



CONNECT & THRIVE – CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE



Dear Colleagues,

Thankfully the weather has taken a turn for the better and the rail links to Edinburgh are “Back on Track”! (sorry!).

National Council Meeting

Unfortunately, due to a very low number of confirmed attendees, we have taken the decision to postpone the National Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 25th August at the Scottish Sensory Centre in Edinburgh.

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

We believe that due to the nature and content of this particular meeting it is important to engage with as many of our members as possible in order to suitably represent you, and also to act on your behalf. An alternative date has not been decided as yet, however we will let you know as soon as possible what the new date / time / venue is.



Connect and Thrive Activity

BSL (Scotland) Bill

We are waiting on a rescheduled date for the Stage Three Debate to be confirmed! We will let you all know ASAP.

It is no longer scheduled for 8th September so please alter your diaries!!!



Deaf Sector Partnership

The Partnership progress is not just as speedy as planned so there will be a slight delay in getting accurate promotional material out to you all. We do hope you will see more BSL translated information in the meantime.

Membership

Can we take the opportunity to welcome new full members SUSE, the Scottish Mentoring Network, the Wheatley Group and See Hear Highland Education & Learning Service (SHHELS) and new organisational associate member Glasgow Centre of Inclusive Living (GCIL).

We note a few have not paid the subscription yet. It will be important to do so before the end of September, especially if your organisation wants to participate in the AGM and recruitment for new Board members.



Please do not forget we wish to encourage more “inter-trading”, that is trading between members. We hope to encourage more joint working too. We are keen to offer networking support to smaller groups out there. If you know anyone setting up, re-establishing or working with a community group, don’t forget to check and see if they are SCoD Members: they may be missing out on a lot of useful, organisational information.

We are starting to gear up for the “busy season” over the autumn and winter months. Can you

contribute to our Conference “Connect & Communicate” in March 2016? If you are interested contact Kellas: kellas@scod.org.uk Don't forget to tell us your plans for the next few weeks and use the bulletin to get your information out across Scotland!

Effecting change equality & access for deaf people in Scotland

Consultations



Consultation on the Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy

The Scottish Government seeks views on a range of actions in relation to the Pregnancy and Parenthood in Young People Strategy in Scotland

This consultation is on the first Scottish Strategy focused on pregnancy and parenthood amongst young people. It aims to increase the choices and opportunities available to young people which will support their wellbeing and prosperity across the life course. The Strategy addresses the fundamental causes of pregnancy in young people and its consequences, with actions focused on how we can impact on the wider environmental and social influences and individual experiences which effect inequalities. Reducing levels of pregnancy in young people helps to reduce the likelihood of poverty and a recurring cycle from one generation to the next.



The aim of consultation is to ensure young people and professionals who work with or are responsible for making decisions that affect young people are aware of the draft strategy, what this involves for them and have an opportunity to influence the draft Strategy.

Closing date for responses is the **29th September 2015**. For more information, go to <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/07/3144>

If you would like to contribute to the SCoD response, please email your comments to Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk before **Tuesday 1st September 2015**.



Creating a Fairer Scotland: Employability Support: A Discussion Paper

From 1 April 2017, Scotland will have the power to design and deliver its own employability services for disabled people and those at risk of long-term unemployment. This paper seeks the views of those with an interest in employability services in Scotland, and everyone who has an interest in building our Fairer Scotland.

Closing date for responses is the **9th October 2015**. For more information go to <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/07/9128>



If you would like to contribute to the SCoD response, please email your comments to Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk before **Tuesday 1st September 2015**.

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

Subscribe to Contact Scotland News Alerts



Contact Scotland post news items about the service every so often, usually once a week or thereabouts – for example the last news item was a summary of service user feedback – prior to that was about SQA being prepared for the examination results.

If you would like to be emailed each time we update our news page please click [here](#) to subscribe.

Health drop-in service every Tuesday afternoon in Glasgow 2pm to 4pm

Health drop-in service

- We will explain what access and inclusion (health) means and how you can use the service.



- We want improve access to health information for you.
- We want to know about your experience in Health.
- We will put you in touch with other organisations that can offer extra support.

For more information or to book an appointment, contact Katie Mowat:
 BDA Scotland, Suite 58, 1st Floor,
 93 Hope Street, Glasgow,
 G2 6LD
 Email: health.scot@bda.org.uk
 ooVoo: Katie.Mowat.BDA
 SMS: 07795822102

Vacancies



NHS National Services Scotland Board 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 National Services Scotland (NSS) is a public sector organisation that has been providing services to NHSScotland for over 30 years. It works at the heart of the health service, providing strategic support services and expert advice crucial to the delivery of effective healthcare to patients and the public. It also offers its expertise and national scale shared services more widely across the public sector in support of public service reform and, in particular, the integration of health and social care. In supporting Scotland's health, NHS NSS works closely with all its partner organisations, especially the NHS Boards, Integration Joint Boards and other public bodies, in the delivery of its services. NHS NSS employ around 3,400 dedicated and highly specialised staff based in a number of locations in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Dundee and Livingston. It has an annual budget of approximately £390m.

NHS NSS is looking for two new members to join its Board with previous senior executive or non-executive experience; or experience of delivering organisational objectives in a complex financial environment. As a non-executive member of the Board, you will be expected to play a central role in supporting the delivery of better health and better care through the provision of a wide range of national and shared services. These roles are as challenging as they are rewarding – and you will be offered the training you'll need to make a strong contribution. In addition to the experience highlighted above, you must also be able to demonstrate a number of skills:

- Ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to challenge constructively
- Ability to build effective relationships within a team

You do not need to be an expert in healthcare or necessarily have previous experience of being on a Board. We are looking for people who have the capacity and commitment to grow into the role, to develop their skills and to learn new skills they may require.

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. Five formal Board meetings and three Development Sessions are generally held over the course of the year. You will also be allocated to two or more sub-committees, for which meetings are held 3 or 4 times a year. 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 of the Board and its Committees will normally be held in Edinburgh, but may on occasion be held elsewhere across Scotland.

Interviews: It is expected that interviews will be held on 28th, 29th (am) September and 2nd October in Edinburgh.

Further information: If you would like to discuss these opportunities in more detail, you are welcome to contact Dr Elizabeth Ireland, by calling Susan Ferguson, Personal Assistant to the Board Chair, on 0131 275 7480; or by emailing susan.ferguson4@nhs.net.

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 NHS NSS 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) 0300 244 1898 or fax on 0131 244 3833, by email at 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 21st August 2015**.

Appointments to the NHS NSS 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.

Commercial Manager
Salary in the range £30,090 – £35,011

Deaf Action is a leading Scottish voluntary organisation that has been providing a range of services to deaf people and those with sensory needs for 180 years. Following a recent organisational review, we are now looking for an effective strategic thinker who can demonstrate a track record of successful achievement in income generation from the public and commercial sectors to enable the sustainability and development of our wide range of services in a changing environment.

You will have excellent sales skills, experience of public and commercial sector contracts and tenders, excellent analytical skills and the ability to develop existing structures and deliver new business opportunities to increase Deaf Action's level of income generation.

Closing date: 21st August 2015

Contact Lisa Roy for an information pack or Aidan McCorry, Chief Executive on (0131) 556 3128 for an informal discussion.

Deaf Action, Head Office, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QY.
Tel: 0131 556 3128 Fax: 0131 557 8283 Text: 0131 557 0419 SMS: 07775 620757

Email: admin@deafaction.org Web: www.deafaction.org

PVG checks will be requested. Applications welcome from all sections of the community.

We expect you will share our commitment to the core values of Deaf Action. British Sign Language training will be provided if necessary. Deaf Action is a Company Limited by Guarantee and registered in Scotland SC 396876. Scottish Charity Number SCO09898

3 Employability Advisors (based in Tayside, Fife and Lothian) Salary £23,697

Your role will be to support and develop deaf adults 25+ to gain employability skills through the delivery of high quality employability support, peer mentoring, employer engagement and effective monitoring and administration.

Employability Administrator (based in Tayside) Salary £16,476

You will be an organised and enthusiastic individual with proven administration skills and a good knowledge of Microsoft Office. Based in our Dundee office, you will be responsible for the completion, maintenance and submission of data to external partners as well as general office duties.

Closing date for applications: 21 August 2015

Contact Lisa Roy at our Head Office for an information pack.

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Events



BDA's 125 Year Anniversary at Winter Garden, Glasgow Green - Sunday, 23 August 2015, 2pm to 4pm

<http://www.bda.org.uk/Events/hands-in-the-park-winter-gardens>

Dear BSL and Deaf Families and Friends,

Please DO come and celebrate BDA's 125 Year Anniversary at Winter Garden, Glasgow Green, near Bridgeton Station.

There will be a brief presentation on the history of BDA and the staff roles of BDA Scotland. The event starts at 2pm and ends at 4pm.

You may want to know this - there is a playground for children to play in next to Winter Garden.

To book your place, please do not hesitate to contact me through email at hco.scot@bda.org.uk or ooVoo at helenmorgans-wenhold or mobile at 07885 367674.

See you there!



Free Event: 'Health and Social Care Integration: Disabled People's Views and Priorities'

Friday 28th August, Thistle Hotel, Glasgow, 10.00am – 2.00pm (lunch incl)

Engagement of disabled people and agencies

This is an excellent and accessible opportunity to engage disabled people in the development and design of services. Keynote speakers from Health & Social Care will provide information about H&SC Integration including the rationale, vision and changes. The event will:

- Bring together health and social care agencies with disabled people to share perspectives
- Build connections, relationships and a sustained dialogue
- Ensure involvement and input of disabled peoples' voices in the Strategic Plan, through raising awareness of health inequalities and barriers, then working together towards solutions and actions to overcome these inequalities.

Purpose of the event

This event is a change to hear directly from disabled people about their experiences and their thoughts on what they want and need from current and future health and social care services, particularly as we move to more integrated services.

Who should attend?

- Health and Social Care Managers and Advisers
- Social Workers
- Advocacy Services
- Community Development Workers
- Workers supporting the participation of disabled people
- PPF members

Places are limited and must be booked in advance via GDA office: 0141 556 7103 or email admin@gdaonline.co.uk or you can complete the online booking form by clicking [here](#).

Saturday Sign/Activity Club

Saturday, 29th August 2015

Adelphi Centre – What we did during the Summer & making ‘Back to School Cupcakes’

Saturday, 5th September 2015

Outing to ‘Jungle In The City’
Meet at 10am – 8 Gardner St, Partick, G11 5NG

Saturday, 12th September 2015

Outing – Cycling at Glasgow Green
Meet at the Fountain at the People’s Palace at 9.50am

Saturday, 19th September 2015

Outing – New Yorkhill Family Event
Meet in the Atrium of the new hospital at 10.30am

Saturday, 26th September 2015

September weekend - No Club

Saturday, 3rd October 2015

To be advised – Details will follow

Saturday, 10th October 2015

Outing to Pollock Country Park
Details to follow

Saturday, 17th October 2015

October Holiday week – No Club

Saturday 24th October 2015

WSDCS AGM – No Club
**Parents attending - AGM commences 10am
at the Adelphi**

Saturday, 31st October 2015

Halloween Party
At the Adelphi



Saturday, 7th November 2015
Fireworks Arts & Crafts Day
At the Adelphi

Times remain at 10 am to 12 pm in **Room 2 at the Adelphi unless otherwise stated.**
Please let us know if you are unable to attend. Contact Morag on 07590530943
We look forward to seeing you all, Morag, Carol, Jo, Rachel, Stewart & Abbie

**The Saturday Club is funded by the
Better Breaks - Short Break fund**

Moray Skid Car event to raise money for North East Sensory Services (NESS)



People living with a sensory impairment will have the opportunity to experience getting behind the wheel in a special driving event being organised by North East Sensory Services (NESS).

The Moray Skid Car Experience day, which is being hosted by the Moray Academy of Transport Training, will take place on 29 August 2015 at Milltown Airfield between 10am and 4pm and promises to be a family fun filled day.

The event will let people living with blindness, partial sight or deafness experience what it is like to get behind the wheel and drive a car. A fully licensed and experienced skid car driver will accompany anyone who is taking part. However, places are limited, so anyone interested in taking part should register as soon as possible at moray@nesensoryservices.org.

There will be a host of attractions at the event, including a bouncy castle for the kids and a bucking bronco feature. A local line dancing group will help swing things into action with various performances on the day. Elgin Fire Brigade will also be there, and crew will perform a demonstration of how to cut a person from a vehicle after a road accident.

Meanwhile, people are being invited to bring along their vintage trucks, cars or tractors on the day to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

The event, which will help raise funds for NESS, will give blind and deaf service users and members of the public an opportunity to experience a skid car on a race track, accompanied by a fully licensed driver.

NESS fundraising assistant Bruce Cruickshank, who is helping organise the event, worked as a digger driver before he lost his sight due to having type 1 diabetes in 2010.

He said: "For me, not being able to drive was a particularly hard blow when I lost my sight. It was a big adjustment as driving used to be such a big part of my life.

"That's why I'm really keen to host the skid car day, as it lets people who would not normally be able to drive experience that feeling of freedom when you get behind the wheel.



"It can be quite an emotional experience to get in the car after losing the ability to be able to drive due to sight loss, and that is why this event is so important, as it lets people drive again, but in a safe and controlled environment.

“There is only a limited number of places on the day, so I would encourage anyone who fancies giving driving a go, to get in touch asap.”

Prices on the day for a drive in the skid car will be £15 for people who have a sensory impairment and £25 for non sensory impaired people. There is an entry fee of £5 for anyone who wishes to bring along vintage vehicles, and registration beforehand is necessary. To register, please contact moray@nesensoryservices.org or call 0845 27 12345

NESS provides social work and rehabilitation services for visually and/or hearing impaired people as well as a young people’s sensory service; Connect, Inform and Support (CIS) for people aged 65 and over; an assistive technology service; interpretation services, transcription services and clubs and groups for blind and deaf in the area. There is also an in-house technology room and audio library located in Elizabeth House, Elgin.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact moray@nesensoryservices.org or call 0845 27 12345 and ask for Bruce Cruickshank.

Bruce Cruickshank, NESS

Tel: 0845 2712345



Self-management programme for adults with acquired hearing loss

29th August, 26th September and 17th October
Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh

Hearing Link delivers a Self Management Programme for adults with Acquired Hearing Loss, which contains a range of useful strategies and techniques to enable those living with deafness to maintain their independence and quality of life.

The course covers many topics including goal setting, communication strategies, how to access equipment, personal safety, relaxation and well-being amongst many others. All sessions are delivered by experienced trainers who themselves are deafened. It is free of charge and is suitable for anybody who is deafened and would like to further their knowledge and understanding of services available, as well as learning ways to manage hearing loss. Family members are also encouraged to attend.

Sessions are supported by an electronic notetaker and participants are encouraged to share their own experience and coping strategies and to learn from others in the group. The 3 sessions all take place on a Saturday and run between 10am and 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch are provided free of charge.

To make an enquiry, or request a place on the programme, please contact Hearing Link Scotland on 0131 447 9420, by SMS on 07564 916798 or by email at Scotland@hearinglink.org. For further information on the programme and our other services, please visit <http://www.hearinglink.org/self-management-programme> and <http://www.hearinglink.org/hearing-link-scotland>.

National Deaf Children's Society Scotland

The National Deaf Children's Society Scotland are hosting a Scotland/Asian themed evening at David Lloyd's in the West End on Saturday 5 September 2015 at 7.00pm

for 7.30pm.

The evening will see a mixture of Bollywood dancers, Scottish/Asian supper and a ceilidh together with a silent auction and raffle on the night. It's an informal fun night which we hope you can join us for. We are joined by Humza Yousaf, MSP.

Tickets are priced £35 each or £300 for a table of 10 and all proceeds will go to supporting our vital work with children, families and young people in Scotland.

Please contact 0141 354 7857 or ndcs.scotland@ndcs.org.uk if you would like tickets and I do hope you can join us for what will be a fun night. The ticket price includes supper, entertainment and drinks.



Charity Event Ladies Who Lunch

Logan's, Carlton Hotel,
Prestwick

SISG are holding their annual fundraising lunch in Logan's on Monday, 14th September at 12 noon. The tickets cost £17 each.

We will gratefully accept any donations for prizes for the raffle.

There will also be a stall selling handbags and accessories.

Contact Denise McClung (Project Manager) for tickets: denise@sisg.co.uk

NHS National Services Scotland Involving People event Friday 18th September 2015 Stirling

Doing it once for Scotland

NSS is holding an Involving People Network (IPN) event on 18 September 2015.

This event will be looking to the future of health and social care provision and showcasing the contribution that NSS makes to delivering safe, effective and quality patient care.



We want your views on how we can improve the accessibility of healthcare in Scotland.

We will be asking you how accessible are our services and what can we do to improve.

The Health and Social Integration agenda highlights NSS's wealth of knowledge and experience across a variety of services –

- equipping of hospitals/health centres
- specialist purchasing and procurement negotiation
- scanning and bulk processing
- legal services

To name just a few. Our IPN event gives you the opportunity to speak with our highly trained staff about the range of services and how we will work together to improve accessibility and reduce health inequalities.

By doing it once for Scotland we can ensure that our services are of a consistently high standard, whilst achieving the best value for Scotland.

When: Friday 18 September 2015, 1000-1600

Where: Stirling Court Hotel, Stirling management centre, Stirling

Deafblind Scotland Afternoon Tea - 20th September

Deafblind Scotland is hosting an event for discerning ladies (and gentlemen).

On Sunday 20th September we have arranged Afternoon Tea in the Radisson Hotel, Glasgow in their Tafaell'ya restaurant.

Together with delicious sandwiches, scones and cakes we will serve up entertainment, a make-up demonstration, and a silent auction. Manicures will also be available.

From 2.00 till 4.00, or thereabouts, you can enjoy a little pampering, a chat with friends, and the pleasure of knowing you have contributed to a very worthwhile cause – a new Learning and Development Centre for deafblind people on our “Field of Dreams” site in Lenzie.

Ticket cost is £15 per person for a nice afternoon.

Please join us if you can and bring your friends, to this our very first Afternoon Tea – contact info@deafblindscotland.org.uk

Support Hearing Loop Awareness Week 2015

This November, Hearing Link is undertaking the largest survey of hearing loops in the UK.

Hearing Loop Awareness Week has been organised to run in tandem with our ‘Let’s Loop the UK’ campaign, which is striving to create greater awareness and access to hearing loops. The week runs from **Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th November 2015**.

We are looking for more people to get involved and help check the quality of hearing loops in shops, banks, churches, railway stations and more across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and each one takes only a few minutes.

If you would like to do something unique in your local community, which creates lasting change, then [register your interest today](#).

You can also visit our [Hearing Loop Awareness Week](#) web page to download our flyer for more information. Alternatively, contact our [Helpdesk](#).

To keep up-to-date with all the latest developments of our Let’s Loop the UK campaign, read [Dave’s Blog Blast!](#)



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

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

Lipreading Awareness Week - 14th – 19th September, 2015

Free Lipreading Taster Sessions will be held in:

Caley Court Resource Centre, Stevenston on Thursday, 17th September
from 10.00 -12.00 noon

Education Suite, Crosshouse Hospital on Thursday, 17th September
From 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Please come along

If you wish further information please contact Dorothy McRobert
Tel: 01292 266791 or Email: dorothy@sisg.co.uk



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



Informing the Future: Developing Habilitation and Rehabilitation Services for Children and Adults with Sight Loss

Thursday, 15th September 2015, 9.30 am to 4 pm

[Touchbase Business Centre](#), Sense Scotland.

43 Middlesex Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow G41 1EE

This conference will highlight the importance of promoting confidence and independent living skills for people affected by sight loss across the age spectrum through habilitation (children and young people) and rehabilitation (adult) services.

It will focus on identifying emerging issues and showcasing examples of good practice as well as informing SCOVl's future strategy as the umbrella agency for the visual

impairment sector in Scotland.

The event will be of special interest to practitioners and managers in rehabilitation and habilitation services, funders and policy makers and third sector organisations that promote services, opportunities and rights of adults and children affected by sight loss.

Speakers will include **Catriona Macintyre-Beon**, Visual Impairment Clinical Specialist, Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS, **Simon Labbett**, Chair of the UK Rehabilitation Workers' Professional Network and **Lisa Petrie** of Blind Children UK Scotland.

Participants will have the opportunity to gain new information, ideas and insights, network with colleagues and inform SCOVl's future strategy, including the promotion of habilitation and rehabilitation for those affected by sight loss.

To book your place, complete the [online form](#) from the SCOVl website or contact colin.howie@scovi.org.uk, Tel. 01324 627 082 if you require booking information in a different format. Please book by **Friday, 9th September** to ensure your place.



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



Captioned Screenings

45 Years - http://www.glasgowfilm.org/theatre/whats_on/7636_45_years_-_captioned

Saturday 29 August (16.20)
Monday 31 August (18.30)



Copy Deadline for the Next Issue

As we are now sending out two e-bulletins a month, we will accept items for inclusion at any time throughout the 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.

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