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SCoD Bulletin

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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.

There is still time 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



**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, NHSGGC
- Dr Jim McCormick – Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Ticket Prices:
Concession/student £49.50
Members £99 pp
Non-members £129 pp

For further information: admin@scod.org.uk Tel: 0141 248 2474



Tickets are selling fast! You only have until Thursday 1 March to buy your tickets for our Conference...

Go to our website for more information on how you can book tickets:

<http://www.scod.org.uk/scod-connect-and-collaborate-conference-2018/>

Please see link for BSL version:

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

AWARENESSbites



Are you looking for deaf awareness training? Why not try our [AWARENESSbites](#) online deaf awareness training. You can find out more 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=XIe5d0lbyJE>

SCoD Membership

We hope our members can help us increase our membership. If you know of any organisation or individuals who could join SCoD, please forward on our details.

If they join SCoD now, they will get 14 months membership instead of just 12 months.

To find out 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)

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.

Need your PVG forms signed off? Come to SCoD to get them done. Or make an appointment and we will come to you if you have several members of staff needing forms completed.

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

Scottish Government: Progress Reports

Following the Cabinet Meeting with Children and Young People on 28th February 2017 in Bute House, the Scottish Government has now published progress reports on what has been done on the agreed actions.

The purpose of the annual meeting of Cabinet members and children and young people is to support the development of a more coordinated, systematic and sustainable approach to engaging with children and young people, enabling them to lead discussions by raising issues that matter to them and to inform the government's agenda over the coming year.

The progress reports can be accessed through the links below:

[Actions Agreed at the Cabinet Meeting with Children and Young People - 28 February 2017 - Progress Report](#)

[Actions Agreed at the Cabinet Meeting with Children and Young People - 28 February 2017 - Progress Report \(Children and Young People's Summary\)](#)

The Deputy First Minister has also published a post on the [Engage for Education blog](#) about the publications.

Scottish Government

RESEARCH ON IMPACT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION ON POLICY MAKING

We sponsored Children in Scotland to carry out research on the impact of children and young people's participation on policy making at national and local levels. This research focussed on six qualitative case studies, illustrating a range of participation and engagement across Scotland. The conclusions and recommendations will help to support the engagement of children and young people in future policy making.

Please see the link to the final report below.

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2018/02/7671>

Alzheimer Scotland: Blue Badge scheme permanently extended

The Blue Badge scheme, which helps you to park closer to your destination if you have a disability, has now been permanently extended to include people with dementia.

In April 2016, a pilot project was set up to extend the standard Blue Badge scheme to anyone with a diagnosed mental health condition who receives certain social security benefits and whose lack of awareness of danger from traffic is likely to compromise the safety of the person, or other persons, during journeys. Following the success of this pilot, the extension was made permanent in late 2017.

Our Dementia Advisors, Link Workers and local services have worked hard to promote awareness of this scheme to people with dementia and those who care for them. If you know someone who would benefit from having a Blue Badge please get in touch with the Blue Badge team at your Local Authority, or with your [local Alzheimer Scotland service](#).

Please be aware that there are a number of internet scams charging people up to £50 for a Blue Badge. However, it is free to apply through the [official Government website](#) and, if successful, applicants will only need to pay £10 for their badge.

British Deaf Association Scotland

The British Deaf Association has produced a BSL video about this:
<https://www.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation/videos/1889409097788069/>

Ideas for Ears

New survey research by Ideas for Ears suggests that hostile hearing conditions are making meetings and events inaccessible to large numbers of people across the UK who have hearing loss.

The research also suggests that the difficulties that people are experiencing are typically ordinary in their nature and can, in many instances, be fixed at little or no cost.

The research, carried out in November 2017, reveals that people are feeling frustrated, excluded, stressed and embarrassed by the difficulties they experience. They are missing important information, are not able to contribute as effectively as they could do, and consequently are being put off attending future meetings and events.

The survey was completed by 362 people who have varying degrees of hearing loss and are aged from 18 to 80 plus. The findings have implications for businesses and organisations of all sizes that run meetings and events for staff, customers and other stakeholders.

Read more: <https://www.ideasforears.org.uk/blog/meetings-miss-the-mark-due-to-hostile-hearing-conditions/>

See the data tables: <https://www.ideasforears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Full-report-meetings-and-events.pdf>

Hippodrome Silent Film Festival 2017 & 2018

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.

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

Duty of Candour Procedure Regulations & Duty of Candour E-Learning Module

You may be interested to know that The Duty of Candour Procedure (Scotland) Regulations 2018 have been laid before the Scottish Parliament: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2018/57/made/data.pdf> arising from enabling powers to do so as outlined in the Act <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/14/part/2>

The e-learning module is available at: <https://learn.nes.nhs.scot/2654/elearning-nmahp/duty-of-candour>

Factsheets and leaflets are also available at: <http://www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk/making-a-difference.aspx>

We have also set up a dedicated Twitter account @candourdutyscot which will feature details of the new legal requirements in tweets and links over the coming weeks.

I would be grateful if you could circulate across Groups and networks you have links with, noting that any questions about arrangements for implementations support can be directed to dutyofcandour@gov.scot in the first instance.

British Deaf Association - The next step...local authority plans

Please click below the links regarding BDA Scotland's remit.

<https://bda.org.uk/bsl-scotland-act-2015-the-next-step-local-authority-plans/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470165406637765/permalink/1976232436031057/>

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>

Chartered Institution of Highway and Transportation - 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>

EVENTS

British Deaf Association - University of Stirling - BSL Tour about Dementia

BDA Scotland is organising BSL tour at University of Stirling on Friday, 16 March 2018 about dementia - there will be tour to see different rooms such as kitchen, bedroom, hospital bedroom etc that are suitable for people living with dementia. It will be educational day to learn more about dementia.

Please come along to find out more about dementia to support Deaf community who living with dementia and their carers.

There is BSL video about this event:

<https://www.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation/videos/1890876807641298/>

There will be BSL/English interpreter available at this event.

If you are interested to come along, please get in touch with me. The deadline to book a place is 2nd March.

Play Scotland

Play Types Train the Trainer

We have a few spaces left on our popular Play Types Train the Trainer training course on **Monday 26 February** in Edinburgh. This is based on our new **Play Types Toolkit: bringing more play into the school day**. Cost is £40 per person which includes 10 hard copies of the Play Types Toolkit. To book please email events@playscotland.org

Play Scotland Loose Parts Leaflet

Should you wish a free pdf copy of our **Loose Parts Leaflet for playful parents, grandparents, carers, big sisters, wee brothers..** please let me know.

CPD Certificates

If you have attended any our events or training sessions and you would like a CPD certificate for your portfolio please let me know.

UK Poverty Data

The latest UK poverty data, statistics and analysis from JRF's Analysis Unit. [Click on link to use the online tool](#) to search and find information about poverty rates and related issues across the UK

To play is to learn. Time to step back and let kids be kids, article from World Economic Forum

Real play is the freedom for children to engage with and learn from the world that surrounds them. By mentally and physically connecting children to the world, play empowers them to create and grow for the rest of their lives. It is a fundamental right for all children. [Full article can be found here](#)

Actions Agreed at the Cabinet Meeting with Children and Young People - 28 February 2017 - Progress Report, Scottish Government

Report on the agreed actions after the first annual meeting of Cabinet members and children and young people on 28 February 2017.

Full details can be [found here](#)

Children and Young People's summary report can be [found here](#)

Open Einstein from the Play Coalition

To solve the world's biggest challenges, we need disruptive thinkers. Albert Einstein used play as a creative method for problem solving. To view the web [click here](#)

FREE pdf book – Glop and The Hoops

Get your FREE copy of Wublworld storybook and spend some quality time with your young one(s) by reading them Glop's adventure - Glop & The Hoops!

[Click on link](#) for full details.

Global Day of Forest Kindergarten

Global day of Forest Kindergarten will be held on 3 May 2018 across worldwide forests. For full information [click here](#)

In the news

Return to old habits as babies encouraged to sleep outside in fresh air

Mindful of the health benefits of fresh air it was once common practice for parents and grandparents to wrap their babies up in a blanket and put them in their prams to sleep. [Full article](#)

Breaking Gender Stereotypes in the Toy Box

Did you conscientiously buy dolls for your son and trucks for your daughter, or did you try to avoid the whole thing and give them both gender-neutral artisanal wooden objects, only to be shanghaied by the princess industry and superhero underpants? [Full article](#)

Early years apprentices, Scottish Government

Increases to fuel roll-out of funded childcare.

A record number of early years apprenticeships are expected to start this year as part of the expansion of free nursery and childcare, Deputy First Minister John Swinney has said. [Full article](#)

Blogs for interest

Children and Play Based Learning

Children learn best when they're having fun, and they are more likely to be having fun when they are playing. Children's learning is optimal when they're free to learn at their own pace and in their own way. [Full blog](#)

Growing up in the city: Putting children first creates cities for all

A child-friendly city is a city for everyone, young and old. This is because a place that works for children needs to be walkable, safe, green, and rich in opportunities for play and adventure. It needs to offer diversity and culture, places to make their own, freedom to be themselves and the chance to feel part of a community. [Full blog](#)

Shetland Play Convention

Places are starting to fill for Scotland's 2nd Play Convention which will be held on Saturday 9th June in Lerwick.

Play Scotland member £40 per delegate.

We are delighted to welcome the following speakers:

- Tim Gill, Rethinking Childhood
- Henry Mathias, Care Inspectorate

- Marguerite Hunter Blair, CEO, Play Scotland
- Lesley Fox, CEO, Smart Play Network
- Virginia Radcliffe, Director, Licketyspit
- Kate Coutts, Nesting Primary School, Shetland

Choice of workshops:

- Challenging Play, Play Scotland
- Peep Learning Together Programme
- Licketyspit Theatre
- Play Talk Read
- Fire pits and more!

Booking form attached for ease - why not take a trip to visit beautiful Shetland and join in the fun

Play Midlothian

Sessional Play workers required at Play Midlothian. Full details attached.

Should you have any information please contact Sharon at SharonMcCluskie@playscotland.org

A conference on disability rights in Scotland

It has been six months since the United Nations (UN) Disability Committee published its report about disability rights in the UK. In this report the UN Committee set out its main concerns about disability rights in the UK and lists over 80 recommendations for action by our governments.

We are holding a conference to talk about the UN Committee's concerns and recommendations for action on:

Tuesday 6 March 2018 from 10:15 am – 3:30pm

**COSLA Conference Centre in Edinburgh
Inverness (arrangements still being decided)**

Register now to take part in:

- UN Disability Rights QuestionTime where guests from the Scottish Government, disabled people's organisations and national human rights organisations will answer questions from the audience.
- Workshops about the action that needs to happen in the next four years before the UN Committee's next review and how we can check change is being made.

Register now by emailing: equalityactscotland@equalityhumanrights.com

or telephone [0141 228 5910](tel:01412285910)

Historic Environment Scotland – Edinburgh Castle BSL Tour: 3 March 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2:30pm

Join John Hay and interpreter Linda Duncan for a BSL tour of Edinburgh Castle

Included in admission price, carers go free. Buy your tickets and meet the tour in the Visitor Information Centre.

For more information, contact Sally Gall at: Sally.gall@hes.scot

Deafblind Scotland – 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.

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 Friday 9th March 2018

Join us for our very first Sports Dinner!

We 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 entertainment from ex Celtic and Scotland player Murdo MacLeod.

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

All money raised will go directly to Deafblind Scotland.

For more information, please contact Anne Marie Feechan
Annemarie.feechan@dbscotland.org.uk or telephone 0141 777 5830

Skills Development Scotland: Careers event Modern Apprenticeships: Including You on 6th March

What is the event?

This event is to promote Modern Apprenticeships to young people aged 13-29 from diverse backgrounds

Where?

Doubletree by Hilton hotel
36 Cambridge Street
Glasgow
G2 3HN

When?

Tuesday 6th March 2018

What times?

The fair is open from 10am until 2.30pm

Entry is free

There shall be workshops about Modern Apprenticeships and the support available to you.

These workshops will be on the 8th floor and lifts are available.

There shall also be exhibitors to speak to, including employers and support organisations. Workshops will have hearing loops.

Find out more: Email MAEquality@sds.co.uk or telephone Michelle on 07585 884629

Generations Working Together Conference

You may already know that we have our National Conference is taking place on 7 March 2018. 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.

OSCR: Safeguarding and Notifiable Events

The recent reports of abuses connected to some charities working in the international aid sector are deeply troubling and as a regulator we take such matters extremely seriously.

There are two key points that we would like to remind charities of in light of the reports.

- Safeguarding (keeping vulnerable beneficiaries, volunteers and staff safe)
- Notifiable Events

Due to the importance of them both, we are asking charity trustees to make sure that these topics are Agenda Items at the next meeting.

Safeguarding - Keeping vulnerable beneficiaries, volunteers and staff safe

The public is right to expect the highest standards of governance from charity trustees – charity law also requires it. We work very closely with Police Scotland and the justice system where we consider there is any criminal activity or risk to vulnerable people. Charities working with vulnerable beneficiaries or volunteers need a heightened

focus on possible abuses of power that might lead to bullying, harassment, or sexual misconduct.

The legal duty of all charity trustees is to act in the best interests of their charity and, in particular, to act with due care and diligence. For all charities, this means trustees should make sure that they create a safe environment for staff, beneficiaries and volunteers. Charities should have the appropriate policies, procedures and practices in place to make sure that everyone is kept safe. It is important to develop a culture that enables anyone to report concerns, whilst making sure that those concerns are dealt with appropriately and in a sensitive manner. They should also ensure that everyone in the organisation understands these policies and that they are reviewed and kept up to date as organisations grow and change.

Remember, charity trustees are the ones who are ultimately accountable when something goes wrong in a charity, and it is up to them to take appropriate action when it is required. If you are a charity trustee, please review your safeguarding policies – and if they are not comprehensive enough, work with your fellow trustees to get them where they need to be as soon as possible.

Later this year, we will be publishing new guidance on safeguarding. If there is anything you would like to see us cover in this guidance, please email info@oscr.org.uk and we will consider your suggestions.

Notifiable events

When problems occur, it is important for trustees to address them vigorously and transparently – we have a [Notifiable Events](#) system which should be used in circumstances like this.

This system was started in April 2016 and it gives us an opportunity to provide guidance to charities when serious incidents occur.

There is no legal requirement to report a Notifiable Event. However, it is an important way for charities to reassure us, and other interested parties, that they are on top of the issues they are facing. Ultimately, we may become concerned if there has been a matter that has not been reported to us; especially if it goes on to have a negative impact on the individual charity or the wider charity sector.

<https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/safeguarding-and-notifiable-events-two-key-points-for-your-next-meeting>

Vacancies

NRCPD - Director of Development

Are you a natural leader?
Do you have flair and determination?

Do you thrive in an ever changing environment?
Are you looking for a new challenge?

We are seeking a Director of Development to join our small but vital charity.

We are entering a period of rapid and exciting change and are looking for a person who can engage and communicate with all our stakeholders.

As a small and specialist Registration body, our goal over the next 2 years is to separate from our parent company, manage financial stability with the longer term aim of becoming a statutory regulator.

We operate in a dynamic, growing specialist arena running a voluntary register for those professionals who provide communication services to Deaf and Deafblind people.

**If you are interested in this role and would like further information please contact Joanne Lavender at NRCPD, Mersey House, Mandale Business Park, Belmont, Durham, DH1 1TH
Tel – 0191 383 1155, email - joannel@nrcpd.org.uk**

**Closing date for applications – 23 February 2018
Interview date – 13 March 2018 – venue tbc**

Forth Valley Sensory Centre: Treasurer/Trustee

Forth Valley Sensory Centre (FVSC) provides a wide range of high quality services for children, adults and elderly people living with either a hearing or sight impairment. The FVSC is looking to appoint a new Trustee to take on the role of Treasurer and to enable even more people with sensory loss to enjoy the best possible quality of life. The new Trustee will join the organisation at an exciting and challenging time with the opportunity to transform services and extend our reach.

The Board are currently in the process of assessing competitive tenders for a three-year contract for audit and accountancy services (a **FVSC Treasurer Information Pack** including the 'Invitation to Tender' will be supplied to all interested applicants). Aligned with this process the Board are seeking to appoint a volunteer Trustee, with financial experience, skills and connections to help drive forward our new strategy. The essential criteria for the voluntary post of Treasurer are:

- A proven track record of financial management/leadership within the private, public or third sector
- A sound working knowledge of financial systems, procedures and best practice
- The ability to develop strong and effective relationships with our appointed auditors/accountants, our bank and other finance professionals as required
- Good communication and networking skills
- An interest and empathy with the needs of people living with a sensory impairment
- The ability to become an ambassador and to raise the profile of the centre as well as contributing at a strategic level

The desirable criteria for the post includes:

- Experience of fundraising campaigns, bid applications, procurement, strategic planning and contract management
- Private/public/third party partnership working
- IT and administration skills

The Board are currently reviewing the duties associated with the post of Treasurer and are keen to involve the successful applicant before finalizing the process. It is anticipated that the post will hold the following duties:

- Oversight of the organisation's finances, assets and contractual commitments
- Formal quarterly and end of year liaison with the auditors/accountants
- Formal liaison with the organisations bankers and other finance professionals as required
- Attendance at the Boards quarterly meetings, annual open meeting/AGM and occasional attendance at special Board meetings
- Presentation of the quarterly accounts and end of year reporting to the full Board
- Liaising with the Chair, Board members and the Centre Manager as required

For more information and a copy of the **FVSC Treasurer Information Pack** please contact: **Delia Henry**, Chair FVSC Board or **Jacque Winning**, Centre Manager
Forth Valley Sensory Centre| Redbrae Road| Camelon| FK1 4DD
sensory@forthvalleysensorycentre.org T.01324 590888

TRAINING

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 at admin@scod.org.uk

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

Deafness, spoken language acquisition and learning English as an additional language (EAL): Tuesday, 1st May, 2018

This course is for all professionals working with deaf young people either in mainstream or specialist provision, and parents and carers.

This one-day course will offer a mixture of lectures and interactive workshops on the following topics:

- Bi/multilingualism and EAL: Sequential bilingual development; Bilingualism and language difficulties.
- EAL and deaf children: Exposure to spoken languages; Hearing speech sounds; First language? Non-verbal communication; Communication and interaction.
- Practical issues for teachers: Supporting families; Supporting EAL pupils; Assessments.
- Resources and references.

There will be time for individual Q&A in a surgery-type format; participants are encouraged to bring some particular questions, or case data, that they may want to discuss.

Presenter: Dr Merle Mahon^[1]_[SEP], Language and Cognition Research, Psychology and Language Science, UCL, London

Course fee: £110

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/dmay18.html>

The Accidental Counsellor: Supporting Others in Additional Support Needs Work: Monday, 23rd April, 2018

This course will be of interest to all those who work with and support the parents and school staff of children with additional support needs including visual impairment and deafness.

Staff often find themselves cast in the role of the 'accidental counsellor' to colleagues and parents. This can leave staff feeling unsure how best to respond. Course participants will have opportunities to explore and better understand:

- issues underlying parent and staff anxieties and challenges
- options for helpful responding: theory and practice
- how to address the expectations of others.

The course will have a practical focus, including opportunities both to explore typical situations and to practice different approaches. Participants may have had no previous CPD in interpersonal or counselling skills, whilst those who have such experience will have opportunities to share and deepen their skill set.

Participants are expected to undertake some brief pre-course reading which will be available in advance of the course.

Presenter: Richard Hendry, ASN Consultant Trainer - see below for brief biography.

Course fee: £110

Closing date: 2nd April 2018

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gapr18.html>

BSL / English Interpreter training - Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016

Queen Margaret University (QMU) is offering a **FREE** online mini course for BSL / English Interpreters on the changes associated with the **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016**. This is too good an opportunity to miss!!

Enrolment is now open and the course opens in a couple of weeks on **Monday 26 February 2018**.

For further information and how to register, please check out the link below:

https://openeducation.blackboard.com/mooc-catalog/courseDetails/view?course_id= 1871 1

Should you have any questions, please contact **Rachel Mapson / QMU Interpreting directly** – email addresses copied in.

CINEMA/THEATRE



Now Showing Subtitled:

Fifty Shades Freed, Black Panther, The Shape Of Water, Pixar's Coco, Three Billboards, The Mercy, 15:17 To Paris, Den Of Thieves, Winchester, Journey's End, Downsizing, Early Man, The Post, The Commuter, Darkest Hour, Maze Runner, Jumanji, The Greatest Showman & more!

Visit [YourLocalCinema](#) website for accessible listings and trailers

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www.parliament.uk

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In order that we get the information we need to put in the bulletin and you reach your intended audiences, we have put together a template that we would appreciate it if you use to send us information/articles.

We cannot use posters, but we are willing to “share” your posts on our Facebook and re-tweet your “tweets” on our Twitter account. You might have information on your website or YouTube or Vimeo in BSL – please share the links, so that we can.

Organisation Name	
Article/News Item/	Maximum 400 words

Important date (s)	
Contact details for the bulletin	
Link(s) in social media – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube	
Organisation's Logo (if you want it included)	