARTING IN GLASGOW ON

Wednesday 9th September 2015 18.00 – 20.15

If you have just finished BSL Level 2, but don't quite feel ready for BSL Level 3, this course is perfect for you

The Pre-Level 3 course is designed as a bridging course from BSL Level 2 to Level 3

For more information Call on: 0141 204 4096

Email: info@academyofbsl.co.uk

Follow the Academy of BSL on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/academyofbsl>



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

Meeting day: Every second Thursday

Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm

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

Conferences

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 26th – 27th November 2015 the British Academy of Audiology is thrilled to be presenting the 12th 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

Accessible Theatre & Cinema

SOLAR BEAR

Thursday 24 September

7.30pm: Ano “Nedoslov” – No Rights to Have an Angel & Unlocked Freedom.

Two exciting visual productions performed by this dynamic company from Russia. **No Rights to Have an Angel** tells the story of the artist and his struggle to be heard and understood. **Unlocked Freedom** is about passionate love and the desire for freedom.

Tickets: £10/£9 concession/£8 if bought with Tyst Teater

(£2 tickets available for unemployed and Gorbals Card Holders)

Book tickets at www.citz.co.uk

Friday 25 September

7pm: Tyst Teater - Wonderland.

A performance from Swedish company Tyst Teater and workshop participants based on Alice in Wonderland. This will be followed by a Q&A session with Josette Bushell Mingo, Artistic Director of Tyst Teater.

Tickets: £10/£9 concession/£8 if bought with Ano “Nedoslov”

(£2 tickets available for unemployed and Gorbals Card Holders)

Book tickets at www.citz.co.uk

All performances and workshops are fully accessible to hearing and deaf participants and audiences. Workshops are open to all for age 14+ ‘

Solar Bear events – www.solarbear.org.uk/whats-on/



**next
issue**



Copy Deadline for the Next Issue

As always, the deadline is the end of this month.

Please forward your contributions for the next bulletin to: admin@scod.org.uk .

We are happy to publish details about your news, information, events, training courses and conferences. Please send us the **text** you want to be included in the bulletin.

If you are not a member of SCoD and would like to advertise an event, training courses or conferences, please contact our Office Manager, Kellas, at admin@scod.org.uk before you send us the text as there may be an admin charge.

SCoD Disclaimer

Where appropriate, information sources for the bulletin are noted at the foot of each article. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of SCoD. We cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of information. No endorsement of services, events or products is intended or implied.