



# SCoD Bulletin

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**Deaf Awareness Week beginning 17 May 2017, what are you doing for it?  
Let us know at [admin@scod.org.uk](mailto:admin@scod.org.uk)**

**Our Manifesto is now available in both WORD and PDF format on our website, please visit: <http://www.scod.org.uk/information/local-government/>**

## Membership

It is time for you to pay your SCoD Membership! Invoices will be coming out in the next couple of weeks...If your organisation is an Associate, maybe now is the time to consider changing to Full membership.

If you are not an individual member of SCoD, maybe you would consider joining – only £20 a year.

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.

We also want to recruit new members to support our work.

- On BSL language development
- Communication barriers and solutions
- General awareness

If you want to know more about joining SCoD and being part of the Deaf Sector, please contact us on [admin@scod.org.uk](mailto:admin@scod.org.uk) or telephone 0141 248 2474.

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

## Consultations

The consultation on the draft first BSL National Plan has started. This consultation gives you the chance to give your views on whether or not the Scottish Government's National Advisory Group, government departments and national public bodies have got the right content in the plan – goals and how these will be achieved.

There is more about the consultation below on the **Deaf Sector Partnership** website: <http://deafsectorpartnership.net/>

## SCoD's "Connect & Collaborate" Conference 2018

We are starting to work on the next conference which will take place on **8 March 2018**. The theme will be "**Connect and Collaborate**" and will be around the topic "**Integration, Inclusion and Well Being**". If you have any ideas or wish to help with sponsorship, please contact [claire@scod.org.uk](mailto:claire@scod.org.uk)

## Disclosure Protecting Vulnerable Adults

SCoD is registered as a counter signatory body with Disclosure Scotland. If you need staff to be members of the PVG Scheme but are not able to sign the forms yourself, why not get SCoD to do it for you! For more information about booking an appointment or general information, please visit our website: <http://www.scod.org.uk/disclosure-for-working-with-protected-groups/>

Best wishes  
Janis & the SCoD Team

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## GENERAL NEWS



### DSP / BSL National Plan Update

#### Scottish Government's Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan is now open for consultation

The Scottish Government's consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan closes on **Wednesday 31 May 2017**.

The draft plan covers the Scottish Government and over 50 national public bodies that Scottish Ministers have responsibility for. This BSL National Plan will cover the next six years to 2023.

The dates and venues have now been confirmed for the Consultations. Also the link to book your place for your chosen event is shown below, please book to secure your place on Eventbrite:

#### **BSL National Plan Consultation on Health**

Wednesday 24 May 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Deaf Links / Tayside Deaf Hub, The Old Mill, 23 Brown Street, Dundee DD1 5EF

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bsl-national-plan-consultation-on-health-tickets-34028074888>

#### **BSL National Plan Consultation on Employment**

Thursday 18 May 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Woodhill Evangelical Church, 30 Westercleddens Road, Bishopbriggs, G64 2NH

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bsl-national-plan-consultation-on-employment-tickets-34027873285>

#### **BSL National Plan Consultation on Transport**

Thursday 25 May 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Mercure Hotel Inverness, Church Street, Inverness IV1 1DX

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bsl-national-plan-consultation-on-transport-tickets-34028128047>

#### **BSL National Plan Consultation on Sports**

Friday 19 May 6.00pm – 8.00pm

GCVS Albany Learning Centre, 44 Ashley Street, Glasgow G3 6DS

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bsl-national-plan-consultation-on-sports-tickets-34027927447>

## **BSL National Plan Consultation on Language Service Professionals**

Saturday 20 May 10.30am – 1.00pm

Dewars Centre Glover St, Perth PH2 0TH

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bsl-national-plan-consultation-with-language-service-professionals-tickets-34028192239>

To find out more, please go to the Scottish Government consultation website:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/equality-unit/bsl-national-plan/>

Scottish Government Consultation Facebook:

<http://fb.me/bslnationalplan>

Deaf Sector Partnership Website:

[www.deafsectorpartnership.net](http://www.deafsectorpartnership.net)

Deaf Sector Partnership Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/groups/1470165406637765/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1470165406637765/)

This is a public consultation and anyone can respond to it.

The Scottish Government will accept responses in BSL or in English.

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](mailto:admin@deafsectorpartnership.net).



The National Records for Scotland held an event for the **2021 Census on the Health and Care Topic**.

The presentation used on the day is available here: [Scotland's Census 2021 Topic Event: Health and Care - presentation](#)

This event was a follow-up to their 2021 Census Topic Consultation. NRS are developing the questions for the 2021 Census, and discussion with users is an essential part of the process. At this event they sought the views of users on specific census topics and feedback on a range of potential changes/ additions/ deletions to census questions.

Further development of the question set that they will recommend for the 2021 Census is underway, and will continue through 2017.

### **Update from the event**

SCoD is asking that the question on deafness is changed to reflect the four pillars of deafness: Deaf Sign Language Users; Deafblind; Deafened; and Hard of Hearing, with

information provided in the guidance on what we mean by these terms. More information will be available on this shortly as it has moved from being a “want” to a “need”.

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## **Local Government and Communities Committee: Call for views on homelessness**

The Scottish Parliament’s Local Government and Communities Committee has launched a call for views from all interested organisations and individuals as part of the work it is undertaking on homelessness.

The call for views can be accessed at:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/104570.aspx>.

If you wish to respond to the Committee then please send your submissions to [LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot) no later than **Wednesday 14 June 2017**. Please note that written submissions to the Committee are published on the Committee’s website in line with the Parliament’s [policy on treatment of written evidence by Committees](#). We’d be grateful if you could confirm that you are content for your submission to be published in line with the policy.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Committee’s call for views then please contact a member of the clerking team.

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Email: [LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot](mailto:LGCCCommittee@parliament.scot)

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## **Life Changes Trust and the British Deaf Association – Dementia**

### **5 Videos**



The BDA Scotland have worked closely with Life Changes Trust and Alzheimer’s Society to produce 5 BSL videos (factsheets) to raise awareness about Dementia for Deaf people on the different types of dementia and where information and support can be accessed.

See below link:

<http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/british-sign-language-videos-different-types-dementia>

Please share with your family, friends and others about the BSL videos.

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## **Hearing Link volunteer wins prestigious Heather Jackson Award**



**Scottish Hearing Link volunteer, May Wood, has been announced as the winner of the Heather Jackson Award 2017.**

Everyone at Hearing Link is delighted with this news recognising May's contribution to our organisation. Her work on the Helpdesk in particular is noted, not just by the members of staff and other volunteers, but also by the excellent feedback from those people she has helped:

"You seem the perfect person to have replied." *and* "Your response was amazing, as I could identify with you all the way."

May's award comes ten years after the untimely death of Heather Jackson, former NADP Chairman in 2007. This award in her memory is given to a deafened person who has made a significant contribution to the improvement of the welfare and opportunity of deafened people. May has most certainly made a huge contribution to improving many people's lives.

Congratulations!

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## **Scottish Disability Equality Forum**

Scottish Disability Equality Forum is working with Transport Scotland to undertake research into Accessible Travel. In September 2016, Transport Scotland published Scotland's first [Accessible Travel Framework](#). This is a new plan, co-produced with disabled people to help improve their access to travel.

Transport Scotland has a vision that all disabled people can travel with the same freedom, choice, dignity and opportunity as others.

Our research involves gathering the views of disabled people on how you find travelling on public transport just now, and how Transport Scotland's work to apply the framework can best help improve accessibility for disabled people.

To help with this, we, Scottish Disability Equality Forum have developed a survey. We would like this to be completed by as many disabled people as possible, so please share it round your networks. This survey will act as a baseline to gather information about experiences of public transport, and we will build on this over the lifetime of the Accessible Travel Framework.

Complete the survey by clicking [here](#)  
(if the hyper link does not work for you, please  
visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HNBTQHT> )

There is an easy read version available on request.

The survey will be open until June 9 2017.

We're here to help so you can contact Maureen Bennison at the Scottish Disability Equality Forum on 01259 272064 or at [maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk](mailto:maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk) Alternatively, contact [accessibletravel@transport.gov.scot](mailto:accessibletravel@transport.gov.scot) if you have any questions or want to get in touch.

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## Self directed support for employment

SUSE has been awarded funding by the Scottish Government SDS Innovation Fund, for the third (and final year). This is for the SUSE Access to Employment project - an action research project demonstrating the ways someone interested or eligible for SDS can be supported towards employment.

We are awarding grants for individuals to access specialist employability support between June 2017 and March 2018. The grants are for people who have, or would be eligible for if the local circumstances allowed, an individual budget, and who are interested in moving into or towards employment. The grants will be given to the employability agency that will support the individuals with this aspiration. The grant is about £3000 per individual: paid out in stages.

If your organisation is potentially interested in this opportunity and you think you can contact someone (some people) who would be eligible, please can you express interest in this project by return, to Michelle Ramsay, SUSE Administration and Communications Support Officer. [michelle@susescotland.scot](mailto:michelle@susescotland.scot). Michelle will then arrange for a short phone call for you to find out details of the project more, at time that suits you.

The deadline for an expression of interest is: **Friday May 19th**.

Then, if you are interested to formally apply there is one short application form to complete: draft attached. This form has to be returned by **Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup>**.



## Reforming the Scottish Parliament from a human rights perspective

The Commission has responded to the Scottish Parliament's Commission on Parliamentary Reform.

In our response, we recommend that the Scottish Parliament should:

- Further embed a rights based approach in structures and processes to strengthen its effectiveness to deliver the best outcomes for the lives of people in Scotland.
- Work with international partners to ensure that Scotland learns from developing good practice.
- Build MSP and staff capacity in relation to human rights to ensure that the Parliament is able to act as a human rights guarantor.
- Work together with the Commission in accordance with the Belgrade Principles to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights.
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See the full list of recommendations in our [consultation submission](#) (Word format).

The Belgrade Principles provide guidance on the relationships between National Human Rights Institutions and Parliaments. Find out more about the [Belgrade Principles](#) or [download them in full](#) (PDF format).

See more at: <http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/news/reforming-the-scottish-parliament-from-a-human-rights-perspective/#sthash.a8i8SIOe.dpuf>



## **A UK symbol for Communication Access: take part in the consultation**

Over the last year a number of organisations have been working together to discuss launching a communication access symbol for the UK. There has been input from international partners and work with other sectors such as visual and hearing impairment.

The wheelchair symbol is one of the most well-known symbols in the world. The aim is to have a recognisable symbol for communication to be used by a business or service. If they display the symbol it means that staff have received training as to how to support people with communication difficulties and are meeting minimum standards.

The survey to guide the decision as to what symbol will be chosen is now online and we encourage as many people as possible to fill it in. **The initial closing date is Friday 9 June.**

We have tried to make it as accessible as possible but recognise that some people may need additional support to help them complete it. Please use whatever method is appropriate such as supported conversation, symbol support or a Talking Mats framework. We would like to have a significant percentage of responses from people who have communication difficulties.

A hyperlink to the consultation survey is below:

Consultation to select a UK symbol for Communication Access -  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C7F9Z95>

The survey can also be downloaded as a hard copy [www.communicationmatters.org.uk](http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk)

This is an exciting project which we feel will have a significant impact in the UK. We hope you will want to be part of the consultation. We would be delighted to deal with any queries you may have – Derek Munn at the RCSLT [derek.munn@rcslt.org](mailto:derek.munn@rcslt.org) or Cathy Harris at Communication Matters [accessproject@communicationmatters.org.uk](mailto:accessproject@communicationmatters.org.uk)

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## EVENTS



### **Getting to Grips with Value for Money Wednesday 24 May and Wednesday 15 June 2017**

TPAS Scotland and HouseMark Scotland are delighted to announce the new VFM sessions for 2017 for tenants and housing staff which will take place in **Glasgow on Wednesday 24 May** and **Inverness on Wednesday 15 June**. Both sessions will be 2pm-5pm

‘Value for Money’ means different things to different people. There are a number of questions to ask about how we measure and define VFM in the social housing sector: During this session we will:

- Ensure delegates understand the concept of VFM and how it applies to the social housing sector
- Enable tenants to ask the right questions to offer effective challenge
- Ensure tenants debate rent affordability and how this relates to the value their landlord is providing both to individual households and the wider community
- Enable delegates understand performance based on current performance, ARC, benchmarking with peers and the expectations of the Scottish Social Housing Charter
- Confirm organisations can drive VFM improvements and engage with tenants and other service users in line with the expectations of the Scottish Social Housing Regulator

If you’d like to debate these issues and learn more, then come along to this session and voice your views and opinions!

### **Delegate Rates**

Member rates apply to TPAS Scotland and HouseMark Scotland members:

### **Member organisations**

Tenant Delegate £99 + VAT

Staff delegate £119 + VAT

### **Non-member organisations**

Tenant delegate £109 + VAT

Staff delegate £139 + VAT

### **More information and bookings**

If you have any questions about this event and to book your place please contact Elaine Scoular: [elaine.scoular@tpasscotland.org.uk](mailto:elaine.scoular@tpasscotland.org.uk)

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## **Integrated Health and Social Care services – aligned budgets and strategic commissioning”**

**Friday 09 June 2017, The Academy, Ingram Street, Glasgow**

Held as Integrated Joint Boards begin preparations for their new strategic commissioning plans for 2019, this one-day training conference will explore:

- integrated health and social care budgets – looking at the finances, resource pressures and key challenges facing IJBs in developing integrated budgets
- the next steps for strategic commissioning – what does successful strategic commissioning look like?
- the importance of effective engagement with service providers in the private and third sectors to help design and commission services based around user needs
- removing the barriers between commissioners and providers and other opportunities to improve the commissioning process

### **Speakers confirmed so far...**

- Jillian Matthew, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland
- Neil Findlay MSP, Convenor of the Scottish Parliament’s Health and Sport Committee
- Diana Hekerem, Head of Strategic Commissioning Support, Improvement Hub, Healthcare Improvement Scotland

### **Chaired by...**

- Alex Davidson, Chair of the Scottish Adult Protection Convenors Committee & Independent Chair, Perth and Kinross Adult Protection Committee

More information on the event – including the background to the conference, rates to attend and directions to the venue – can be found here...

[www.policyhubscotland.co.uk/events/integrated-budgets-and-commissioning-conference/](http://www.policyhubscotland.co.uk/events/integrated-budgets-and-commissioning-conference/)

Book early...

Enjoy 20% off standard delegate rates if you complete your booking by Friday 12 May 2017.

Attend with colleagues...

Book two delegates and get a third place at half-price. Offer valid until Tuesday 06 June 2017.

If you are interested in attending, have any queries or would like more information, please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you: [brian@cypseminarsscotland.co.uk](mailto:brian@cypseminarsscotland.co.uk)

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**NESS Grampian Transport Museum in  
Alford Event  
Sunday 11 July 2017**



North East Sensory Services (NESS) is holding a 'Drive of your life' event, where blind people, and fully-sighted drivers wearing blindfolds, are invited to take the wheels around the Alford racing track (accompanied by qualified driving instructors!), on Sunday 11 July.

If you require any more information, please do come back to me

**Email** [yvette@frasermedia.co.uk](mailto:yvette@frasermedia.co.uk)

**Tel** 01224 857999/07741 312 804

**Drivers invited to drive blind at Aberdeenshire track**

Blind people are inviting people to wear a blindfold and take part in an exhilarating blind driving event in Aberdeenshire.

North East Sensory Services (NESS), which has offices in Aberdeen, Elgin and Dundee, is holding its annual 'Drive of your Life' event on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017, at the Grampian Transport Museum track in Alford.

The event will enable blind and blindfolded drivers to drive around the track, accompanied by qualified driving instructors from the Inverurie and District Driving Schools Association.

NESS, which has been supporting people in the North-east since 1879, provides care and advice to people who have sight and/or hearing loss.

The Drive of your Life event was developed by NESS following requests from visually impaired men and women who no longer drive, but miss the thrill of getting behind the wheel. The popular event has been extended this year to encourage people with full sight to experience life without vision in an extreme, yet safe, environment.

Neil Skene, fundraising co-ordinator for NESS, who has been blind since he was a child, said: "Driving a car when you are blind or have limited sight is an incredible experience. Whether you are blind and have never driven, had to give up driving, or are fully sighted wearing a blindfold, getting behind the wheel without sight can be both frightening and exciting.

"For people who did drive, but had to stop due to a loss of eyesight, the feeling of being in control of a car again can be very powerful. Giving up driving can represent a substantial loss of independence, affecting not just your job, but also your social life and leisure activities. Being able to drive again brings back incredible memories and can be great fun. We have seen adults in tears after being able to drive for the first time in 30 years."

Graham Findlay, Chief Executive of NESS, has himself enjoyed the Drive Of Your Life experience. "It's been over 25 years since I reluctantly gave up driving, but your body and mind don't forget those basic skills, and as soon as I got behind the wheel, I felt like I had never stopped.

"I'm looking forward to going along to the Grampian Transport Museum, as I currently hold the NESS speed record of 65 mph on the track."

This event must be pre-booked with a charge of £15 per person, either at [www.nesensoryservices.org](http://www.nesensoryservices.org) or by email [susan.hewitt@nesensoryservices.org](mailto:susan.hewitt@nesensoryservices.org) or on 0345 271 2345.

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## **Adept Scotland Conference Saturday 24 June 2017**

The Conference will be held at the Scottish Sensory Centre on Saturday June 24th at the University of Edinburgh. The day costs £50 and will be a wonderful opportunity to improve your knowledge of the field of deaf education. The programme is now online, showing a great line-up of speakers from Scotland, the UK and internationally. The day will offer many opportunities to network with others involved in the field of deafness and disability studies.

Link to the conference website:

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

If you have any questions about the conference organisation, please send them to: [sscmail@ed.ac.uk](mailto:sscmail@ed.ac.uk)

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## **Aiming higher for deaf students - What works? What could work? Saturday, 24th June, 2017**

This exciting one-day conference, held in the heart of Edinburgh, will be full of current ideas in deaf education on the theme of raising achievement and is for the whole of the UK and

beyond. Everyone working in education with deaf children/students at whatever level will be warmly welcomed including d/Deaf people and parents/carers.

Keynote presenters:

Professor Greg Leigh, AO, PhD, FACE, Conjoint Professor and Director, RIDBC Renwick Centre, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, NSW Australia (a notable international researcher about deaf children's achievements and curriculum access).

Dr Audrey Cameron, Scottish Sensory Centre, leader of the SSC's British Sign Language Glossary project in curriculum terms for science/math.

The conference will include:

- Raising achievement (academic and other outcomes of education).
- Access to curriculum and assessment for deaf learners.
- Citizenship for deaf students - involvement in decision-making.
- Creativity and raising achievement with deaf learners.

In addition the day will offer:

- An opportunity to network with colleagues and researchers in a relaxed atmosphere;
- An exhibition and posters to find out about current deaf education practices and issue;
- The opportunity to see world-class presenters;
- A chance to visit the historic city of Edinburgh and maybe stay for the weekend;
- A fully accessible conference for deaf and hearing delegates.

The conference has been jointly organised by the Scottish Sensory Centre (SSC) and Association of Deaf Education Professionals and Trainees (ADEPT). The SSC is core funded by the Scottish Government and provides courses, resources and development projects/research into deaf and visually impaired children's education. Adept is a UK-wide organisation concerned with access deaf students have to the curriculum. It used to be called NATED and focus on post-16 issues for deaf learners, but now provides information and support for staff working with all age groups of deaf learner <http://adeptuk.co.uk>. The Adept Scotland group is particularly active and has organised a number of other conferences just for Scotland over the past few years.

**Course fee:**

£50

If you wish to pay by card and complete the online application form please use the link below:

<http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/conferences-events/college-of-humanities-and-social-science/moray-house-school-of-education/professional-learning/sscdept-conference>

Further information and an application form to download are available via the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/adept/>

## **Glasgow Networking Meeting**

### **Wednesday 31 May 2017**

This is a friendly reminder that **Glasgow Network Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 31st May 2017, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at Smithycroft Secondary School**, 282 Smithycroft Road, Glasgow, G33 2QU. Soon a draft agenda for the meeting will be put up on the website.

We would be grateful if you book your place in advance so we can make the appropriate arrangements for the day: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/glasgow-networking-meeting-31-05-2017>

Also, we would like to remind you that the deadline to register your interest for the **International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning**. Priority for places on this pilot course will be given to people living in Scotland. Also, this pilot course is a free.

If you'd like to find out more information about the course and to register your interest please visit: <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/news/international-certificate-in-intergenerational-learning-01-05-2017>

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## **Healthy Deaf Minds Scotland Conference**

**When: Friday 16 June 2017**

**Time: 9.30 to 4pm**

**Where: Main Hall, Deaf Connections, 100 Norfolk Street, Glasgow, G5 9EJ**



Working with a deaf actor, using role play and examples based on clinical experience, come and see how Deaf mental health services work to improve deaf people's experiences of mental health.

Coffee/tea and lunch are provided free of charge.

Everyone (Deaf and hearing) is welcome to attend - BSL/English sign language interpreters and electronic note-takers are provided.

Places are free but doors close to latecomers at 10am.

**Enquiries and booking of places can be made to**

**[Barbara.A.Brown@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Barbara.A.Brown@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)**

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**Deaf People & Mental Health: Making it Better  
Wednesday 17 May 2017**



NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde is hosting an event to explore mental issues in the Deaf community.

Being held during national Deaf Awareness Week, the event will give Deaf people the opportunity to discuss their experiences of mental health services and explore how they can work better for the Deaf community.

The event, entitled 'Deaf People & Mental Health: Making it Better', includes a powerful drama performance from Deaf BSL actors. There will also be discussions around mental health resources, BSL signs for mental health terms and reducing the stigma of mental health in the Deaf community.

'Deaf People & Mental Health: Making it Better' will be held at the Teacher's Building, St Enoch Square, Glasgow at 7pm on 17th May.

For further information, contact [paul.hull@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:paul.hull@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)

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**Scottish Sensory Centre / Adept**



Adept is the Association of Deaf Education Professionals and Trainees

**International Conference at the University of Edinburgh**

Aiming higher for deaf students - What works? What could work?

Date: June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017, 10 am – 5 pm

Paterson's Land, University of Edinburgh,

EH8 8AQ

Delegate fee £50

Key note speakers:

Professor Greg Leigh, University of Newcastle, Australia, will explore issues of deaf children and young people's attainment and factors in their school success.

Dr. Audrey Cameron, University of Edinburgh, will examine the effects and implications of the British Sign Language Glossary of curriculum terms in the policy context of the BSL (Scotland) Act.

This conference marks the end of a 10-year period in Scottish deaf education which has included the passing of an historic piece of legislation in 2015, the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act, the introduction of a new school curriculum, and the growth of a curriculum resource for signing deaf students, the BSL Glossary of technical terms, hosted at the Scottish Sensory Centre. These developments run concurrently with very early identification of deafness through newborn screening, early cochlear implantation, and much better spoken language outcomes for many deaf children in the early years. The potential for improvements in outcomes for deaf children has never been clearer.

However, other research from Scotland in this period has shown the very variable outcomes of all deaf children, regardless of the level of deafness.

On this one-day conference we will explore the theme of raising achievement for deaf students, not focusing exclusively on academic achievements. We welcome papers which consider ways in which deaf students could gain better access to the curriculum and assessment, how they could be more involved in decision making, and how creativity in school and beyond can contribute to their success.

The conference is for anyone interested in deaf education. We expect that it will be attended by teachers, support staff, interpreters, members of d/Deaf communities, parents of deaf children, third sector professionals and academics. The conference fee is £50.

The conference will be fully accessible to a deaf and hearing audience with BSL/English interpreters and speech to text reporters.

There will be stalls from organisations, posters about projects and a lunch included in the conference price of £50 per delegate. Cheques to be made payable to the University of Edinburgh. See booking form downloadable from conference website.

Contact for conference bookings:

Ruth Simpson: [sscworkshops@ed.ac.uk](mailto:sscworkshops@ed.ac.uk)

Contact for booking a stall for your organisation:

Kellie Mote

[kellie.mote@gmail.com](mailto:kellie.mote@gmail.com)

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

Booking form can be downloaded from here: @Scottishsensory

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**British Deaf Association (BDA) Scotland  
Friday 2 June 2017**



Deaf Roots and Pride (DRP) is hosting an event on 2nd June at Edinburgh University. This is an opportunity for Young Deaf people to have a look around the university. To ask any questions they may have about subject they would be entitled to after they leave school. Please share with anyone that might benefit from coming along.

Time 10am- 2pm

For more information contact: [transitionscot.drp@bda.org.uk](mailto:transitionscot.drp@bda.org.uk) or Text / FaceTime 07795822102

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**Deaf Links Tartan Glamour Ball  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017**



Join us in sparkling reception, 3 course meal, dancing, music & raffle, while raising vital funds for the Deaf Links advocacy service.

This will take place at West Park Conference Centre, Perth Road, Dundee.

Ticket prices: early special before 30<sup>th</sup> June - £36 or table of 10 £350

After 30<sup>th</sup> June - tickets £40 or table of 10 £390

For any more information please contact [Vikki@deaflinks.org.uk](mailto:Vikki@deaflinks.org.uk)

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**TRAINING**



**Pre NVQ Level 6 Diploma in Sign Language Interpreting Development Course**

## **“Pre-Interpreter Development Course”**

**2017 Intake (11 weekends, approx. one per month, 132 hours contact time)**

This course is suitable for people who are currently actively engaged in a communicating or interpreting role and who wish to consolidate and enhance their learning to an accredited level.

**Please note that this is a vocational (NVQ) course. Therefore, people who are not actively engaged in any BSL/English exchange may find some of the aims challenging.**

The course works to National Occupational Standards in Interpreting and is delivered over 11 weekends (approximately one per month) from 10.00 – 4.30 on both Saturday and Sunday, and therefore totals 132 hours contact teaching time (excluding breaks)

In addition to attending the teaching weekends, applicants should note they will be required to commit to a significant amount of additional self-study in order to complete the course to a satisfactory level. Potential candidates are advised to download and peruse full specifications which can be found at

[http://www.signature.org.uk/docs/qualification\\_specifications2016-17/INT6-v1.00.pdf](http://www.signature.org.uk/docs/qualification_specifications2016-17/INT6-v1.00.pdf)

Candidates completing the Pre-Interpreter Development Course to a satisfactory level will be notified as to whether or not they are ready for endorsement, and to be able to apply for NRCPD Trainee Sign Language Interpreter (TSLI) status. **Please note that neither the cost for endorsement, nor the endorsement-assessment process is included in this course, or course fee.**

If endorsed as a TSLI, candidates will then be able to commence Portfolio Building (or ‘Year 2’) to attain their NVQ Level 6 Diploma in Sign language Interpreting certificate, which will allow them to register as a Registered Sign Language Interpreter with NRCPD and/or SASLI (please see SASLI’s own website for any additional requirements).

A separate Deaf Perspective course for Portfolio Building will follow the completion of the Pre-Interpreter Development Course.

Please note – Deaf Perspective is supportive of NRCPD’s and SASLI’s aims to endorse good quality BSL/English Interpreting in Scotland, and will **not** recommend candidates for Portfolio Building unless they feel that the candidate is suitable, eligible, and has the appropriate skills and qualities to develop into a professional practitioner.

The course will be led by Linda Thomson, an active BSL/English Interpreter with over 18 years professional experience and who is also an Assessor & Internal Verifier, and is fully registered with NRCPD, ITI and CloL.

## **A Unique Opportunity for Freelance Interpreters The Effective Freelancer & What Are You Worth 2017?**



A two-day workshop to develop freelance interpreters' business, professional and personal skills in providing interpreting in an ever changing world. Both workshops have been refreshed for 2017. They are delivered by experienced interpreter practitioners in a positive, frank manner and include presentations, discussions, practical exercises, resources and business tools, and Q&A sessions.

Whether you are new to the profession or an experienced freelance interpreter the workshops are a '101' back to basics programme dealing with aspects of establishing, promoting and growing your interpreting business for the long term.

**9<sup>th</sup> September 2017, we return five months later for our second workshop, "What Are You Worth?"**

Having had five months to put into practice your learning from "The Effective Freelancer", this workshop explores your business skills in greater depth, and sets it in the context of your collective business development.

First run in 2010, WAYW has already been attended by a large percentage of the UK's freelance interpreters.

In this workshop we explore the psychology of negotiation, review your business models to understand the actual costs involved in delivering sign language interpreting services, Building on the effective freelancer workshop in April we take an in depth review to understand the actual costs involved in delivering sign language interpreting services, develop your realistic business model in the context of the evolving political and economic scene, explore advanced strategies and professional skills needed to build into our businesses for the long term, and throughout the day set this in the context of collegiate and collective action.

This workshop is run by Ben Phillips & Darren Townsend-Handscomb

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## **VACANCIES**

### **Deaf Action**



**Are you a qualified Social Worker, a motivated team player and passionate about promoting quality of life and independence?**

We have the following vacancy in our Social Care team. The team is responsible for the provision of an effective social work service and care assessment & management on behalf of 4 local authorities, ensuring that deaf individuals receive appropriate assessments of need and services to promote quality of life and independence.

**Social Worker 35 hours per week**

£25,800-£30,800 (to be negotiated, dependent on qualifications & experience)

Deaf Action is looking for a qualified social worker who is well-organised and enthusiastic to work with a diverse service user group. A high standard of interpersonal and communication skills is essential but you will also need to have excellent analytical, writing & reporting skills, be able to pick up new things quickly and cope with a varied workload. You will be a supportive team player while confidently working to your own initiative when required, be open to feedback & reflection and have a commitment to continuous personal development.

Being able to communicate in British Sign Language is essential – we will provide additional training if necessary. Applications from deaf people are welcome.

In return, we offer a very supportive environment, the opportunity to work with varied service user groups and a commitment to developing employees.

**Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Interview date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

For an informal discussion about this post please contact  
Elin Cowan, Senior Social Work Practitioner, [elin.cowan@deafaction.org](mailto:elin.cowan@deafaction.org) or  
Frankie McLean, Operations Manager, [frankie.mclean@deafaction.org](mailto:frankie.mclean@deafaction.org)

Application packs are available from  
Lisa Roy, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3QY  
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[www.deafaction.org](http://www.deafaction.org)

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**NHS**



NHS Borders is responsible for meeting the health needs and improving the health and wellbeing of around 114,000 people living in the Borders, spread over 4,723 square kilometres of town, village and rural communities. NHS Borders provides a range of health and social care services which includes acute, mental health, primary and community services.

NHS Borders is looking for three new members to join its Board. As a non-executive member of the Board, you will be expected to play a central role in guiding the strategies which address the health and social care priorities and care needs of the resident population and monitor the performance of the Board in delivering these. You will be offered the training you need to make a strong contribution.

Please find full details via our website: <http://bit.ly/2qzkMfB>

## **BOP Artists: disabled artist development residency**

BOP Artists is a new residency opportunity for **disabled artists** in Scotland to **develop their skills** and an **idea for a new project** that will impact on career and practice in the longer term. Working in partnership with National Theatre of Scotland, Birds of Paradise Theatre Company will offer three artists the opportunity to develop their skills, networks and ideas through the following phases:

**Introductory phase** – June to August 2017

**Skills Development phase** – September to October 2017

**Ideas Development phase** – November to December 2017

The aim of this residency is to benefit the careers of 3 disabled artists in Scotland both in terms of skills and ideas development. The residency outcomes are:

- More and better work created and shared by disabled artists
  - Three disabled artists have increased skills and confidence to take careers forward
- Artists of all mediums (e.g. writers, painters, dancers) are invited to apply but project ideas submitted **must be performance based**.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY – Friday 26th May at 5pm**

**INTERVIEWS – Thursday 8th June**

People wishing to be considered for this opportunity must be available to attend in person for the following dates:

**Monday 25 September – Friday 29 September 2017**

**Monday 6 November – Friday 10 November 2017**

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## **CINEMA/THEATRE**

Subtitled/Captioned Accessible Cinema!  
2,000+ shows nationwide!



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## **PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS AND DEBATES**

## Jobcentre Plus closures in Scotland

The Scottish Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration, and policy of the Scotland Office (including (i) relations with the Scottish Parliament and (ii) administration and expenditure of the offices of the Advocate General for Scotland (but excluding individual cases and advice given within government by the Advocate General)).

Current membership of the Committee is:

Pete Wishart MP (Scottish National Party, Perth and North Perthshire) (Chair)  
Deidre Brock MP (Scottish National Party, Edinburgh North and Leith)  
Mr Christopher Chope MP (Conservative, Christchurch)  
Mr Jim Cunningham MP (Labour, Coventry South)  
Margaret Ferrier MP (Scottish National Party, Rutherglen and Hamilton West)  
Mr Stephen Hepburn MP (Labour, Jarrow)  
Chris Law MP (Scottish National Party, Dundee West)  
Ian Murray MP (Labour, Edinburgh South)  
Anna Soubry MP (Conservative, Broxtowe)  
John Stevenson MP (Conservative, Carlisle)  
Craig Williams MP (Conservative, Cardiff North)

On 7 December 2016, the Department for Work and Pensions ('the Department' or 'DWP') announced that eight of the 16 Jobcentre Plus offices in Glasgow were to be closed.<sup>1</sup> This followed announcements in September 2016 of 18 Jobcentres throughout the UK moving or closing, October of nine and November of three. Alongside the Glasgow announcement the Government announced six other moves or closures and on 26 January 2017 the Department confirmed further closures throughout the UK to "streamline" the whole Jobcentre network.<sup>2</sup> This was all part of a review of the Jobcentre and DWP estate across the UK with forecasted savings of around £180 million a year for the next 10 years.<sup>3</sup>

2. On 8 February 2017 we held a one off evidence session to look into the planned closures of Jobcentre Plus offices and in particular the impact that this would have on Scottish communities and the economy. The session set out to scrutinise the Department's reasoning and objectives behind its announcement to close eight Jobcentre Plus offices in Glasgow but also considered the wider UK announcements. The Committee heard from Ian Pope, PCS Union, and Stewart Malcolm McDonald MP, Member of Parliament for Glasgow South; Frank Mosson, Glasgow-Bridgeton Citizens Advice Bureau, Reverend Dr Martin Johnstone, Church of Scotland, and Carla McCormack, The Poverty Alliance; and Damian Hinds MP, Minister of State for Employment, Karen Gosden, and Susan Park, Department

for Work and Pensions. We are grateful to all witnesses and those who engaged with the inquiry.

To read the full report, go to

<https://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmsscota/979/97902.htm>

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