



# deafscotland Bulletin

Mid July 2018

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## SCoD Re-branding >>>>>> deafscotland emerges.....

Remember we are now called **deafscotland**. We changed our name during Deaf Awareness Week in May 2018. Please do note that it will take some months to get all the changes in place, so please be patient with our exciting transformation. It will not disrupt our activities.



Our new image above is intended to convey a modern, inclusive approach focussing on “connections” (people, membership and partnership), joined up working with other networks and explain what we do. Our slogan is ‘**equality & integration through communication for all**’. This reflects our beneficial “Connect and Thrive” programme. We thank all of you that sent messages of support and do hope you can **all** get behind the changes. Our power as a group is far greater than as individual people or organisations.

As the rebranding process will take several months, we have started revamping and updating our information, changing all of our new email addresses, our new website is currently under construction, our social media have been updated and most importantly we're on the process of changing our stationery. We are gradually developing our marketing and media campaign with advice and will keep you as informed as we progress.

Our new Admin email address: [admin@deafscotland.org](mailto:admin@deafscotland.org)

Our Twitter hashtags are: **#alldeaf** **#notequalyet**

We, both Board members and staff at deafscotland are very excited about the change. Watch this space for further developments / news.

## **Conference 2019 – Save the date!**

We are starting to plan our 2019 conference which will take place on Friday 15 March 2019. It will be in Glasgow and called "communication4all".

Further details will follow.

Please let us know as soon as possible, if you are **interested in sponsoring a part of the event or presenting a workshop**: [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/).

## 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.

## 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/>.

## **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/>.

## **BSL translation**

We have translated our news / information into BSL (British Sign Language).

Please use this link below to our YouTube page to find the information:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7TPJkTbihG9TCeFbRtnyeAeSzR3rZCiy>

Best wishes, Janis & deafscotland Team

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## Sponsored Material

### The Signature Annual Awards are back for a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration!

Signature has announced that this year it will host the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Signature Annual Awards 2018.



The Signature Annual Awards are a cornerstone of Signature's work to recognise people who are going above and beyond to improve access for deaf people. For the past nine years, these prestigious awards have been awarded to business leaders, community groups, volunteers, and teachers to name a few.

This year, the awards will be held at the iconic BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art on the stunning Newcastle Gateshead Quayside on **Friday 9 November 2018**, and nominations are now open.

Signature wants to know who is doing incredible work to inspire a brighter future for their community. For more information, and to nominate somebody, go to [www.signatureannualawards.co.uk](http://www.signatureannualawards.co.uk).

Nominations closes on **Monday 30 July 2018 at 5.00pm**.

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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 previous events for your information.**

### **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

### **BORDERS SHARED BSL LOCAL ENGAGEMENT**

Saturday 21 July 2018 at 10.30am-12.00pm and 12.30pm-4.00pm with light refreshments at 12.00pm-12.30pm at Borders College, Galashiels

### **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

### **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

**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

**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

**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

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

**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 LOTHIAN COUNCIL BSL LOCAL CONSULTATION**

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

**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 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.scottishhousingregulator.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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## **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.

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## **Scottish Involvement Network – Awards Promotion**

The [Self-Management Awards 2018](#) are open for nominations until Monday 30 July 2018. I would be delighted if you were able to share the news with your networks or if you're keen to submit a nomination.

There are six categories which you can chose from:

- Self-Management Project of the Year
- Self-Management Champion of the Year
- Self-Management Resource of the Year
- Self-Management Partnership of the Year
- Individual Transformational Story of the Year
- Year of Young People – Self-Management Award

Full information can be found here:

<https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/self-management-and-co-production-hub/self-management-awards-2018/>

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## **Scotland's Census 2021 - Travel to Work or Study Survey**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) is responsible for carrying out the census in Scotland, every ten years. The information collected is vital for the planning and funding of services in your community. NRS are preparing for the next census which will be in 2021 and are testing some questions which may be included in the 2021 questionnaire, including a set of questions on travel to work or study.

Please complete [this short survey](#) to help NRS test the questions on travel to work or study.

### **Who are we looking for?**

We are looking for a variety of people **aged 16+** to complete this short survey. In particular we are looking for participants who both work and study, as well as those who only work or only study.

### **How long will it take?**

This survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and will be open until 24 July 2018.

### **Will survey responses be confidential?**

Yes, completely. You are not obliged to give any personal data during the survey and the answers you do give are protected by law. No one outside of the NRS team will have access to the survey responses. All responses will be combined to provide information which will help NRS make decisions on the questions to be included in the 2021 Census. No information that may identify the people who take part in the survey will be included in the report.

### **Help us spread the word!**

If you are interested in finding out more about this research and what is involved, then please email us at [scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk](mailto:scotlandscensus@nrscotland.gov.uk)

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## **EVENTS**

### **Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Scotland's BSL Plan**

#### **Developing D/deaf Cultural Engagement – PART 2**

**Thursday 2 August 2018 at Theatre Royal, Glasgow at 9.45am-1.00pm**

This is one of the most important events you'll be attending this year.

This Culture Republic event, in association with deafscotland, and designed and produced in collaboration with Glasgow Film Theatre, will introduce the British Sign Language (BSL) National Plan 2017-2023 to the arts and cultural sector. This plan sets out Scotland's ambition to be the best place in the world for BSL users to live, work and visit. It includes 70 actions that Scotland as a nation needs to take by 2020 to help us make progress towards this goal, seven of which are specifically aimed at the arts and cultural sector.

Culture and the arts – our long-term goal:

BSL users will have full access to the cultural life of Scotland, and an equal opportunity to enjoy and contribute to culture and the arts, and are encouraged to share BSL and Deaf culture with the people of Scotland.

– The BSL National Plan

What does this mean for the Scottish arts and cultural sector? We will explore what actions we should be taking and shine a light on cultural activity in Scotland that is already addressing D/deaf inclusion. We will hear from those who embed collaboration and the right to access within their programming, delivery and venues. This event follows on from last year's sold out Developing D/deaf Cultural Engagement event.

We have invited Derek Todd from deafscotland as our Keynote Speaker. Derek is a BSL Consultant, the Deaf Sector Partnership Coordinator and works strategically on the BSL National Plan.

We will also hear from partners working across the Scottish creative sector. They will share best practice of accessible D/deaf engagement in case studies where inclusion is at the heart of the creative process in ways that are both exciting and sustainable. Learn from some of Scotland's most determined and proficient practitioners in this area, take time to understand the D/deaf experience of the creative arts, and find out how you can enhance your work to make it D/deaf friendly.

Join the conversation on Twitter @Culture\_Public with #CROneAudience.

It will be held at Theatre Royal Glasgow on Thursday 2 August 2018 at 9.45am-1.00pm.

Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/signed-sealed-delivered-scotlands-bsl-plan-tickets-47298005608>

You can also view Derek Todd's BSL introduction video to the Event below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhiFzYA8L-w&feature=youtu.be>

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## **Scottish Government: Consultation events**

**As part of the Fair Work Directorate at the Scottish Government are holding events with stakeholders to discuss how we increase the employment rates of disabled people in the public sector.**

Only around 11.7% disabled people are employment in the public sector, with around 20% of the working age population having a disability/ long term health issue. The SG has in its Disability Action Plan committed to consult with public sector bodies and DPOs on setting a target for public sector disability employment ([The consultation is open 30 April – 15 August 2018](#)). The full linked address is: <https://consult.gov.scot/fair-work-employability-and-skills/disability-employment/>.

**Accessibility:** If anyone has any accessibility needs e.g. BSL, or palantypist please contact: [ConsultationDisabilityEmployment@gov.scot](mailto:ConsultationDisabilityEmployment@gov.scot), or phone: 0300 244 1355, but please provide advance notice because BSL & palantypist are in short supply in Scotland, but we will endeavour to make sure that all adjustments are in place. All venues are wheelchair accessible.

**Please follow the links below to book your place note that places are limited. If you are an employability support organisation please feel free to also book a place for a disabled person you are supporting towards employment:**

**Wednesday 18 July 2018 – Aberdeen**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/increasing-the-employment-of-disabled-people-in-the-public-sector-a-consultation-aberdeen-event-tickets-46179317582>

**Refreshments will be provided on arrival.**

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**Scottish Government Consultation – Increasing Employment of Disabled People in the Public Sector – Closing 15th August 2018 – Apologies in advance for any cross posting**

With apologies for any cross posting and duplications of emails, on the 30<sup>th</sup> April the Scottish Government launched its consultation on increasing the Employment of Disabled People in the Public Sector:

<https://consult.gov.scot/fair-work-employability-and-skills/disability-employment>

This was a commitment made in A Fairer Scotland for Disabled People, and the consultation sets out on-going commitment to support disabled people into sustainable and fair work, as well as to stay in work if their disability or health issues become worse. It focusses specifically on what more can be done to support more disabled people into work in the public sector. But it will also touch on related issues, such as improvement to data collections of staff information, recruitment processes, and support while in work.

The consultation is open from 30<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and is aimed at public sector bodies, Disabled People's Organisations and disabled people. The Scottish Government will also arrange consultation events around Scotland, and we invite organisations to hold their own events to pull together responses from people they support or represent. Information about this is set out in the consultation document.

**If you have any queries please direct them to:**  
[ConsultationDisabilityEmployment@gov.scot](mailto:ConsultationDisabilityEmployment@gov.scot)

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## **British Deaf Association – Rugby Tour**

Rugby Tour based in Edinburgh in BT Murrayfield Stadium, I have the Poster and the video for more information but just to let you know the correct age is 8 to 18 and they go free while Adults pay 10 pound. It a Family day out with a Deaf child, if you like to book your name down contact me, my details are in the poster.

**Deadline is Wednesday 18 July 2018**

Contact details: Email/skype : [mentorscot.drp@bda.org.uk](mailto:mentorscot.drp@bda.org.uk)

M/SMS/Facetime : 07814 675589

<https://business.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation/videos/2073559852706325/>

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## Services For Unpaid Carers – What would help you in your caring role?

The Carers Act (Scotland) 2016 came into force on 1st April 2018. To support the implementation of the Act, funding has been made available for the next 5 years from the Scottish Government for carers and we need **your help** to tell us what services and support you need in your caring role – tell us how to spend the money!

There are two ways to let us know what you think.

### Carer Survey

The survey is the start of the consultation process which will help with the update of The Edinburgh Joint Carers Strategy and the development of future carer services that will meet your needs. It will help to identify some initial key themes we will explore in more depth at events that I would encourage you to attend if you can.

Please take ten minutes to complete the survey by going to this link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/carers2018>

### Event

- On **Tuesday 24 July 2018** there will be a further consultation for **BOTH** adult carers and young carers. This will be from **1.00pm-4.00pm** at The **Jack Kane Centre** from **1.00pm -4.00pm**. There is free parking and disabled access.

If you think you can attend please e-mail

[Kirsten.Adamson@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsten.Adamson@edinburgh.gov.uk) so we can organise tea and coffee or feel free to just turn up at 1pm.

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## West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society – Family Summer Outings

Tuesday 24 July 2018 – Craigtoun country Park

Tuesday 31 July 2018 – M&Ds Theme Park

Coaches for Craigtoun Country Park (Tuesday 24 July 2018) will be leaving 9:30am SHARP from Glasgow Caledonian University opposite Buchanan Bus Station, Cowcaddens Road. Please meet at 9:15am.

Coaches for M&Ds Theme Park (Tuesday 31 July 2018) will be leaving 10:00am SHARP from Glasgow Caledonian University opposite Buchanan Bus Station, Cowcaddens Road. Please meet at 9:45am.

Alternatively, you can make your own way there and meet us!

Places on coaches will be allocated on a First Come, First Served basis. Please note that coaches will leave promptly and will not be able to wait for latecomers on the day.

We will pay entrance to all places for 1 carer and deaf child/young person. Additional family members will pay £5 for adults & £3 for siblings. There will also be an additional charge of £1 per person for a seat on the coach.

Due to delays in taking payments on the day, many of the children become unsettled. We feel it will be better for all the families if we collected all monies before the trips. Therefore, all payments have to be made when you book your place for the trip(s) - All payments are NON-REFUNDABLE!

Please confirm your place by filling out the attached form and send back to us by Sunday 8 July 2018

For more information, please contact:  
West Scotland Deaf Children's Society  
281a Central Chambers  
93 Hope Street  
Glasgow G2 6LD [wscs@btconnect.com](mailto:wscs@btconnect.com)

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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 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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## 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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## Human Rights Practical Training

**When: Thursday 30 August 2018 at 9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Where: Scottish Sensory Centre, Old Moray House, Holyrood Road, Edinburgh.**

An interactive and informed training session geared to help people understand how Human Rights can be practically effective and enforced. With particular reference to Inclusive Communication, the training is for everyone who wants to understand how to adopt a rights-based approach to their work to enable positive action for all.

Attendees will gain:

- A better understanding of the legal foundation of Human Rights and how they relate with Equality Rights.
- Examples of how human rights are observed (or not observed) in day to day practice.
- Insight on how rights-based Inclusive Communication principles affect their practices.

Book your place via Eventbrite link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/practical-rights-training-for-you-your-organisation-and-those-you-help-tickets-45722749976>

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

The [Getting to Know Getting it Right for Every Child Team](#) are pleased to announce their latest training session held in partnership with [deafscotland and NDCS Scotland \(this link will take you away from our website\)](#). The training is aimed at parents, families and carers affected by deafness\* (Deaf, Deafblind, Deafened and Hard of Hearing), with BSL / English Interpreters and Electronic Note-takers available on the day.

### GLASGOW

This training will be taking place on **Saturday 25 August 2018 from 10.00am-1.00pm at Deafblind Scotland Learning and Development Centre in Kirkintilloch**, and is expected to run as follows:

10.00am – Registration and Refreshments

10.30am – GIRFEC Update – where we are now

11.00am – Introduction to GIRFEC parent and carer training

11.45am – Coffee Break

12.00pm – Small group discussions – introduction to the use of ALLIANCE GIRFEC resources  
1.00pm – Close

To book your place for **GLASGOW**, see link below via Eventbrite:

<https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/getting-it-right-for-every-child-free-training-opportunity-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-community/>

## **EDINBURGH**

This training will be taking place on **Saturday 3 November 2018 from 10.00am-1.00pm at Lifecare Edinburgh, 2 Cheyne Street, Edinburgh**, and is expected to run as follows:

10.00am – Registration and Refreshments  
10.30am – GIRFEC Update – where we are now  
11.00am – Introduction to GIRFEC parent and carer training  
11.45am – Coffee Break  
12.00pm – Small group discussions – introduction to the use of ALLIANCE GIRFEC resources  
1.00pm – Close

To book your place for **EDINBURGH**, see link below via Eventbrite:

<https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/events/workshop-covering-the-getting-it-right-approach-aimed-at-people-affected-by-deafness-edinburgh/#expanded>

After attending the training, participants will be equipped with up to date information about:

- The Named Person
- Wellbeing
- The Child's Plan, and
- Current government policy on Getting it Right for Every Child

Workshops and the GIRFEC resources will be available free of charge.

Teas and coffees will be available at the session. The workshop will be facilitated by Ronnie Hill, ALLIANCE Associate Director and Third Sector Implementation Advisor, Scottish Government Getting it Right for Every Child Team; in partnership with both Derek Todd, BSL Consultant at deafscotland and a member of staff (name / title TBC shortly) at NDCS Scotland.

Please note, these workshops are very likely to be oversubscribed and early registration is advisable. It would also be helpful if you could let us know if you have any specific accessibility or dietary requirements by emailing [sarah.wardrop@alliance-scotland.org.uk](mailto:sarah.wardrop@alliance-scotland.org.uk). The venue has free car parking facilities with bus stop outside the premises and 15 minutes' walk from Lenzie train station.

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## **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>

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## **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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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018
  - 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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