



# SCoD Bulletin

December 2017

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## SCoD Is Moving Premises....

*We are moving....change is good...!*



In the New Year, we will have officially moved premises. Our new address will be

**C/o The Alliance, 349 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4AA.**

We will only be allowed to have a limited number of walk in visitors as the space is tight.....

We would also like to make BSL users aware that we no longer have a fax machine or a textphone, but we do have our mobile which can be used to text us... Our number is 07925417338.

The office will officially be closed from 21/12/2017 until 03/01/2018.

**Note:** There will only be one SCoD Bulletin in December 2017 and one in January 2018 due to the festive holidays. Normal service will resume in February 2018.

We would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with all our members and stakeholders in the New Year.



## **Self-Management**

SCoD, in partnership with Deaf Links and Deaf Action, is working on a Self-Management Project which will provide information for Deaf BSL users across Scotland. In order to ensure that what we do has the necessary impact, we need to know how many Deaf BSL users understand what “Self-Management” is now, before the second phase of the project begins.

**To take part in the survey and give your views, go to**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B7F627R>

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



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# CONNECT & COLLABORATE

## SCoD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow

Thursday 8 March 2018  
Time: 09:30 – 16:00  
Register at [www.scod.org.uk](http://www.scod.org.uk)

**Confirmed Keynote Speakers:**

- Linda De Caestecker - Consultant in Public Health, NHS GGC
- Dr Jim McCormick – Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Stay a step ahead and take advantage of the early bird rates until  
**Friday 29 December 2017**  
Members £79 pp  
Non-members £99 pp

For further information: [admin@scod.org.uk](mailto:admin@scod.org.uk) Tel: 0141 248 2474

Please remember early bird tickets will be closed on Friday 29 December 2017 and tickets are selling fast.

Please see link for BSL version:

**News:**

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

**Training:**

[https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=AdSwGOaleA8](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=AdSwGOaleA8)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDeCtPL0rJw&feature=youtu.be>

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** We have some sponsorship opportunities left for organisations / businesses who wish to support the Conference and promote their organisation / business on our big day!

**SCoD's Autumn Training Programme** has now come to an end. We will be putting together a spring programme soon. If there is a training course you would like SCoD to consider or to host, please contact Mandy or Janis on [admin@scod.org.uk](mailto:admin@scod.org.uk)

**AWARENESSbites**

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We are offering [AWARENESSbites](#) online deaf awareness training – more information in the training part of this bulletin.

### **BSL version of our news**

We have translated our news into BSL. Please use this link to our YouTube page to find the information.

News:

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

Training:

[https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video\\_id=AdSwGOaleA8](https://www.youtube.com/edit?o=U&video_id=AdSwGOaleA8)

### **SCoD Membership**

As it is now half way through the year, those members who have not paid this year's membership have been taken off our records and will not receive any more information from SCoD.

We are always happy when new members want to join us and are specifically looking for new members who have an interest in

- BSL language development
- Communication barriers and solutions
- General deaf 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.

Best wishes

Janis & the SCoD Team

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## **GENERAL NEWS**

## The future of [Signature](#)

In just a few weeks we'll be in 2018, which means that Signature is fast approaching its 40th year.

Since we first started delivering BSL – and other deaf communication qualifications – we've overcome a lot of barriers and remained fully committed to our number one goal – better communication for all. Everything we do brings us closer to that goal.

We set out to become the leading awarding body for British Sign Language and other deaf communication qualifications. We achieved that, but we won't stop there. We will spend the next 40 years continuing to lead, educate and inspire by providing high quality assessments and qualifications.

If you'd like to be a part of this and deliver Signature qualifications, email [customersupport@signature.org.uk](mailto:customersupport@signature.org.uk) or call Signature on 0191 383 1155.

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### **Scottish Government consultation: Excellence and Equity for All: Guidance on Presumption of Mainstreaming - Consultation**

The consultation Excellence and Equity for All: Guidance on Presumption of Mainstreaming has launched today and is being announced as part of a Presumption of Mainstreaming Debate in Parliament this afternoon. The link to the consultation paper can be found at <https://consult.gov.scot/supporting-learners/presumption-of-mainstreaming/>

The closing date for responses is Friday 9 February 2018.

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### **Disability Equality Scotland - Transport Scotland survey - Transport in Rural Areas**

Disability Equality Scotland is working with Transport Scotland to undertake research into Accessible Travel. In May 2017, we circulated a national baseline survey about disabled peoples' experiences of travelling on public transport. This helped to identify some of the key issues for disabled people, which we would now like to explore in more detail.

One of the key topics was **transport in rural areas**. Transport in rural areas can be a lifeline for many people. However, the frequency and cost of the transport service can also be a barrier for some.

We have designed a short survey about transport issues in rural areas. Feedback from this survey will be passed directly to Transport Scotland, although your personal details will remain confidential and anonymous.

The survey is aimed at disabled people who live or work in **rural areas**. If this is not you, please pass this survey on to others who might like to respond.

Complete the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5GFRJDS>

The survey will be open until **8 January 2018**.

There will also be a **follow up event** taking place in early February to which we will invite disabled people and transport providers to discuss the findings from this survey. The location is still to be decided, but could be either Aberdeen or Stirling. The survey will ask for your contact details if you would like to find out more, or register a place.

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## **New ALLIANCE Sensory Impairment Officer**

The new ALLIANCE Sensory Impairment Officer, Jonathon Reid, will be starting post on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Jonathon joins us from Sense Scotland and is therefore well connected in the sector.

I am sure that Jonathon will be in touch in early course.

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## **Scotrail: Queen Street Station update**

Change at Queen Street Station in case you wish to let any of your members know.

From Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November a Passenger Assist stand is now located just inside the Dundas Street entrance of Queen Street station, and passengers who require assistance will be instructed to report here.

The stand will be staffed at the following times:

Monday – Saturday 7am-9pm

Sunday 10am-6pm

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## **Consultation on Practical Fire Safety Guidance for Existing Premises with Sleeping Accommodation**

The consultation will run until **5 February 2018**.

The consultation paper can be accessed at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/11/6705>

You can respond to it here:

<https://consult.gov.scot/fire-and-rescue/premises-with-sleeping-accommodation>

The guidance in this document is applicable to fire safety in existing residential premises in which there is sleeping accommodation including:

- hotels, tourism hostels, refuges
- holiday lets and holiday complexes, camping and caravan sites (other than privately used individual units)
- bunkhouses, bunk barns
- sleeping accommodation for pupils, students or employees
- all types of houses in multiple occupation (HMO)
- boarding houses, guest houses, bed and breakfast accommodation

An [Equality Impact Assessment](#) and a [Partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment](#) are also available, and we would welcome any comments you may have on each of these documents, as well as on the guidance.

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## **NEW RESOURCE - NDCS SIGNED STORYBOOKS**

NDCS Scotland have created a couple of great signed storybooks, beautifully signed by Aimee and Jasmine:

### **The Very Hungry Caterpillar:**

<https://read.bookcreator.com/IMS9TicZC4e8sNYu5hShnKAxb7g2/SpeVp5SmTUiDA3oTyLVaRQ> **AND**

### **Goldilocks and the Three Bears:**

<https://read.bookcreator.com/IMS9TicZC4e8sNYu5hShnKAxb7g2/GZvsocr8RECsBl eta-sVSA>

These are a great resource for any young deaf people, families or anyone learning BSL!

Please note we've been informed that the storybooks are best viewed using Google Chrome and please remember to give some feedback at the end of the stories.

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## **Hippodrome Silent Film Festival 2017 & 2018**

A message from Nicola (Producer Hippodrome Silent Film Festival):

Dear Festival Supporter

I recently started working as Producer of Hippodrome Silent Film Festival and it is my great pleasure to share our recently completed film of [HippFest 2017](#) with you.

Many of our performers, staff, supporters and audience members are featured in this film so look out for your starring role! We have a shorter version of the film which you may wish to share on social media - [HippFest17 short](#)

Please save a space in your diary for HippFest 2018, which takes place 21-25 March. We announce the programme on 6th February and full details will be available on our website <http://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/venues/hippodrome/silent-cinema/>

We look forward to welcoming you to the Hippodrome Silent Film Festival again and in the meantime wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

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## **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman: Scottish Welfare Fund Independent Review Service engagement event**

**Thursday 8 February 2018, 9.45 – 3.40**  
**Wheatley Academy, Glasgow**

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our first Scottish Welfare Fund Independent Review Service engagement event on **Thursday 8 February 2018**. This will be an opportunity for delegates to share good practice with a series of speakers, meet SPSO staff and participate in interactive workshops focusing on areas which will include:

- good decision-making
- ensuring that the SWF is accessible to all and that staff delivering the scheme are supported when managing difficult behaviour
- quality assurance

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, Rosemary Agnew, will be speaking at the event, as well as speakers from a range of organisations involved in the delivery of the Scottish Welfare Fund and organisations supporting applicants. Further information about confirmed speakers and a draft running order for the day are attached to this email.

This event is intended for practitioners with responsibility for SWF delivery in councils, and third sector stakeholders who support applicants. Places are limited so please book early.

### **Booking information for councils**

Places are limited for this event. We are initially offering each council two spaces, at a public sector rate of **£75 per person**. However, if you are interested in additional spaces we will be operating a waiting list system so if spaces become available we will be able to offer these to people on our waiting list. Please indicate on your email to us when making a booking if you would like to add additional people to the waiting list.

### **Booking information for third sector organisations**

Places are limited for this event. We are initially offering one space per third sector organisation at a reduced rate of **£35 per person**. However, if you are interested in additional spaces we will be operating a waiting list system so if spaces become available we will be able to offer these to people on our waiting list. Please indicate on your email to us when making a booking if you would like to add additional people to the waiting list.



If there are places remaining, we will notify people on the waiting list in the week beginning **Monday 8 January 2018**.

To book a place, go to <https://www.spsso.org.uk/scottishwelfarefund/scottish-welfare-fund-independent-review-service-engagement-event#overlay-context=case-summaries>

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## **Scottish Governments Delivery Plan for Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls: Equally Safe**

Please see for your information the link below to the Scottish Governments Delivery Plan for Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls.

<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00528064.pdf>

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## **Royal Conservatoire of Scotland**

The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland is seeking the next generation of actors and makers of work using both British Sign Language and English. Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world for performing arts education, applications are now open for the 2018/19 intake of students on its innovative programme, BA Performance in British Sign Language and English. This undergraduate degree explores the most innovative ways of creating performance through British Sign Language and English. During your three years here, students benefit from the distinctive environment of RCS and study a rich blend of performance modules.

This course is designed for Deaf, Deafened and hard of hearing performers, and is the only course of its kind in Europe. The programme has been developed in association with [Solar Bear Theatre Company](#) with input from a range of theatre, education and deaf professionals. We aim to enrich the talent pool within the UK, whilst making training available to deaf artists.

The working languages of the programme are British Sign Language (BSL) and spoken English. You can work through BSL or English or a mixture of both, and you do not need to have BSL to apply. You will have fully-qualified BSL interpreters in class, on stage and in rehearsal. The small class size ensures you will have the opportunity to work closely with our teaching staff and visiting professionals. You will also benefit from our many collaborative and professional partnerships including Solar Bear, National Theatre of Scotland and ITV Sign. You will develop skills in acting, movement, devising, signing on stage, improvisation and visual theatre as well as explore highly visual and physical performance styles. We will teach you the skills you need to prepare you for a career in film, television, theatre and more.

We are looking for students who are enthusiastic, dedicated and who display potential and commitment to a career in the performance industry. For more information about the application process and to request an application form, please contact our Admissions team at [admissions@rcs.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@rcs.ac.uk) or on **0141 270 265**. The deadline for applicants is the **31st of January 2018**. We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information, please visit <https://www.rcs.ac.uk/>

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## **Inclusion Scotland: launch of #myworkstory**

We're launching **#myworkstory** tomorrow, our social media campaign to encourage disabled people to get talking about sharing information about their impairment and we're really to spread the word to those you support.

For more info about the campaign watch our short clip at <https://youtu.be/mpgyWLsM714>

We're really keen to know if Deaf/Deafened/Deafblind/Hard of Hearing people who identify as also being disabled might wish to engage with the campaign.

The campaign marks International Day of Disabled Persons 2017 on 03 December 2017, and will use the experiences shared with us to tell the Scottish Government what steps employers should take to make it easier for disabled people to be themselves at work and to ask for and get the adjustments they need to be as effective in their job as possible. The evidence will also inform the Annual Disabled People's Summit on 16 January 2018 on the subject of "Employer-ability" – the steps employers need to take to attract, retain and promote disabled people.

The Scottish Government have committed to halving the disability employment gap but this will only be possible if people feel comfortable talking about their impairments at work and identifying as disabled employees.

We are really keen to get some powerful stories from Deaf/deaf people.

Essentially we want people to tell their story about being at work, sharing information about their impairment/s, defining themselves as a disabled employee, what they think about the idea of 'disclosure' and 'declaration' (i.e. are we using the wrong language here?) and importantly what has been their experience of asking for and getting or indeed not getting workplace adjustments. So, anything positive and what has not worked well.

To give you an idea we've included a story below from Susanna:

**'I've had a mental health problem since my early twenties. For years I was worried about being open about it on job application forms, in interviews or with colleagues at work. I didn't want people to think I wasn't up to the job, that I couldn't handle stressful situations or that they couldn't trust my judgement. It's taken me almost 20 years to be open about it at work and to identify as a disabled person. I've had some mixed experiences, in one job I felt that my line manager was really uncomfortable talking about it, I was never offered any adjustments even though some flexibility with work hours would have been really beneficial and I hated asking for time off to go to medical appointments, but by in large being open has actually helped my mental health and made me feel more comfortable at work. Employers need to understand that it can be a very emotionally charged experience to share information about impairments, it's not just ticking a box or asking for an adjustment, you really**

**have to trust that it's not going to affect your relationships at work and how people view your performance.'**

We'd love it if your organisation could get involved if possible.

For example by:

- Telling members and supporters about #myworkstory.
- People can take part by telling their own stories on their own Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts that we can repost on our accounts. We will subtitle BSL submissions. Please ask people to use the hashtag #myworkstory to share their experience and then tag Inclusion Scotland.
- We don't need specific details about workplaces or colleagues – we want to make sure people keep themselves safe.
- If people want to share their story anonymously or are not on social media they can e-mail Rhona at [info@inclusionScotland.org](mailto:info@inclusionScotland.org) or phone 0131 281 0860
- It would be really amazing if you could also share this email with friends, family, activists and colleagues you know to help spread the word or give us suggestions of who to tell about the campaign.

It would be great to hear what you think about the campaign, if you'd be interested in taking part, and if you're able to share this across your networks.

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## EVENTS

### **BSL and Captioned theatre for children**

The Tin Soldier is a new piece of theatre made for children aged 5 - 9, but suitable for older children and accompanying adults.

Adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's short story The Steadfast Tin Soldier, this is the perfect fun, family friendly show to take young children to.

We are working with renowned Deaf performer Caroline Parker and so every single performance has integrated BSL and captions.

Please can you help spread the word about this performance by sharing this trailer on your social media platforms, as we would love for as many D/deaf, deafened or hard of hearing young people to be able to see it as possible.

LINK TO TRAILER <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-W6Y8U1egSY&t=>

(This trailer has been captioned but they might need to be switched on by clicking the CC button)

The Tin Soldier is at The Studio, Festival Theatre, Edinburgh 7th - 23rd of Dec at 7pm in the evening and matinees on selected days

You can get tickets to The Tin Soldier here <http://www.edtheatres.com/studio>

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## **CHANGE OF DATE - SHC NHS Audiology Services Discussion Group for representatives of National 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Organizations**

Due to circumstances out with our control the Discussion Group due to take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Falkirk that was advertised in the previous SCoD bulletin has had to be rescheduled and will now take place on **11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please see amended discussion group invitation below:

The Scottish Health Council is seeking representatives from National Third Sector Organisations who work with/support deaf people in Scotland to take part in a Discussion Group on current NHS Audiology Services on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

The Scottish Health Council's purpose is to promote public involvement in the NHS in Scotland. We do this by working with health boards, patients and the public to ensure that Scotland's health services are developed in partnership. We have 14 local offices across Scotland and a National Office in Glasgow. The Scottish Health Council is part of a wider organisation called Healthcare Improvement Scotland which supports healthcare providers in Scotland to deliver high quality healthcare services in Scotland.

Scottish Health Council has been approached by the Scottish Government to gather some views on people's experience of current NHS Audiology Services. As part of this engagement we are holding a discussion group for National Third Sector Organisations who work with/support deaf people in Scotland to get their views on the current NHS Audiology Service.

The Discussion Group will take place on Thursday 11th January 2018 from 11am to 1pm at Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Falkirk. A sandwich lunch will be included and travel expenses will be provided.

If you would like to register for the discussion group please use the eventbrite link below:

[Audiology Services SHC Discussion Group](#)

If you would like more information please contact:

Sarah Cox on email: [borders@scottishhealthcouncil.org](mailto:borders@scottishhealthcouncil.org) or telephone 01896 824570  
or

Shelagh Martin on email: [borders@scottishhealthcouncil.org](mailto:borders@scottishhealthcouncil.org) telephone 01896 824569

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## **Play and Autism Training**

Play Scotland is pleased to offer training on Play and Autism on:

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2018

**Times:** 9.45am – 1pm

**Location:** Play Scotland, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Training Room, Rosebery House, Haymarket, Edinburgh EH12 5EZ

**Cost:** £35 per person which includes tea/coffee and light refreshments

**The aim of this training:**

Making connections through play; children with autism and the practitioners who work with them

**We will do this through:**

- Discussing difficulties that arise in early years settings when working with children diagnosed with autism
- Working in groups and individually using a range of learning methods
- Presentation, videos, handouts and further reading

**What you will learn:**

- How to work with children with limited interest using a variety of initiatives, eg pairing new toys and games
- What are the pivotal areas? Focus on motivation and initiation.
- How can we become part of play? We will practise reciprocal play and social interaction.
- What observations can be used to pin-point child's skill repertoire?

**About the trainer: Suzie Repova MEd**

Suzie is a registered social worker qualified in Social work and Social Education.

She worked with children on the autistic spectrum for 10 years, in different settings which included residential schools, nursery, secondary schools and in their homes.

As a member of the children's panel she also came across autistic children with different life stories. Suzie has personal experience of the condition as she fostered a child with autism, during which time she did her postgraduate in Autism and Learning at Aberdeen University.

Whilst working as a behaviour therapist she also studied RBT and became Registered Behaviour Technician at University of Belfast.

Her focus is now on training parents and professionals working with children with autism. Early intervention and play are her favourite topics.

"Children are at the centre of everything I do. If there is a child that needs

positive behaviour support, then I want to help. Let's be honest - all children need that :) Early Intervention is the key and it is even better when it can be evidence based."

Bookings can be made by emailing [cheriemorgan@playscotland.org](mailto:cheriemorgan@playscotland.org)

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## **Deaf Action - East of Scotland Para Sport Festival 2018 - 23rd March 2018**

The event is scheduled for **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018** at Forrester / St Augustine's High School, Edinburgh.

The Para Sport Festival provides a range of opportunities for school aged children with a physical or sensory impairment try new and exciting sports, delivered by experienced coaches and professional officers.

Please contact Neal Herbert for more information: [neal.herbert@scottishdisabilitysport.com](mailto:neal.herbert@scottishdisabilitysport.com)

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### [West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society](#)

**PLEASE SUPPORT WSDCS!!!**

**We are delighted to announce that West Scotland Deaf Children's Society has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round began on 12 November and will run for 11 months until the 27 October 2018.**

Every time a Co-op member shops and chooses selected Co-op branded products both the member and the community benefit!

**5% for the Co-op member:** paid into membership account which can be spent next time you shop; or saved to spend whenever you want.

**AND**

**1% for your community** - 1% of what members spend goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund and you can choose where this money goes from a number of local causes. Members will be able to choose and give their 1% as of **now until the 27th October 2018**. The more you shop, the more raised for the charity. We will also receive, along with the other causes in our community, an equal share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags.

We are also lucky enough to be supported by two local stores - Union Street & Sauchiehall Street, who will on top of the funds raised by other stores be championing the causes of WSDCS, Bobath and Street Pastors. Look out for them at future WSDCS events as they will be coming along to lend their support!

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to raise much needed funds and we would ask you all to support us. So please:

- if you're already a Co-op member, go online and click on West Scotland Deaf Children's Society as your chosen charity;
- and if you're not already a member then please join and encourage all of your family, friends and colleagues to do so too. It only costs £1.00 to become a member and you will quickly recoup that from your 5% savings.

Please help us raise as much money as possible to enable us to continue to provide support to all deaf children and their families throughout the West of Scotland.

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### **Hands2sign Ltd - Christmas is Coming Early!**

Why not come along and enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie at one of our **FREE** British Sign Language (BSL) Taster

Hands2sign would like to invite you to join our BSL Taster where you will be introduced to the wonderfully Rich and Expressive Language that is BSL

The **FREE** Taster sessions will run on 14th December from 17.30 - 19.00

We are based in the centre of Glasgow; within walking distance of **ALL** the shops, so you can get some Christmas presents into Santa's sack by availing yourself of the late-night shopping opportunities

Places are limited and on a first come basis so please book early and treat yourself to something different this Christmas.

To book or for further information Email Emma on: [info@hands2sign.co.uk](mailto:info@hands2sign.co.uk)

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### **Play Scotland - Play Types Toolkit - Train the Trainer Training**

You may be interested in 3 forthcoming **Train the Trainer training courses on the new Play Scotland Play Types Toolkit – Bringing more play into the school day.**

The **Play Types Toolkit** is for schools education professionals, and others working with children in various settings.

The aim is to highlight the range of types of play children experience, their vital contribution to learning and development, and to make integration of play into the curriculum simpler.

This toolkit uses the play types from play theorist Bob Hughes.

**“Play is key to closing the attainment gap”**

Maree Todd

Minister for Childcare and Early Years

The training course is broken down into 4 sections and will take place over a 3 hour period.

Each attendee will be given the **Play Types Toolkit** Training pack and 30 hard copies of the **Play Types Toolkit**. Cost £40 per person.

The booking forms from our [website here](#) or attached for ease.

Dates:

**Monday 18 December, Glasgow**

Scottish Youth Theatre, 105 Brunswick Street

12.45pm to 3.45pm

**Monday 22 January 2018, Edinburgh**

Rosebery House, Edinburgh

12.45pm to 3.45pm

**Thursday 1 February 2018, Perth**

Algo Business Centre, Perth

12.45pm to 3.45pm

Further dates will be announced in due course.

Any queries please let me know or Cherie Morgan email: [cheriemorgan@playscotland.org](mailto:cheriemorgan@playscotland.org)  
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## Vacancies

### **Scottish Legal Aid Board is looking for 4 New Members!!**

**The Scottish Legal Aid Board is looking to appoint new Members (one member of the Faculty of Advocates, one legal member and two non-legal members).** These titles reflect the members' status on the Board and not their qualifications – a lawyer is not precluded from applying to be a Non-legal member. To give a balanced range of knowledge and experience, we are looking for people with backgrounds from the wider community, the advice sector, the business sector as well as solicitors and advocates.

For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/2ibu1gd>



For more information please visit: <http://bit.ly/2zbANgc>

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## **Member - Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland**

Reference: 1353

Remuneration: £150.00 per day

Location: Edinburgh, City of

Closing date: 18 December 2017 at midnight

If you are interested in or have a background in Transport Accessibility, Transport Scotland's advisory committee to Scottish Ministers on making transport more accessible for disabled people is looking to appoint a new member. If you feel that:

- you are aware and understand the issues that affect disabled people when using public transport;
- you can build and maintain relationships;
- you are able to reflect the views of disabled people, especially people with mental and hidden impairments; and
- you could challenge the Government to do more or to do things differently;

then this may be the appointment for you.

As a Member you will be expected to seek to identify issues affecting disabled travellers in Scotland, with reference to the issues where you have particular knowledge or expertise. You will also be expected to work with other members to:

- provide advice to Transport Scotland about general and specific issues concerning transport accessibility for disabled people in Scotland;
- offer comment as appropriate on consultations undertaken by Transport Scotland and others;
- engage proactively with Transport Scotland and others to try to help solve issues concerning transport accessibility for disabled people in Scotland;
- share knowledge and experience, reporting back on new developments; and
- produce an annual report providing advice to Scottish Ministers on transport accessibility for disabled people.

Ministers are looking to appoint someone who has:

- knowledge of local authority and Regional Transport Partnerships structures and their ways of working; **or**
- understanding of health and social care strategic issues in Scotland; **or**
- Awareness of new technology, transport and the built environment.

MACS was set up under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 to advise Scottish Ministers on disability issues in relation to transport. While supported by Transport Scotland, the Committee offers its views independently of government and it is expected to reflect the views of disabled people and organisations representing disabled people, however, it works independently of those individuals and organisations.

Full information on the appointments is at [www.appointed-for-scotland.org/](http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org/).

**Closing date for applications is Monday, 18 December 2017.**

Scottish Ministers welcome applications from groups currently under-represented on Scotland's public bodies, such as women, disabled people and people aged under 50. If you require any reasonable adjustments to support you through the application and selection process, you should contact the Scottish Government Public Appointments Team on (Freephone) 0300 244 1898 or at [public.appointments@gov.scot](mailto:public.appointments@gov.scot).

**Appointed on merit; committed to diversity and equality**

### **Application Information**

Please apply online. If you experience any difficulties accessing our website, or in the event that you require a word version of the application form, please contact the Public Appointments Team on (Freephone) 0300 244 1898, by email at [PA\\_Applications\\_Mailbox@gov.scot](mailto:PA_Applications_Mailbox@gov.scot), or by writing to the Public Appointments Team, Scottish Government, Area 3F North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

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## **Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway Chief Executive Officer – circa £40k (Full-time) Location – Dumfries and Galloway (Head Office Dumfries)**

I hope this finds you well. I'm delighted to advise that we are supporting Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway, to recruit a new Chief Executive. Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway exists to promote, support and develop a strong third sector; develop social enterprise; develop volunteers and volunteering; and connect the third sector to community planning.

The successful candidate will have the confidence, experience and creativity to lead the organisation through its next exciting phase. Accountable to a Board of Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for working with the Board to ensure clear strategic direction and leadership of Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Interface, setting out the organisation's

vision, mission and strategic aims, and developing and managing operational plans and resources that deliver against these.

I wanted to draw this to your attention as you may be aware of individuals who would consider the opportunity. Full details about the role, organisation and application process for this position is available by clicking the following link:

### **[Chief Executive](#)**

If you are aware of anyone who may be interested please do forward this email to them. Alternatively if you wish to pass on their details I would be very happy to make direct contact.

## **AVT: Developing listening and speech in deaf children under the age of 5: Thursday 1st February, 2018**

This workshop will be of interest to mainstream teachers, teachers of the deaf, speech and language therapists, and support staff in early year's settings.

This one-day interactive workshop aims to equip you with knowledge on how to check listening ability in babies and young children who are deaf. We will look at how to use the LING sounds across the ages for comprehensive listening assessment. We will also consider the parent journey and how we can best coach and equip parents to develop their child's listening brain and support speech and language development.

The day will focus on learning about auditory verbal strategies for developing speech and language through listening. This will be delivered through presentation, discussion, videos and hands on learning.

You will leave the session with fun, new ideas that you can use to support the babies, children and families with whom you work.

Presenters: Frances Clark, Auditory Verbal Therapist and Highly Specialist SLT

Course fee: £50

Restrictions: numbers are restricted to 25

Location: Central Glasgow

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/dfeb18.html>

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## TRAINING

### **Twilight Networking Opportunity for Teachers of the Deaf (ToDs) and Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVIs) in and around Edinburgh area Tuesday, 6th February 2018**

This twilight event is for ToDs and TVIs who work within easy travelling distance to Edinburgh: 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm.

Come along and meet colleagues for a chat over tea and coffee and share good practice.

**Hearing Impairment:** Rachel O'Neill will provide an update about the Online Reading Research Project, and will also talk about Language Modification of course materials.

**Visual Impairment:** Professor John Ravenscroft will talk about how to assess children who have Cerebral Visual Impairment.

**Refreshments:** Teas and coffees and biscuits will be provided.

**Presenters:**

Rachel O'Neill, Lecturer, Director MSc Inclusive & Special Education/MEd Additional Support for Learning, University of Edinburgh.

Professor John Ravenscroft, Head of Scottish Sensory Centre and Chair of Childhood Visual Impairment, University of Edinburgh.

**Course fee:** FREE

**Restrictions:** numbers are restricted to 20 ToDs and 20 TVIs

As a result of places being limited a booking/application form must be completed and sent in to the SSC to secure your place.

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gfeb18.html>

# AWARENESSbites

**AWARENESSbites on-line Deaf Awareness course**

<http://www.scod.org.uk/scod-training/awarenessbites/>



SCoD has teamed up with **AWARENESSbites** to provide quality online learning and development to front-line and public facing staff who may not be able to attend face-to-face training courses

**We are offering two packages:**

Learn at your own speed – login and logout when suits and restart where you left off

**The Package Contents:**

**Green package – £15 per user**

– aimed at those who require to know the basics and may come across a deaf or deafblind person occasionally. This package can easily be completed in under 2 hours.

**Purple package – £28 per user**

– aimed at those who would require a little more detail and understanding and meet deaf or deafblind people more frequently within their day to day service provision. This package can take between 2.5 – 3.5 hours depending on activities taken.

If you would like to purchase packages, please contact us directly.

We would consider an organisational discount that offers value for money for large numbers of users.

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## **CINEMA/THEATRE**

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Star Wars The Last Jedi - 800+ shows!

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

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

Shows added when announced! All cinemas can show all the films listed on the YourLocalCinema website with English-language subtitles. Please ask your nearest cinemas to provide accessible shows for people with hearing loss at convenient times!

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS AND DEBATES



### Early day motion 477

#### Hearing Loss and Dementia

**Primary sponsor:** Lamb, Normal

That this House acknowledges that hearing loss is the largest potentially modifiable risk factor for dementia, as confirmed in the recent report of the Lancet Commission on dementia prevention, intervention and care, which found that mid-life hearing loss is responsible for nine per cent of the risk of dementia; recognises that action to minimise hearing loss in people aged 55 and over could therefore lead to a significant reduction in dementia cases; notes that the evidence suggests that hearing aids can help to prevent or slow deterioration in cognitive function, and could prevent or delay dementia; welcomes the Government's Action Plan on Hearing Loss, which identified the growing prevalence of hearing loss and recognised a fivefold increase in the risk of developing dementia for over 60 year olds with severe hearing loss; is concerned that the aims of this guidance are undermined by proposals from clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) to restrict the provision of hearing aids to patients with mild and moderate hearing loss; further notes that the three year patient pathway for hearing aids costs the NHS just £370, and that any short-term savings achieved through the rationing of hearing aids will therefore be outweighed by avoidable costs in the health and social care system further down the line; and calls on the Government to safeguard the continued provision of free NHS hearing aids by working to disseminate to CCGs the evidence on the clinical and cost benefits of hearing aids.

<http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2017-19/477>



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