



SCoD Bulletin

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We would like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year and hope that 2017 is all that you wish it to be!

Start your New Year with a bang...why not attend a Human Rights Training Session on Friday 20th January.

SCoD Training

The 2017 SCoD Training Programme is about to kick off with a Human Rights session from Carole Ewart.

Making Human Rights Matter

The Scotland Act 1998 and the UK Human Rights Act 1998 ensure we have a legal framework for human rights compliance in Scotland. However too many people still fail to see a difference in public sector and government decisions on funding, services and policy. By focusing on the barriers to the equal enjoyment of rights, explaining the opportunities and giving examples that have made an impact, this session offers practical solutions to real issues.

The aim is to ensure human rights standards are better understood and applied locally and across Scotland; inform work with the public sector and those delivering services of a public nature on their human rights obligations; set out the opportunities for civil society organisations

including trade unions and charities; share examples of where understanding and applying human rights have addressed real problems and respected the rights of people.

The outcome of this course is a better understanding of human rights within the Scotland Act 1998 and the UK Human Rights Act 1998 and the consequent implementation frameworks.

For more information about the session or about how to book, go to <http://www.scod.org.uk/making-human-rights-matter-a-practical-training-session/>

Or there is the **Human Rights and Procurement** Training Session on Friday 3rd February. Go to <http://www.scod.org.uk/public-procurement-and-human-rights-a-practical-training-session/> for more information.

And remember, Early Bird tickets are available for the SCoD Conference on Thursday 9th March. They are selling fast and once they are gone, the price goes up...



CONNECT & CAPITALISE

SCoD “Connect & Capitalise*” Conference

The third SCoD Conference, ‘Connect & Capitalise’ will take place on **Thursday 9th March 2017** in Glasgow Doubletree Hilton.

The Minister for Mental Health, Maureen Watt MSP, will be our first keynote speaker at the Conference. Yvonne Strachan CBE Head of Human Rights and Equality at the Scottish Government and Martyn Evans, the Chief Executive of the Carnegie Trust UK will also be speaking on the day.

We will have 9 different workshops including one from the Scottish Government's See Hear Team and one on GIRFEC. ContactSCOTLAND-BSL is our main supporter.

Early bird tickets are now on sale at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scod-connect-capitalise-2017-tickets-29816166958>

If you are interested in helping to support the conference by sponsoring a workshop or part of the programme, please contact us on admin@scod.org.uk and a member of the events team will be happy to discuss!

* This year's conference title "Connect and Capitalise" means that we are building on the connections and partnerships that have been made over the last three years and at our last two conferences. We all benefit or capitalise on these connections as we grow the Deaf Sector.

LATEST NEWS FROM SCoD

Congratulations

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Irene Bruce on her MBE. Irene is the Assisted Communications Manager at the Scottish Government's Population Health Improvement Directorate. We know her for all the work she has done to make contactSCOTLAND-BSL the success it is. Well Done, Irene!

Compulsory English Classes for Immigrants

Last week, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration published their "Interim Report on Integration of Immigrants". The report was widely reported on in the media and press. In this report, it states that

“speaking English as ‘the key to full participation in our society and economy’ and a ‘prerequisite for meaningful engagement with most British people’.”

One of the recommendations in the report,

“All immigrants should be expected to have either learned English before coming to the UK or be enrolled in compulsory ESOL classes upon arrival.”

As this does not take into account deaf people, we wrote to the Convenor of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Social Integration and copied in the Scottish MPs. We also put out a press release. For more information, go to <http://www.scod.org.uk/uk-government/>

Membership

2017 is going to be a great year for SCoD. We are about to start a yearlong celebration of our 90th year of being...Join SCoD and join the party...Our members are drawn from the Public, Third and Private Sectors. We have organisational and individual options.

We have three categories of membership:

- Full members. These are the organisations that make up the National Council and can put forward nominations to the SCoD Board.
- Associate members - organisations. These are organisations who cannot be full members or do not want the responsibility of full membership.
- Associate members - individuals. These are individuals, people who are deaf or have an interest in deafness and want to support our organisation.

If you want to know more about joining SCoD and being part of the Deaf Sector, please contact our membership worker, Kirsty, at kirsty@scod.org.uk or telephone 0141 248 2474.

If you are a BSL user, you can use [contactSCOTLAND](#) to contact us.

Best wishes
Janis & the SCoD Team

GENERAL NEWS



DSP / BSL NAG Update

Everyone in the Deaf Sector Partnership would like to take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year. We look forward to working more closely with you in 2017 during the consultation on the very first Scottish BSL National Plan.

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

Sensory charity celebrates best year ever



A 137-year-old north-east charity is looking forward to continued success after celebrating its best year ever in 2016.

North East Sensory Services (NESS), which has centers in Aberdeen, Dundee and Elgin, won four new contracts in 2016 to offer its services to over a thousand additional blind and deaf people across Scotland, bringing the number of people it supports to over 5,500.

In Dundee, NESS has provided support to deaf people since April 2013, and in October the charity won a tender to expand its services to blind people, enabling it to offer a joint sensory service, including rehabilitation and practical advice, under one roof. As a result, those with both hearing and sight loss will be able to access help in one visit. NESS will also offer additional services to Dundee and Angus in 2017, including IT support and employment advice. Additionally, NESS successfully tendered to continue its popular service for blind and deaf people in Moray, as well as winning two separate contracts to provide blind and deaf services on behalf of Angus Council.

In July, the charity won the Investors in People, 'Excellence in the Third Sector' international award after achieving the Investors in People Gold Standard in March, following a comprehensive analysis of the charity's people management.

NESS has also recently launched a revolutionary new website designed for easy use by those who have very poor vision, offering advice on living with sensory loss and detailed information on support services available across the North-east. Furthermore, NESS played an important role in sight loss research by hosting the Aberdeen Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) Information Day in September, which saw scientists share the latest RP genetic research advances.

NESS CEO, Graham Findlay, said: "Despite challenging times, 2016 was a milestone year for NESS. We are delighted to have won four competitive tenders, which are the result of a great deal of hard work and dedication by every member of staff and volunteer at NESS.

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Awards:

2016: Winner, IIP Award Excellence in Third Sector
Finalist Elevator Awards and Trend Awards
2015: Winner, Elevator Award
2015: Winner, Trend Award



Police Scotland Your View Counts

The Police Scotland public consultation survey “Your View Counts” has been live since April 2016. This is the first time Police Scotland’s public consultation is digital and represents a new way of us conversing with key stakeholders and communities.

This new process increases access and engagement with the communities we serve. We value the views of everyone from all backgrounds whether you live or work in the community.

Police Scotland will monitor responses all year round and will publish quarterly information on our website.

Analysis of survey results together with information from a number of other sources will help inform national and local policing plans.

The consultation process is not about comparing divisions or years it is to ensure our priorities take account of public views.

- Public consultation is for you to tell us what is important to you in your community
- Your opinion is valued – we need your opinion to help inform our policing priorities and service delivery
- Police Scotland is committed to listening to your views
- Survey is available online 24/7 via our website and only takes a few minutes to complete – www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts
- Results are published on our website.

Make sure you give us your views.

#YourViewCounts

Engaging with the UK Parliament



www.parliament.uk

The UK Parliament has a Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ukparliament/> - where politicians have “Question and Answer” sessions, information is published and people can ask questions or give their opinions. The Parliament is encouraging people to use social media – Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Instagram – to engage with politicians and government. To link into other social media, go to <https://www.parliament.uk/> and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

EVENTS

The Scottish Sensory Awards 2017

Wednesday 15 February 2017
Stirling Management Centre



Following the great success of the 2016 Scottish Sensory Awards, we are delighted to host the 2017 awards with SCOVl, our sister organisation in the Visual Loss Sector. For more information go to <http://www.sensoryawardscotland.co.uk/>

If you haven't put in your nominations, there is still time to do so. Nominations must be returned by midday on Monday 16 January 2017. There must be someone you want to nominate for their work or achievements. This is the ideal time to do it!

The Awards are for the following categories:

1. Promoting choice, control and person centred approaches for people with a sensory loss
2. Personal and workforce development
3. Promoting inclusion and engaging people with a sensory loss across all our communities and services
4. Unsung heroes
5. Innovative work with children and young people with a sensory loss
6. Partnership working across services and sectors for people with sensory loss

To nominate a person or an organisation for an award, go to <http://www.sensoryawardscotland.co.uk/events-page> to download the nomination form.

For more information about the Scottish Sensory Awards, please contact us at scottishsensoryawards@gmail.com.

We still have several sponsorship opportunities. For more information, please contact Janis McDonald here at SCoD on admin@scod.org.uk or John Paterson at SCOVI on john.paterson@scovi.org.uk

Moving On REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course



**THE ROYAL
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND**

Tuesday 31 January 2017

'Moving On' supports young deaf and hard of hearing people aged 16-25 living in Scotland's Central Belt to have a smooth transition into employment, training, education, work experience and volunteering. The team of Employment Advisers, who are all fully deaf aware and use BSL to a high standard, provide a person centred service that supports each young person to achieve their full potential.

On 31st January 2017 'Moving On' is running a one day REHIS Elementary Food Hygiene course. This course covers how to stop the spread of bacteria, kitchen hygiene, personal hygiene and how to stop food poisoning. At the end of the day participants will receive a recognised certificate. The course is free, lunch and communication support is provided. The day will start at 9.30am and take place at Action on Hearing Loss Scotland offices, Empire House, 131 West Nile Street, Glasgow G1 2RX

If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending the course, or receiving support from 'Moving On' please contact us

Email movingon@hearingloss.org.uk
Phone 0141 341 5350
Mobile 07436 267402

Getting to Know GIRFEC Workshops 2017

Following the Supreme Court Ruling on the Named Person Legislation and the success of our latest workshops, the ALLIANCE is providing further "Getting to know GIRFEC" events across



Scotland.

These will be held in the following locations:

- Aberdeen: Friday 27th January 2017, 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Venue: Cafe Coast, Beach Boulevard, Aberdeen, AB24 5HP
- Edinburgh (morning): Monday 13th February 2017, 10am - 12pm
Venue: Meeting Room 7, Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EG
- Edinburgh (afternoon) Monday 13th February 2017, 2pm - 4pm
Venue: Meeting Room 7, Waverley Gate, 2-4 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EG
- Stirling: Friday 10th February 2017, 10am - 12pm
Venue: Volunteer Scotland, Jubilee House, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ

These Training the Trainer workshops are aimed at Third Sector organisations working directly with children, young people and parents. The workshops will bring participants up to date with Scottish Government policy and actions following the Deputy First Minister's statement on the Named Person to the Scottish Parliament in September. Participants will be equipped to cascade information to children, young people, parents and colleagues about:

- The Named Person
- Wellbeing
- The Child's Plan, and
- Plans to update the law and to put it into place.

Workshops and the resources will be available **free of charge**. Please note, these workshops are very likely to be oversubscribed and **early registration is advisable**.

The workshops will be facilitated by Ronnie Hill, The ALLIANCE Associate Director and Third Sector Implementation Advisor, Scottish Government GIRFEC Team.

Book your place via [Eventbrite](#). Please also advise us of any accessibility requirements



Signed Burns Supper 28 January 2017

The National Deaf Children's Society is hosting a signed Burns Supper on the 28th of January 2017, 7pm till late at the Blythswood Hotel in Glasgow. To watch the promotional video – go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IENI5wq7UNM&feature=youtu.be>

You can also find the information on the NDCS, Scotland Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NDCSScotland>

Hope you can come along to our Burns supper night and bring a few friends along.

TRAINING



**Scottish Council on Deafness
with Carole Ewart**



Making Human Rights Matter – A practical training session

**20th January 2017 at 1.00 pm – 4.45 pm
Glasgow City Centre – venue to be confirmed**

For more information, go to <http://www.scod.org.uk/making-human-rights-matter-a-practical-training-session/>

Public Procurement and Human Rights

**Friday 3rd February 2017 at 1.00 pm – 4.45 pm
Venue – Glasgow City Centre – to be confirmed**

For more information, go to <http://www.scod.org.uk/public-procurement-and-human-rights-a-practical-training-session/>

SSC Course 19: Understanding and Supporting Friendships amongst Children with Additional Support Needs

Thursday, 26th January 2017

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

How important are friendships for children's development, mental health and quality of life?

SSC
scottish sensory centre

How can all children, including those with additional support needs, be supported to develop positive and reciprocal friendships?

We will explore recent psychological research into children's friendships, with a particular focus on children with additional support needs. We will consider the role that children's social, cognitive and language skills play in friendship development, but also discuss the influence of school environment and the wider community. Practical ideas on how to support the development of children's friendships at different ages will also be explored.

Learning Objectives:

- to understand the characteristics and benefits of friendships for children at different ages.
- to consider the factors within school and the wider community that can influence the development of children's friendships.
- to explore research into friendships for children with additional support needs such as autism, Down's syndrome, visual and hearing impairment.
- to reflect on how the development of children's friendships can best be supported from preschool through to adolescence, as well as the practical challenges involved.

Presenter: Dr Katie Cebula, Lecturer in Developmental Psychology, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh

Course Fee: £110

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gjan17.html>

Academy of BSL



At the Academy of BSL in conjunction with Hands2sign, 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

We have two new iBSL certificated BSL Courses starting in January 2017 and we are already taking bookings so find the right course for you and secure your place.

British Sign Language (BSL) Studies Level 1
Starting Monday 16th January 2017



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 6 Starting Tuesday 17th January 2017

Finished your iBSL Level 3 or NVQ 3/4 and thinking of a career in the Deaf Community?
The iBSL Level 6 is the course you need.

We are delighted to say we will be running the Level 6 course starting on the 17th January and it is a must for anyone who intends becoming an Interpreter, CSW, or other position working with native BSL users.

For more information or to book your place, call on: 0141 248 8315

Email: info@academyofbsl.co.uk

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



2017 Deaf and Deafblind Awareness Training Dates

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.

30th & 31st Jan 2017

27th & 28th Feb 2017

27th & 28th Mar 2017

24th & 25th Apr 2017

29th & 30th May 2017

26th & 27th June 2017

28th & 29th Aug 2017

25th & 26th Sep 2017

23rd & 24th Oct 2017

20th & 21st Nov 2017

18th & 19th Dec 2017

Course Times: 9.30am – 4.30pm on both days

Location: Tayside Deaf Hub, the Old Mill, Taymills, 23 Brown Street, Dundee, DD1 5EF.

Cost: £135 per person inclusive of exam fee, lunches, refreshments

Course Content

- Language choices and differing cultures of deaf people
- How common is deafness
- Over coming barriers, improving attitudes
- What does deafness mean and the correct terms to use
- Tinnitus and help available for Tinnitus
- Barriers to communication
- Communication tactics
- Hearing Aids and technology which helps
- Professional communication support for deaf people

For more information please contact Alana Harper from Deaf Links:

Tel: [01382 201077](tel:01382201077)

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CONSULTATIONS

Scottish Government Consultation on the New National Health and Social Care Standards

Closing date – 22nd January 2017.



For more information, go to the website

<http://www.scod.org.uk/information/consultation-responses/>



UK Government Consultation:

The Work, Health and Disability Green Paper

The deadline for responding to the consultation is **Friday 17 February 2017.**

The government has launched a consultation on its newly published green paper 'Work, health and disability: improving lives'.

The green paper – which aims to achieve 'a more personalised and integrated health and welfare system' – proposes:

- a review of statutory sick pay and GP fit notes to support workers back into their jobs faster, and for longer;
- encouraging Jobcentre Plus work coaches to signpost claimants to therapy;
- reform of the work capability assessment with a view to ending the binary 'can work / can't work' groups;
- a new Personal Support Package;

- encouraging employers to work with their employees with long-term health conditions to stop them from falling out of work; and
- a wide-ranging debate about recognising the value of work as a health outcome

To read the green paper, go to <http://192.168.1.1/login/login.html> or go to the Scottish Government website <http://www.gov.scot/> for more information about the consultation and for information in Easy Read, go to the website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/work-health-and-disability-improving-lives%20>

The BSL version of the consultation is available here <https://www.youtube.com/oops>

SCoD will be putting in a response. If you are a member of SCoD and would like your comments included in our response, please email Mandy at mandy@scod.org.uk before **Wednesday 1st February 2016**.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



There is still time to apply to the Voluntary Action Fund's £16,000 Competition Fund to enable schools, parent councils, charities and community groups to run arts activities on the theme of "What my *mother means to me..." Each successful applicant can nominate their 2 favourite pieces to be judged at events in March with 6 prizes available.

Organisations, working in Scotland with children aged 10 – 11yrs, can apply for up to £400 to cover activity costs e.g. tutors, sessional workers, art materials, equipment or transport. Children may choose to work individually, in pairs or small groups to produce their chosen art. They can choose to: write a 500 word essay, write a poem, make a short film, use photography or produce a piece of artwork.

Applications for funding should be submitted by Monday 16 January 2017.

Please visit our [website](#) for further information about the fund and how to apply.

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS AND DEBATES

Both the UK Parliament and the Scottish Parliament have been closed over the festive period. Reports will be back to normal in February.



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 .

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