



CONNECT & THRIVE – CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to announce Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD) earned a quality award from EFQM for Excellence. The EFQM Excellence Model provides a generic framework, allowing any organisation, regardless of size or sector, to assess its current level of excellence.

We have a busy month ahead with our **Annual Conference “Connect and Communicate”** on the **10th March**. With workshops on topics ranging from new technologies, Inclusive Communication, Access to Work, Interpreting and Tactile BSL to Taster BSL classes, we have a busy programme revolving around **communication for the Deaf/ Deafblind/ Deafened and Hard of Hearing communities** in Scotland! Various exhibitors will be in our marketplace, and a theatre group from Royal Conservatoire will be putting on a performance. We are looking forward to it and seeing you all there!

The **Cross Party Group Meeting** at the Scottish Parliament on **Wednesday 9 March 2016** will be a 3 way joint cross party group with the Visual Impairment and Heart and Stroke Groups so places might be limited. We will need to approve outstanding minutes at this meeting. Due to some unforeseen events, the last three meetings have not been quoried. **Please contact Kellas@scod.org.uk with attendance or apologies by 4.00pm on Thursday 3rd March.**

In other news, SCoD has started to roll out a small training programme. For the first training sessions, arranged in collaboration with Heart Chest and Stroke Scotland, the theme is **“Voices”** and training will focus on community empowerment.

SCoD is registered as an umbrella body with Disclosure Scotland, meaning we can countersign PVG scheme applications, Basic, Standard and Enhanced Disclosures on behalf of other organisations that do not have a registered signatory themselves. We do this for an admin fee of £20 per application.

Finally, we have also published our **Parliamentary Manifesto** with requests for the political parties and standing candidates to consider for the **May 2016 elections** on behalf of deaf people in Scotland. Our manifesto can be read [here](#).

We would encourage local groups to hold Hustings at local level to engage with the candidates and get influencing them! Let us know if you need any advice to do this.

We are planning to work with a number of organisations to raise awareness of “Lip-reading Week) in September. If you would like to join in please contact janis@scod.org.uk

Best wishes,

Janis



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contactSCOTLAND-BSL

CONTACTSCOTLAND BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (BSL) ONLINE VIDEO RELAY INTERPRETING SERVICE PILOT FIRST ANNIVERSARY – ROLL OUT TO THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

[contactSCOTLAND](#), the online British Sign Language (BSL) interpreting service is celebrating its first anniversary. [contactSCOTLAND](#) uses video relay interpreting to enable Deaf BSL users to have increased access to public services in Scotland.

Until now, the service could only be used to contact public sector agencies, however, to mark the success of the pilot one year on, Minister for Sport, Health Improvement and Mental Health, Jamie Hepburn, MSP has announced a further service improvement by extending access to third sector organisations - comprising community groups, voluntary organisations, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and individual volunteers. More details are set out in the [Press Release](#).

Progress

In the last year there has been a sustained increase in the uptake of the service and calls are now averaging 100 per week. The bulk of calls have been made to GP surgeries and local authority services. Calls have also been made to a range of other public authorities, including Police Scotland, the Scottish Court Service, NHS 24, Historic Scotland, Student Awards Agency Scotland, Scottish Legal Aid Board and the Scottish Qualifications Authority. In addition, Deaf BSL users have said that the service is allowing them to participate in civic society in the same way as everyone else and that they are starting to have increased independence, empowerment and choice over their lives.

In light of the successes, the Minister has agreed that we now have a sustainable, cost effective and more widely accessible service which should move from the pilot phase to full implementation. A Scottish Government procurement exercise to select a suitable supplier is well underway and an **Invitation to Tender is expected to be issued shortly**.

The announcement made today to extend access to third sector organisations is as a direct result of listening and responding to service user feedback posted on the [contactSCOTLAND](#) website. This decision is supported by evidence from the recent review [available here](#) of the pilot service where BSL users have suggested that options for extending access to additional services be considered.

Marketing and Communications

As indicated in the review, there is an ongoing need for awareness raising and outreach work to increase the use and understanding of [contactSCOTLAND](#). With this in mind, it is important that we work collaboratively and use our respective national and local networks and other communication channels to raise awareness and promote this innovative service, among staff, stakeholders and service users. Ministers' expectations are that communication and marketing activities should be aligned to wider organisational communication plans to ensure effective delivery of outcomes for the people of Scotland. I would encourage you to work with communications / equality colleagues to agree and implement your communications approach.



contactSCOTLAND-BSL

At a national level, we have refreshed the contactSCOTLAND website to reflect feedback received throughout the pilot. The website will be a key communication channel to inform stakeholders about access to third sector organisations (also in BSL) and is designed to give service users a better understanding of what is on offer and how they can make the most of it. In addition, we have introduced social media to the website – twitter and facebook - to improve engagement with service users and stakeholders

As part of our drive to promote the roll out to the third sector we are working closely with colleagues in Scottish Government third sector policy area as well as the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisation (SCVO), the umbrella body for the voluntary sector. Marketing activities to support the roll out include news in SCVO members e-bulletin which is received by 1,700 member charities, twitter, Third Force News and contacts associated with the Scottish Accessible Information Service.

Action/Enquiries

More information about how the BSL Video Relay Interpreting Service works can be found on the contactSCOTLAND website: www.contactsotland-bsl.org.

If you wish further information, in the first instance, please send an email via the contactSCOTLAND website which can be accessed by clicking on the [CONTACT](#) tab on the far right of the home page.



Voluntary Action Fund Grants

The purpose of the grant programme is to create new or enhanced volunteering projects – increasing the diversity of volunteers, especially those experiencing disadvantage; and improving opportunities, skills and personal development through volunteering.

Third Sector organisations working in Scotland, with an annual income of under £250,000 can apply for up to £10,000 for a Volunteering Support Grant. Applications should be submitted by 31st March 2016.

Please see the attached press release and flyer, or visit the following website for further information about the fund and how to apply:

www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants

Please forward this email to people within your networks who may be interested in this new fund and feel free to upload the information onto your website, include the details in your newsletter and/or post on your social media pages as appropriate.



Education Scotland/Scottish Government news

Applications have opened for the £1.5 million Innovation Fund to help schools close the attainment gap.

Schools can choose whether to apply quickly for funds to run projects that are ready to start in March, or to consider bids for the 2016/17 financial year. The Fund is open to all publicly funded primary, secondary and special schools in Scotland which are not already benefitting from the Attainment Scotland Fund.

Funds of £3,000-£10,000 (per school) are available for projects that will help children and young people experiencing socio economic disadvantage. Applications are

encouraged from partnerships of schools working collaboratively or individual schools.

Under the twin track application scheme, schools can apply:

- Fast track: by 21 February 2016 for projects that will start in March. Notification will be given between 1 and 4 March.
- Standard track: by 31 March for projects that will start in the year from April 2016. Notification will be given by the end of April.

Proposals should have a particular focus on literacy, numeracy or health and wellbeing. They can be new ideas, or a project with a specific focus, building on what has had the greatest impact within a school, cluster or group of schools. This may include projects involving parental / family engagement and career long professional development or those that help develop and realise aspirations for children and young people.

The guidance and application form are available:

- On our website
- By email

The information is also on the #SAC Scottish Attainment Challenge Glow site (login required), where practitioners can seek advice and collaborate on applications.



Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2016 - 2017

The PECF is now open to applications from third sector organisations with a legal status, for example, charitable incorporated organisations, or organisations which will be incorporated at 1st July 2016, community interest companies and social enterprises, who work across the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The fund is for the 12-month period from 1st July 2016 until 30th June 2017. The amount of funding available under the PEC fund 2016-17 is likely to be around the same level as the previous Equality Fund 2015-16. Although there is no upper limit on the amount that can be applied for, applicants are advised to be moderate and realistic as the fund is likely to be extremely competitive.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **Wednesday 16 March 2016**.

The Word application form, Excel budget form, application guidance notes and full eligibility criteria can be downloaded from the VAF website:
<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/>

If you have any questions about the PEC Fund, please contact a member of the VAF team by email (Equalitiesenquiries@vaf.org.uk) or phone us on 01383 620780. Please note that we are not able to offer project specific advice or look at draft application forms.



Hypnotist features in fundraising fun for sensory impairment charity

A leading charity is has announced its calendar of activities for 2016, to raise money for blind and deaf people in the North-east.

North East Sensory Services (NESS) which has centres in Aberdeen, Dundee and Elgin, relies upon fund-raising to support many of the life-enhancing facilities it

provides.

This year's calendar kicks off on the 5th March at the Marcliffe Hotel & Spa, with the charity's main fundraising event, the NESS Rio Spring Ball. The ball will feature dancing and the Guarana Street Band to add to the carnival theme. The annual event raised over £20,000 in 2015, which supported activities such as the young person's sensory services, helping children from 0-18 learn how to enjoy life despite their disability.

In Moray, NESS will hold a further ball on 19th March and the Cullen Bay Hotel, featuring music from local band Traffik.

May sees the return of the popular Adam Night Comedy Hypnosis Show. An evening of outrageous hypnosis will take place at the Laich Moray Hotel in Elgin on 6th May and at the Station Hotel, Aberdeen on 7th May.

Friday 13th May will be lucky for some at the Hall Morrice Quiz, which raises funds for NESS every year at the Aberdeen Asset Management suite at Pittodrie stadium.

As the summer gets underway, NESS supporters will be out and about testing their fitness and raising vital money for the charity. The Glen Moray Bike Ride is taking place on 26th June, with three routes including a challenging 75 miles sportive, a 25 mile easy route and a family friendly 10 mile option. And cycling sportive lovers will again take to their bikes on 27/8 August as part of Ride the North. NESS has charity places available for the event, which sees riders cycle between Rhynie and Inverness.

Neil Skene, Fundraising Coordinator for NESS said: "We have an exciting programme of activities planned for 2016, including great new events for later in the year. NESS has always been very well supported by businesses and local people alike and we look forward to welcoming the local communities to our events. Details of tickets are available on the NESS website www.nesensoryservices.org and also by phoning NESS on 0345 27 12345.

Closure of Glasgow Queen Street Tunnel, March 20 – August 8, 2016

As you will know, Glasgow Queen Street Tunnel will close for 20 weeks on March 20 this year. The closure is necessary to get the tunnel ready to run the faster, longer, greener electric trains that are coming to Scotland from December this year.

The railway is still open for business. We have introduced a new train plan that will keep people moving during the closure of the tunnel.

However, journeys will take longer and trains may leave or depart from a different place than normal.

We have produced a dedicated section of our website where you can access a variety of materials – from the new timetables to posters and flyers.

The site is <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/queenstreettoolkit>

I would be most grateful if you could use this site to get information to people within your organisation. We really need to make sure that people know about this closure and have all the information they need to make a decision about their own journey.

If you have any questions, or need more resources, please contact communications@scotrail.co.uk



Disability Matters

Disability Matters is proud to collaborate with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) to promote the importance of inclusion and access for all disabled children and young people aged 0 - 25 years. Building on the 2015 UN Disability theme of Inclusion Matters the Disability Matters consortium is issuing a Call for Evidence to parent carers, disabled young people and those who work or volunteer with disabled children and young people.

We are inviting the submission of evidence and case-studies from individuals or UK organisations highlighting the positive or negative ways that people are:

- **Working pro-actively with disabled children and young people**
- **Enabling inclusion**
- **Making services accessible**

As a pan-disability programme, we are interested in examples that relate to all disabilities.

The responses will help inform a report highlighting case studies and other examples of good practice on inclusion and access.

Please complete our survey before Friday 11 March [here](#).

Scottish Law Commissions Report on Adults with Incapacity

The Scottish Law Commission is calling for people to complete a survey about specific matters raised in the Commission's report, with particular reference to the Commissions draft Bill and how that would work alongside the existing legislation.

It also takes the opportunity to seek general views on wider aspects of the 2000 Act that may benefit from review. The report and survey can be found [here](#).

In October 2014, the Scottish Law Commission ('the Commission') published a report on Adults with Incapacity which focussed on the question of deprivation of liberty as it relates to persons who may be subject to the Adults with Incapacity legislation and associated issues.

The report made a number of recommendations and contained a draft Bill, amending the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 ('the 2000 Act') and the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 ('the 2003 Act').

We should advise people they can make their own response to the consultation on the [website](#) and/or contact SCoD at janis@scod.org.uk with any relevant points before **31st March**.



Scottish Association of Sign Language Interpreters (SASLI) Board of Trustees Vacancies

SASLI is the professional body maintaining the national Register of British Sign Language (BSL)/English Interpreters, Deafblind Manual Interpreters, Guide Communicators, and Interpreting Agencies in Scotland. SASLI sets interpreting standards, provides training and support to its registered members.

A voluntary and committed Board of Trustees manages SASLI and we are looking for a number of board members to join our team. We want to hear from those who can add to the range of skills around our table, with particular attention to organisational development, financial management, qualifications and accreditation, marketing, and fundraising.

There is also a vacancy for a BSL Community Representative. This role involves communicating with the BSL community and sharing interpreting experiences with the SASLI Board. This helps to ensure SASLI continues to work to meet the needs of the BSL Community.

An information pack (with application form) is available from the SASLI office providing more information about SASLI. If you are interested or want to meet or discuss further to find out more, send an email to mail@sasli.co.uk Video applications are accepted. All positions are voluntary, however travel expenses are met.

Closing Date: Friday 1 April 2016 by 1pm
Interviews: Late April/Early May 2016

Please contact us through email at mail@sasli.co.uk or have a look at our [website](#).

Scottish Council on Deafness Board of Directors

The Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD) invites nominations from the membership (only full members can nominate) to the Board of Trustees. If you have an interest in governance and the strategic work of SCoD, you may like to consider becoming a Trustee/Director.



The Board is responsible for the leadership and governance of SCoD, support to the staff team, monitoring, and evaluation of SCoD's work, in conjunction with the Chief Officer. It meets a minimum of 4 times a year: generally an average of 6 x 2 hour meetings plus a development day. This booklet covers the key parts of the recruitment process and includes the role description and code of conduct information applicable to all Board Members. SCoD is committed to a culture of continuous improvement and the survey at the end illustrates the areas the Board will focus on to improve its effectiveness.

Process

In accordance with our governing documents, Trustee/Directors must be nominated by an organisation, which is a full member of SCoD. The nomination form must be signed by a very senior person within that organisation. The form must also be ratified by a current active SCoD Board member in order to support and validate the nomination. Each SCoD Board member can only validate one nomination. (Nomination form pages 4-8 inc). A completed skills audit form should be attached.

We openly advertise across our network. Full member organisations can nominate

ANYONE they feel is suitable for the role.

You will then be asked to come along for an informal meeting to discuss the expectations, from both ourselves and you, of being a Trustee/Director; examine what skills and/or experience and interests you could bring to this position; note any barriers, preparation or training needs; discuss the potential for conflict of interests; and ensure you are aware of the role and relationship with the nominating body. The other paperwork can be completed at this stage.

If there are more nominations than places on the Board then SCoD will hold an election across the full membership: one member, one vote.

These are unpaid positions, but any travel costs will be reimbursed upon submission of an appropriate claim form. Still Interested? Then please complete the nomination form and skills audit form and return them to SCoD.

You can obtain a nomination form from our Office Manager
By email: admin@scod.org.uk or via our website: www.scod.org.uk

[Click here](#) BSL Version

If you want more information please contact janis@scod.org.uk for in informal chat.

Events



A 'How to make your Health Service more accessible to British Sign Language (BSL) users' Health and Literacy training session

Wednesday 9 March 2016, 10.30am to 1.30pm at C48, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street.

The session will be facilitated by Fiona Stewart and Rita McDade from Deaf Learners' Service.

The Training session is for those who work in the Health & Social Care who would like to learn more about how to make the written language more accessible.

Spaces are limited please book your place as soon as possible. Please email fiona.stewart@ea.edin.sch.uk to book.

Financial Management Session



This session is being held on Wednesday 16th March from 1pm – 3.30pm in Action on Hearing Loss Offices alongside Bank of Scotland

This session is specifically aimed for young people who are deaf/hard of hearing aged from 16-25 living in the Central Belt of Scotland to learn what is essential and non-essential, how to save and budget and accessibility in the branch when you wish to book an appointment to speak an adviser or set up a new bank account.



Please come along if you are deaf/hard of hearing and seeking financial advice. The event is being held at Action on Hearing Loss offices in Empire House, 131 West Nile Street, Glasgow, G1 2RX.

For more information and to book a place, please contact Julie-Anne Leggate,

Employment Adviser.

Telephone: 18002 0141 341 5350 (please use prefix number)

Mobile: 07436 836121 (Text Only)

Email: Julie-Anne.Leggate@hearingloss.org.uk



From GCVS Employers' Advice Service

Don't leave it until it's too late

Workplace pensions reform briefing

This briefing will give an overview of what employers need to do to get ready for and comply with the new law on workplace pensions

10am – 12noon

Wednesday 16th March 2016

The Albany

Learning and Conference Centre

44 Ashley Street, Glasgow G3 6DS

Booking places

See our flyer, attached or book direct at training@gcvs.org.uk



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The Scottish Charity Awards 2016

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 18 March 2016

Has your organisation excelled this year? Has a member of staff or volunteer demonstrated outstanding dedication to your cause? Has your campaign mobilised an army of supporters and achieved great change? If so, read on...

This year, we're looking for entries in seven categories. Who will you nominate?

The categories are as follows:

Charity of the Year

Celebrating Communities

Perfect Partnership

Cracking Campaign

Charity Champion

Digital Dynamo

Exceptional Employees

The Awards will be held in The Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh on 9 June. For more information please go the website [here](#).



Training

SCoD in collaboration with Chest Heart Stroke Scotland (CHSS) are offering a "Voices" taster session that will commence on **31st of March** and will run **twice**, as this will give flexibility and allow you to attend a session best suited to fit your schedule. The times are **15:30 to 17:00** and the later time of **18:30 to 20:00**. You can book **one** session on the Eventbrite page [here](#).

The course has been developed by the Scottish Government, who are encouraging people to be active in planning. In order to do this they need to involve you and to learn from your experience. The “Voices” Course will explain policy, community development and working with others in a professional manner.

West of Scotland Deaf Children’s Society Saturday Sign Club



Saturday, 12th March 2016
Making Masks @ the Adelphi

Saturday, 19th March 2016
Bowling @ Braehead

Saturday, 26th March 2016
Easter Weekend – No Club

Saturday, 2nd April 2016
Science Day @ the Adelphi - Details to follow

Saturday, 9th April 2016
Spring Holiday - No Club

Saturday, 16th April 2016
Spring Holiday – No Club

Saturday 23rd April 2016
Plan & Prepare for Talent Show @ the Adelphi

Saturday, 30th April 2016
Talent Show @ 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 & Rachel

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



Donaldson's Celebri-Tee Charity Golf Day

After the success of last year's golf day, the 4th Donaldson's Celebri-Tee Charity Golf Day will take place on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, sponsored by The Cedar Group, to raise funds to support the pupils who attend Donaldson's School.

We are looking for teams of 3, we provide the 4th member, a Scottish sporting celebrity, which costs £450.00, sponsorship package are available and we are looking for prizes for the auction, raffle and tombola.

The golf day will raise funds to support the pupil's learning, helping them to become more independent by gaining life skills and helping them to communicate with family and friends.

If you are lucky enough to get a hole-in-one at the 14th you will win a car.

The outline programme for the day is as follows:

08:00	Registration opens and hot rolls, tea & coffee are available
08:30 - 09:30	Opportunity to attend a golf club with Calum Smith, Head Professional at Royal Musselburgh (must be pre-booked)
09:30	Outline of the rule with Calum Smith
09:45	Out to tees for a shotgun start
10:00	Shotgun start
14:00 - 14:30	Pre-lunch drinks
14:30	Three course lunch
15:30	Prizing giving, auction and drawing of the raffle

If you are interested in entering a team, sponsoring part of the day, putting an advertisement in the programme or donating a prize please contact Gill Sinclair, Fundraising/Marketing Officer, on 01506 841 915, 07595 117 868 or e-mail her gsinclair@donaldsons.org.uk

Donaldson's School provides education, therapy and care to children and young people 5 to 18 years who are deaf, hearing impaired or have communication difficulties.

All our pupils have multiple and complex additional support needs, such as epilepsy, Autistic Spectrum Disorder or other aetiologies such as Smith-Magenis, Angelman and CHARGE Syndromes.



Are you deaf or hard of hearing?

Aged 16 – 25?

Thinking about going to College?

College Preparation Course

Spend a week in City of Glasgow College and find out what being a college student is like.

When 6th-10th June 2016
Time 10am – 4pm each day
Where City of Glasgow College

For more information contact
Margaret Sharvin, Employment Adviser
Tel: 0141 341 5346
Mobile: 07436 267402
Email: Margaret.sharvin@hearingloss.org.uk

SIGNATURE AWARDS – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominations are open for the Signature Annual Awards. This year the awards event focuses on recognising and celebrating pioneers and unsung heroes, who through education and training are striving to break down the social and communication barriers between deaf, deafblind and hearing people.

Awards

The awards are free to enter and nominations are open across all eight new award

categories.

The award categories are:

- Leadership in Education
- Emerging Teacher Award
- Enriching the Student Experience Award
- The Community Champion Award
- Educational Support Award
- Transforming Lives Through Education Award
- Training Initiative Award
- Signature Lifetime Achievement Award

To honour this year's shortlisted nominees and announce the Winners, we will host **Signature Recognises... The educators**, at a prestigious awards evening in January 2017.

To view the award categories, click [here](#).

Start Your Nomination

The deadline for all nominations is 4.00pm on 15 July 2016.

BSL (British Sign Language) Sessions for Learners in Scotland

Edinburgh BSL Group

This is a welcoming group of signers, both hearing and Deaf. Join us every second Thursday for a cake and some friendly, relaxed chat in BSL. The group is informal and the signers are of different levels of ability. Signing is on and voices are off! If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Walker on 07814198715 or edinburghbslgroup@hotmail.co.uk

Meeting day: Every second Thursday

Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm

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

Conferences



British Society of Audiology Annual Conference 2016 25 – 27 April 2016 Ricoh Arena, Coventry

We are pleased to announce that the British Society of Audiology Annual Conference, entitled **Transforming Knowledge to Sound Practice** will be taking place on 25th – 27th April 2016 at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

The British Society of Audiology Annual Conference continues to be one of the leading UK scientific forums to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.

The 2016 programme has undergone a revamp. **Day 1** will focus on basic science, with a morning of dedicated poster time. **Days 2 and 3** cover translational and clinical science.

To view the full programme, submit an abstract and register for conference visit: www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016

Contact Us:

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UPCOMING CAPTIONED SCREENINGS

VISIBLE CINEMA

Visible Cinema is a new programme of film screenings for Deaf and Hard of Hearing audiences. Films shown throughout the year will be captioned, subtitled or British Sign Language Interpreted (BSL), followed by a BSL signed post film discussion.

For more information, please [click here](#) for website.

The James Play

Presented by National Theatre of Scotland, Edinburgh International Festival and National Theatre of Great Britain

EMBARKING ON A MAJOR UK AND INTERNATIONAL TOUR IN 2016

James I, II & III are a modern cycle of history plays by award-winning playwright Rona Munro. This vividly-imagined trilogy brings to life three generations of Stewart Kings who ruled Scotland in the fifteenth century and is an acclaimed co-production by the National Theatre of Scotland, the National Theatre of Great Britain and the Edinburgh International Festival

Following our commitment to make our work accessible for everyone, we have programmed a BSL interpreted performance of The James trilogy in Glasgow – interpreted by Catherine King and Gill Wood.

We want the Deaf Community to join us in this epic theatrical experience. To facilitate this, we are offering a 50% discounted tickets for a deaf patron plus a companion. The discount can be applied for either one show, two or the trilogy.

Below are a few BSL trailers to better explain the shows to the community.

**[NATIONAL
THEATRE
OF SCOTLAND]**
TEN DRAMATIC YEARS

General BSL trailer <https://vimeo.com/152158037>

James I <https://vimeo.com/152175628>

James II <https://vimeo.com/152180650>

James III <https://vimeo.com/152178798>

For more information, please see [website](#)



Subtitled/Captioned Accessible Cinema!

Subtitled/Captioned Accessible Cinema! More than 1,500 shows nationwide!

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<http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/now.showing.html>

All cinemas can show all the films listed above with English-language subtitles. Please ask your nearest cinemas to provide accessible shows for people with hearing loss!

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Twitter: <http://twitter.com/yourlocalcinema/favorites>

“As we age, loss of some hearing or sight is inevitable... Accessible film is something that we all may appreciate, eventually”

Add your feedback! <http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/quote.html>

Complaints? Praise? Let us know! Just email: subtitles@yourlocalcinema.com



BSL Sign Zone

Our new programmes can be viewed here <http://www.bslzone.co.uk/watch/>

Week Starting 10th March Battle for BSL

Factual: The story of how, in 2015, BSL achieved legal status for the first time in the Scottish Parliament.

Week starting 17th March Fairytale of London Town

Drama: In this modern fairytale, three Deaf women's lives are thrown together just in time for Christmas.

Week starting 24th March

Zoom: Two films from the BSL Short Film scene

If I Don't Lose I'll Lose Comedy about an actress losing weight for a role.

Week starting 30th March

Small World: New episode

Admit None: Zoom 2011 Comedy about two Deaf Cinema-goers going on a surreal journey to find the film's subtitles.

If you haven't already 'liked' our Facebook page for regular updates, you can view the page here at <https://www.facebook.com/BSLZone?fref=ts>.

Enjoy watching our programmes!



BDA Film 'Power in Our Hands' Screening

'Power In Our Hands' is the new, ground-breaking documentary from the BDA, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Featuring rare archive footage and new interviews, the film shows the journey of the Deaf community throughout the 20th century.

The new film released by BDA is showing at the **Glasgow Film Theatre** on **Tuesday 22 March** at 6pm. For further information about screening dates across the UK, please look [here](#).

For further information about the film please look [here](#).

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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.

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