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



SCoD is 90 years old this year and we are planning a number of events to celebrate.

More information will be available on the SCoD website and in future bulletins.

Membership

Thank you to all our members who have paid their membership for this year...we value you as members and look forward to working with you over the coming year.

If you are not a member of SCoD, maybe you would consider joining – its only £20 a year for Associate membership.

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 or telephone 0141 248 2474.

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

Manifestos

Thanks to all our members who responded with suggestions/"asks" for the SCoD manifestos. They have been sent on to all political parties fielding candidates in the election. The Council Election manifesto will be sent onto all the newly elected councillors so that they are fully aware of the Deaf Sector "asks".

SCoD's "Connect & Collaborate" Conference 2018

We are starting 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

Disclosure Protecting Vulnerable Adults

SCoD is registered as a Countersignatory 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

GENERAL NEWS

The Scottish Government's Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan is now CLOSED!



The Scottish Government's consultation on the Draft British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan is now closed. We would like to thank everyone who came to the BSL National Plan Consultation events. We had a huge range of people taking part.

We will be sure to update you on anything else in our July bulletin.



Technology and Innovation in the NHS - Call for Views

The Committee have issued a general call for views on Wednesday 31 May.

The Committee is seeking views on the Scottish Government's approach to eHealth. We want to hear about the successes and failures of existing telecare and telehealth strategies and the opportunities future developments might present. The committee will also explore barriers to innovation in the NHS.

The call for evidence also asks whether the Scottish Government's draft vision on digital health and social care adequately addresses the future requirements of the NHS and social care sector in Scotland. Will it empower and enable innovation and the transformations that will be needed to keep pace with technological developments?

The Committee are keen to hear responses to the following questions:

What do you consider have been the main successes of the existing Scottish Government's eHealth and telecare/telehealth strategies and why?

What do you consider have been the main failures of the existing Scottish Government's eHealth and telecare/telehealth strategies and why?

How well does the Scottish Government's draft Digital Health and Social Care Vision 2017-2022 address the future requirements of the NHS and social care sector?

Do you think there are any significant omissions in the Scottish Government's draft Digital Health and Social Care vision 2017-2022?

What key opportunities exist for the use of technology in health and social care over the next 10 years?

What actions are needed to improve the accessibility and sharing of the electronic patient record?

What are the barriers to innovation in health and social care?

How to submit written evidence

Before making a submission, please read our policy on treatment of written evidence. In line with that policy, submissions will normally be published on our website. We recognise that in some circumstances people may prefer for their evidence to be treated as confidential or published anonymously. If you wish to do this, please make this clear when submitting your evidence.

Written submissions should be reasonably brief and typewritten in Word format (preferably no more than 4-6 sides of A4 in total).

The deadline for receipt of written submissions is **Wednesday 12 July 2017**. Owing to the timescales normally required for the processing and analysis of evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the advance agreement of the clerk.

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically. These should be sent to: healthandsport@parliament.scot.

You may also send a hard copy of written submissions to:

Health and Sport Committee
Scottish Parliament
Holyrood
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP



Scottish Government launch consultation on draft regulations transferring the ASNTS into the Scottish Tribunals

The Scottish Government has today launched a consultation on draft regulations that transfer the Additional Support Needs Tribunals for Scotland to the Scottish Tribunals. The consultation is available at the link below:

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/tribunals-administrative-justice-policy/additional-support-needs-tribunals/>

Closing date is 1 August 2017.

As you may be aware the website www.nhsinform.scot has been fully redesigned bringing a range of new content and features to help people manage their own health and wellbeing.

Please find attached the NHS inform Communication Toolkit which has been created to support the promotion of the redesigned service.

Within the document you will find:

- content for newsletters
- social media messages using hash tag #nhsinform
- samples of images (images can be found online [here](#))

We hope you will use these to help support the promotion of the NHS inform service over the next few months.

We would also ask that if you haven't already done so, that you update your links to the NHS inform website and Canstopsmoking (Smokeline) website to the new urls:

- <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>
- <https://www.nhsinform.scot/smokeline>

If you would like any resources/images for your service, please do not hesitate to get in contact via my email or the team email
HISPartnership&EngagementTeam@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk.

Captioned performances at Edinburgh Fringe 2017

A message from Claire Hill: I'm very pleased to announce that I will be working for the Pleasance this year and captioning 18 shows as currently confirmed, between 19th and 26th August, with more likely to be added nearer the time. It will be open captioning to a plasma screen at the front of the stage.

The full updated list of Pleasance shows is here on my website:
<http://clairehillrealtime.com/edinburgh/>

Or visit the Edinburgh Fringe list for all the captioned shows at this year's Fringe:
<https://tickets.edfringe.com/box-office/accessibility>

I am also doing two dates for Stagetext for the Edinburgh International Book Festival, live subtitling all events on the main stage on 22nd and 23rd August, their schedule is not announced yet but will be here:
<https://www.edbookfest.co.uk/the-festival/events>

Look forward to seeing you there! Feel free to pass on to anyone you think would be interested, and get back to me if you have any queries: mrsclairehill@gmail.com

Scotland's Ten Year Strategy for the Learning Provision for Children and Young People with Complex Additional Support Needs 2017-2026



This consultation will run until 28 August 2017.

I think it is important that as many people as possible respond to this so please pass this on. I think it is important for many reasons but one reason is that I believe, but I could be wrong, that the Scottish Sensory Centre as well as the other national centres would be funded (if successful through a strategic bidding application) from what would become this pot, and looking through the questions asked in the consultation, they seem to be about training, research, needs development and so forth, so please look at the consultation and if you could keep the SSC and other national centres, eg, Children in Scotland and CALL Scotland, in mind when completing it I would be very grateful.

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/support-and-wellbeing/complex-additional-support-needs-2017-2026/>

VAS Board info: ANNOUNCEMENT - Saltire Awards Surpasses 100,000 Milestone – CONGRATULATIONS!



Message from Elaine Gibb: I am delighted to inform you that this year the TSI network has reached a milestone 100,000 certificates issued to young volunteers since its launch in 2012.

Voluntary Action Scotland and the Saltire and Youth Development Standing Committee is keen to celebrate this with you and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all 32 TSIs to deliver Saltire Awards and support young volunteers.

We have issued a national press release and are leading the story in our own communications and [website](#). We'll keep you posted on coverage received.

We also want to provide TSIs with the opportunity to celebrate this locally too. Therefore I have attached a copy of our news release for you to tailor and issue locally if you wish to. Should you wish to use this there are a number of highlighted sections in the document that it is suggested that you tailor to include local TSI and volunteer details. This inclines the two 'illustrative' youth volunteer case study profiles at the end of the document.

I want to extend my own thanks, that of the team at VAS and of the Standing Committee for your continued support and enthusiasm for Saltire Awards. For the significant work that your TSI undertakes to develop and deliver the Awards in your area; and for the input and

assistance to VAS in helping to deliver at a national level, including sharing Saltire Awards practice with others via the TSI Youth Volunteering Forum.

Message sent on behalf of University of Stirling



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Would you like to take part in a Patient and Public Involvement Group?

The University of Stirling are looking for participants who have experience of a health condition or illness, or experience of using health or social care services; those who have a loved one or family member who has had a health condition or illness, or has used health or social care services; those who work in health or social care services, and anyone else with an interest in health and behaviour-related research.

If you are interested, please click on the link below for more details and details of how to register.

<http://www.stir.ac.uk/sbmrp/patientandpublicinvolvement/>

EVENTS

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.

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 11th 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.

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

Adept Scotland Conference: Aiming higher for deaf students - What works? What could work? 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

Deaf Links Tartan Glamour Ball

Saturday 26th 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 30th June - £36 or table of 10 £350

After 30th June - tickets £40 or table of 10 £390

For any more information please contact Vikki@deaflinks.org.uk

Colourful Semantics and Strategies to help a deaf child at school: Wednesday 30th August 2017

This course will be of interest to teachers of the deaf, mainstream teachers, educational psychologists, speech and language therapists, support staff, and parents. To secure your place please book before the end of June.

What is Colourful Semantics? Alison Bryan (creator of Colourful Semantics) will go through the programme to enable you to deliver the intervention in school.

Colourful Semantics is the 'meaning of the words' and this is made colourful by breaking down and colour coding different parts of a sentence. Colourful Semantics is a speech and language therapy intervention that indirectly works on developing a child's grammar through the use of:

- Spoken sentences
- Answering W/H questions
- Use of nouns, verbs, prepositions and adjectives
- Story telling skills
- Written sentences and language comprehension.

You will be able to work through the programme to encourage the child to create sentences. This is initially taught by focusing on sorting out colours, which will then progress to an understanding that there are different parts that make up a sentence.

The 4 key levels are:

Level 1 – Who? The Dog. Subject -(ORANGE)

Level 2 – What doing? Is playing with. Verb – (Yellow)

Level 3 – What? The Ball. Object (Green)

Level 4 – Where? In the Garden. Location (Blue)

Presenter: Alison Bryan, Independent Speech & Language Therapist.

Course fee:
£110

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

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/daug17.html>

TRAINING

Outcomes for Children who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired

Understanding language and literacy challenges —
Issues in access, assessment, and intervention
Friday, 23rd June, 2017



Professor Greg Leigh has updated the content and focus of the CPD day he is presenting for the SSC - see below - it is a great opportunity to hear from a leading international expert.

Children with hearing loss (particularly those with severe to profound loss) have better opportunities for developmental and academic outcomes than at any time in the history of educational intervention for this group. In particular, average language and literacy levels for deaf children continue to rise. Nevertheless, there continues to be high levels of variability among linguistic, literacy, and academic outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing children. Notably, there continues to be a higher incidence of literacy difficulties than among the broader population of learners. Presentations will cover a range of issues associated with the current educational situation for deaf and hard of hearing learners. Specifically, topics will include:

- The impact of earlier identification and intervention for deaf and hard of hearing learners. Specifically, outcomes of research including the Long Term Outcomes for Children with Hearing Impairment (LOCHI) Study in Australia and a review of international literature relating to earlier identification and intervention—particularly earlier access to cochlear implant technology and related research into literacy development and outcomes. The evidence for the continuing diversity of outcomes associated with early intervention and later educational practices will be considered from the perspective of literacy.
- Presentations will consider models of reading development and intervention to argue for the appropriateness of adopting an "interactive model". This will include examination of the factors that may account for differential outcomes among deaf and hard of hearing readers. It will be suggested that the issue of language proficiency—defined as the ability to control "decontextualised" or "academic" language as opposed to merely having well developed basic interpersonal communication skills—is a highly significant factor in accounting for reading difficulties in deaf learners. Implications for practice will be considered.
- Issues in the teaching of literacy will be considered, particularly in the critical area of vocabulary development. The workshop will consider specific issues in vocabulary acquisition—developing and sustaining vocabulary development across the curriculum.

Presenter:

Professor Greg Leigh, AO, PhD, FACE, Conjoint Professor and Director, RIDBC Renwick Centre, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, NSW Australia.

Course fee:
£110

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/djun17a.html>

If you wish to pay by card please use the link below:

http://www.epay.ed.ac.uk/browse/extra_info.asp?compid=1&modid=1&prodid=2355

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

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS AND DEBATES

A message from Paul Nicholson Further to our last update in April, the Commission on Parliamentary Reform has been considering our report over the last 6 weeks and it has now been agreed.

We will be publishing our report on the Scottish Parliament on Tuesday 20 June at 10 am. The report will be available to read on our website: www.parliamentaryreform.scot and we will also email you a link to the report on the morning of the launch.



Westminster is not sitting due to the June General Election.



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As always, the deadline is the end of this month.

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