



SCoD Bulletin

May 2016



Scottish Council on Deafness Bulletin | Bi-Monthly Magazine for SCoD Members

CONNECT & THRIVE

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all had a lovely long bank holiday weekend, feeling restored and energised, ahead of the Parliamentary elections on the 5 May.

Membership

We are working hard to recruit more members to our National Council, Associate Membership and Individual Supporters categories. We would like to welcome the University of the West of Scotland, Hidden Gardens Trust, Deafax, Stirling Council, the Scottish Deaf Football Association and the Hamilton School for the Deaf to the SCoD family.

The invoices for membership renewal have gone out and we hope that all current members are keen to maintain a good relationship with us. We appreciate all the support we receive from our membership and are grateful to everyone who gets involved. We have not increased the prices again this year as we certainly know from experience that money is tight at the moment.



Events

We have new training courses to announce. This follows on from the first stage of the SCoD training programme, which began with training focused on Deaf empowerment through our highly successful "Voices" training.

SCoD, in association with GCVS, CVS Inverclyde and Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire are hosting Governance training. We have developed a taster session for you to come along to that will give you an insight to the full Governance course. For more information please see the events/training section.

Finally, we are starting work on the SCoD Stars Awards for November 2016, arranging venues and award categories. We will keep everyone updated as the Award Categories are decided and the event draws nearer.

Best wishes,
Janis McDonald

Deaf Sector Partnership

Deaf Sector Partnership

Effecting change, equality
& access for BSL in Scotland

The first BSL NAG meeting was held in St Andrews House on 25 April 2016, and was an introductory session to establish the group remit and arrange the set up the first stages of the National Plan.

Follow-up BSL NAG meetings from 31st May onwards will draft long-term aims, agreed between the BSL and Public Body representatives on the group. With six meetings between May 2016 and August 2017, the BSL National Plan is scheduled for publication on the 22nd October 2017 in English and British Sign Language.

Its hoped that the first National Plan will allow service provision in British Sign Language to cascade down from the level of Public Bodies, Local Council Authorities and other statutory bodies to the wider private and public sectors.

The role of the Deaf Sector Partnership promises to be instrumental in weaving new collaborations between the BSL community and Public Bodies, through appointed representatives to the BSL NAG. The efforts of this group to facilitate a National Plan, the sustained research and coordination work of DSP and BSL NAG members, and continued community, grassroots engagement all offer favourable signs for the effective promotion of greater linguistic access.

Over time, greater recognition of the needs for fully accessible information in British Sign Language alongside English here in Scotland will lead to enhanced access and opportunity.

News: General

Deaf Awareness Week – Publicity/Media coverage 2 – 8 May 2016

Deaf Awareness Week is a unique campaign in that so many different organisations participate, each able to promote their own work within the broad spectrum of deafness. It is a fine example of so many organisations collaborating and working together in a joint campaign.

The theme for the week: 'Connect and Communicate' which aims to highlight the positive outcomes of being deaf aware and how involvement, not only throughout Deaf Awareness Week, but on a daily basis, can continue to improve the understanding of all types of deafness together with the communications methods that can be used.

UK Council on Deafness supplies a Press Release that you can download and you can add your own organisation's contact details.

Additionally we have 3 A4 posters, one that you can add your own events on!

If you are participating in Deaf Awareness Week, you are welcome to use the Deaf Awareness Week logo on your own publicity materials.

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

If you would like be a Sponsor of the Deaf Awareness Week web pages for 2016, please complete and return the form below:

[Deaf-Awareness-Week-Website-Sponsor-Form-2016](#)



Deaf school offers French signing as foreign Language

A school for deaf children has become the first in the country to offer pupils the chance to learn to sign in another language. The step was taken in order to fulfil the government's ambition that every child should learn two languages in primary school.

The idea that there is only one international sign language is a widely held misconception, says Enrique Canton, who is teaching French sign language to pupils at the Hamilton School for the Deaf in South Lanarkshire. Just as there are many spoken languages, each country has its own sign language, he explains, adding, 'Thereafter, there are regional variations, just in the same way that hearing people have regional or local accents.'

Mr Canton, who is deaf, was raised in France and, following a short spell living in Spain, moved to Scotland 15 years ago after meeting a 'Scottish lass.' He knows sign language in French, Spanish and British as well as international sign language.

To find out more information, please [click here](#).



The National Deaf Children's Society launches new video highlighting isolation

Do you know what isolation can feel like for deaf children, and how simple it is to avoid?

[Watch The National Deaf Children's Society Scotland's video of 'Sarah'](#) as she arrives at nursery, and shows us the challenges she faces.

You can view it on our [Facebook](#) page. Please like and share to your friends to help raise awareness of the isolation and exclusion deaf children can face.

With the right support, deaf children can achieve anything.

We have worked with [29studios](#) - a creative communications company in Glasgow - to create this short, emotional video campaign that shows what isolation can be like for young deaf children.



The Work and Pensions Committee Disability employment gap inquiry

The Work and Pensions Committee at Westminster is holding an inquiry on the **disability employment gap**.

The Committee invites written submissions addressing the following points:

To what extent are the current range of proposed measures likely to achieve the Government's ambition of closing the disability employment gap?

How effective is the Disability Confident campaign in reducing barriers to employment and educating employers? For more information on the Disability Confident Campaign, please [click here](#).

What should support for people with health conditions and disabilities in the proposed Work and Health programme look like?

What are the likely impacts on disability employment of the abolition of the Employment and Support Allowance Work Related Activity component?

For the Easy Read version of the inquiry, click [here](#).

The deadline for written submissions is Friday 9 May 2016.

If you have **any evidence** that you would like to be included in the SCoD response, please email mandy@scod.org.uk by Tuesday 3rd May by 12.00 noon.

You might want to submit your own evidence to the Work and Pensions Committee - for more information, [click here](#)

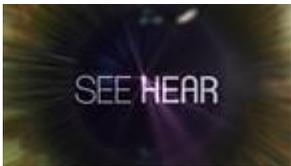


The Alliance Annual Report

Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) would like to thank you for your continued support for their vital work. As the national third sector health and social care intermediary.

The ALLIANCE brings together over 1,500 organisations and individuals to ensure the voice of people and unpaid carers, and the expertise of the third sector, are influential in shaping policy and practice.

If you would like a hard copy of the **2015 Annual report** please email membership@alliance-scotland.org.uk



See Hear - 35th year anniversary Special

See Hear is celebrating its 35th year anniversary with a week of special programmes, broadcast in **November (TBC)**.

The programmes will be profiling 15 diverse and interesting Deaf individuals; covering the length and breadth of the United Kingdom. **'The Fifteen'** (working title) is a mixture of active journeys, reflective pauses and observational moments, promising a compelling insight into what it means to be Deaf in modern UK society.

We want to find interesting deaf people at an important juncture in their lives, or with an unusual story to tell... and to just get a sense of them on camera.

As an organisation very much involved with the deaf community, we would very much welcome suggestions from your end.

Case studies/ stories would be excellent at this stage, and if we are interested, we can ask that you put us in touch.

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

Events/Training Sessions

The GCVS Training Calendar

May 2016 to March 2017

Need the same training for a few staff?

If you at least four staff needing the same training, we will be happy to discuss running a session just for you.

This means that the training can take place at a date and venue of your choosing (or here at the Albany Centre).



Glasgow
Council
for the
Voluntary
Sector

We can also focus in on your own organisational concerns – and the per-head cost can work out much cheaper.

For more information please check [GCVS website](#) or email john.robertson@gcvs.org.uk



Scottish Charity Awards finalists announced

Which organisations and people have been the best, most innovative and effective in Scotland's third sector this year?

[Find out who is through to the finals](#) of the Scottish Charity Awards 2016.



#ILoveCharity Your vote counts!

We have 34 brilliant finalists to pick from, but **you only have ONE vote**, so choose your favourite carefully!

Cast your vote at www.scvo.org.uk/vote
Voting is open until 5pm on 13 May.

The winners of the Scottish Charity Awards will be announced at the awards ceremony on **Thursday 9 June** in Edinburgh.

Deaf Awareness Training



The BDA Scotland is offering a presentation on the “Access & Inclusion (Health) Review: Deaf British Sign Language users’ engagement with health care in Scotland” and BSL / Deaf Awareness Training completely FREE.

- We will provide you and your team a maximum of 3 hours training.
- Do BSL users access your service?
- Do you have Deaf staff who are BSL users?
- Are you and up to 20 others interested in taking part in BSL/ Deaf Awareness Training?
- We can provide training within the BDA premises or at a convenient location of your choice.

If you would be interested in participating please do not hesitate to contact me with dates that would be suitable and I will discuss with you as soon as possible.

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

For more information and to book, contact Katie Mowat

Email: health.scot@bda.org.uk
SMS: 07795822102



Hands in the Park Sunday 15 May, 2pm to 4pm

We want to let you know that there will be a second ‘Hands in the Park’ event hosted by BDA Scotland on Sunday, 15 May, from 2pm to 4pm.

The event will take place at Kelvingrove Art and Gallery Museum, Glasgow.
The details can be found at the BDA Facebook and BDA website.



Scottish Deaf Rally
The Golden Lion Hotel
15th May, 2016 at 2:00pm – 4:00pm
8-10 King Street, Stirling FK8 1DQ

For further information on the Deaf Rally Event, please look on BDA's website [here](#) or on their Facebook [page](#).

To book, contact 125yearmanager@bda.org.uk



Queen Margaret University
CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY, SPEECH AND
LANGUAGE RESEARCH CENTRE

Audiology at Queen Margaret University: 10 year celebration
Wednesday 18th May 2016

Queen Margaret University was the first University in Scotland to offer degree level education in Audiology, and we are now celebrating our 10th anniversary.

We cordially invite you to join us at an event to mark this milestone on the 18th of May, 2016.

Tea and Coffee will be served from 4.30pm and Janis McDonald, Chief Officer for the Scottish Council on deafness, will be our guest speaker at 5pm.

The Scottish Hearing Aid collection will be unveiled at 6pm, followed by a wine reception and opportunities for networking until 8 pm.

Please register via the following link to secure your place [here](#).
If you have any questions please contact us at events@qmu.ac.uk.



Everyday Lives and Kinder Communities

Two Community Events
Ledgowan Hall, Ledgowan Place, Glasgow G20 0JZ

Thursday 19 May 2016
9.30 am – 12.30 pm
(free and include lunch)

How do we help each other to manage the daily challenges of everyday life? What makes it easier - for some people, in some circumstances – to act in kindness and become involved in relationships of help and support with those around them, such as friends, neighbours, acquaintances or even strangers? In addition, what might make it more difficult?

These are some of the questions asked in the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Liveable Lives study, which looked at 'everyday kindness' in the specific context of three areas in and around Glasgow – Bearsden, Maryhill and Hillhead.

JRF, Carnegie UK Trust and ASC are running two events at Ledgowan Hall in Maryhill on 26 April and 19 May 2016. At the first event, we will share findings from the research and hope to hear your views. Do you recognise the circumstances and feelings discussed by those taking part in the research?

At the second event, we want to get into some of the questions above in a bit more depth. What if anything, do you think might be 'done' to encourage 'kinder communities'?

For further information and to book a place please contact info@social-capital.net

Good Governance Programme

SCoD in association with GCVS, CVS Inverclyde and Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire are hosting Governance capacity building course.

We have developed a taster session for you to come along which will give you an insight to the full Governance programme.

As third sector organisations working for public benefit, increasingly we are expected to demonstrate how well we are governed. Good governance is a vital part of how we operate and are held accountable.

As a trustee, do you understand what charity law requires of you?

Come along on **Monday 27th June at 10.30 – 12.30pm**. You can book a space [here](#)

Contact events@scod.org.uk or call 0141 248 2474

Whole Service Framework and strategic approach to promoting the child's voice

Date: Monday, 13th June, 2016

Time: 10 am - 4 pm

Venue: SSC, Edinburgh

Cost: £110

NOTE - closing date for course is 23rd May 2016

The course begins by looking at the bigger picture of the role of the practitioner and parents/carers in maximising independence and the integral part this plays in responding to the child's voice. The course offers a simple framework accompanied by a range of practical resources aimed at enabling a Service or School to adopt a strategic approach to the child's voice.

Resources will be demonstrated and used during the course to explore how to listen to the child and parents and how to include them both in the planning of support and setting goals.

Practitioners will clearly identify and plan targeted interventions responding directly to the child's need. A simple method of reviewing progress and measuring success will also be considered. The day is activity based, with practitioners having the opportunity and time to use the resources to consider how they could be incorporated and used within their Service/caseload.

Target Audience

Teachers, classroom assistants, parents and all those who support a child or young person with a visual or hearing impairment.

Presenters

Gwyneth McCormack, Director, Positive Eye Ltd





Scottish Awards for Business Excellence 2016

Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh
Thursday, June 23, 2016
12:00 - 16:00

Quality Scotland will be celebrating 25 years of excellence at the annual Scottish Awards for Business Excellence 2016. The Scottish Awards for Business Excellence 2016 will return to Edinburgh at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre on Thursday, 23rd June 2016. In association with, our Platinum Sponsor, the Wheatley Group, Quality Scotland will be celebrating 25 years of excellence and the biggest Awards yet!

This high profile event will be attended by over 300 professionals, including senior decision makers and Ambassadors for Excellence across the public, private and third sectors, who help support our aim of making excellence a national characteristic of Scotland. Our Bronze Sponsors, ScotRail, Catalyst Consulting, and Generation Impact will also be celebrating with us.

In addition to celebrating at the annual Awards Ceremony, throughout 2016 Quality Scotland has organised a series of [Anniversary events](#) around the [EFQM Excellence Model's Fundamental Concepts](#). These events include Learning Journeys with the Royal Bank of Scotland and the EICC, free webinars including one from ISO training provider SQMC, a workshop on Lean Six Sigma, and much more.

To ensure a space at the Scottish Awards for Business Excellence [please book early](#). To book a table please use our [online booking form](#).

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**.

Vacancies



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.



Personal Assistant

Ref: AS LM EL: 12-year-old girl requires Personal Assistants with BSL Level 1

Closing date: 13th May 2016

Area: Musselburgh

I am looking for a personal assistant to support my daughter to stay safe, to play and to access the community. My daughter has complex needs, including a hearing impairment.

You will work as part of my daughter's wider support network, taking her to the park, beach, soft play, etc. Some personal care is also required.

Person requirements:

An ideal personal assistant will be kind, friendly and caring. You should have British Sign Language (BSL) Level 1 and experience of working with children with complex needs. Driving licence is essential, access to your own car is a bonus.

The post:

The post is for a approx of 8 ½ hours per week. Some of the support will be 1-2-1 and other times it will be 2-2-1, therefore the hours may vary. There will be additional hours during the school holidays.

Rate of pay: £11.80/hour.

To apply, please email Job Ref AS LM EL to pajobs@lothiancil.org.uk.

Lipreading Sessions & BSL (British Sign Language) Sessions for Learners in Scotland



International Sign & Visual Vernacular CPD Training for Qualified and Trainee Interpreters

The Academy of BSL will be running a one day training course: *International Sign & Visual Vernacular* for qualified and trainee BSL/English Interpreters, Deaf Interpreters and Translators. (The course is open to SASLI, ASLI, NRCPD, VLP members and those working in the field with a minimum Level 6 BSL qualification).

We are delighted to announce the training will be delivered by Award Winning Deaf Actor and Film-maker Brian Duffy.

Brian has a wealth of experience having traveled all over the World meeting Deaf people from a host of countries as well as being able to interpret and explain Visual Vernacular Signing, the telling of a story using your hands and body but without any BSL signs. The development and usage of VV is on the increase and it is important that today's Interpreter can recognize and understand the concepts.

Morning Session: International Sign

This workshop will focus on communication with non-BSL users, exploring how you can get more information from a person using iconic signs. There will be a discussion on whether International Sign can be universal or not, (*whether it is a language or not*) and recently we have seen an increase in American Sign Language usage in other countries - should we embrace ASL and abandon IS?

Attendees will be looking at handshapes from various languages and discuss their possible origins, for example 'to go', 'to come' in Chinese Sign Language has a 'phone' handshape, it is similar to Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese sign, and another example the sign for a 'person' is iconic to them users in Asia, but not to us here in the UK.

Afternoon Session: Visual Vernacular (VV Signs)

VV is on the increase in visibility, although it has been around for decades. This workshop will cover the brief 'unwritten' rules of VV - People are still debating on it, Brian firmly believes there is but one rule, it has to be universal! *Do You?* If a performer from Peru is doing a show in Sweden to raise awareness of Syrian refugees... This person has to considerate many things to ensure it will be accessible to all. It can be seen as an art form, a form of communication or simply a way of expressing.

VV to a visually oriented person can be quite enchanting, it has been said that VV is an alternative to music for these who cannot appreciate it.

Also in some situations some Deaf people with Mental Health issues find it easy to express themselves in non-traditional way for example expressing the feeling of being a fly trapped in a bottle and being able to understand these visual concepts will help an Interpreter in their translation and production in such a sensitive area.

The training will take place in Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6LD (opposite Glasgow Central Station) **on Saturday 14th May 2016 from 10.00 – 16.00.**

The course costs **£100**, inclusive of all materials, refreshments, tea, coffee; and lunch will be provided. Certificates will be provided as evidence of CPD

For more information and to book your place, please email:

info@academyofbsl.co.uk

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

Lipreading classes

Address:

The Lower Hall, St Mungo Museum,
2 Castle Street,
Glasgow,
G4 0RH

Day & Time: Tuesday 10:30 – 12:30

Level: Mixed

Contact/Tutor: Margaret Sainte Claire

Mobile: 07786 725183 voice or text

Email: msclipreading@gmail.com

Cost: Free



The ALLIANCE Annual Conference 2016 - 2 Million Expert Voices: Listening, Learning and Leading Change

23 May 2016 at 09:30am

In this, our 10-year anniversary we will explore how collectively we can work in partnership to achieve greater outcomes for the people of Scotland.

With renewed political energy in Scotland following the 2016 Holyrood election, we'll look to the future and ways of improving the lives of the two million people across Scotland who are disabled, living with long term conditions and unpaid carers.

Our annual conference will focus on practical ways to hear the voice of lived experience, learn from others about changing support and services for the better and lead from the front in developing new models of care.

The agenda for the event can be found by [clicking here](#).

Pennie Taylor will chair this event and Cabinet Secretary for Health Wellbeing and Sport will address delegates and [Purple Poncho Players](#) will perform on the day.

Partners for the event include [Healthcare Improvement Scotland](#) and [What Works Scotland](#).

Attend if you have an interest in improving health and social care in Scotland.

Register your place today by downloading the [conference booking form](#) and returning to event@alliance-scotland.org.uk.

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest news in the run-up to the conference, or contribute on the day, please use the hashtag #2MExperts

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available at the conference. Please contact the events team for further information on 0141 404 0231 or email event@alliance-scotland.org.uk

A huge thank you to [Click Networks](#) for their kind donation to our Annual Conference.

For more information, please contact:

Marianne Brennan on 0141 404 0231 or email marianne.brennan@alliance-scotland.org.uk

Accessible Theatre, Cinema & Television



Tron Theatre - Mayfest 2016

Tron Theatre Company presents
Shall Roger Casement Hang?
by Peter Arnott

Preview: Fri 20 May 2016, 7.45pm £8
Sat 21 – Sat 28 May, 7.45pm £10-£16
BSL & Audio Description Wed 25 May
Captioned Thu 26 May
BOX OFFICE: 0141 552 4267
TRON.CO.UK

Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow G1 5HB

A WORLD PREMIERE
Directed by Andy Arnold

Lindsay Mitchell
Press & Marketing Manager
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lindsay.mitchell@tron.co.uk

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GFT Accessible Programme in May and June

We have a number of Audio Described, Captioned & Access screenings coming up at GFT in April. Please see below for details.

UPCOMING AUDIO DESCRIBED SCREENINGS

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)
Friday 6 – Thursday 19 May – All Shows
(see GFT website listing [Florence Foster Jenkins](#) for details)

Sing Street (12A)
Friday 20 May – Thursday 2 June - All Shows
(see GFT website listing [Sing Street](#) for details)

Take 2: Goosebumps (PG)
Saturday 21 May (11.30)
(see GFT website listing [Take 2: Goosebumps](#) for details)

Departure (15)
Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 May- All Shows
(see GFT website listing [Departure](#) for details)

Everybody Wants Some!! (15)
Friday 3– Thursday 9 June – All Shows
(see GFT website listing [Everybody Wants Some!!](#) for details)

Take 2: Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
Saturday 4 June (11.30)
(see GFT website listing [Take 2: Kung Fu Panda 3](#) for details)

Take 2: Zootropolis (PG)
Saturday 18 June (11.30)
(see GFT website listing [Take 2: Zootropolis](#) for details)

UPCOMING CAPTIONED SCREENINGS

Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)
Sunday 8 May (12.15)
Friday 13 May (17.40)
Tuesday 17 May (20.25)
(see GFT website listing [Florence Foster Jenkins](#) for details)

Sing Street (12A)
Saturday 21 May (14.30)
Saturday 28 May (15.35)
Tuesday 31 May (18.00)
(see GFT website listing [Sing Street](#) for details)

Take 2: Goosebumps (PG)
Saturday 21 May (11.30)
(see GFT website listing [Take 2: Goosebumps](#) for details)

Visible Cinema: Iona (15)
Monday 23 May (18.20)
(see GFT website listing [Iona](#) for details)



Fish & Game and Unicorn London Present, The Polar Bears Go Up

The two mischievous bears return in a brand new adventure perfect for young explorers aged 2-5. Following premiere at Unicorn Theatre in London, the deaf-friendly show opens its tour at Perth Horsecross 6 May

Following their hit debut show *The Polar Bears Go Wild*, the two intrepid explorers are back- and this time they're going up in the world. They have lost their balloon and they need to get it back. It is time to get up, step up, climb up, jump up. One thing's for sure, the only way is up!

These two lovable Polar Bears are fearless travellers, famous for their wild expeditions. This time they will be climbing trees, jumping on clouds and reaching for the stars as they race all the way up to space. Of course, they will stop for sandwiches on the way! **The Polar Bears Go Up** is a fun, cheeky and highly enjoyable show for young adventurers aged 2-5.

Produced by Fish & Game and Unicorn with support from Creative Scotland, the show is created and performed by Eilidh MacAskill and Fiona Manson, with direction by Lee Lyford. **The Polar Bears Go Up** is a deaf-friendly show. It is highly visual with little or no language, therefore all performances will be suitable for deaf or hard of hearing audience members.

Spring Tour 2016

Norie-Miller studio, Perth Concert Hall

Fri 6 May 2pm & 3.30pm

£7.50 / £5 conc Tickets: 01738 621031 / horsecross.co.uk

Lemon Tree, Aberdeen

Sat 7 & Sun 8 May 2pm & 4pm Sat / 11am & 2pm Sun

£7.15 inc bf Tickets: 01224 337688 / aberdeenperformingarts.com

Platform, Glasgow

Wed 18 May 11am

£8 / £4.50 / £3.50 (Local Links) Tickets: 0141 276 9696 (opt 1) / platform-online.co.uk

Falkirk Town Hall Studio

Fri 20 May 2pm

£6 (1 adult & 1 child) / Additional adults £6 / Child £5_Groups £6 Adults free Tickets: 01324 506850 / falkirkcommunitytrust.org

Cumbernauld Theatre

Sat 21 May 2pm

£5 Tickets: 01236 732887 / cumbernauldtheatre.co.uk

Adam Smith Theatre, Kirkcaldy

Sun 22 May 10.30am & 1.30pm

£7.50 / £6 Conc Tickets: 01592 583302 / onfife.com

The MAC, Belfast

Sat 28 & Sun 29 May 11am & 2.30pm Sat / 2.30pm Sun

£7 (1 adult & 1 child) Tickets: 02890 235053 / themaclive.com

Scottish Storytelling Centre, Edinburgh

Thu 2, Fri 3 & Sat 4 June 11am (Fri & Sat) & 2.30pm (Thu-Sat)

£8 / £6 Conc / £24 (Family of 4) Tickets: scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk

Media Details



Copy Deadline for the Next SCoD Bulletin

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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