



SCoD Bulletin

Mid-August 2016



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

Welcome!

Events



National Council

We can confirm the date for the SCoD National Council meeting, which will be held on Friday 21st October 2016, 1:30pm until 3:30pm in Touchbase, Sense Scotland. Papers will be sent out to members.

SCoD Awards

Nominations are now coming in for the SCoD Awards. We hope you are going to nominate for something. Thank you to all of those who have participated so far, but remember there is still plenty of time left to nominate those who you think are worthy of an award. Full details are on our [website](#).

Thanks also to all of you who have agreed to sponsor the event. We are still looking for more sponsorship to make the event work well. If you want your organisation's name on an award or want the publicity from having your name on everything, please contact adeel@scod.org.uk to get more information. Click [here](#) for more details. We do want to show the collaborative approach can be successful!

'Connect & Capitalise'

SCoD's third SCoD Conference, will take place on Thursday 9 March 2017. We are going to be in The Glasgow City Hotel located on Cambridge Street.

As you know the conference is a time for our members to connect with others, to share good practice and make new networks/friends as well as capitalising on contacts made in the past, we would like you to send us your ideas for workshops that you would like to see take place and those that you would like to deliver. **If you have an idea for a workshop, please email adeel@scod.org.uk with a summary**

that is no more than 200 words long and includes your ideal audience. Planning to repeat some workshops and want to introduce some new ones.

Membership

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have renewed their membership with SCoD as we are a membership organisation we wouldn't be here without you individuals or organisational members. We value all our members. Please get in touch with our membership worker Kirsty at kirsty@scod.org.uk or at 0141 248 2474 for more information. Remember too that members receive discounted ticket prices to SCoD events, including the awards! We hope to attract more individual members over the coming months.

Board members

We invite nominations from our full members to join our 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 generally meets 6 times a year. If you want more information, please contact our Chief Officer, Janis McDonald at janis@scod.org.uk for in informal chat. Alternatively, you can download a recruitment pack from [our website](#). For the information in BSL, click [here](#)

Future bulletins

Please remember **this is your bulletin** so send us your news, events and training so we can share it across the Deaf Sector and beyond. Email Adeel at adeel@scod.org.uk for inclusion in the next edition of the bulletin and to get your events on the calendar!

Best wishes

Kellas & the SCoD Team

General News

DSP / BSL NAG Update

The Deaf Sector Partnership members have been gathering feedback from people whose first or preferred language is BSL on what they would like to see as the priorities in the National Plan from the Aims and Ambitions paper. This feedback will be considered by the National Advisory Group at its next meeting on the 22nd August 2016.

**Deaf Sector
Partnership**

Effecting change, equality
& access for BSL in Scotland

www.deafsectorpartnership.net

If you have any questions about the BSL NAG or the DSP, please get in touch with Derek Todd, the DSP Co-ordinator, or Claire Henderson by email at admin@deafsectorpartnership.net.



Services for Deaf People with Disabilities

Deaf people are just as likely to be affected by disabilities or other difficulties as the general population in Scotland (in fact, there is some evidence to suggest that these other conditions may be more prevalent in the deaf population, because many disabilities may be linked to genetic or other causes which can be attributed to causing deafness at birth or in childhood). The main difference, in this field, between people who are hearing or deaf is in the way that services can be offered to help people manage with their personal problems.

It is generally recognised that every local authority in Scotland has a range of services to help people to deal with problems relating to their day-to-day activities. This is usually provided by community care, self directed support or (in the case of the most complex needs) residential care facilities. Unfortunately, for many deaf people (and especially BSL users) these supports are not readily available or equally accessible.

(Under the previous Regional Authority arrangements, every social work department had a specialist unit dealing exclusively with the needs of deaf people. However, since the introduction of smaller, Unitary Authorities, most existing social work departments no longer have any services dealing specifically with the needs of deaf people in their area, and generally rely on hiring in BSL interpreters, who then have to work with social work or care staff who have little or no experience of working in this field).

In Scotland there are very few organisations or facilities which deal in particular with the needs of deaf people who have additional, complex needs. Perhaps foremost of these is Hayfield Support Services with Deaf People, which is based and operates in Glasgow, but which operates as a UK-wide resource. At present, Hayfield works with deaf people who may have learning difficulties, mental health problems, autism, emotional or behavioural difficulties, physical disabilities or conditions, or a combination of these. There are some other organisations which also work with deaf people with additional needs, but these are mainly aimed at people who live with their families, have lesser needs or are provided for on a more local basis by a more limited level of support. Hayfield remains as the only national organisation that provides supports in a variety of settings and with a high level of staff knowledge and experience.

Hayfield operates a number of small, residential units and also runs an intensive supported accommodation service. These are all staffed full-time. It also offers a

day care service (Monday to Friday) for deaf people who either live with their families or live semi-independently, in Glasgow. At present, Hayfield works with almost 40 deaf people in this variety of settings – all of whom have been referred by their local authorities, who pay towards their care fees and who monitor each individual's progress. All of Hayfield's residential and day care services are inspected and monitored regularly by the Scottish Care Inspectorate.

All Hayfield managers and care staff come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. They are all required to undertake formal BSL training and have to achieve sufficient skills to entitle them to continue working with deaf people (ancillary staff, such as office staff, cleaners, cook and handyman are also required to undertake BSL training). In addition, care staff must train to SVQ level 3, and are required to undergo annual training and reaccreditation for employing techniques to manage and de-escalate signs of aggression or unacceptable behaviour. Individual staff are also given opportunities for developing training in topics that are of particular interest to them or which require specific skills (eg Mental Health and Dementia, Autism Awareness, Learning Disability, Benefits Advice, etc).

For further information about Hayfield and the services which it provides, please either check out our website (www.hayfield.org.uk), email to mail@hayfield.org.uk or phone 0141 429 0335.

Willie Macfadyen (Senior Social Worker)
260 Moffat Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, G5 0ND



Department for Work & Pensions



Changes to the Universal Credit guides website

The DWP are improving the way people access their information online. As most people use mobile phones or tablets for

their internet access, they have replaced a number of guides that were in pdf file format with content that can be read more easily. This content also provides improved results in online search engines, helping people find the information they require quickly. Removing the pdf files means that any links you have saved will no longer work.

Visit the [Universal Credit guides](#) landing page to find the revised content.

PIP joins Video Relay Service trial



Department for Work & Pensions

DWP are extending the trial of the Video Relay Service (VRS) to include access to Personal Independence Payment (PIP). The service will include the PIP enquiry line, PIP new claims and reassessments and Special Rules for Terminally Ill cases.

The service enables British Sign Language (BSL) users to make BSL interpreted video calls via their tablet, smartphone, computer or laptop. A professional interpreter then relays the call in English to a member of DWP staff.

Customers can access the information at <https://www.gov.uk/pip/how-to-claim> and there is also a BSL video link which explains how to use the service.



Department for Work & Pensions **New text service for disabled people**

This month Personal Independence Payment became the first benefit within DWP to trial Next Generation Text (NGT).

NGT is a free text relay service for customers who have hearing loss, speech impairments or are partially sighted. Customers communicate by typing to a text relay assistant, who relays that information to DWP agents verbally, and vice versa.

The trial covers telephony lines for:

- New Claims
- Reassessments
- Enquiries



£200,000 to help disabled people stand for election

The Scottish Government has put together a fund aimed at encouraging more disabled people to participate in politics and stand as local councillors next year has been opened.

The Access to Elected Office Fund Scotland has been set up to offer financial assistance to disabled people who are seeking selection or have already been selected to stand in the 2017 Scottish Local Authority Elections.

The Fund is available to pay for practical support that can enable disabled people to fully participate in the process, covering “reasonable adjustments” that level the playing field between a disabled and non-disabled candidate only, not general campaign costs (see below).

The Fund is now open for enquiries and will run until May 2017.

For further information and details on how to apply -

<http://inclusionScotland.org/information/employability-and-civic-participation/access-to-politics/aeofs/>

Your Rights, Your Future Survey 2016: Gathering the views of Disabled People in Scotland



Inclusion Scotland
Disabled People's Organisation
Our voices ■ Our choices

Gathering Disabled People's views on their experiences of their human rights in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (UNCRPD).

We want to hear from D/deaf and disabled people about how your rights are, or are not, being realised.

The United Nations (UN) Committee on the Rights of Disabled People in Geneva has invited civil society organisations to submit a report on how the UK and Scottish governments are performing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People (or the disability convention).

Inclusion Scotland and our partners are gathering the views of disabled people on progress made by the UK and Scottish governments on the articles, or rights, in the UNCRPD so that we can submit a civil society "shadow" report on behalf of disabled people living in Scotland. We will ask the UN committee to make recommendations to the UK and Scottish Governments based on the views we have gathered from disabled people in Scotland.

The Survey Monkey can be found [here](#)

We have already heard what disabled people thought were the most important issues that needed improving in Scotland and why, in 2014-15. The Committee is now asking us to report after it paused its previous examination then.

We would like to know if your experiences of this list of rights have improved, got worse, or stayed the same, over the last few years. Please answer the questions in this short survey and we will include your responses in our report to the United Nations in December.

If you would like to see a full list of the rights in the Convention, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/p628dmm>

If you would like to tell us more about your experiences of these rights, or you are interested in attending one of our planned events or focus groups, please email Rosalind Greig: rosalind@inclusionScotland.org.
Details of events can also be found on www.inclusionScotland.org.

Please also contact us if you would like different accessible version of this survey

(e.g. plain text by email, hard copy in easy read). We are working hard to put the survey into BSL and this will be available soon.

If you would like to see a copy of our report when it is completed December, please visit our website: www.inclusionscotland.org

The closing date for this survey is Tuesday 12th September at midnight.



Hearing Link launches survey to help shape digital services

The UK-wide charity Hearing Link has launched a [new online survey](#) to help it understand how to shape its future digital services.

In April this year, the organisation unveiled a refreshed website at www.hearinglink.org which is mobile responsive giving users access at home or while on the go through tablets and smartphones.

Using this development as a spring board, Hearing Link, which provides information and support for people with hearing loss, their families and friends, wants to extend its digital reach to include more online hearing loss communities.

The survey is designed to find out what members of the hearing loss community want and need in order to better communicate online.

You can add your views to the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XX8XSW8>. It takes between 5-10 minutes to complete.

The survey closes on **Sunday 21st August 2016**.

For hearing loss information and support, please visit www.hearinglink.org

Residential Self Management Programme

Hearing Link's highly-regarded Self Management Programme is returning to Scotland in 2016, with three courses set to take place between September and November.



The programmes will be held in Glasgow (2nd-4th September); Edinburgh (28th-30th October) and Dundee (25th-27th November).

In a change to the charity's recent Self Management Programmes, which took place one day a month for three consecutive months, these programmes supported by The Alliance Scotland's Self Management Impact Fund, will be held over the course of a weekend.

Each programme is free to attend and family members or friends are encouraged to take part with participants. Accommodation and meals will be provided, however travel to and from each venue is not included.

The Self Management Programme, which is for adults with any level of hearing loss, offers a range of useful techniques and strategies to enable people with hearing loss to feel independent and more self confident.

Workshops include managing frustrations, communication, equipment, relaxation and personal safety.

If you would like to attend any of Hearing Link's 2016 programmes, email scotland@hearinglink.org or call 0131 447 9420.

Consultations

Scottish Alliance of Regional Equality Councils (SAREC) Hate Crime Survey

This survey is being conducted by SAREC along with its constituent groups, [Central Scotland Regional Equality Council](#) (CSREC), [Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council](#) (ELREC), [Grampian Regional Equality Council](#) (GREC) and [West of Scotland Regional Equality Council](#) (WSREC).

Through this survey we seek to gather the experiences of individuals from diverse equality backgrounds who have experienced hate crime and how they feel they were supported and also what additional support they could have benefited from.

To take part in the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/whymesurvey>

A new Future for Social Security

Closing date: 28th Oct 2016



The Scottish Government has published its consultation paper on how it wants its new Scotland-only Social Security system to look as part of the Welfare Reform plan and the further devolved powers that came to Scotland after the Westminster elections.

SCoD will be putting in a response to this consultation and more information will be sent out in the next bulletin. In the meantime, the full paper is available at https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/social-security/social-security-in-scotland/consult_view.

Mandy, our Policy and Research Officer has been in touch with the Scottish Government asking if their planned events will be accessible and if they are going to translate the summary paper into BSL. She is still waiting for the Scottish Government to respond.



**A consultation for implementation of certain sections of the
Mental Health Act (Scotland) 2015 and associated regulations
(Part 2)**

Closing date: 17th October 2016

The Mental Health (Scotland) Act 2015 makes amendments to the operation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 and to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 in relation to the treatment of mentally disordered offenders. It also creates a new victim information and representation scheme for victims of some mentally disordered offenders.

This consultation covers the implementation of the 2015 Act and covers several topics, including regulations relating to cross-border transfers and absconding patients, as well as transitional and savings provisions for the bulk of the Act.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/mental-health-law/mental-health-act-part-2>

SCoD will be putting in a response, especially on the cross border transfers as this is still relevant for deaf people in certain circumstances. Please send your comments to Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk by **1st October 2016**.

Mental Health in Scotland – a 10 year vision

Closing Date: 16th September 2016

The Scottish Government want your views on our proposed framework and priorities to transform mental health in Scotland.

The new Mental Health Strategy will be published in late 2016. It follows a four-year strategy that ran from 2012 to 2015. The new Strategy will cover a 10 year period.

SCoD will be putting in a response to the 10-year vision. If you would like your comments included, please email Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk by 1st September 2016.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/mental-health-unit/mental-health-in-scotland-a-10-year-vision>

Face your funding fears with HLF

Closing Date: 31st August

We have a new small grants programme called Stories Stones and Bones (more info is on our website at www.hlf.org.uk/storiesstonesandbones). It's for funding from £3,000 - £10,000 as part of the year of History Heritage and Archaeology in 2017, for projects that will help people celebrate their heritage and also break down barriers to engagement in history/heritage in communities. This can be physical barriers, public perception or anything in between but we're really keen to see projects that engage new audiences and are a bit creative in doing it.

As part of this we're running a session for first time (or nervous!) applicants to help break down any barriers they might have with funders on the 31st August in Edinburgh. I was hoping you might be able to publicise this for me with your groups. It's a 2 hour session in our offices in Thistle Street, where we'll introduce participants to our new programme, our other programmes and we'll try and help with their funding blocks when it comes to applying (outcomes, outputs, jargon etc!).

Booking is essential so we know how many biscuits we'll need. They can do so via our Eventbrite site or any questions can be directed to me on 0131 240 1590 or AmyK@hlf.org.uk

<http://bit.ly/HLFworkshop>

Because of the nature of the event we'd like to keep it to first-time applicants, or those who are feeling a bit nervous about applying after a rejection or long period of time since application.

Events & Conferences

SCoD Stars Awards 2016 – Nominations now open!

**SCoD
AWARDS**
TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2016
THE GLASGOW CITY HOTEL



The SCoD Awards have been created to recognise organisations or individuals whose values, work, projects, and activities benefit deaf and hard of hearing people in Scotland.

There are 10 categories in total – 8 categories will be open to nominations from anyone, and 2 categories will feature selections made by the SCoD board of directors and will then be open to a public vote.

The awards are free to enter and the featured categories are:

1. Advice, Innovation, Support & Services
2. Lifelong Learning Initiative
3. Children & Young People Achievement – **the sponsor for this award is [Action on Hearing Loss Scotland](#)**
4. Partnership Working – **the sponsor for this award is [Voluntary Action Scotland \(VAS\)](#)**
5. Arts & Leisure
6. Research & Development – [Scottish Sensory Centre](#)
7. Digital Innovation – [SCVO Digital](#) (TBC)
8. Accessibility Champion
9. Outstanding Achievement – public vote
10. Lifetime Achievement – public vote

Simply [click here to nominate](#), complete the online form and submit to adeel@scod.org.uk

By post: **Scottish Council on Deafness, Suite 62, Central Chambers, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 6LD**

[NDCS Scotland](#) is sponsoring our equipment for the event and [The ALLIANCE \(Scotland\)](#) is our Programme sponsor. We are still looking for sponsors. Please see below for more information:

Sponsorship type	Amount	Benefits
Ceremony Sponsor(s) We are seeking a single or multiple sponsors. If interested please contact Adeel	£2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branding on every table • Branding on stage • Branding on tickets • Headline sponsor in programme • 4 complimentary tickets • Option to address ceremony • Free SCoD full membership for 1 year
Award Category Sponsor	£350	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branded award • Option to present award to winner • Listed in programme • Half page ad in programme • 2 complimentary tickets • Free SCoD Associate Membership for 1 year

<p>Communication Support Sponsor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 lots at £250 3 available 	<p>£1,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listed in Programme Full page ad in Programme 4 complimentary tickets Free SCoD Full membership for 1 year
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SCoD Connect & Capitalise Conference

The third SCoD Conference, 'Connect & Capitalise' will take place on **Thursday 9th March 2017**. We are going to be in The Glasgow City Hotel located on Cambridge Street.



If you want to get involved with a workshop or information session, please email admin@scod.org.uk with your ideas.

Developing a Scottish Co-Production Strategy for Health and Social Care and an evening lecture by Edgar S. Cahn

Monday 22 August - [The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland](#) (the ALLIANCE) cordially invite you to take part in two events which will be an opportunity to directly shape a new National Strategy for Co-Production in Health and Social Care. The first event, a full day Open Space, will take place from 9:30am to 4pm on Monday 22nd August at the Radisson Blu, Glasgow. The evening event, a prestigious lecture by Edgar S. Cahn will take place from 6pm – 8:30pm on Monday 22nd August at Strathclyde University, Glasgow.



For any more information please visit: <http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2015/04/alliance-publishes-self-management-lived-experience-is-driving-change-in-health-and-social-care/#.V7Gmw4-cEdU>

Training Sessions

Governance Course

Interested in becoming a board member?
Alternatively, are you a board member who would like to develop your skills?

Date: 22 August 2016
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: TBC



Joining the Governance course will give you an overview of the structure of power and authority relations within voluntary sectors and the Deaf society, this will allow for governing body members to adapt and expand their knowledge and skills within in governance structure.

The course will highlight the role government structures play of ensuring social, economic and policy equity and accountability through open policy processes that implement good practice at a local level whilst accommodating diversity.

Please see the price list below; if you have, any quires contact events@scod.org.uk

	<u>Individual Module Fee</u>	<u>Full Course Fee</u>
SCoD Member Price:	£29	£179
Non Member Price:	£39	£269



SQA Assessment and Exam Arrangements for Candidates with a Visual Impairment

Tuesday, 30th August 2016

This free half-day event will be of interest to VI Teachers and other practitioners supporting candidates with a visual impairment in SQA Assessments and Exams eg ASN teachers.

This event has been organised by the Scottish Sensory Centre in partnership with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). The aim of the event is to provide the opportunity to discuss a range of assessment and exam issues relating to candidates with a visual impairment. The following areas will be covered:

Overview of SQA's current policy and provision on assessment arrangements for visually impaired candidates. Assessment arrangements policy in context of new National Qualifications. The provision of assessment arrangements in SQA internal and external assessments. Update on available advice and guidance.

Overview of process for requesting Adapted question papers and the adaptations possible. SQA approaches to the modification of SQA external examination question papers for visually impaired candidates.

Issues related the modification of Unit assessments. The use of assistive technologies for visually impaired candidates. There will be opportunities to ask/write down questions on the day if there are any specific issues/questions you would like to raise.

Lunch will be provided at 1pm.

The course is free to attend but you must register so that the requisite number of course packs are made up and brought to the venue by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Please book early as we expect places to be taken up quickly.

Application forms are available to [download here](#)

BDA Scotland Glasgow BSL Tour

Tuesday 30 August 2016

Learning the history of the city of Glasgow.
BSL/English interpreters are provided.

Discount! £12 per person

Book your place NOW

The BDA stands for Deaf Equality, Access and Freedom of Choice Company Ltd by guarantee number 2881497, Registered charity numbers 1031687 (England & Wales) and SC042409 (Scotland)

CONTACT US: Email: hco.scot@bda.org.uk SMS/FaceTime: 07885 367674

When: Tuesday 30th August 2016 Time: 10.30am Duration: 80 minutes Location:

George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DU Price: £12 per person paid cash on the day

Deadline: Tuesday 23 August 2016



SSC Course 3: Deaf children: social and emotional support - some course places available



Wednesday 31 August 2016

This course will be of interest to teachers of the deaf, mainstream teachers, educational psychologists, support staff, social workers, voluntary organisation staff and parents.

This training will provide an opportunity to explore key issues around the emotional health and wellbeing of deaf children. We will cover some of the background and research before moving into practical tools for professionals. The National Deaf Children's Society will give an overview of their Healthy Minds programme, a resource for professionals to help them explore emotional health wellbeing themes with children and young people in an accessible way. Staff from the Pan-Ayrshire

Hearing Impairment service will tell us how they have put the programme into practice locally.

Finally, Respect me, Scotland's anti-bullying service, will join us to discuss the key policy and practice points around inclusively addressing bullying.

Course fee: £110

Applications are available to download from the following link. Please book early if you can - the start of the new term will be busy for everyone.

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/daug16.html>

Messy Church

Saturday 3 September - Messy Church (BSL and English)
Saturday 3 September, 10am-12.30pm

@ St Andrew's and St George's West,
13 George Street.

For all children, ages 1 - 11 years.



A joint project:
Albany Deaf Church
St Andrews & St Georges West
St John's Episcopal Church.

Charity No. SC 008990 Tel. No. 0131 225 3847



WHO LOVE CORONATION STREET?

BDA Scotland is delighted to announce that there will be a BSL tour to celebrate the first year of BSL (Scotland) Act.

The tour will take place on SATURDAY, 17 September.

Come and learn the history of how this TV programme first started 60 years ago.

This tour will be at SECC in Glasgow. Yes, Glasgow, yes! ☐

NOTE: £10 per person to be paid to BDA Scotland.

See links below:

<https://www.bda.org.uk/Event/coronation-street-bsl-tour-bda-scotland>

https://www.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Please share this good news with your family and friends. Children are also welcome.



Sensory Stories - Design, Development and Delivery for the Learner with Complex Needs:

Friday 9 September 2016

This course will be of interest to all those working with children and young people with complex needs, including Teachers, ASN Assistants, Early Year Practitioners, Habilitation Specialists, Associate Health Professionals, Voluntary Organisations, Social Services staff, and Parents and Carers.

- The day will explore good practice in the design, development and in particular the delivery of Sensory Stories to Individuals and groups with complex needs. Course content includes:
- The definition of a sensory story and how it varies from other narrative approaches
- The benefits of sensory stories
- Relevant research in this area
- Sensory story rules. The rules comprise the main body of the day and will be outlined in detail with lots of examples and ideas.
- The use of PowerPoint for sensory stories
- The best use of technology to support sensory stories

Presenter: Tony Jones, Managing Director of TalkSense and Author of the publications, 'Language, Learning, Living', 'Discovery', 'ViP', 'SmartAAC', 'SimpleAAC', 'IMPACT – Implementing Augmentative Communication Training'

Course fee: £110

Applications are available to [download here](#)



**SSC Course 6: Introduction to
Counselling Skills Part 1:
Tuesday, 13th September, 2016**

This course is suitable for all professionals working with children, young people or adults, and their families.

Content

Are you called upon to use non-professional counselling skills in your work with deaf/visually impaired children, young people, adults and their families? Do you feel equipped to handle these challenging situations? We will explore the skills and strengths needed for non-professional counselling using resources developed with The Ear Foundation by some of the leading experts in the field.

Learning objectives:

- To understand the issues faced by professionals in their current practice.
- To explore and reflect upon the impact of deafness and vision loss on individuals and families.
- To analyse approaches to non-professional counselling and the relationship between the professional and child, adult or family.
- To understand the difference between professional and non-professional counselling.
- To reflect upon and possibly change or finely tune your current practice.
- To generate ideas on how to apply principles of non-professional counselling to these everyday situations.

Presenter: Suzanne Harrigan, Ear Foundation

Course fee: £110

Applications are available to download [here](#).

SSC Course 6: Professional Learning to Listen Part 1: Counselling, coaching & collaborating

SSC Scottish Sensory Centre

Tuesday, 13th September 2016

This course is suitable for all professionals who work in the field of hearing loss and visual impairment.

Deafness/visual impairment affects families emotionally. It is often chronic and ongoing. As professionals, we are tasked with supporting others to make life changes. To be effective in our work - we must recognise the emotional impact in

others. As David Luterman's, work shows: people often know the solution but need time and space to think. They can then take ownership and make true change. Are you skilled in counselling, coaching and collaborating to help others make life changes? This course will help you recognise the emotional ice-berg, when there is more behind a comment than it first seems and make you aware of the power of deep listening and reflecting.

Learning outcomes:

- Recognise the emotional impact of hearing loss/visual impairment on individuals and families
- Practise deep listening and reflecting to enable others to make life changes
- Know how to create an environment that enables us to look below the 'surface'
- Identify challenges and solutions in your workplace such as culture and time

Presenter: Suzanne Harrigan, Ear Foundation

Course fee: £110

Applications are available to download from the following link. Please [click here](#).

Intergenerational Learning Event

Tuesday 13th September 2016, 11:30am - 2:00pm at The Spectrum Centre, 1 Margaret Street, Inverness, IV1 1LS

GWT would like to invite groups and organisations who work with older people, people with disabilities, hearing/sight impairments and/or people from BME/LGBT groups to come along and find out more about our work and how they can go about connecting with new partners to bring together younger and older people.

This session is open to anyone who works with groups which fit with protected characteristics.



**SSC Course 7: Music and Cochlear
Implants in the Early Year
Thursday, 15th September 2016**

This course would be of interest to Teachers of deaf children, Mainstream Teachers, Speech and Language Therapists, Support Staff, Early Years Workers, and Parents who are working with pre-school and early Primary school aged children who are cochlear implant users or are hearing aid users.

In the first few years of life, it is important that children learn listening and language skills. While cochlear implant speech processors are primarily designed to give access to sounds related to speech, many cochlear implant recipients are successfully enjoying music.

Music is a fun and motivational way of engaging children in listening skills. Research is showing that music assists with early listening development and emotional well-being. It can be linked to literacy, phonological awareness, and language, speech and communication skills.

This course will look at how and when music can be beneficial with cochlear implant users or hearing aid users as well as giving practical goals, activities and suggestions using a range of materials and resources.

Presenters: Janette Joyce, Jane Gallacher, Carolyn McMillan, Agnes Allen – Scottish Cochlear Implant Programme

Course fee: £30

Applications are available to [download here](#).

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The tour will take place on SATURDAY, 17 September.

Come and learn the history of how this TV programme first started 60 years ago.

This tour will be at SECC in Glasgow. Yes, Glasgow, yes! J

NOTE: £10 per person to be paid to BDA Scotland.

See links below:

<https://www.bda.org.uk/Event/coronation-street-bsl-tour-bda-scotland>

<https://www.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation/?ref=aymthomepagepanel>

Please share this good news with your family and friends. Children are also welcome.



**The 23rd Rehabilitation International
World Congress
Edinburgh, SCOTLAND
25-27 October 2016**

Inclusion joins the global debate

Rehabilitation International World Congress is the inspirational global event promoting social inclusion and accessibility. It is a powerful opportunity for U.S. companies, organisations to meet with, exhibit to, and influence the world's leading voices on disability.

Headquartered in New York, Rehabilitation International is a global network for the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities.

- Ensure your organisation's voice is heard internationally.
- Network with internationally renowned disability advocates, researchers, government agencies, policy makers and practitioners.
- Build partnerships with a range of international charities.
- Participate in workshops, gain knowledge and share best practice.

Held every four years, the 2016 event is being hosted by Shaw Trust at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Scotland.

More information: riworldcongress.com

Enquiries: RIWorld.Congress@shaw-trust.org.uk

**AFC 1976 stars reuniting to
support North-east charity**



A local charity is getting set to welcome a group of former Aberdeen Football Club (AFC) stars to a special fundraising lunch being held to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club winning the Scottish League Cup under manager Ally MacLeod.

North East Sensory Services, (NESS), which is based in Aberdeen, with offices in Dundee and Elgin, will play host to 1976 squad members including Joe Harper, Willie Garner, Drew Jarvie, Dom Sullivan, John McMaster and Stuart Kennedy at the event taking place at the Chester Hotel, Aberdeen on Friday 28th October 2016.

Graham Findlay, CEO for NESS, said: “We are delighted that so many of the 1976 cup winning squad are taking time out to attend our fundraising event. Our celebration of the 1990 Scottish Cup win last year was a phenomenal success and brought back some great memories, as well as raising much-needed funds for NESS.”

The NESS AFC 1976 celebration will be held from 12pm-5pm on **Friday 28 October**, at The Chester Hotel. Tickets, priced at £50 each, with tables of ten at £495, are on sale from today. To book your place at this unique event, contact Neil Skene on 01224 793954 or email neil.skene@nesensoryservices.org.

NESS was the winner of the Elevator Awards 2015, in the Alick Buchanan-Smith Enterprising Communities category, as well as the winner of the Trend Magazine Life with Style Awards, in the Community category. The charity is shortlisted as a finalist in both award ceremonies in 2016.

Win the opportunity to wow funders

UKoD 2016 conference takes place on **Wednesday, 2nd November** at BT Centre, 81 Newgate St, London EC1A. Please hold the date in your diary – more details will follow.



The conference theme this year is ‘**Common purpose: working together on deafness and hearing loss**’. It will be a showcase and celebration of what we can achieve when we collaborate.

We are holding a competition to choose which projects and initiatives are presented. This is your opportunity to wow potential funders with what you have achieved – or could achieve - with your partnership.

We will make sure there are funders, commissioners and government departments in the audience who might take an interest in your project or initiative. The rest is up to you!

We are looking for:-

- six projects or initiatives that have already made a difference; and
- six ideas for projects or initiatives that could make a difference in the future.

The winners will be projects or initiatives that:-

- involve two or more organisations or groups working together;
- be focused on awareness, education, employment, information, prevention and early intervention, or services; and

- have made – or will make – a difference.

As well as the chance to present at the conference, one randomly selected applicant will win a tablet computer for their organisation or group.

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

Children in Scotland Children in Scotland Annual every child - every childhood **Conference**

Date: **Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 November 2016**

Location: **Cumbernauld**

We are pleased to announce details of our annual conference, arguably the flagship children's sector event in Scotland, which this year we are hosting in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council.

The 2016 conference will focus on children's health and wellbeing. We will showcase innovative practice, explore and debate ways in which to improve this through:

- **Championing participation and inclusion**
- **Prioritising early intervention and prevention**
- **Removing inequalities and combating poverty**
- **Reducing bureaucracy and supporting practitioners**
- **Holding ourselves and others to account**

We will also have our biggest ever exhibition hall, with organisations from across the sector.

We hope you are able to join us for what promises to be an educational, inspiring and challenging conference. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to book.

Book:

[Through our website](#)

[Send us an email](#)

Call 0131 313 8828.

Prices

One day: Members from £139.50, non-members from £175.50

Two days: Members from £247, non-members from £315.50.



British Academy of Audiology
13th Annual Conference
10th – 11th November 2016, SECC Glasgow

Organised by the British Academy of Audiology, we are delighted to announce that the 13th annual conference and exhibition will take place on the 10th and 11th November 2016 at the SECC in Glasgow.

Attracting over 600 delegates and 50 exhibitors along with an array of international speakers, BAA conference is the largest audiology conference in the UK.

Registration is now open! For more information visit:

www.baaudiology.org/conference

The Programme:

This year the programme has been refreshed and is more streamlined as we explore the theme of **People Make Audiology**. Delegates can expect to receive the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions.

Key sessions will be provided on a variety of clinical areas and will also focus on facilitating developing your career within audiology. In addition, we have a brand new programme feature as we are introducing a series of talks entitled '**All you need to know**' which will have online resources accessible for delegates.

Celebrated speakers include: Kevin Munro, Curtis Alcock, Ghada Al-Malky, Michelle Foster and many others.

We are once again offering additional tracks for students and associate audiologists with more details to follow. To view the programme visit:
www.baaudiology.org/conference

SMN Recognition Awards 2016
Thursday 17 November 2016



We are getting in touch to invite you to apply for the **Scottish Mentoring Network Recognition Awards 2016**. Each year SMN asks its members to submit an application for our awards that aim to give recognition to our member projects that have made a significant difference over the past year. The awards are in their seventh year and are open to members of SMN and GMN.

All submitted award applications will be considered by our awards assessment panel and the winners will be announced and awards presented at our **National Event** taking place at **Trades Hall** in **Glasgow** on **Thursday 17th November 2016**.

The closing date for receipt of award applications is **Friday 7th October 2016**. A blank application form and the awards criteria and guidance is attached and further information on the awards and previous winners can be found on our [website here](#).



Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training

Deaf Links are delighted to announce the dates for 2016 for the 2 day, nationally accredited Signature Level 1 Deaf and Deafblind Awareness course. Please book early as places on this very popular course are quickly snapped up. All courses will be held in Dundee at Tayside Deaf Hub.

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th August 2016
Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th September 2016
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th October 2016
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd November 2016
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th December 2016

This 2-day course is a practical and nationally accredited course that will bring benefits to your clients and your organisation right from day one. This course will help you to have a better understanding of deaf people, their language and communication needs. It will show you can help break down the barriers for deaf people in practical ways which cost nothing, whilst making your service more accessible not only to deaf people, but anyone who has a communication difficulty or for whom English is a second language. Using DVD presentations, fun activities and group interaction to reinforce the factual content, this course is of practical value to all agencies serving the public and an invaluable part of individual continuous professional development. Contact jeanette@deaflinks.org.uk to book.

British Sign Language (BSL) Courses

BSL Level 1 Course

The Level 1 Award in British Sign Language (BSL) Studies is suitable for those who:

- Wish to acquire basic British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding simple communication with Deaf people, including by family, friends and colleagues.
- Need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development.
- Are studying for personal development with a view to future employment.

This qualification is accredited by the Institute of British Sign Language (iBSL) and aims to enable learners to develop suitable and sufficient skills to communicate with Deaf people in BSL on everyday topics in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 1.

The length of this course is 66 hours and there are no formal entry requirements for this course.

The **next course is due to start on Wednesday 21st August 2016**, and will run that evening each week from 6.30pm – 8.30pm if adequate students are registered.

Cost of BSL Level 1: £450 (this includes the three assessment fees, teaching and learning handouts)

BSL Level 1 Course can be paid in 3 instalments of £150 with prior agreement of Deaf Links. Contact jeanette@deaflinks.org.uk to book.

BSL Level 2 Course

The Level 2 Award in British Sign Language (BSL) Studies is suitable for those who:

- wish to acquire extended British Sign Language skills for the purpose of holding more detailed communication with Deaf people, including by family, friends and colleagues at work, school or college;
- need to acquire BSL skills as part of a programme of study or professional development;
- are studying for personal development with a view to future employment;
- wish to progress from the Level 1 Award.

The qualification is also suitable for Deaf people wishing to acquire a qualification in their own language.

It is recommended that entrants should have the Level 1 Award in BSL before starting the Level 2 Certificate programme.

This qualification aims to further learners' experiences and development in communication through British Sign Language (BSL) with Deaf people on everyday topics involving social life and at work, school or college.

A Level 2 course will enable development in functional BSL communication in more depth than at Level 1, requiring a wider grasp of grammar to cope with some non-routine language exchanges. This qualification has been developed in accordance with the National Language Standards at Level 2 and is accredited by the Institute of British Sign Language (iBSL).

There will be 75 contact hours plus 50 home study/research.

The **next course is due to start on Monday 5th September 2016** and will run that evening each week from 6.30pm – 9pm if adequate students are registered.

Cost of BSL Level 2: £600 (this includes the four assessment fees, teaching and learning handouts)

BSL Level 2 Course can be paid in 3 instalments of £200 with prior agreement of Deaf Links. Contact jeanette@deaflinks.org.uk to book.

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



British Sign Language (BSL) Studies

At the Academy of BSL you will find a warm welcome and a professional delivery of all levels of BSL tuition. Our courses follow the BDA curriculum and learners will have access to Signworld's superb 24/7 on-line resources

Our new session of iBSL certificated BSL Courses are starting in August 2016 and we are already taking bookings so find the right course for you and secure your place.

British Sign Language (BSL) Studies Level 1

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 Level 2

Got your Level 1 and eager to continue learning – ready to develop your signing and take it to the next level then the Level 2 Award is perfect for you

For more information or to book your place call on: 0141 204 4096

Email: info@academyofbsl.co.uk

Website: <http://www.academyofbsl.co.uk>

SQA British Sign Language (level 3) H3PA13- New Course

This part-time course is suitable for students who have achieved BSL level 2.

Based in Deafblind Scotland, Lenzie Office.

Classes begin in **August** and the cost of the course is £700. The course is ILA compatible and a scheduled payment plan will available.



We will offer a free induction evening in June and July to allow students to brush up their skills and complete registration documentation.

If you would like to enroll for the course or need further information, please contact Ellen on email: trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk

SQA British Sign Language (level 2) H3PA12

This intensive daytime course is suitable for students who have achieved BSL level 1.

Based in Central Glasgow. Classes begin in August and the cost of the course is £480. The course is ILA compatible and a scheduled payment plan will available. Sessions will be 9.30-4.30 daily and will be for a period of 10-12 weeks.

If you would like to enrol for the course or need further information, please contact Ellen on email: trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk

Accessible Theatre/Cinema/Television

GLASGOW FILM

UPCOMING AUDIO DESCRIBED SCREENINGS

Visible Cinema: Where to Invade Next (15)

Tue 23 Aug (18.15)

(see GFT website listing [Visible Cinema: Where to Invade Next](#) for details)



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Ghostbusters, The BFG, Tarzan, Ice Age, Now You See Me 2, Absolutely Fabulous, Independence Day, Secret Life Of Pets, Central Intelligence, Neon Demon, Maggie's Plan, Star Trek Beyond, Suicide Squad, cheap kids shows & more

<http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/films.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! Shows added as announced. Check the website regularly for full subtitled listings: Locations, dates, times & trailers.

IMPORTANT! Shows sometimes change. Double check with the ACTUAL cinema or cinemas website before you plan a visit.

Latest trailers: Finding Dory, Beauty And The Beast, Rogue One: A Star Wars Story, Ghostbusters, Fantastic Beasts And Where To Find Them, Star Trek Beyond, Independence Day Resurgence, Suicide Squad, Captain America Civil War, The Nice Guys, The Magnificent Seven, The BFG, Sausage Party, Dr. Strange, The Girl On The Train, Jason Bourne, The Legend Of Tarzan & more:

<http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/subtitled.trailers.html>

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"Our society is ageing. With ageing, loss of some hearing or sight is inevitable. Access to film via subtitles and audio description is something that we may all appreciate, eventually" Add your feedback!

<http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/quote.html>

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