



SCoD Bulletin

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Thank you.

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



**SCoD would like to wish all of our members a Happy New Year!
We hope you had a relaxing festive break.**

SCoD has moved premises....

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



We have officially moved premises. Our new address is

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.

Note: There will only one January bulletin this year and normal service will resume in February 2018.

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

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 Tel: 0141 248 2474

We have extended our closing date for Early Bird Tickets. Please note Early Bird tickets will close on Monday 22 January 2018.

Please see link for BSL version:

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

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

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=KlsnlZHq_pU

SCoD Membership

We hope our members can help us increase our membership.

As it is now half way through the year, those organisations & individuals 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 or telephone **0141 248 2474**.

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

Disclosure: Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG)

Why not come to SCoD and get your PVG's signed off by a member of staff.

If you have staff who will be working with children and/or vulnerable adults they will need to be a member of the PVG Scheme.

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

Signature: Lindsay Foster: A positive outlook for 2018

Signature is the leading awarding body for British Sign Language qualifications, and works to improve communication by creating training and learning opportunities for every stage of life. Lindsay Foster, executive director at Signature, looks back on the last 12 months at Signature, and how far the organisation has come in the last 10 years:

“At the end of every year we give our centres the opportunity to tell us what they believe we’re doing right and how they think we can improve by completing our Customer Service Survey. We rely on feedback from our centres to make sure we’re supporting our centres in the ways that they need, as best as we can. In the final weeks of 2017, our customer support was rated at 93% and 88% of Signature centres are likely to recommend us; proof that our commitment to customer support is continuing to work well.

For me personally, 2018 marks 10 years at Signature and two as executive director. Since I joined Signature in 2008, I’m proud to say we’ve become a much more modern, effective organisation with the same unwavering commitment to achieving our goals.

In those 10 years we’ve made a huge commitment to technology which has made things easier for centres. Our focus on innovation has allowed us to spread BSL skills and deaf awareness even further – to primary school children with SignSpell, and to high street retailers with Get Deaf Aware. We created the Signature Learning Hub so that teachers and students can improve their skills from wherever they are, and we’re actively responding to queries via social media. This year, we’re hosting the 10th anniversary of the Signature Annual Awards; ten years of celebrating the people who are making a real, positive difference.

It’s an exciting time to become a Signature teacher. Supporting and celebrating our teachers is important to us, and you don’t need any previous experience. If you’d like to know more about teaching our qualifications, our customer support team can answer any questions you may have.”

<http://www.signature.org.uk/contact-us>

Scottish Government – Read Write Count

The Scottish Government is teaming up with parents to try out tips designed to help make their lives easier while engaging their children with everyday learning as part of their busy routines.

Mums and Dads across Scotland are being asked to try out simple tips and little tricks to not only keep children happy and entertained, creating some calm amid the chaos of everyday lives, but also help young children when it comes to reading, writing and counting. The activities suggested on the website are simple, straightforward and fun, providing practical tools and advice to help parents implement the activities.

Further support to parents and children will also be given through the Read, Write, Count gift bags which contain books, games and writing materials. The activity bags are being sent to all P2 and P3 children in Scotland, with schools being encouraged to give these out during Book Week Scotland.

The Read, Write, Count campaign will offer tips, games and activities showing examples of how to inspire, entertain and have fun with their children as they help them Read, Write, Count. For more everyday tips visit readwritecount.scot

If you would like any further information on Read, Write, Count please contact us via the website here: <http://www.readwritecount.scot/contact/>

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.

Scotrail: Stakeholder Equality Group, DPPP Link

Please see below the link for the latest ScotRail Disabled People`s Protection Policy.

https://www.scotrail.co.uk/sites/default/files/assets/download_ct/210555_dppp_making-rail-accessible_helping-older-and-disabled-passengers_may2017_crystal-mark.pdf

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.

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>

CIHT - Creating better streets: Inclusive and accessible places

Some of you may already be aware of this but the Chartered Institution of Highway and Transportation has released their 'Creating Better Streets' document, which discusses shared space. The document can be accessed via the link below:

<http://www.ciht.org.uk/en/document-summary/index.cfm/docid/BF28B40D-9855-46D6-B8C19E22B64AA066>

Electoral Reform Consultation

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on electoral reform and the consultation is open until the 12 March.

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/consultation-electoral-reform/>

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 3rd 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 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/>

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/mpqyWLSM714>

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 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.

EVENTS

Play and Autism Training

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

Date: Tuesday 30th of January 2018

Times: 9.45am – 1pm

Location: Play Scotland, 1st 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 MSED

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

British Deaf Association Deaf Roots and Pride 1st Year Anniversary

Deaf Roots and Pride celebrated its first anniversary in October 2017. Please have a look at our video below to see some of the super events and activities young D/deaf people have come along to.

Our second year has already seen some events and 2018 is looking good. Our next event will be Taste Your Future in Falkirk on Tuesday 13 March 2018 for D/deaf secondary school students thinking about their future. Watch this space!

<https://vimeo.com/245402395/583567e14d>

Deaf Action – Ladies Dirty Dancing Afternoon Tea & Sports Dinner

Our Ladies Dirty Dancing Afternoon Tea and Sports Dinner are both taking place in March. Please see details of the events below

Individual tickets can be bought **HERE** however tables of 8 and 10 are available, just reply to this email for info.

Ladies Dirty Dancing Afternoon Tea

On 25th March Deafblind Scotland will be hosting a fabulous Dirty Dancing Afternoon tea at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow.

Clyde 2's Gina McKie will be our wonderful compere for this exciting event, so bring your watermelons and get ready to merengue in your dance space!

Individual tickets are £40 and includes afternoon tea with a glass of fizz, subtitled showing of Dirty Dancing, live band, great auction lots and various stalls. Tables of 8 are also available for £280.

Sports Dinner

Join us for our very first Sports Dinner!

Deafblind Scotland invite you to enjoy a champagne reception, delicious three course meal, exhilarating charity auction and wonderful entertainment on Friday 9th March 2018 at the 200 SVS, Glasgow.

The evening will be hosted by former Rangers player and SFA Chief Exec Gordon Smith with after-dinner talk from the mesmerising Murdo McLeod.

Individual tickets are priced at £50 whilst tables of 10 are £450.

For more information please contact: annemarie.feechan@dbscotland.org.uk

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

The event is scheduled for **Friday 23rd 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

[EdSign Lectures] Tuesday 30th January: Annelies Kusters - Gesture vs sign

Our next EdSign Lecture is at the end of the month.

Gesture vs sign: are they really that different?

by Annelies Kusters

Tuesday 30th January

6:30pm - 8pm

Where:

Paterson's Land, room LG34
Moray House, School of Education,
University of Edinburgh
EH8 8AQ

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/PDjcgLzvIUH2>

The EdSign Lecture Series is a collaboration between Heriot-Watt University, The University of Edinburgh, Queen Margaret University, and members of the deaf/signing community. We provide regular public lectures about sign languages and Deaf Studies.

BSL/English interpretation will be provided. We are grateful to the Association of Sign Language Interpreters (ASLI) and to Heriot-Watt University for sponsoring the interpreters.

This lecture will be live-streamed.

The live-stream URL will be set up nearer the time.

About the lecture:

Are gestures and signs two very different things or are they actually similar, or even the same thing? This presentation explores different possible answers to this question, including academic perspectives and the local perspectives of deaf people in India. India is a country where hearing people gesture a lot, and the lines between gesture and sign become blurry. This is reflected in Indian deaf people's perspectives on gesture versus sign.

Local network meeting registration now open for February 16th and GWT Conference

If you have not registered already, now is the time to sign up for our next Glasgow intergenerational meeting which is taking place on **Friday the 16th of February between 12:00-14:00 in Good, Buchanan Galleries**. We already have quite a few people signed up, so better to sign up earlier than later. At least one Glasgow city councillor will also be coming, so it could be a great time to discuss any ideas or projects you have.

To register please follow this

link <http://generationsworkingtogether.org/networks/glasgow> please note this is open to people from ALL areas of Glasgow, so share this around your networks.

You may already know that we have our National Conference is taking place this March (07/03). The events programme and registration is also open for this.

<http://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2018-safer-fairer-more-successful-communities-07-03-2018> This year the conference will take place in the centre of Glasgow in University of Strathclyde Technology and Innovation Centre and everyone is welcome.

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.

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 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
know

Vacancies

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.

For more information please contact Katy Gall at kgall@aspenpeople.co.uk

Now recruiting for new public partners

Healthcare Improvement Scotland has started to advertise for new public partners (volunteers who support Healthcare Improvement Scotland to *make care better* in a variety of ways) through its [website](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages. Completed forms will be accepted up until 5 February 2018. As many of you know, The Scottish Health Council is part of Healthcare Improvement Scotland.

As an organisation, Healthcare Improvement Scotland fully embraces equality and values diversity, and welcomes interest from anyone who would like to get involved, provided they are over 18 and live in Scotland. This year, they are particularly encouraging interest from young people (aged 18-26), minority ethnic people, and lesbian gay, bisexual and trans people, as these groups are underrepresented in their current volunteer pool.

Requests for application packs should be sent to Contactpublicinvolvement.his@nhs.net .

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>

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 years 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>

Cytomegalovirus (CMV) and Deafness **Friday 9th March, 2018**

This course is aimed at Teachers of the Deaf, Speech and Language Therapists, parents and all other professionals who support deaf pupils.

CMV, or Cytomegalovirus, is a common virus that can infect people of all ages. CMV can pose serious risks to unborn babies. It is one of the leading causes of hearing loss in children and one of the main causes of childhood disability. This one-day course will focus on Cytomegalovirus and its impact on children and families, and include:

- CMV from a medical perspective.
- Impact on hearing.
- Parental experience of CMV.
- Educational Support.
- Case Studies.
- Question and answer session.

Presenters: Dr Jackie Salter (University of Leeds) and Natalie Battle (CMV Action) and other to be confirmed

Course fee: £110

Closing date: 16th February 2018

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/dmar18.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.

CINEMA/THEATRE

Subtitled/Captioned Accessible Cinema! 1,800+ shows nationwide!



All cinemas can show all these films with English-language subtitles:
Pixar's Coco, Three Billboards, Darkest Hour, All The Money In The World, Insidious, Star Wars The Last Jedi, Molly's Game, Jumanji, The Greatest Showman, Pitch Perfect 3, Wonder, Ferdinand & more!

Star Wars The Last Jedi, Murder On The Orient Express, A Bad Moms Christmas, Thor & more!

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

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Early day motion 477

Hearing Loss and Dementia

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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 hearings aids.

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