



# deafscotland Bulletin Mid August 2018

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## Don't miss out! Save the dates!

Few events being planned...!

### **National Council – Tuesday 6 November 2018**

The next National Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 November 2018 in Edinburgh. We will be covering topics such as See Hear Strategy, British Sign Language (BSL) and Mindfulness. We're looking to hold the meeting at 10.30am until 3.00pm.

Further details will follow.

### **Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 5 December 2018**

The next Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 5 December 2018 in the morning before the Cross Party Group on Deafness meeting takes place on the day same in the afternoon. It will be held in Edinburgh.

Further details will follow.

## **Conference 2019 – Friday 15 March 2019**

We are starting to plan our 2019 conference which will take place on Friday 15 March 2019. It will be in Glasgow at DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel Glasgow Central. The theme will be “communication4all”.

Further details will follow.

**Sponsorship opportunities** – please let us know as soon as possible, if you are interested in sponsoring a part of the event by getting in touch with Janis McDonald, Chief Officer: [chiefofficer@deafscotland.org](mailto:chiefofficer@deafscotland.org).

**Presenting a workshop** – please let us know as soon as possible, if you are interested in presenting a workshop by getting in touch with the organiser: [admin@deafscotland.org](mailto:admin@deafscotland.org).

## **Mental Health and Wellbeing for all people affected by deafness: Past, Present and Future**

deafscotland (formerly Scottish Council on Deafness) started to campaign for inclusive mental health services for people with a hearing loss in Scotland in 1927, the year the organisation was set up. Today it continues to campaign for mental health and wellbeing services and information to be fully inclusive for everyone, including people across the four pillars of deafness – Deaf / Deaf Sign Language users; Deafblind; Deafened and Hard of Hearing.

It is 10 years since deafscotland published the research paper “Making the Case for Specialist Mental Health Services in Scotland”. The current paper shows the developments that have been put in place for people with a hearing loss in Scotland who need support to maintain good mental health and wellbeing. It also shows what still needs to be done. To read the paper, go to [www.scod.org.uk/briefings/](http://www.scod.org.uk/briefings/).

## **BSL Mental Health Questionnaire**

We currently have a questionnaire circulating which aims to better inform society’s perception of mental health terminology.

All questions in British Sign Language (BSL).

If you are a BSL user, could you please take the time to fill out our survey in collaboration with See Me. If you know any BSL users please pass this on!

All responses are anonymous and all information remains confidential.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VB23WR2>

## deafscotland Membership

We have started to engage with our members for 2018/19 and invoices are out. Please continue to work with us together.

We have two categories of membership:

- **FULL MEMBERS.** These are the organisations that have a major interest in deaf issues, make up the National Council, have voting rights and can put forward nominations to the deafscotland Board.
- **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**  
**Organisations.** These are organisations who are interested in deaf issues but it is not their main work, cannot have voting rights, be full members or do not want the responsibility of full membership.  
**Individuals.** These are individuals, people who are deaf or have an interest in deafness and want to support our work.

We are revising our membership offer and fees this year. Fees are held at the same price this year and have not increased for more than five years. In the future we want to be clearer on the content of the membership offer.

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

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

For more information, contact us on 0141 248 2474 or email us at: [admin@deafscotland.org](mailto:admin@deafscotland.org). 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 deafscotland 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/>.

## **Participation Consultation and Communication**

Please use the link or check out the website [www.scod.org.uk](http://www.scod.org.uk) to see our latest briefing. If you have any comments or feedback please send them to [chiefofficer@deafscotland.org](mailto:chiefofficer@deafscotland.org) or [bsl@deafscotland.org](mailto:bsl@deafscotland.org).

We are interested in your opinion.

To read the paper, go to: <http://www.scod.org.uk/briefing-participation-consultation-and-communication/>.

## **Cross Party Group on Deafness (CPGD)**

deafscotland provides secretariat support for the Cross Party Group on Deafness (CPGD) meetings. Future meetings will be held on:

Wednesday 12 September 2018 (this meeting includes the AGM)

Wednesday 5 December 2018

The meetings will be held at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh at 1.00pm-2.30pm on both dates.

**BSL version** – please use this link below to our YouTube page to find the information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBkLDIQwfkU&list=PL7TPJkTbihG8nYdM8NxEdOdXtbyw59eMQ>

Best wishes, Janis & deafscotland Team

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## Sponsored Material



### **Get Deaf Aware is the leading provider of deaf awareness training...**

Whether you are an organisation looking to train your employees, a team looking to increase your communication skills, or an individual looking to increase your understanding of deafness, we have a solution for you.

#### **How does it benefit me and my organisation?**

Get Deaf Aware can help you take your commitment to providing excellent customer service further; creating a personable customer experience which demonstrates your proactive approach to becoming deaf aware and more considerate of each person's individual journey. Increasing your level of customer service can increase both footfall and income; deaf awareness training can integrate strategically into your development programmes and significantly differentiate your organisation from competitors.

Creating a world without barriers is something that we all want. Becoming deaf aware is bigger than just improving your customer service, it builds your brand and places you at the forefront of inclusivity and what is right and wrong in business. Behaving responsibly and ethically as a business is both complex and challenging; becoming deaf aware is a huge step in the right direction; allow us to guide you on your journey.

#### **Why Get Deaf Aware?**

The Get Deaf Aware brand continues to grow. Upon completion of the training, your business can take advantage of Get Deaf Aware branded material, including window stickers, pin badges for your employees and the logo on your website. Showcase your commitment and embrace positive change in your workplace.

Created in partnership with, and endorsed by Signature, the quality of our training is unparalleled and promises to produce the results your business requires. You can trust us.

### How do we do it?

We have a number of solutions to support you. We can offer a short 45 minute online training course – introduce it as part of your induction programme; we can run training days for your employees; we can train your own academy trainers to deliver training to your own teams. Alternatively, if you have other ideas or if your business has specific needs, we're more than happy to discuss our bespoke training options with you.

### Get Deaf Aware online is CPD Accredited

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) accredited is an assurance in terms of the training standard and the level of learning offered. Get Deaf Aware is proud to exceed the standards and benchmarks required to receive such a prestigious accreditation.

To find out more information about Get Deaf Aware and to request an information pack, please visit [getdeafaware.org.uk](http://getdeafaware.org.uk). If you would like to speak to us directly about our available options, please don't hesitate to send us an email at [info@getdeafaware.org.uk](mailto:info@getdeafaware.org.uk) or call us on **0191 383 1155**.

**BSL version** – please use this link below to our YouTube page to find the information:

<https://youtu.be/WPYP44UQ75U>

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## **BSL (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 PARTNERS' NEWS**

### **BSL Authority (Local) Plans**

Public bodies / authorities have already started working on their BSL Authority (Local) Plans and looking to engage with members from BSL Communities. This is very important that Deaf and Deafblind BSL users engage, communicate, contribute and work with public bodies / authorities. They are looking for local BSL users who use their services. There's a number of BSL Engagement events happening at the moment, check out the information below.

### **BSL Engagement events**

**Please note that we have kept all the details for events, including past events for your information.**

#### **ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Tuesday 14 August 2018 at 10.30am-12.30pm at Tarbet Academy, School Road, Tarbert

Tuesday 14 August 2018 at 2.00pm-4.00pm at Lochgilphead Community Centre, Manse Road, Lochgilphead

#### **AYRSHIRE SHARED BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Saturday 16 June 2018 at 11.30am-1.30pm and 4.30pm-5.30pm at Grange Academy (The Street), Kilmarnock

Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 6.00pm-8.30pm at Irvine Townhouse, Irvine

Sunday 1 July 2018 at 2.00pm-5.00pm at Gaiety Theatre, Ayr

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Sunday 1 July 2018 at 2.00pm-5.00pm at Gaiety Theatre, Ayr

#### **CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Wednesday 29 August 2018 at 1.00pm-3.00pm or 6.00pm-8.00pm at Ceremony Room, Speirs Centre, Alloa

Looking for BSL users to support the council in shaping their plan, or would like to find out more, please contact: [equalities@clacks.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@clacks.gov.uk)

#### **DUNDEE & ANGUS COUNCILS SHARED BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Wednesday 30 May 2018 at 4.00pm-7.00pm at The Steeple, Dundee

**EDINBURGH BSL CONSULTATION REFERENCE GROUP**

Wednesday 27 June 2018 at 6.00pm-7.30pm at South Bridge Resource Centre, Edinburgh

**EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Thursday 30 August 2018 at 7.00pm-10.00pm in Lesser Hall at Kirkintilloch Town Hall, Kirkintilloch

Saturday 1 September 2018 at 1.00pm-4.00pm in Raeburn Room at Kilmardinny House, Bearsden

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL AND NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE SHARED BSL LOCAL PLAN**

Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 6.30pm-9.00pm at Thorntree Hall, 35 Main Street, Thornliebank

**FIFE COUNCIL BSL PLAN MEETING**

Thursday 13 September 2018 at 2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm in Kirkcaldy – venue TBC

**FIFE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Thursday 28 June 2018 at 10.00am-12.00pm, 2.00pm-4.00pm and 5.30pm-7.30pm at Town House, Kirkcaldy

**FORTH VALLEY SHARED BSL LOCAL PLAN (NHS Forth Valley & Falkirk Council)**

Wednesday 27 June 2018 at 5.30pm-7.30pm at Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Camelon

**GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL AND NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE SHARED BSL LOCAL PLAN**

Wednesday 11 July 2018 at 6.30pm-9.00pm at Glasgow City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL BSL DROP-IN EVENT**

Wednesday 14 July 2018 at 3.00pm-5.00pm at Cameron Youth Centre, Inverness

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Tuesday 7 August 2018 at 4.00pm-7.00pm at The Beacons Art Centre, Greenock (Lindsay Wood Room)



**MORAY COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

Saturday 28 July 2018 at 7.00pm-9.00pm

Both will be held at NESS Elgin office, Elizabeth House, 10 Victoria Crescent, Elgin

**NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE BSL LOCAL PLAN FOR GLASGOW BSL RESIDENTS ONLY**

Monday 20 August 2018 at 6.30pm-9.00pm at Scottish Youth Theatre, 105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow

**NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE BSL LOCAL PLAN FOR EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE BSL RESIDENTS ONLY**

Thursday 30 August 2018 at 6.00pm-9.00pm at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre, Kirkintilloch

**NHS Lothian LIVE-STREAMING BSL DISCUSSION**

Thursday 23 August 2018 at 7.00pm via Deaf Action Facebook page

**NORTH & SOUTH LANARKSHIRE SHARED BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Friday 15 June 2018 at 2.00pm-4.00pm and 4.00pm-6.00pm at Deaf Services Lanarkshire, Coatbridge ML5 3AA

Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 10.00am-12.00pm at Hamilton Deaf Club, Hamilton

Saturday 30 June 2018 at 1.00pm-3.30pm at Bellshill Cultural Centre, Bellshill

**ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Saturday 25 August 2018 at the Deaf Awareness event hosted by Orkney Deaf Children's Society

**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Monday 11 June 2018 at 4.00pm-6.00pm at VisionPK, Perth

**RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL AND NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE SHARED BSL LOCAL PLAN**

Thursday 16 August 2018 at 6.00pm-8.30pm at University of West of Scotland (UWS), Paisley High Street

**SCOTTISH BORDERS SHARED BSL LOCAL ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

Saturday 21 July 2018 at 10.30am-12.00pm or 12.30pm-2.00pm at Borders College, Galashiels

**TAYSIDE BSL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT EVENT**

Saturday 27 June 2018 at 4.00pm-7.00pm at The Marryat Hall, City Square, Dundee

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL BSL DRAFT PLAN**

Looking for BSL users to support the council in shaping their plan, or would like to find out more, please contact: [Ricardo.Rea@west-dunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:Ricardo.Rea@west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

**WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

Tuesday 5 June 2018 at 5.00pm-8.00pm at Ability Centre, Livingston

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**HERIOT-WATT UNIVERSITY BSL LOCAL ENGAGEMENT**

Thursday 25 June 2018 at 10.30am-12.00pm at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh (Mary Burton Building)

**UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH BSL PLAN MEETING**

Wednesday 22 August 2018 at 1.30pm-4.00pm in Paterson's Land, Holyrood Campus, Edinburgh

**UNIVERSITIES & COLLEGES FROM GLASGOW AREA BSL PLAN**

Saturday 25 August 2018 at 10.00am-12.00pm at Deaf Connections, Glasgow

**UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING AND FORTH VALLEY COLLEGE BSL CONSULTATION EVENT**

Wednesday 27 June 2018 at 5.30pm-7.30pm at University of Stirling, Airthrey Road, Stirling

**SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT SHARED BSL EVENT (WITH OTHER PUBLIC BODIES)**

Friday 18 May 2018 at 2.00pm-5.00pm at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Saturday 19 May 2018 at 10.00am-1.00pm at The Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

There's many more events organised, keep checking out various partners' or public bodies' websites, Facebook and Twitter for further updates / information. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with Derek Todd, BSL Consultant at deafscotland by email: [bsl@deafscotland.org](mailto:bsl@deafscotland.org).

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## Draft BSL Plans: consultations are live

The **Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)** have launched their Draft BSL Plan for consultation. You can view this on the link below:

OSCR: <https://www.oscr.org.uk/news/have-your-say-on-oscr-s-bsl-plan>

The **Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR)** has also launched their consultation, which can be viewed on the link below:

SHR: <https://www.scotishhousingregulator.gov.uk/news/housing-regulator-launches-consultation-british-sign-language-plan>

We would be grateful if you could share these links as widely as possible among your stakeholders.

Thank you for being a part of our reference group and for showing an interest in helping OSCR and the SHR with our draft BSL Plans for consultation.


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## The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) is currently seeking views on its draft British Sign Language (BSL) Plan.

This plan supports commitments in the British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan and sets out the actions we intend to take to promote BSL and support BSL users (including tactile BSL) over the period covering 2018 to 2024.

You can also view the BSL video which contains the draft BSL plan and details [on how to respond to this consultation](#).

You can respond to this consultation in English or BSL.

- **Email** : [equality@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:equality@scotcourts.gov.uk) – please email your [Response Form](#) and put **BSL Plan** in the subject line;
- **Email** : [equality@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:equality@scotcourts.gov.uk) – please send us an email with  youtube or vimeo links to videos of your responses to the questions and put **BSL Plan** in the subject line (Please do not attach videos to the email as we cannot receive large files);
- **Post** – send your [Response Form](#) to: Katarzyna Zduniak, Equality and Diversity Manager, Spur N1, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD.

If you have any questions about this draft plan, or our consultation, please contact [equality@scotcourts.gov.uk](mailto:equality@scotcourts.gov.uk) or you may phone us at 0131 444 3455 through [contactSCOTLAND-BSL](#) if you are a Deaf BSL user.

**The consultation runs until Friday 31 August 2018.**

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## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **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 2017 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 27 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.

### **Morag Duffy starting a new chapter...**

After many years of loyal service to WSDCS, Morag Duffy is leaving her role as Family Support Officer in early August 2018. WSDCS will be working closely with NDCS Scotland to make sure that any family who needs support and help in the interim will receive it and Iain and Carol and the Trustees will make sure that we continue to provide the vital help that families need.

We will be moving to recruit a new Family Officer for the Society in the coming weeks to continue to build on what has been achieved to date, it will be business as usual in terms of all activities and groups in the meantime.

Iain and Carol will be happy to provide support and help and we will be recognising Morag's contribution in the near future.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Carol Campbell.

The Trustees of West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society.

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## **Scottish Government consultation on the Culture Strategy**

Following a Scottish Government commitment to develop A Culture Strategy for Scotland, early engagement with individuals, artists and creative producers, communities and organisations during 2017 asked what matters most to people about culture in Scotland and what they thought the priorities for supporting culture are over the next decade.

BSL Version of consultation – <https://vimeo.com/280530772/a67902c36c>

**The consultation runs until Wednesday 19 September 2018.**

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## **Scottish Ambulance Service – Are you interested in helping us to improve healthcare in Scotland?**

The Scottish Ambulance Service wants to hear from the public we serve.

We want to ensure that we are giving our patients the best possible care and that we are meeting their needs and expectations. This is where you can help.

We want volunteers from all over Scotland for our Engagement Steering Group, which meets for three hours, four times a year at our National HQ in Edinburgh. During the meeting members are presented with the latest, and proposed, developments in the service and we are keen to hear feedback from the public on their views, whilst providing a fresh pair of eyes.

Whether or not you've used the Scottish Ambulance Service before – emergency services or Patient Transport – you can help us shape what we do in the future.

Our next meeting will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 – 5pm. We cannot pay for attendance, but we do pay agreed expenses. We do have further meetings scheduled, so don't worry if you can't make that one!

We pride ourselves on being a caring and proactive service and we need your help.

**Please email [scotamb.communications@nhs.net](mailto:scotamb.communications@nhs.net) with a bit about yourself and what interests you in a role with us.**

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## **Queen Street entrance change**

From Saturday 21 July 2018, the way passengers access Glasgow Queen Street's High and Low Level services from Dundas Street will change as the project team finishes demolition work.

Direct access to Low Level services from Dundas Street will close, and be replaced with a temporary walkway via Platform 2 on the main concourse. The main entrance on Dundas Street will remain open and will move further down Dundas Street.

These new changes to passenger access will be in place throughout the redevelopment and will enable the project team to complete the remaining demolition work before construction begins to build a bigger and brighter station.

We are working hard to minimise the impact that our activities have on our customers, and we will have extra people and signs to help our passengers adjust to the new arrangements.

The passenger assistance desk will remain at the centre of the concourse, and lift access to the Low Level platforms will remain operational from Platform 7.

If you need any further information about these changes, please don't hesitate to contact me at [Margaret.Hoey@scotrail.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.Hoey@scotrail.co.uk).

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## **Blind north-east man set to run half marathon**

A north-east running enthusiast, who is registered blind, is preparing to run his eighth half marathon to raise money for blind and deaf people.

Neil Skene, fundraising co-ordinator for North East Sensory Services (NESS), will take part in the Great Aberdeen Run half marathon alongside guide runner Alan Coull on 26 August 2018. Neil said: "This is one of my favourite events as you get to run on the streets of Aberdeen with thousands of other runners; the atmosphere is electric, keeping you motivated to finish the race in good time.

Neil continues: "Without the support of our guide runners, we would not be able to take part. We rely heavily on them to verbally and physically communicate with us, indicating twists and turns in the road, as well as letting us know if there are people or obstacles ahead.

"We really appreciate their commitment to support us, they don't just run with us on the day of the event they give up dedicated time for months in advance to help us prepare.

"My training schedule includes regular runs incorporating shorter distances, helping me to increase my speed. I take part in local Parkruns which are organised weekly by volunteers, suitable for all standards of runners and free to attend. For longer distances I train in my local village Inverurie and its surrounding country areas. I will occasionally run on the treadmill but only if I have to as I much prefer human company!"

Graham Findlay, chief executive officer for NESS said: "Neil has participated in numerous races, including half marathon and marathons. His efforts are incredible and an inspiration for anyone considering getting off the couch, dusting off the trainers and donning the running attire for a day of sporting fun.

"We have a limited amount of free charity places available and participants will receive a NESS T-shirt, a pre-run workshop on nutritional advice for running provided by Aurora Natural Wellness, goodies from Alba Sports Nutrition and a recovery smoothie; and if that doesn't attract you, we can offer you a well-earned post-run massage from Helping Hand Therapy."

Also participating in the NESS team is Kerry Robbins, whose son is deaf and receives support from the Young People's Sensory Service (YPSS) programme at NESS, which works with children and young people. Kerry, will compete in her first 10k to help raise vital funds for the charity, as a thank you for the support the family has received. YPSS provides a vital service for

young people aged from 0-18 with a visual or hearing impairment, encouraging children to learn new life skills, make friends and have fun.

For more information or to run in aid of NESS, contact Neil Skene at NESS on Tel: 0345 27 12345 or email: [neil.skene@nesensoryservices.org](mailto:neil.skene@nesensoryservices.org)

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## EVENTS

### **Mark Griffin MSP is holding a Consultation about benefits**

Event: Have Your Say on New Disability Benefits

Date: Thursday 23 August 2018

Time: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Place: Glo Centre in Motherwell (78 Muir Street, Motherwell, ML1 1BN)

BSL Video: <https://youtu.be/EDq80RusNxY>

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### **Edinburgh Fringe Productions**

Nine Foot Nine is a dystopian, sci-fi piece set in a future where one day all self-identifying women in the world grow to nine foot tall, with science powerless to stop them. The piece follows a family in the midst of the chaos, and interrogates the effect the growth has on intimate family relationships and the fabric of society as a whole.

Sleepless Theatre are a company that specializes in inclusive theatre- theatre that works with performers and creatives that identify as D/deaf or disabled and provides access technologies for audience. They recently got Arts Council funding to allow the entire run of Nine Foot Nine to be captioned, and as such we are particularly trying to reach out to audiences that identify as D/deaf or hearing impaired to come and enjoy the show.

You can find out more about the show here:

<https://www.assemblyfestival.com/whats-on/nine-foot-nine>

And read our Independent article here about Sleepless' ethos:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/theatre-dance/features/accessibility-disability-theatre-sleepless-nine-foot-nine-fringe-young-emerging-companies-a8386421.html>



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## **Enough by The Naked Dietitian**

There is a solo theatre show by The Naked Dietitian called Enough which makes links between people's everyday experiences of connection, oppression and privilege, and how these experiences shape our health and mental health, and build the world we live in. This show will be BSL interpreted by Paul Belmonte on Wednesday August 22nd.

For more information visit: <http://newslangproductions.com/Enough> and a promotional clip for Enough that uses BSL: <https://we.tl/tWTe9Un5iU>

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## **National Deaf Children's Society Scotland (NDCS Scotland)**

### **Ayrshire Buzz event**

Raising deaf awareness: a community fun day for deaf and hearing people of all ages which celebrates deaf young people as part of the Year of Young People.

#### **What? Ayrshire Buzz**

**When: Saturday 8 September 2018 at 11.00am-3.00pm**

**Where: Burnhouse Manor Hotel, Beith North Ayrshire KA15 1LJ**

Join us for fun activities including golf-football, drama and anti-bullying and learn British Sign Language. Hop on-board our Roadshow to test drive the latest technology.

The perfect chance to:

- Make new friends
- Meet other families
- Learn about deafness

This event is free but places must be booked in advance.

Lunch, ENT and BSL Interpreters will be provided.

To book your place by Friday 31 August 2018, contact -

Email: [Rachael.Dunbar@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:Rachael.Dunbar@ndcs.org.uk)

Mobile: 07966 341 009

<https://ayrshirebuzz.eventbrite.co.uk>

## **Outdoor Activity Weekend**

An exciting outdoor activity weekend for deaf young people aged 14-18 from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 October 2018. Activities will include raft building, archery and high ropes. The event is FREE. For more information, visit [http://www.ndcs.org.uk/whats\\_on/events/events\\_for\\_children\\_and\\_young\\_people/adventure\\_weekend.html](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/whats_on/events/events_for_children_and_young_people/adventure_weekend.html).

Contact: Siobhan Murray 0141 354 7850 or Mobile: 07484 039 997

Email: [siobhan.murray@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:siobhan.murray@ndcs.org.uk)

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## **Glasgow City Voluntary Sector**

Glasgow's Adult and Child Protection Committees are hosting a free one-day event to showcase public protection activity in the city. There will be input from People First, The Advocacy Project, MAPPA and the Children & Families Third Sector Citywide Forum followed by a discussion on the future of public protection in Glasgow.

### **What? Public Protection Event**

**When: Wednesday 12 September 2018 at 9.15am-4.15pm**

**Where: City Chambers, George Square, G2 1DU**

Places are limited to 100 participants. To register your interest, please email [sw\\_glasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:sw_glasgowCPC@sw.glasgow.gov.uk) to request an interest form. This has to be completed **by Friday 31 August 2018**.

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## **Hearing Link Scotland**

Hearing Link Scotland is to host a LinkUp group later this year for people living with hearing loss and their partners or family members.

The group programme will take place from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 October 2018 in Edinburgh.

If you are struggling to manage your hearing and would find it helpful to share your experiences with like-minded people, then please get in touch.

LinkUps are led by experienced volunteers who have a sensitive understanding of what it means to live with hearing loss, many of whom also have personal experience. These courses aim to give you, a partner, family member or friend the information to help you each better manage the changes hearing loss can bring.

Communication support will be made available including hearing loops and Speech-To-Text-Reporting (STTR) where you can follow what is being said on a screen. Accommodation and meals are provided. All you need to cover is your own travel costs.

We'll be delivering our highly-regarded LinkUps on a regular basis across the UK, offering an opportunity for you to work with others over two days to find ways to live better with your hearing.

To find out more about these LinkUp in Edinburgh and whether it is right for you, visit our website at [www.hearinglink.org/services/linkups](http://www.hearinglink.org/services/linkups).

Alternatively email [helpdesk@hearinglink.org](mailto:helpdesk@hearinglink.org) for further information and details of how to apply.

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## Healthy Eyes Training

A new training pack called 'Healthy Eyes' for adults with learning disabilities has been designed to help raise awareness of the importance of eye health. It has been developed by RNIB, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, Glasgow Caledonian University and The Good Life Group and supported by the Scottish Government. This training pack aims to help adults with learning disabilities recognise possible signs of sight loss in family, friends and themselves, which they may not have been aware of before. It will also explain what to do if an individual thinks their sight is getting worse or they have a problem with their eyes. It has been developed to help increase the individual's confidence when attending an eye examination and to be aware of what is good and bad for eye health.

The training pack can be used within a group setting for adults with learning disabilities and would require a facilitator of the group to lead the training session. It includes video clips of scenes acted by The Good Life Group who are a group of adults with learning disabilities. The training pack will be available on a USB. This USB will include the training guide for the trainer and the video clips of the scenes.

RNIB UK Adult Social Care Practice and Development Team look forward to the training pack being distributed and used within group settings. We hope this will be something new and exciting for adults with learning disabilities to learn more about sight loss and the importance of eye health.

If you facilitate a group and would like more information about the 'Healthy Eyes' training pack and how to receive one, please contact RNIB UK Adult Social Care Practice and Development Team by emailing [UKPDT.Training@rnib.org.uk](mailto:UKPDT.Training@rnib.org.uk) or phoning 0141 772 5588.

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## **Kaput**

Do you love Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton? Then you'll love the silent slapstick acrobatic clown Tom Flanagan in Kaput.

The totally non-verbal show has been a hit with the deaf community around the world and now they are offering 2-4-1 tickets to EVERY SHOW in The Edinburgh Fringe with the codeword **DEAF**.

Book tickets here: <https://www.assemblyfestival.com/whats-on/kaput>

Every day until 26 August 2018 at 1:30pm (no Wednesdays).

### **Tags:**

facebook: @tomiskaput

Twitter: @tomiskaput

Instagram: @Kaput\_TheShow

### **Promo video:**

<https://vimeo.com/282717442>

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## VACANCIES

### **The Scottish Fiscal Commission are looking for two new commissioners.**

On 1 April 2017, the Scottish Fiscal Commission became a non-ministerial department, reporting to the Scottish Parliament. It was originally established by Scottish Ministers in June 2014 as an independent non-statutory commission to scrutinise and report publicly on fiscal forecasts prepared by the Scottish Government.

The Commission is now responsible for independently providing the central forecasts of devolved taxes, devolved expenditure and the macro-economic forecast for Scotland.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 23 August 2018 at midday.

For more information about the roles and how to apply please see:

<http://bit.ly/2KwxpCC>

Please don't forget about all the other vacancies that are currently being advertised on our website. For full details please see;

<https://applications.appointed-for-scotland.org/Default.aspx>

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### **Scottish Public Bodies Vacancies**

**The State Hospitals Board for Scotland are looking for one new member to join their board!**



The State Hospital is one of four high secure hospitals in the UK. Located in South Lanarkshire in central Scotland, it is a national service for Scotland and Northern Ireland and one part of the pathway of care that should be available for those with secure care needs. The principal aim is to rehabilitate patients, ensuring safe transfer to appropriate lower levels of security.

As a non-executive member of the Board, you will be expected to play a central role in ensuring equitable provision of high quality, secure and clinically effective services to meet the mental health and social care needs of all patients.

For more information on the role and how to apply please see:

<http://bit.ly/2MfSQEP>

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## **The Highlands and Islands Airports Limited are looking for a new Chair.**



Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) is a public body wholly owned by Scottish Ministers. The Company operates and manages 11 airports in the Highlands and Islands (Barra, Benbecula, Campbeltown, Inverness, Islay, Kirkwall, Stornoway, Sumburgh, Tiree and Wick) and Dundee. These airports are vital to the social and economic welfare of the areas they serve and enable the communities to stay connected.

None of HIAL's airports operates on a solely commercial basis and the Scottish Government provides subsidy to HIAL to close the gap between commercial revenue and operating costs to allow services to be maintained.

For more information on this exciting opportunity and how to apply please see:

<http://bit.ly/2vFkXGp>

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## **Please don't forget that the Scottish Fiscal Commission are looking to appoint two new commissioners to their board.**

For further information, please see: <http://bit.ly/2KwxpCC>

Interested in Public Appointments, but looking to discover how the appointment process works? Come along to the Discovery Point on the 19 September, by booking your place [here](#).

You will hear personal experience's from Paul Edie, Board Chair of the Care Inspectorate, James Stuart, Convenor Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority, Beth-Anne Logan, Board member of Children's

Hearings Scotland, Luan Grugeon, Board member of NHS Grampian and Simon Little, Board member of the Scottish Housing Regulator.

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## **Student Awards Agency Scotland(SAAS) are recruiting for a Non-Executive Board Member.**

For more information, visit: [https://applications.appointed-for-scotland.org/pages/job\\_search\\_view.aspx?jobId=1503&JobIndex=1&categoryList=&minsal=0&maxsal=150000&workingPatternList=&keywords=&PageIndex=1&Number=6](https://applications.appointed-for-scotland.org/pages/job_search_view.aspx?jobId=1503&JobIndex=1&categoryList=&minsal=0&maxsal=150000&workingPatternList=&keywords=&PageIndex=1&Number=6)

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## **EHRC Job Vacancy: Fixed Term Solicitor (Scotland) – closing date 31 August 2018**

This temporary position offers an exciting opportunity to run a year-long project to help to increase the Commission's use of its litigation and enforcement powers in Scotland, using a number of strategies including:

- Extending the Commission's existing relationships with lawyers/advocates/advisors across Scotland
- Scoping issues for potential own name Judicial Review
- Scoping and pursuing potential PSD enforcement activity

The role will require the post holder to oversee the use of resources in order to ensure successful delivery of a range of programmes, projects and activities.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/amdanom-ni/careers>

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## TRAINING



### **AWARENESSbites online Deaf Awareness course**

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

deafscotland 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@deafscotland.org](mailto:admin@deafscotland.org).

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

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## **GIRFEC Training**

### **Workshops covering the Getting it Right approach aimed at people affected by deafness**

Getting to Know Getting it Right for Every Child Team is holding several training sessions aimed at practitioners and parents, families and carers affected by deafness\* (Deaf, Deafblind, Deafened and Hard of Hearing) in partnership with deafscotland and NDCS Scotland.

The events are all up on ALLIANCE Website:

**Parents (Glasgow – Saturday 25 August 2018):** <https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/getting-it-right-for-every-child-free-training-opportunity-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-community/>

**Practitioners (Glasgow – Friday 14 September 2018):**  
<https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/workshop-covering-the-getting-it-right-approach-aimed-at-practitioners-working-with-people-affected-by-deafness/>

**Parents (Edinburgh - Saturday 3 November 2018):** <https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/workshop-covering-the-getting-it-right-approach-aimed-at-people-affected-by-deafness-edinburgh/#expanded>

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## **Deafblind Scotland offers various BSL courses...**

### **Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA): BSL Level 1 Certificate (H3PA10) Intensive course**

Designed specifically for people who have limited time/opportunity for vocational training.

Duration; 5 days over 2 week period 9am till 5pm

Dates: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> (Week 1) 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> exam on final day (Week 2)

Venue: Deafblind Scotland, Training and Learning Centre, 1 Neasham Drive, Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA.

Cost: Upon Request

### **Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA): BSL Level 1 Certificate (H3PA10) Condensed evening course**

Designed specifically for people who have limited time/opportunity for vocational training.

Duration; 2 evenings 6.30 - 9pm over 8 weeks (Monday and Thursday)

Dates: commencing September 3<sup>rd</sup> through to October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Venue: Deafblind Scotland, Training and Learning Centre, 1 Neasham Drive,  
Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA.  
Cost: Upon Request

**Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA): BSL Level 2 (H3PA11)  
Intensive**

This intensive day-time course is suitable for students who have achieved BSL level 1.

Duration; 11 days over 4 week period 9am till 5pm (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Dates: Commencing October 1<sup>st</sup> through to October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Venue: Deafblind Scotland, Training and Learning Centre, 1 Neasham Drive,  
Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA.

Cost: Upon Request

**Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA): BSL Level 2 (H3PA11)  
Condensed evening course**

Designed specifically for people who have limited time/opportunity for vocational training.

Duration; 3 evenings 6.00 - 9pm over 9 weeks (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Dates: commencing October 29<sup>th</sup> through to January 16<sup>th</sup>

Venue: Deafblind Scotland, Training and Learning Centre, 1 Neasham Drive,  
Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA.

Cost: Upon Request

Contact: **John Whitfield**, Participation Officer

Email: [JWParticipation@dbscotland.org.uk](mailto:JWParticipation@dbscotland.org.uk)

**Deafblind Scotland**

1 Neasham Drive

Kirkintilloch, G66 3FA

Tel/Text: 0141 777 6111

Fax: 0141 775 3311

## **Quality Assurance of Assessment Arrangements for Deaf and Visually Impaired Candidates: Tuesday 28 August 2018**

This free event will be of interest to Teachers of Visual Impairment of Hearing Impairment and other practitioners supporting candidates in SQA Assessments and Exams.

This free full-day event, in partnership with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), will provide the opportunity for teachers of the deaf, teachers of the visually impaired, support for learning teachers, college lecturers and other practitioners supporting candidates with hearing or visual impairments in SQA Assessments to discuss a range of assessment issues with staff from the SQA.

### **10.00am to 12.45pm (Visual Impairment)**

The aims of the morning session are to consider SQA's approaches to the modification of SQA external examination question papers for visually impaired candidates through a range of case studies/ scenarios, the assessment issues for candidates with visual impairment related to using:

- ICT and Digital Question Papers in SQA external examinations;
- Braille and adapted question papers.

### **1.30pm to 3.30pm (Hearing Impairment)**

The aims of the afternoon session are to consider issues for deaf candidates undertaking the speaking component in National Qualifications in English through a range of case studies/scenarios, the assessment issues for deaf candidates related to:

- using BSL in SQA external examinations;
- the specific assessment demands of particular National courses.

There will be opportunities in both sessions to ask about any specific issues/questions participants wish to raise with SQA staff.

**Teas and coffees will be provided – please bring own packed lunch**

The course is free to attend but you must register so that the requisite number of course materials are made up and brought to the venue by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA). Please book early as we expect places to be taken up quickly.

Application forms are available to download from the following link.

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gaug18.html>

## **The Accidental Counsellor: Supporting Others in Additional Support Needs Work: Tuesday 18 September 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:** Tuesday 28 August 2018

**Venue:** Aberdeen Science Centre

Applications are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gsep18.html>

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## **See Hear Sensory Champion Training Project 2018**

**Do you work with people with complex support needs, including learning disabilities, dementia, stroke and diabetes?**

- Sensory Champion training is for health and social care workers
- Helps to recognise and respond appropriately to potential hidden sensory loss related behaviours
- Promotes and enables effective hidden sensory loss support, to improve outcomes for individuals living with potential hidden sensory loss and complex support needs.

**Dates:** Day 1 September 11th & Day 2 September 12th

**Venue:** The Drama Room, Lorne Resource Centre, Soroba Rd, Oban.

**Dates:** Day 1 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September & Day 2 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Venue:** The Training Room, Campbeltown Hospital.

To find out more about booking a place and becoming a Sensory Champion contact Chris Armitage at Sensory Impairment Team, Argyll and Bute:

**Email:** [chris.armitage@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:chris.armitage@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** 01369 708484

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## **EMPLOYABILITY DROP IN SESSIONS**

Unemployed and looking for a job?

Deaf Action Employability Service will be holding monthly drop ins at our charity shop, 245-247 High Street, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1JF

We support Deaf, deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing and deafened adults over 25 years old.

The times will be 10am until 12noon then 1pm – 3pm

These appointments require to be booked. To book a slot or for more information please email [employability@deafaction.org](mailto:employability@deafaction.org) or text 07795 338 231

The drop ins will be held on the following dates: -

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

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## CINEMA / THEATRE



This summer: Visible Cinema screens the inaugural [Film Showcase](#) featuring short films created by students from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, Access Film Club screens darkly comic [Thoroughbreds](#) and sweet scenes in [Hearts Beat Loud](#) plus Take 2 Access screens action-comedy animation [The Little Vampire](#) and animation classic, [Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit](#). Major new releases *Sicario 2: Soldado and Mary Shelley* screen with Audio Description, and with Captions on selected screenings.

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## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS, MOTIONS AND DEBATES



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

### [Question S5W-15102: Alex Cole-Hamilton, Edinburgh Western, Scottish Liberal Democrats, Date Lodged: 06/03/2018](#)

To ask the Scottish Government what guidance the NHS issues on the font size and typeface that should be used in communications with people with sight issues.

The link to the question and the response on the Scottish Parliament website is here:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-15102&ResultsPerPage=10>

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## UK Government Scottish Affairs Committee

### The future of working practices in Scotland Inquiry



[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

Technological developments, new business models and changes in consumer behaviour are bringing about huge changes to the ways in which people work, and their relationships with their employers. Many businesses now meet their labour needs in different ways—such as through flexible contracts and digital platforms which rely on self-employed workers. This has created new opportunities in Scotland and across the UK, but there are concerns that it has also led to an increase in low paid and insecure employment and has shifted the relationship between many businesses and their labour force.

In recognition of the challenges arising from changes to business models and the ways in which people work, the Government commissioned Matthew Taylor, Chief Executive of the Royal Society of Arts, to consider how employment practices needed to adapt to keep pace with modern business models. Following publication of the Taylor review's report, *Good work: the Taylor review of modern working practices*, the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Work and Pensions Committees considered its findings

and produced a joint Report, *A framework for modern employment*, which looked in detail at the issues considered, and recommendations put forward, by the review. The Government has since published its own response to the Taylor review, which committed to implementing several of Matthew Taylor's recommendations, and launched consultations looking at how other recommendations could most effectively be taken forward.

This Report seeks to build on that work, and examines the particular needs of Scotland and how the devolution settlement affects the way in which the UK and Scottish Governments respond to these challenges; recognising that—while employment law is reserved to the UK Government—both the UK and Scottish Governments have powers which affect the availability and quality of employment opportunities in Scotland, as shown below.

To read the report, go to

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmsscota/449/44902.htm>

### **Universal Credit: Disabled People**

#### **903738 Thelma Walker (Colne Valley) (Lab):**

What assessment she has made of the effect of the roll-out of universal credit on the number of disabled people living in poverty.

#### **The Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work (Sarah Newton):**

I do not want to see anyone living in poverty, and no Conservative Member of Parliament wants people living in poverty. Disabled people are some of the biggest beneficiaries of universal credit, with around 1 million disabled households having on average around £110 a month more on universal credit than they would have had on the legacy benefits.

#### **Thelma Walker:**

As disability charity Leonard Cheshire has pointed out, many disabled people do not have internet access, assistive technology or the necessary support to fill in the online form to apply for universal credit. Does the Minister agree that the application process needs to be more accessible, so that disabled people can easily apply for these benefits?

#### **Sarah Newton:**

The Hon. Lady raises a very important point about accessibility of the benefits system for everyone, which is something we all take very seriously. I am grateful for the support that the Leonard Cheshire foundation and a whole range of stakeholders give us in designing the process, to make sure that it is as accessible as possible.



**Mr Simon Clarke (Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland) (Con):**

Does the Minister agree that it is important that we are absolutely scrupulous in our presentation of the facts about universal credit? As the Secretary of State referred to earlier, I wrote to the UK Statistics Authority to query the shadow Secretary of State's claim that "40,000 children will wake up in poverty on Christmas Day because the Tories refuse to pause" the roll-out of universal credit. On Friday, Sir David Norgrove told me: "It is clearly important that statements by a political party should be fully supported by the statistics and sources on which they rely. We do not believe".

To read the rest of the debate, go to

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-02-05/debates/53D4B605-789B-42A0-B7AE-A45CD61EC01D/UniversalCreditDisabledPeople>



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If **you are not a member of deafscotland** and would like to advertise an event, training courses or conferences, please contact us at [admin@deafscotland.org](mailto:admin@deafscotland.org) before you send us the English text as there will be an admin charge.

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We appreciate the time that you take to send us your training information, events, and news articles for the deafscotland bulletin. Sometimes we are not getting enough information, sometimes the information is not clear, and at other times, we have a great article, but no contact details.

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.

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