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Last opportunity to buy tickets for the Scottish Sensory and Equality Conference & Awards 2019 – Friday 15 March 2019

deafscotland's

Scottish Sensory and Equality
Conference and Awards



2019 Communication
for all

The Scottish Sensory and Equality Conference 2019 – Message from deafscotland's Convenor

I'm Donald Richards, the Convenor for deafscotland. We are holding our Scottish Sensory and Equality Conference next month on Friday 15 March 2019 in Glasgow at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Glasgow Central in Cambridge Street.

In partnership with [Disability Equality Scotland \(DES\)](#), the theme for the day will be linked to inclusive communication. We will have a speaker from STV to start the proceedings.

Our hashtag for Twitter: **#communicationforall**

There will be a marketplace where members of the deaf / disability sector will be available to answer your questions and share information. And we have 9 different workshops all on the topic of inclusive communication for all.

Tickets are available on the website: <http://deafscotland.org/what-we-do/events/the-scottish-sensory-and-equality-conference/>

Our prices are as follows – Members: £79.00; Non-Members: £99.00 and Concession / Students: £49.50.

The Scottish Sensory and Equality Awards 2019

Our Scottish Sensory and Equality Awards will champion those organisations and individuals across Scotland who are helping to build a Scotland that works for everyone by breaking down societal barriers.

There will be up to ten awards handed on the evening and a delicious buffet after the ceremony. Our prices are £30.00 for members and £35.00 for non-members. For more information, visit our website: <http://deafscotland.org/what-we-do/events/the-scottish-sensory-and-equality-awards/>

The Scottish Sensory and Equality Awards will take place after the conference starting with a drinks reception at 5.00pm.

The awards ceremony will take place after **our theme music launch** at 6.00pm. After the awards, there will be a buffet and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new contacts.

We look forward to welcoming you to our conference and to the awards ceremony!

BSL translation – for Conference & Awards

We have translated our conference and awards 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=PL7TPJkTbihG9ozfBIXW3_XLYd9ZPtJTnJ

Other deafscotland's news

Hearing Awareness Week 2019 – Member's Business Debate

As part of Hearing Awareness Week from Sunday 3 until Saturday 9 March 2019, Alexander Stewart MSP for Mid Scotland and Fife, made sure that the Parliament acknowledged Hearing Awareness Week, and World Hearing Day on Monday 4 March 2019.

Cross Party Group on Deafness (CPGD) – Hold the date!

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh at 1.00pm-2.30pm. More information will be shared with the members soon.

Mental Health Programme 2019 – Launch

Following on from our work last year with mental health for those affected by deafness we will be launching our new Mental Health Programme on Friday 12 April 2019 in Dundee.

Deaf Awareness Week 2019 – Any plans?

Deaf Awareness Week will be taking place from Monday 6 until Sunday 12 May this year.

What are you doing to celebrate and improve knowledge on the subject? Are you running an event? Delivering training? Let us know so we can share with others.

National Council Meeting – Hold the date!

The next National Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 in Falkirk at Forth Valley Sensory Centre. Members will receive more information soon.

Membership for next year

We are revising our membership offer and fees for the next financial year (2019/2020). Want to join at the old price. Join **NOW!**

More information will be made available on these changes closer to the time.

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/>.

Got some time to spare? deafscotland is looking for volunteers!

The new Virtual Museum project needs your help!
If you are deaf, we are interested in you...!

Are you interested in:

- BSL Presenting
- Culture and arts
- Museums

We would like you to do

- Cataloguing
- Story-telling
- Source objects for the museum, and
- Language modification

We will provide you with any training you need and support you in your role.

Interested? Email Stewart Campbell, Virtual Museum Project Worker at deafscotland: media@deafscotland.org for more information.

*******Safety Survey*******

Our safety survey is now live! We want to find out what deaf people know about topics such as online safety; relationships; personal safety and safety in and around the home.

The survey will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZSKVN7V>

The questions are available in BSL and English.
Please share this with your colleagues, own members and other deaf people you know.
If several people are using the same computer to complete the survey, you might have to clear the online history between users.

Best wishes, Janis & the deafscotland Team

NEWS / INFORMATION / UPDATE

We are Impact Funding Partners

Our new logo below:



Launched on 6 February Impact Funding Partners is the new name for the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF).

Formerly known as the Voluntary Action Fund, we have awarded over £140 million in grants to the third, public and private sectors across Scotland. Our proven approach has been developed to help funders make the most of their investment to have the greatest impact. We do this by building capacity and forming trusting relationships which helps organisations achieve even more with their funding. Our area of expertise is managing funds which tackle inequality in all its forms. Equality and diversity is core to our work and drives everything we do and how we do it.

Website link below:

[Together we can create a fairer future](#)

Please see letter below:

Dear colleagues, partners and friends

I am delighted to let you know that on the 6 February, we launched our new brand **Impact Funding Partners** and our new strategy **Let's Create a Fairer Future**. We look forward to continuing to work with you to bring about real change for people and communities across

Scotland. In order to keep in touch, please take a note of our new name, website address and my email address below.

As we are promoting the changes widely, I apologise if you have already received this email.

Best regards

Keith Wimble
Chief Executive

From the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (The ALLIANCE)

Humans of Scotland Campaign

The ALLIANCE is currently running a project that gives a voice to those living with long term conditions, disabilities, as unpaid carers and those working to provide support and services, through storytelling.

The project is social media based with stories being shared on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and also on The ALLIANCE's website to reach as many people as possible. The stories take the form of a short body of text of 300 words and an accompanying photograph.

Here is a link to a call for stories on our website for more information: <https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/blog/news/human-of-scotland-series-call-for-stories/>

From Edinburgh Council

Launch of the Edinburgh Hearing Loss Directory

This is a list of services available for adults in Edinburgh who have lost their hearing and use English, most of whom will use hearing aids.

<http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/hearingloss>

If you are a Deaf BSL user, there's a [BSL local plan](#) and information about services is available on the [Deaf Action website\(external link\)](#).

From Social Security Scotland Local Delivery Service Next Recruitment Round

Dear all,

We're delighted to send you further details regarding the launch of the next round of recruitment for our Local Delivery service which the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People announced on Wednesday 13 February. As you know, Local Delivery will provide Social Security Scotland's nationwide face-to-face presence. Local Delivery teams will provide face-to-face pre-claim support to clients to help them understand what they are entitled to, complete applications and manage their claims. The service will be co-located in the places that people already visit, to ensure we're as accessible as possible and can work in close partnership with existing support services to complement existing provision. It will be a key part of our service approach, ensuring that people have full choice in the way they get in contact with us and are able to see an adviser close to home should they wish.

At this stage we are recruiting for 32 Client Support Team Leaders. Successful candidates will build awareness of our services ahead of its launch in spring 2020 and deliver our face-to-face pre-claim support once Local Delivery is operating a client-facing service. Further information on the roles can be found on the Work for Scotland website: https://applications.work-for-scotland.org/pages/Job_Search_Results.aspx?categoryList=&location=-1&minsal=0&maxsal=-1&workingPatternList=&keywords=social+security+scotland&Grade. You can also find more information about us and our application process on our website: <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/work-with-us>

Later in the year we'll start to recruit to a further 68 Client Support Workers. We'll provide further detail on these roles once the recruitment exercise opens.

Once all of these staff are in place there will then be a client support team of between three and five staff based in each local authority area.

These teams will grow over the next few years based on client demand for the service.

Please help us!

We'd be really grateful if you could help us to publicise these vacancies through your networks. Could you please:

Share the links above to the vacancies and recruitment pack with anyone you think will be interested;

Re-tweet the tweets that we'll be sending out to publicise the jobs through our Twitter account (**@SocSecScot**)

Share the posts on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SocSecScot/>)

We'd also particularly like it if you could help us to encourage people to apply who wouldn't ordinarily consider the Civil Service as a viable career option. We're committed to recruiting as diverse a workforce as we can to ensure that our teams reflect the clients we serve: we can support a range of flexible working options and additional support needs so please contact us to find out more. We can also accept equivalent or alternative experience work experience to our usual academic qualification requirement of a minimum of 3 Highers so please don't let anybody be put off if they don't hold that level of qualification. If you know people who have strong and relevant experience of managing a team to provide efficient and effective quality services in response to client needs then we want to hear from them!

If you'd like to talk to us further about this opportunity, please contact **Colette Bryson** at the following email address: SocialSecurityLDrecruitment@gov.scot.

Kindest Regards,
Social Security Scotland Local Delivery Team

From Social Security Scotland Minister
Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment

Dear Sir/Madam,
RE: Thank you

Today I was delighted to announce that the new Scottish Government Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment has already provided £2.7m in support to expectant mothers and new babies.

Social Security Scotland opened for applications on Monday 10 December and as of Thursday 31 January more than 7,000 low income households have received a payment.

In less than two months, we have provided more financial support to Scottish families than the DWP delivered through Sure Start Maternity Grant in the full 2017/18 financial year.

Contributing to this is our commitment to not putting a cap on how many children get support – unlike the UK Government Sure Start Maternity Grant, which was only available for the first born child. Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment provides £600 for eligible families' first children and then £300 for all little brothers and sisters thereafter.

We have also simplified the application process – making it much easier for families to access what they are entitled to and allowing them to focus on preparing for their new arrival.

In addition to this, I believe that a major contributing factor was the effort put in to promoting this support to the people who need it – and much of that effort was down to you.

This is why I am writing to you today. I want to personally thank you for your support in raising awareness and encouraging people to apply.

I hope that we can continue to work with you to promote benefit take up – for this payment and all the benefits that we will be introducing over the coming years.

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See www.lobbying.scot.

This is an excellent starting point and I believe we can build on this success by developing even more effective working relationships – working together to make sure that everyone in Scotland gets the social security support that they are due.

With sincere thanks,

From the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Integration Directorate Care, Support and Rights Free Personal Care Guidance

The Scottish Government have been working with an Implementation Advisory Group which consists of members from Scottish Government, COSLA, local authorities, Integration Authorities and service providers, to provide statutory guidance to local authorities which outlines the provision of free personal care to those both over and under the age of 65.

Background

The First Minister announced that Free Personal Care would be extended to all adults during her Programme for Government speech in September 2017. Currently free personal care is only available to those aged 65 and over who are found eligible by their local authorities to receive personal care.

Legislation was put into place in June 2018 to remove the qualification not to charge those people aged 65 and over. This legislation would now enable any adult who was eligible for personal care to receive this service free of charge, regardless of their age, condition, socioeconomic status or marital status. This legislation comes into force on 1 April 2019.

Free Personal Care is available to all adults who are assessed by their local authority as needing this service by 1 April 2019. Local authorities will be required to continue to measure the eligibility of those applying for personal care and those who are assessed as needing this service who will receive this service free of charge regardless of their age, condition, socio-economic status or marital status.

Definition of Personal Care

Schedule 1 of the 2002 Act in conjunction with section 20 of Schedule 12 of the Public Service Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 provides the definition of personal care which is shown at Annexes B and C in the guidance.

Guidance

It is intended to produce public facing guidance which will be made available to stakeholders, third party organisations, advocacy and service users, however in the meantime you and your organisations may wish to be aware of the guidance that has been published to local authorities via Circular No. CCD3/2018, which can be seen at Annex 2.

Enquiries

All enquiries relating to this circular and guidance should be emailed to adultsocialcare@gov.scot or by telephone on 0131 244 5403.

This circular is also available on the SHOW website:

https://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/CC2018_03.pdf.

From the Scottish Government Local Government & Communities

Charity Law Consultation

The Scottish Government made a commitment in the [2018-19 Programme for Government](#) to consult on updating charity law to promote transparency and accountability, to ensure the public continue to have confidence in charities and the Scottish Charity Regulator.

The consultation is now live on the online consultation hub and can be accessed here:

<https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/scottish-charity-law>.

The following press release has also just been issued:

<https://news.gov.scot/news/media-release-consultation-on-charity-law>.

We would welcome your views on the consultation. Deadline: Monday 1 April 2019.

From Scottish Government

Delivery of Disability Assistance to start in 2020

Responsibility for all devolved benefits, including their funding, will sit with the Scottish Government from 1 April next year, with delivery for disability benefits rolled out shortly after.

The system will have a redesigned application process and significantly fewer face to face assessments, which will be carried out through the agency by qualified assessors and audio-recorded as standard. There will be rolling awards with no set end points and those with fluctuating health conditions will not face additional reviews due to regular changes in needs related to their condition. We will also move the burden of collecting information from the client to Social Security Scotland.

For the full report click the following link:

<https://news.gov.scot/news/delivery-of-disability-assistance-to-start-in-2020>

From Scottish Government Community Conversation in Edinburgh

Are you renting from a private landlord and receive Housing Benefit or Universal Credit to help pay your rent? We want to hear from you.

Social security and its impact on rented housing Wednesday 13th March 6.30pm, Leith.

With Citizens Advice Scotland reporting a 40% surge in those seeking help for rent arrears following Universal Credit roll out, the Scottish Parliament's Social Security Committee has launched an inquiry into social security support for housing.

The Committee wishes to establish to what extent the social security system assists or hinders those in need of private rented accommodation in Scotland.

Book your space at the Community Conversation. Please contact Kate Smith on 07976 443 223 or email kate.smith@parliament.scot

Or share your views here: <https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/110965.aspx>

From SignVideo Clydesdale & Yorkshire Bank Launches New Service For Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing Customers

CYBG has introduced a new free service, for customers who are deaf or hard of hearing and use British Sign Language (BSL), to access telephone banking.

In partnership with SignVideo, CYBG has launched a video relay service (VRS) that is designed to instantly connect deaf or hard of hearing BSL users to a professional interpreter via a video link. The interpreter then calls our customer service helpline and relays the conversation between the customer and the advisor.

The service can be accessed via a video call using tablets, smartphones, computers and laptops, requiring no additional software for the bank or the user.

SignVideo pioneered this VRS solution in the UK and their client list now includes Barclays, BT, Sky, Sainsbury's and many more.

Gavin Opperman, Group Customer Banking Director, said:

“At CYBG we want to ensure that all our customers have confidence that they will be able to carry out their day to day banking and easily access our products and services. With this in mind, we are delighted to announce our partnership with SignVideo and the improved services we can offer our customers who use British Sign Language.

“Launching the video relay service (VRS) is a step forward in our ongoing journey to provide equal banking for all and it will make a real difference to our deaf or hard of hearing customers, who use British Sign Language.”

Click [HERE](#) to view the news in British Sign Language.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZHa27IJ7BI&feature=youtu.be>)

From Scottish War Blinded

Scottish War Blinded is a long-established charity that provides free support to those who have served at any time in the Armed Forces and who now have a sight impairment that is having an impact on their independence.

While we support a small number of individuals who lost their sight as a result of their service, most people left the Forces many years ago and now have an age-related condition such as macular degeneration, glaucoma or others. National Service ended in 1960 but until then, most

young men and many women completed sometime in the Forces: for those now in their late 70s and above, asking if they are a veteran could be the passport to services that could transform their lives.

The aim of all our services is to maintain and increase our members' independence and improve their quality of life. We have 15 outreach workers who cover the whole of Scotland. They visit members to offer advice and information on coping with sight loss, free specialist VI equipment to enable independence and links to other relevant local services.

We can offer additional financial support, respite and sitting services, funding for house adaptations and many social opportunities for veterans who may have become be isolated as their sight has deteriorated.

In addition, we have two centres in Paisley and West Lothian where our members can go on to take part in training to cope with sight loss, regaining lost skills and learning new ones.

More information is available at www.scottishwarblinded.org.

From Digital Leaders

Help us showcase innovation in charities and non-profits

Each year we try to uncover yet more fantastic work by charities and non-profits digitalising themselves or services to their beneficiaries.

The 10 finalists always have a great deal of support as their communities and partners support them in the public vote and celebrate their efforts.

So, it's time once again for nominations for 2019 and as a member of the non-profit Digital Leaders group, we would encourage you to nominate your favourite charity or non-profit organisation who over the last 12 months has delivered a digital transformation in their organisation or the services they provide to beneficiaries.

Nominating takes two minutes and can be done here: <https://www.digileaders100.com/nominate/>

Please help to celebrate UK charities and non-profits!

Update to Scottish Government Model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement

The Scottish Government has recently published updated versions of the model Private Residential Tenancy Agreement, Easy Read Notes, and Statutory Terms Supporting Notes. This update takes account of changes to data protection laws, as well as other minor edits and clarifications.

Updated pdfs for each document can be accessed on the Scottish Government's website as follows:

Model Tenancy Agreement:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-model-private-residential-tenancy-agreement/>

Easy Read Notes:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/easy-read-notes-scottish-government-model-private-residential-tenancy-agreement/>

Statutory Terms Supporting Notes:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/private-residential-tenancy-statutory-terms-supporting-notes-essential-housing-information/>

The downloadable output of the Scottish Government's model tenancy agreement tool has also been updated with these changes.

The Model Tenancy Agreement tool can be found here:

<https://www.mygov.scot/tenancy-agreement-scotland/>

EVENTS

From the British Society of Audiology

BSA Annual Conference 2019

Translating Research into Practice

Wednesday 5 June 2019

Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton

Register NOW at <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-annual-conference-2019/>

We are pleased to announce that the British Society of Audiology Annual Conference, entitled **Translating Research into Practice**, will be taking place on **Wednesday 5 June 2019** at the **Molineux Stadium in Wolverhampton**.

The BSA Annual Conference continues to be the leading UK scientific forum to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.

This event promises to offer delegates the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions.

This event is FREE for BSA members and only £45 for non-members.

Programme Highlights

The theme of this year's conference will focus on translational research including complex hearing loss, dementia, hearing aids and hearing implants. Delegates will get to explore how current research may fit into clinical practice within interactive sessions with today's researchers in the field of audiology.

As well as traditional conference lectures we will be hosting grand round sessions.

What is a Grand Round?

We have all heard about ward rounds - where medics review each patient under their care to plan the care required. Grand rounds are a methodology of medical education based on this idea of reviewing an individual's case; exploring the assessment and treatment options in an unusual or challenging case. During this grand round session we will explore how evolving research might be translated into clinical practice with a panel of experts.

Other programme highlights include managing dementia with hearing loss in care homes, supporting people live well with cognitive and hearing impairment in the community, new cochlear implant criteria, and much more!

Highlighted speakers include **Dr Ted Killan, Dr Brian Crosbie, Emma Hooper, Kristina Link, Debi Vickers**, and more!

For all BSA news and information follow @BSAudiology1 or like the British Society of Audiology Facebook page. Use and follow #BSAConf for BSA Annual Conference 2019.

For more information and to register
visit <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-annual-conference-2019/>

From Historic Environment Scotland Stirling Castle BSL Tours

Join us to explore the Castle with Deaf tour guide John Hay, whose BSL tour will be translated into English by interpreter Linda Duncan. The tour will run at 10:30am and is included in the admission price. On the same day at 3pm, we're running a free BSL tour of the Engine Shed - Scotland's national conservation centre. You can buy your tickets on the day or book your place in advance.

Tours will take place on: Saturday 13 April; Saturday 22 June; and Saturday 5 October

For further information about the BSL tours, please contact:
Historic Environment Scotland Interpretation **Sally Gall**,
sally.gall@hes.scot

The link to the event online:
<https://www.stirlingcastle.scot/whatson/events/british-sign-language-tours/>

The link directly to the video detailing the events:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5L7rbyTrc>

Edinburgh Castle

Explore Edinburgh Castle and Edinburgh's Deaf history with Deaf tour guide John Hay, whose BSL tour will be translated into English by interpreter Linda Duncan. Tours will run at 10am, 12noon and 2:30pm and are included in the admission price. You can buy your tickets on the day or book your place in advance.

Tours will take place on: Saturday 16 March, Saturday 11 May, and Saturday 21 September.

<https://www.edinburghcastle.scot/whatson/events/british-sign-language-tours>

Here is the link directly to the video detailing the events-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPP6_fRkLJw

From British Deaf Association Scotland Deaf Roots and Pride

In partnership with Skills Development Scotland, will be hosting a Modern Apprenticeship Open Day for Deaf Young People Age 16 - 29 on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Time: 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Venue: The Orangebox Gallery, The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow, G1 3NU

BSL/English interpreters provided. Modern Apprenticeships are a great way for young people to gain skills while working – earning while learning. The Open Day is aimed at deaf young people who are thinking of leaving school in 2019 or those who have already left school and are still looking for work or training. The companies attending will have immediate offers of apprenticeships for which the young people can apply.

There will be many companies and training providers represented. Examples of the different areas in which modern apprenticeships will be offered are nursery nursing, mechanics, sales, construction, hospitality, administration, marketing, accounting, IT, public bodies and many others. There will also be workshops during the day on cv & application writing and benefits & Access to Work. Parents and school staff are very welcome to attend with the young people. Attendees should bring their own packed lunches if required or there is a café within The Lighthouse.

For more information please contact:

Lesley Winning

0141 248 5565/07814 675210

Adminscot.drp@bda.org.uk

From National Galleries Scotland BSL tours at National Galleries of Scotland

Welcome to our exciting new programme of upcoming BSL tours, March to September 2019. All of our tours for adults are led by a Deaf guide in

BSL. There will be a Deaf volunteer to greet you, and all participants are invited to enjoy light refreshments in our education rooms afterwards.

For more information on various BSL tours:

<https://mailchi.mp/nationalgalleries/bsl-march2019?e=2732580272>

From TPAS Scotland Annual Conference & AGM 2019

The Tenant Participation Advisory Service Scotland are holding their annual conference and AGM 2019 at the Fairmont Hotel, St Andrews.

From **Friday 6 December** until **Sunday 8 December**.

More information will be made available soon.

From Tayside Deaf Hub

Signed Songs R Us Saturday 18 May 2019

Signed Songs R Us are a Tayside sign language choir that translate a wide range of songs and music into British Sign Language (BSL) so that Deaf and hearing people can experience the joy of music through the rich visual language of BSL. We are committed to promoting awareness of Deafness and BSL in a positive, enjoyable and fun way, particularly now that BSL has finally been recognised as an official and indigenous language in Scotland and protected in law through the BSL (Scotland) Act 2015. Signed Songs R Us are supported through local registered charity Deaf Links.

Signed Sign R Us have had the honour of being asked to host the UK National Signing Choir Competition in Dundee which will be the first time it has ever been held in Scotland. It will take place on the **evening of Saturday 18 May 2019** in the **Caird Hall, Dundee** and we feel this is a fabulous opportunity to showcase all that Dundee has to offer to people attending from all over the UK.

As part of this we are delighted to offer local businesses and attractions the opportunity to advertise on the main stage and in the competition programme. We would like to offer your business the following options of being involved in supporting this exciting and unique event.

Gold

Full screen advert at the Welcome Ceilidh and Supper on Friday 17 May 2019 (night prior to the competition)
Full screen advert on-stage prior to the competition start and during breaks on Saturday 18 May 2019
Full page advert in competition programme
Acknowledgement of sponsorship in Social Media postings
6 tickets for the National Signing Choir Competition on Saturday 18 May 2019
6 tickets for the Welcome Ceilidh and Supper on Friday 17 May 2019
Cost £1000

Silver

Half screen advert at the Welcome Ceilidh and Supper on Friday 17 May 2019 (night prior to the competition)
Half screen advert on-stage prior to the competition start and during breaks on Saturday 18 May 2019
Half page advert in competition programme
Acknowledgement of sponsorship in Social Media postings
4 tickets for the National signing choir competition on Saturday 18 May 2019
4 tickets for the Welcome Ceilidh and Supper on Friday 17 May 2019
Cost £750

Bronze

Quarter screen advert at the Welcome Ceilidh and Supper on Friday 17 May 2019 (night prior to the competition)
Quarter screen advert on-stage prior to the competition start and during breaks on Saturday 18 May 2019
Quarter page advert in competition programme
Acknowledgement of sponsorship in Social Media postings
2 tickets for the National signing choir competition on Saturday 18 May 2019
2 tickets for the welcome ceilidh and supper on Friday 17 May 2019
Cost £500

Please make all cheques payable to Signed Songs R Us

If these sponsorship offers do not meet your requirements you can consider a donation of your choosing to support the first National Deaf choir competition 2019 to be held in Scotland. Any donations are gratefully received, and your business will have a special mention in our event programme.

From Glasgow Film Theatre GFT and Glasgow Film Festival

Where: 12 Rose Street, Glasgow, G3 6RB /
Box office: 0141 332 6535

Glasgow Short Film Festival: 13 – 17 March 2019

Glasgow Youth Film Festival: 13 – 15 September 2019

Please see below for details of the upcoming D/deaf and Hard of Hearing friendly **event at Glasgow Short Film Festival in March**, along with some social media copy. If you can share the info with your groups and channels that would be hugely appreciated!

We also have a brand new Visible Cinema and Captioned screenings specific E-newsletter and it would be wonderful if you could encourage your networks to sign up to this too. Please find some social media copy for this below too. If you need anything else at all please let me know.

Visible Cinema: RCS Curates Deaf Shorts – Saturday 16 March
(13.00)

Visible Cinema is a D/deaf and Hard of Hearing friendly film programme: a captioned or subtitled screening is followed by a post-film discussion with integrated BSL and Speech To Text Service. [Read FAQs here](#). Drawn from open submissions to GSFF and from the Deaf Shorts programme at Encounters Film Festival, this showcase of contemporary filmmaking explores themes of communication, control and consent. **All tickets £6.00.** <https://glasgowfilm.org/glasgow-short-film-festival/shows/visible-cinema-rcs-curates-deaf-shorts-nc-12>

Generations Working Together Forthcoming Events

Training Courses

[Intergenerational Training Course for Trainers and Practitioners \(Forth Valley\) - Edition 2](#)

21 Feb 2019 at Banchory Primary School, Alloa Road, Tullibody, FK10 2TF (£75 Full / £50 Concession)

[Book Now](#)

[Intergenerational Training For Trainers and Practitioners \(Dumfries & Galloway\) - Edition 2](#)

3 Apr 2019 at The Crichton Trust, Grierson House, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4ZE (£75 Full / £50 Concession)

[Book Now](#)

From Skills Development Scotland Apprenticeship Open Day for D/deaf Young People

Skills Development Scotland, in partnership with the British Deaf Association Scotland, would like to invite you and your customers to the event below. Please mark the date in your diaries. Schools and Colleges will also be informed.

(posters and BSL video will follow soon)

Apprenticeship Open Day for D/deaf Young People

Wednesday 13 March 2019

10.00am to 2.00pm

The Orangebox Gallery, The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow, G1 3NU

Please note that this is open to young D/deaf people ages 16-29, as Modern Apprenticeship funding is available up to age 29 for disabled (including D/deaf) people.

Sign Language interpreters will be available to aid communication.

Tea / coffee and refreshments will be available.

Exhibitors will be recruiting for apprenticeships in all areas including hospitality, retail, childcare, administration, construction and more.

Please contact me or Lesley Winning at BDA Scotland with any questions that you may have.

**From Voluntary Health Scotland
Culture, Health and Wellbeing in Rural Scotland
Briefing Event with Lunch
11am- 3pm, Tuesday 26 March, Inverness
[Book your place!](#)**

This free to attend briefing and discussion event is a joint collaboration between VHS and the [Scottish Rural Health Partnership](#). The event will explore a range of topics concerning the relationship between cultural interventions and our health and wellbeing, with the focus on rural Scotland.

Engagement with culture and the arts has tangible effects on people's health. It supports individuals to thrive, and can aid recovery, shorten the length of hospital stay and reduce reliance on GP visits and medication. It encourages people to learn and gets people actively involved in their community. However, the health benefits of cultural interventions are still not well understood in clinical or community settings, and health inequalities and disability limit access and participation. How is rural Scotland addressing these challenges and what opportunities are being created for collaboration and learning across our culture, health and third sectors?

Join VHS and SRHP along with our expert speakers on Tuesday 26th March in Inverness to discuss this timely topic.

[Find out more](#)

Speakers Include:

Claire Stevens, Chief Executive, Voluntary Health Scotland

Karen O'Hanlon, Business Development Manager, Scottish Rural Health Partnership

Dr Sarah-Anne Munoz, Reader and Senior Lecturer in Rural Health, University of the Highlands and Islands, Division of Rural Health and Wellbeing

Margaret O'Connor, Chief Executive, Art in Healthcare

Dr Ania Zubala, Research Fellow, University of the Highlands and Islands, Division of Rural Health and Wellbeing

Dr Mark Grindle, Senior Lecturer in Digital Health, University of the Highlands and Islands, Division of Rural Health and Wellbeing

From Hearing Link Scotland LinkUp Groups – dates announced for 2019

Hearing Link will host two LinkUp groups in Scotland later this year for people living with hearing loss and their partners or family members.

The programmes will take place on the following dates:

Clydebank – 22 - 24 March

Edinburgh – 27 - 29 September

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.

To find out more about LinkUps and to register your interest in attending, visit www.hearinglink.org/services/linkups.

Alternatively email helpdesk@hearinglink.org.

Hashtag Business Events Forth Valley Business Show 2019

When:

Thursday 21 March 2019, 10am – 3pm

Where:

Macdonald Inchyra Hotel & Spa
Falkirk, Scotland

Forth Valley's dedicated one day business gathering

Meet the best minds in business all under one roof on one day
This brand new event for 2018 is organised by the team behind Expo Scotland, Venue Scotland, Social Media Scotland and Lanarkshire Business Show. This is a unique chance to meet, listen to and learn from the brightest minds in business across the region and Scotland. Attending the event is completely free of charge so book your ticket today.

There are 2 dedicated seminar areas with free sessions running all day as well as unlimited access to the exhibition area and complimentary access to networking and 10 general business seminar sessions.

There is free parking on site and a cafe / bistro service is available all day with some of the best exhibition space in Scotland at this prestigious event.

From Deaf Links

CALLING ALL SIGNING CHOIRS!

The next Signing Choir Competition, in 2019 will be held in **Dundee**, hosted by Signed Songs R Us. It will take place on **Saturday 18 May 2019** in The Caird Hall, Dundee, the **first time the competition has been held in Scotland!**

The National Signing Choir Competition takes place to showcase the talents of the Signing Choirs that exist in the UK.

The competition consists of two categories, The Junior Category who compete for the John A Stephens Trophy and the Open Category (18 and over) who compete for the Morgan Astill Inspiration Trophy. The aim of the competition is to give Signing Choirs chance to showcase their talents and compete on a national level with other choirs in the UK. It is held yearly and is given to Choirs in the North of the Country one year and the South the following to ensure that choirs unable to travel far have the opportunity to showcase their talents at least once every two years.

Should you belong to a choir who wishes to take part in the National Signing Choir Competition, please complete an entry form and **return by**

9 March 2019. Entry forms and more information is available from the website: <https://nationalsigningchoircompetition.org/entry-form/>

Signing Choirs – What exactly are they?

A number of people have been asking; they are choirs that perform like any other choir but rather than sing with their voices, they sing with their hands in British Sign Language, while telling a visual story behind the song they are “Singing”.

Singers express the song through the pitch, tone and emotion of their voices, Signing Song performers do the same with their hands, body and facial expressions, it is a visual spectacular for the senses. So if you are not in a choir, **save the date** and come along and experience a fabulous night of visual music!

From University of St Andrews

Hello,

I am a fourth year student at the University of St Andrews, undertaking a Senior Honours project in Psychology to investigate the attitudes and experiences of hearing parents of deaf children.

As such, I am in search of participants and wondered whether you could provide assistance in getting in touch with families within your society's network. If you would be willing to support my request, I can provide you with participant recruitment flyer and advertisement material for social media as required, as well as a participant information sheet. You may wish to pass these on to any families that might be available to participate in the research.

The aim of the project is to explore the ways in which raising a hearing-impaired child with either an oral or signed approach can impact communication and behaviour in the family. The investigation will focus on the experiences of hearing parents of hearing-impaired children and their attitudes toward the diagnosis and education of their child. To this end, parents will participate in a one-on-one interview with myself lasting up to an hour. Only the parents will be involved in the research process.

The interviews will be audio recorded and then transcribed (whereupon the audio recordings will be destroyed). The analysis of the data will

contribute to my final honours dissertation which will be finalised in April 2019. All the data will be securely stored indefinitely in the University of St Andrews database.

If you would like any further information, please see the attached participant information and project rationale documents. You may also contact myself or my supervisor, Dr. Erin Robbins, if you would like to discuss the project further (contact details below).

This project has been reviewed by the UTREC ethics board and has been granted ethical approval (approval code PS14045; see attached letter).

Thank you very much for considering my request.

Kind regards,
Gabrielle Ward
Contact Information:
gw47@st-andrews.ac.uk

VACANCIES / PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Deaf Equality & Accessibility Forum (South Lanarkshire)

Social Prescription Officer £33,930 pro rata, 21 hours a week, one year fixed term contract.

D.E.A.F. Hamilton office, with travel throughout South Lanarkshire.

The Deaf Equality & Accessibility Forum (DEAF) was recently established as a registered charity to improve the condition of life for people who are deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind in South Lanarkshire through providing access to information and advice, educational and training opportunities, recreational and leisure pursuits and by raising awareness of issues affecting those with hearing impairments.

To be considered for this role, you must:

- Be a native BSL user or have acquired a Level 6 qualification in BSL
- Hold a Degree and or relevant professional qualification
- Have proven experience of working in a Health and/or Social Care environment
- Have an understanding of the Third Sector
- Have excellent organisational, administrative and presentation skills
- Have experience of successful project implementation and management
- Be aware of issues facing diverse

- communities
- Have the ability to manage change and resolve conflict
- Have the ability to work as part of a team and use your own initiative
- Be flexible and occasionally work out of office hours i.e. evenings and weekends.

If you're interested, we would love to hear from you. Email: admin@deafsouthlanarkshire.org.uk or by text 07795 198 450. The closing date for applications is 15 March.

From Impact Funding Partners Development Officer Vacancy

We are looking for an energetic and motivated Development Officer to join our team, working to support funded projects in the Equally Safe (Violence against Women and Children) Fund and the Rape Crisis Specific Fund. Equally Safe is Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls, and funding is provided by the Scottish Government.

This is an exciting time to join Impact Funding Partners (formerly known as the Voluntary Action Fund) as we have just had a corporate change of identity and have launched our new three-year strategy – Let's Create a Fairer Future.

We are a successful grant manager with 37 years of experience. Our proven approach is to help funders make the most of their investment so that it has the greatest impact. We do this by building capacity and forming trusting relationships which helps organisations achieve even more with their funding.

Our area of expertise is managing funds which tackle inequality in all its forms. Equality and diversity is core to our work and drives everything we do and how we do it.

Role

The successful applicant will recognise the important role of grant management in creating a fairer future and will be committed to supporting funded projects working to address gender based violence and gendered inequality.

We are looking for someone with a solutions based attitude who has relevant grant management skills and experience and who will be responsible for managing a portfolio of funded projects, providing development support, and building positive relationships with funded projects.

Please note that we can only accept applications from women under Schedule 9 (part 1) of the Equality Act 2010.

Development Officer (35 hours) Ref 001 (funded until 31/03/2020).

This post can be based in our Inverkeithing or Glasgow office.
Salary: £29,879 - £31,494

Application notes

Interviews will be held on 21 and 22 March 2019 at our Inverkeithing

Office:

Impact Funding Partners, Suite 3, Forth House, Burnside Business Court, North Rd, Inverkeithing KY11 1NZ.

If you would like an informal chat about this post, please contact Maggie Gardiner on 01383 620780 Ext 235 or 209.

For a full application pack please contact recruitment@impactfundingpartners.com

Closing date is midday on **13 March 2019**.

From Birds of Paradise Theatre Company

There are **two** opportunities for disabled artists that Birds of Paradise Theatre Company currently has open for applications. Please could you share this information with any members or service users that you think it will be relevant to. If you are able to share details about these opportunities on any social media channels that would also be great, we really want to reach as many young disabled people as possible.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch:
callum@boptheatre.co.uk

From Scottish Parliament British Sign Language (BSL) Development Officer

Assignment: Fixed Term for 2 Years

Salary: £13,197.50 per annum (full time equivalent salary is £26,395)

Hours: 18.5 hours per week

Location: Holyrood, Edinburgh

Closing date: 5pm on Tuesday 12 March 2019

For more information:

<https://www.parliament.scot/abouttheparliament/111142.aspx>

From Scottish Government Public Appointments

There have been several new vacancies advertised on our website this week.

Creative Scotland are looking for new Board Members.

For more information and how to apply please see:

<http://bit.ly/2T33RzQ>



NHS Tayside are looking for a new Board Chair.

For more information on the role and to apply please

see: <http://bit.ly/2GRwQQJ>



sportscotland are also looking for new Board Members.

To apply please see: <http://bit.ly/2VfqRJz>



Please also see the link below for non-regulated appointments of Non-Executive Advisers to the Forestry and Land Scotland and Scottish Forestry.

http://sps.tmpwcomms.net/scottish_non-exec-directors/

From Care inspectorate We're hiring!

We're recruiting an Information Analyst.

This is an exciting opportunity for a motivated, enthusiastic and experienced analyst to join our Intelligence Team.

You will be working on a variety of exciting projects surrounded by a team of like-minded professionals from whom you can learn and grow. You will be responsible for the creation, interpretation and communication of analytical content using data obtained from multiple sources. You'll deliver in-depth data analysis and actionable insights to a range of stakeholders to help drive an intelligence led organisation.

For more information about the role and to apply click [here](#).

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TRAINING

AWARENESSbites



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.

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

Scottish Sensory Centre

Know Your Rights: Update on current legislation and benefits for children and young people with sensory impairments:

Wednesday 20 March 2019: 4.30 - 6.30 pm

The aim of this twilight session is to provide up to date information on current legislation on the rights of the child and young person with sensory impairments (deaf/visually impaired). Catriona Thomson from Enquire will present information about current legislation.

After the presentation there will time for networking. NDCS representatives will be present for further discussion.

Venue: St Paul's Academy, 90 Gillburn Road, Dundee DD3 0EH

Applications are available to download from the following link:
<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gmar19.html>

Deafness and Additional Speech and Language Difficulties Wednesday 27 March 2019

This course will be of interest to teachers of the deaf and other professionals working with children who are deaf, who have a good level of background knowledge with regards to hearing impairment and normal language development.

The day will explore:

The concept of language disorder and sensorineural hearing impairment - what is known about this from a theoretical point of view; signs and symptoms and terminology update.

How language disorder may present in children who are deaf, including those who communicate orally, through BSL and those using total communication.

How children who are deaf are assessed to make a differential diagnosis of language disorder.

Supporting children who are deaf who also have a language disorder.

The format of the day will include interactive teaching sessions covering theory and practise; practical activities; sharing of good practice and signposting to resources.

Course participants are invited to bring along a case study of a child who is deaf and who has/may have additional language difficulties.

Presenter: Lorna Gravenstede, Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Head of Burwood Centre, Senior Lecturer, Mary Hare MA/PG Diploma Educational Studies (Hearing Impairment)

Course fee: £110

Closing date: 6th March 2019

Course application forms are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/deaf/dmar19.html>

Positive Mental Health in Children & Young People

Tuesday 30 April 2019

This course will be of interest to teachers of visual impairment, teachers of the deaf, class teachers, support for learning teachers and assistants, educational psychologists, social workers, and parents/carers.

Mental health is a key ingredient in helping children to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors. Without positive mental health, children and young people are at risk for a range of difficulties. But how does positive mental health develop, and how can we help children and young people who are struggling?

While this one-day course does not train you to become a mental health professional, it will give you an invaluable understanding of mental

health and relevant strategies to support young people. Key learning will include:

What is mental health? Why does it matter?

The neuroscience of brain development.

Impact of toxic stress and early life adversity ('Adverse Childhood Experiences').

Links between mental health and behaviour – how can we help?

Mental health 'red flags' – when to refer on for further support.

Secondary stress and self-care.

Presenter: Frances Griffin, Place2Be Consultant trainer in Teacher Education.

Cost: FREE

Restrictions: 25 places

Venue: SSC, Edinburgh

Course application forms are available to download from the following link:

<http://www.ssc.education.ed.ac.uk/courses/general/gapr19.html>

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

UK Parliamentary Questions



Department of Health and Social Care Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill (HL)209828

Q Asked by Dr Lisa Cameron (East Kilbride,

Strathaven and Lesmahagow) Asked on: 17 January 2019.

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if he will make an assessment of the compatibility of the Mental Capacity Act (Amendment) Bill with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Answered by: Caroline Dinenage Answered on: 23 January 2019

The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill will replace the current 'Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards' system for protecting people who are deprived of their liberty in England and Wales with a new more robust, efficient and streamlined system, the Liberty Protection Safeguards. The current system has left over 125,000 people without access to protections they are entitled to. The more efficient Liberty Protection Safeguards system will allow people to access the protections they are entitled to more quickly and will therefore be beneficial to many vulnerable people including disabled people. The Department published

its' equality impact assessment for the Bill in December 2018. That assessment outlines that people with a disability, as defined in the Equality Act 2010 will as a group, benefit from these reforms.

The United Kingdom Government supported the development of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD) and was one of the first countries to sign it. The Bill is considered to be in line with the principles of the UNCPRD. Supported decision making is already a principle of the Mental Capacity Act, and this remains the case if the Bill is passed. The Bill also supports respecting a person's inherent dignity, in line with Article 3 of the UNCPRD, by putting a person's wishes and feelings at the centre and thus ensuring that their inherent dignity is respected.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-17/209828/>

**Department for Work and Pensions Universal Credit:
Disability208905**

Q Asked by Marsha De Cordova(Battersea)[N] Asked on: 15 January 2019

To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 11 January 2019 to Question 206466 on Universal Credit: Disability, what estimate she has made of the cost of providing information on how many people in receipt of the severe disability premium have been naturally migrated onto universal credit since 7 June 2018.

A Answered by: Sarah Newton Answered on: 21 January 2019

To provide an estimate of how many people in receipt of the Severe Disability Premium have been naturally migrated onto Universal Credit since 7 June 2018, would require DWP to link together several complex datasets and take steps to assure the quality of the results. It is estimated that, owing to the time it would take to link the datasets for periods since June 2018, the cost of compiling the requested information is likely to exceed £850.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-01-14/208281/>

Department for Education Pupils: Mental Health Services208280

Q Asked by David Simpson(Upper Bann)Asked on: 14 January 2019

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether his Department is taking steps to provide counselling for students in schools.

Answered by: Nick Gibb Answered on: 21 January 2019

School based counselling by well-qualified practitioners can play an effective role as part of a 'whole school' approach to supporting mental health and wellbeing. The Department's England-wide representative survey of school provision, published in 2017, indicated that 61% of schools offer counselling services, with 84% of secondary schools providing their pupils with access to counselling support. To support more schools to do so, the Government has provided advice on how to deliver high quality school-based counselling, available to view here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counselling-in-schools>.

NHS England will fund new mental health support teams, working in schools and colleges, which will be rolled out to between one fifth and a quarter of England by the end of 2023. This will start with 25 trailblazer areas which will be fully operational by the end of 2019. Next steps for this roll out are being considered as part of the NHS long term plan, published on 7 January, and will be informed by the evaluation of the initial trailblazers. These new teams should work closely with services which are already being provided in local areas, including other professionals who work closely with schools and colleges, such as school counsellors.

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Department of Health and Social Care Learning Disability: Health Services208814

Q Asked by Alex Cunningham(Stockton North)Asked on: 15 January 2019

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether compliance with national learning disability improvement standards will be mandatory for NHS funded services and whether those services will be (a) regulated and (b) rated for national learning disability improvement standards.

Answered by: Caroline Dinéage Answered on: 22 January 2019

The NHS Standard Contract 2019/20 mandated by NHS England for use by commissioners of all healthcare services except primary care, requires all providers in England to have regard to the national learning disability improvement standards and guidance. The NHS Long Term Plan outlines the expectation that all National Health Service funded care providers should have implemented the improvement standards by 2023/24 and the Care Quality Commission is working with NHS Improvement to consider how they can ensure adoption of the improvement standards by trusts.

To monitor and ensure compliance with the improvement standards, NHS Improvement has commissioned the NHS Benchmarking Network to facilitate national data collection across all NHS trusts. NHS Improvement has provided tools for trusts to self-assess their performance against the improvement standards which auto-generate

performance and ratings scales. NHS Improvement can use these outcomes to identify where there are exemplary assurances processes in place and excellence in care delivery.

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