



deafscotland Bulletin February 2020



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Monthly Newsletter for deafscotland Members



Connect and Capitalise Tuesday 17 March 2020

Communication For All will be the overarching theme at our **2020 Conference on Tuesday 17 March 2020** in DoubleTree by Hilton, Cambridge Street, Glasgow. Our programme is nearly finalised and more information can be found at <https://deafscotland.org/deafscotland-connect-and-capitalise-2020/>

We will be looking at the **“Right Design for Communication”** throughout the conference with speakers and workshops on this topic. **Circle members** can get discounted tickets until the start of March.

Go to our website for more information and to book tickets:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/deafscotland-conference-connect-and-capitalise-right-design-for-communication-tickets-81716565447>

★ ★ ★ Due to popular demand, we have extended our Early Bird ticket prices until 17 February 2020 – tickets are going quickly. From 17 February, the price will go up! ★ ★ ★

Save the Date! Cross Party Group on Deafness

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2020 at the Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh at 1.00pm-2.30pm. There is more information available on the Scottish Parliament website:
<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/deafness.aspx> If you would like to join the CPGD, please email the convenor, Mark Griffin MSP and copy us in.

Save the Date! National Council

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June 2020. More information to follow.

Annual Report and Accounts

Our Annual Impact Report “Committed to Communication” and our Financial Report for 2018/2019 are available to download from our website: <https://deafscotland.org/who-we-are/annual-reports-and-accounts/>

Strategic Review

We have made good progress to identify and clarify areas of key interest going forward. We do have a slight delay in sending this out however we want to ensure that our focus is correct and realistic.

Virtual Museum

deafscotland is working on a Virtual (Online) Museum linked to the four pillars of deafness. We are looking for items of interest connected to the history and culture of our member organisations as well as individuals. For more information or you would like to get involved, contact Stewart at admin@deafscotland.org

Disclosure: Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG)

Do you or a member of your staff need to be a member of the PVG Scheme or need an enhanced disclosure? You might need to join the PVG (Protection of Vulnerable Groups) Scheme if you will be doing

“regulated” work – working directly with children and/or protected adults, for example, in education or a caring role.

We can countersign disclosure applications on behalf of other organisations which may be too small to become signatories themselves or for individuals who are self-employed and need to have a disclosure to work in their chosen field.

For more information about PVGs and to book an appointment go to: <http://deafscotland.org/disclosure-for-working-with-protected-groups/>

Campaigns

We would like all our members to promote our Communication For All campaign and see that the interest is growing behind the principle.



Communication for All was launched last September and if you couldn't attend, you missed out on our fabulous stickers. If you would be interested in supporting the campaign, we would be happy to send out some stickers.

We would like **you to support this campaign** by

- Sticking the window stickers that we will be sending to all our members over the next months –
 - on your car window and take a photo – we want the stickers to be seen all over the world, not just in Scotland...(share it on our Facebook page)
 - or take them to work and ask if you can stick them on your office window – maybe not if you are 10 storeys up in an office block! But if people can see your windows, get them on there. (ask permission first please)
- share our anthem - 'Communication' by Lady Geraldine. It can be downloaded from iTunes and Spotify 'Communication' by Lady Geraldine <https://deafscotland.org/communication-for-all-2/>

With your support, Scotland comes a few steps closer to becoming the first “Inclusive Communication Nation”.

We are currently working on our “**BSL For All**” strand and hope to release some resources this year.

We would also like you to promote our “BSL For All” and “Connect us Too” campaigns.

More information is available on our website:

<https://deafscotland.org/campaign/>

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=PL7TPJkTbihG9Bt-uXHkRz8_54dBueld60

Best wishes, Janis & deafscotland Team

NEWS / INFORMATION

From the National Federation of the Blind UK (NFBUK)

BBC Red Button Teletext Service saved from switch off

The BBC Red Button Teletext Service has been saved from switch off after the NFBUK and British Deaf Association handed in a petition to the Director General of the BBC Lord Hall and to the Prime Minister Boris Johnson at 10 Downing Street on Monday 27th January 2020.

The petition is backed by 175 organisations from across the UK, which included deafscotland, Age UK, the National Association of Deafened People (NADP) and the National Association of Retired Police Officers.

The petition called for an immediate pause to the closure of the BBC Red Button Teletext Service, which is a vital lifeline for many disabled, older and vulnerable people across the UK and is a much loved service by many people across the UK. The petitioners were met at the gates of 10 Downing Street by MP Damian Collins on Monday 27th January 2020, who took immediate action by writing to the Director General of the BBC asking for a halt to the switch off. Within 24 hours, Lord Tony Hall agreed to suspend the switch off and has agreed to meet with Damian Collins MP and campaigners on this issue.

The NFBUK is asking people to please contact them with their personal stories of why they rely, use and love the BBC Red Button Teletext Service, which will be submitted to the BBC and the Government. Please contact NFBUK via voice telephone - 01924 291313, by voice or text to 07903 155858, via email to admin@nfbuk.co.uk or sarahgayton@yahoo.co.uk or by post to NFBUK, Sir John Wilson House, 215 Kirkgate, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 1JG.

The NFBUK would also please encourage people to contact their MP urgently to explain how important this service is to them and that it must never be switched off. To find out who your MP is, go to <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/>

SignVideo and Sign Language Interactions Merge To Create UK's Leading BSL Video Interpreting Service

SignVideo, a leading BSL Video Interpreting provider and Sign Language Interactions (SLI), a leading provider of communication support services for British Sign Language (BSL) users, have merged.

The merger sees the acquisition of SignVideo by SLI in one of the biggest developments in the BSL video interpreting sector, with both companies coming together to now be able to offer leading communications support services to the deaf BSL community in the UK.

Jeff McWhinney, Chairman and Founder of SignVideo explains, "My wife Brigitte and I are so proud of what we have built over the last 15 years but the time has come to ensure the future growth of SignVideo. We have been speaking to SLI over the last year to ensure we are a good fit and I'm confident SignVideo will grow from strength to strength under SLI's leadership and investment. The two companies have the same vision and philosophies for the Deaf community and complement each other hugely. The result of this merger means better, more rounded support for Deaf BSL users. This has always been our aim and we look forward to seeing it blossom as SignVideo grows."

Andrew Dewey, Managing Director of Sign Language Interactions continues, "We want to continue the ground-breaking work Jeff, Brigitte and the team at SignVideo have started and plan now to drive forwards into Government, charities and many more sectors to encourage them to provide better access for Deaf BSL users. We also want to ensure Deaf

people have access to BSL interpreters who are working to the highest quality standards. It will be a lot of hard work from now on, but we are absolutely committed to ensuring interpreters are available both face to face and online, for Deaf people when they need it.”

From Action on Hearing Loss

Action on Hearing Loss Scotland has produced a report called ‘**Tuning out tinnitus**’. The report is informed by the experiences of 459 people in Scotland with the condition who have sought support from healthcare professionals. The report also reveals that tinnitus makes around half of the research participants feel frustrated (55%), affects their concentration (52%) or sleep (49%), and almost one in four (23%) said it impacts on their mental health. To find out about the findings and recommendations got to: www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/tuningout

Report from the Scottish Older People's Assembly

The report of the 2019 Scottish Older People's Assembly is now available on SOPA's website at <http://www.scotopa.org.uk/assemblies.asp>

The report provides details of the issues discussed on the day, along with a Draft Action Plan for SOPA and its partners to work on. You can also watch the speeches and panel discussion on the Scottish Parliament TV channel:

- [Part 1 \(speeches\)](#)
- [Part 2 \(MSP Question Time Panel\)](#)

Many thanks to everyone that participated in the 2019 Assembly. Particular thanks to those that led workshops, made speeches, took notes and helped the day to run smoothly. Thanks to the Scottish Parliament for hosting and supporting the event and to the SOPA Board and members for their ongoing work to ensure that the voices of older people are heard. Thanks to Isabella, one of the volunteers for helping to draft the report.

For further details of the Scottish Older People's Assembly visit www.scotopa.org.uk

From Inclusion Scotland

Applications for our exciting **Lived Experience Leadership pilot project** are now open!

We are looking for between eight and twelve people to test various opportunities that could be part of a Lived Experience Leadership programme.

Opportunities will include training courses, online training, short workshops and information resources. They will also include the opportunity to shadow a Lived Experience Leader.

We will ask you to take part in these opportunities and then let us know what you think of them through evaluation forms and at an evaluation event.

We are looking for participants from across Scotland. Most of the opportunities will be in either the Highlands or Edinburgh and Glasgow. We are looking for a wide range of people with different interests, backgrounds and experiences. You must be looking to develop leadership skills as well as want to use your lived experience in a leadership role.

You must also have lived experience of being disabled.

You will need to be able to attend the launch event on Wednesday 25th March at our offices in Edinburgh. Ideally this will be in person but we can arrange for you to join by video conference or telephone.

You will then need to be available between March and July to take part in the opportunities, and for an evaluation event in August.

We will be providing reasonable travel expenses, and we will ensure any support you need for accessibility and/or reasonable adjustments are available for you to take part.

How to Apply

You will need to submit your application form by Friday 28th February. We will let you know if you have been successful by Wednesday 11th March.

Please find the application form below:

Easy Read: [Word](#) and [PDF](#).

Plain Text: [Word](#) and [PDF](#).

If you have any problems opening or downloading the application form, please e-mail april@inclusionscotland.org.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please get in touch. You can reply to this email, or there is full contact information in the application form. Please also get in touch with Inclusion Scotland if you would like help filling in this form.

From the Scottish Register for Language Professionals with the Deaf Community (SRLPDC) (Formerly known as SASLI)

SRLPDC is looking for a dynamic web designer to develop a new website for us!

The new organisation, SRLPDC, is in the process of being set up and we need a new website to hold the new Scottish Register.

Our website specification is available on the SASLI website home page:

<http://www.sasli.org.uk/>

Please send your expression of interest to us at mail@sasli.co.uk by **Friday 28 February 2020 at 12 noon**.

From Scottish Government: Children's Rights and Participation

3rd Annual Meeting of Cabinet Ministers with Children and Young People in March 2019: Progress Report

We have published the progress report on the actions agreed at the 2019 Cabinet meeting with children and young people – [Children and Young People's Voices Matter!](#) This report covers the main areas of progress on the 18 actions agreed during the meeting in March 2019. You can click [here](#) to view the initial 18 actions from the 2019 meeting and our short film.

EVENTS

From Generations Working Together

Generations Working Together is excited to launch the programme for their **National Intergenerational Conference on Wednesday 4th March 2020** in the **University of Strathclyde, Glasgow**. The

conference will be open to anyone who is interested in creating intergenerational communities, by means of connecting and building relationships between different generations with a specific focus on older and younger people. Further details can be found at:

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/national-conference-2020-04-03-2020>

If you would like to update us on any intergenerational projects you are doing or planning or would like to learn more about what we are currently doing at GWT, please come along to our next **Glasgow & East Dunbartonshire Intergenerational Network** meeting which will take place from **2.00pm – 4.00pm in Springburn on Friday 14 February**. It's free to come so spread the word and register online. <https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/glasgow-and-east-dunbartonshire-intergenerational-network-meeting-14-02-2020>

1,800 Accessible, Inclusive, Subtitled/Captioned Cinema Shows!

1917, Sonic the Hedgehog, Bombshell, Bad Boys For Life, The Grudge, The Turning, Spies In Disguise, Jojo Rabbit, Little Women, Waves, A Hidden Life, Star Wars, The Gentlemen, Just Mercy, David Copperfield, Uncut Gems, Parasite, Seberg, Cats, Frozen 2, Knives Out, Jumanji 2 & more!

Visit the [YourLocalCinema](#) website for listings and subtitled trailers.

From the British Deaf Association Scotland

The British Deaf Association Scotland Deaf Roots and Pride Project is hosting a **Taste Your Future (S1 – S6)** careers event at **St Roch's Secondary School, 40 Royston Road, Glasgow, G21 2NF** on **Tuesday 3 March 2020** from **10.00am – 2.30pm** for Deaf young people across central Scotland.

The Deaf young people who attend will have the opportunity to meet Deaf adults who work in a range of different jobs throughout the day and take part in practical workshops. This event will give Deaf young people the opportunity to find out more about what is involved in a few career options, inspire them to think about their own future career and hopefully have some fun too! BSL/English interpreters and electronic note taker will be provided.

Please contact British Deaf Association for more details.

Deadline for booking forms – Thursday 20 February 2020

Lesley Winning: DRP Administrator Scotland

Adminscot.drp@bda.org.uk

0141 248 5565 or 07814 675210

From SUSE

Member Event

Wednesday 12th February 2020

We're hosting a roundtable with the Scottish Federation of Small Businesses.

Bringing together SUSE members and SMEs to discuss how we can get more people with disabilities into employment with local businesses. This practical event is a great opportunity to help FSB learn from your experiences and for you to hear from FSB representatives about some of the success stories and challenges in running anything from a micro-business to medium-sized companies of up to 250 employees.

Location: The Alliance Offices, 349 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4AA

Time: 12 Noon - 2pm

Lunch will be provided on arrival.

To book your place or to find out more please contact Michelle on 07592502638 or by email michelle@susescotland.scot

From The Royal Society of Edinburgh and The Physiological Society

Improving Health and Wellbeing: The Opportunities for Public Health Scotland

Save the Date - Parliamentary Discussion and Reception – 31 March 2020

The Royal Society of Edinburgh and The Physiological Society are jointly holding a Parliamentary Discussion and Reception, hosted by

Lewis Macdonald MSP, Convener of the Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee, on **31 March 2020** from **5:30pm**.

The launch of [Public Health Scotland](#) in April represents a huge shift in Scotland's approach to public health. This panel discussion at the **Scottish Parliament** will look to ensure we harness the opportunity of this new body, and also that public health guidance is informed by the latest research.

The discussion will involve a range of public health professionals, including those who are leading Public Health Scotland. Attendees will have the chance to put their questions and comments to the speakers, before the event closes with a drinks reception enabling attendees to network more informally.

Invited speakers include the following organisations:

Scottish Government

Public Health Scotland

COSLA

To confirm your place, please register at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/91301608569

From Falkirk Community Trust HippFest

HippFest are looking at the possibility of bringing "HOW TO DEAF" to the Hippodrome Bo'ness later in April. HOW TO DEAF is a short film programme for Deaf people, touring from the London Short Film Festival and curated by Deaf programmer, Zoë McWhinney.

For this to go ahead, HippFest need to know how many people are interested in attending.

If you are interested, please email Jacquie Winning at Forth Valley Sensory Centre jacquiwinning@forthvalleysensorycentre.org as she is putting together the list of interested people for Falkirk Community Trust.

CONSULTATIONS

From the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland

We have launched a stakeholder survey seeking feedback on our roles and our work.

The aim of the survey is to gather the views of people who have been in touch with the Commission, either on a personal or professional basis. We are looking to find out how well each of our roles and responsibilities is understood, and to hear about how well you think we are doing.

This survey is being conducted by Wellside Research Ltd., an independent research company based in Scotland. All responses are anonymous and will be treated as confidential. Wellside Research will not share individual responses with the Mental Welfare Commission. The survey will take around 15-20 minutes to complete and is available here: <https://mentalwelfarecommission.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jhguttd-ulursidhh-r/>

The survey also contains information about a **stakeholder event** we are holding on **10 March** so that we can get more detailed views about people's experiences of the Commission.

The event has limited places, so if you would be interested in taking part, please contact **Elaine Wilson-Smith** from **Wellside Research**, by phone on **0131 677 5522** or by email at elaine@wellsideresearch.co.uk

Please contact Elaine if you have any questions on the survey itself, too. We invite anyone who has been in contact with us, whether on a regular basis or as a one-off contact, to take part and give us their views.

The survey **closes at 5pm on 25 February 2020**

From Jacqueline Batchelor, Researcher at Northampton University

Research invitation

You are being invited to take part in a research project which is aimed at gaining an understanding of individual experiences of the Deaf community in accessing services. The research proposes the use of a tool to support the identification and sharing of language preference. Participants for the study are voluntary and must be 18+ years of age and have a degree of Deafness. The research will provide valuable information about the experiences and preferences of Deaf people to highlight the importance of recognising these in providing a services and promoting access. Research participation consists of three stages and

each of these will provide data to contribute to the research findings. Thank you for reading this information and I look forward to your participation!

Dear Participant,

Thank you for taking the time to read this and contribute to the study. Please find below the links and instructions to complete each stage. Please note there are four stages to participation and all participants must be over 18 years old:

- 1: Complete [Language Preference Questionnaire \(LPQ\) A](#) based on a service of your choice
- 2: Complete the [Language Preference Scale \(LPS\)](#) and take a printed copy of the summary to the service of your choice. A summary page is available on the last page of the attached information if required.
- 3: Return to the service within six months and note any change in access.
- 4: Complete the [Language Preference Questionnaire \(LPQ\) B](#) based on the experience returning to the service.

This research aims to identify language preference of the participant with details regarding access to service experience. Due to the detail of the videos in the British Sign Language (BSL) version, it may be slower to load.

For further information on study results or any other information please contact the researcher.

Jacqueline.Batchelor@northampton.ac.uk

From the Scottish Parliament Health and Sport Committee

The Health and Sport Committee is undertaking **an inquiry into social care in Scotland**.

The [Scottish Government Adult Social Care Reform Programme](#) is currently working to reform social care in Scotland. This inquiry will not replicate that work.

We want to explore the future delivery of social care in Scotland and what is required to meet future needs.

What does the Committee want to know?

1. Experiences of social care in Scotland

We are seeking views from people with lived experience of receiving adult social care or being a carer for someone receiving care. We would like to hear:

- People's stories and experience of social care in Scotland.
- What people would change about their experience of social care?

2. The future delivery of social care in Scotland

We are keen to receive responses to the following questions:

- How should the public be involved in planning their own and their community's social care services?
- How should Integration Joint Boards commission and procure social care to ensure it is person-centred?
- Looking ahead, what are the essential elements in an ideal model of social care (e.g. workforce, technology, housing etc.)?
- What needs to happen to ensure the equitable provision of social care across the country?

How to submit your views

The call for written views will close on **Thursday 20 February 2020**.

The Scottish Parliament and its Committees value diversity and seek to work towards committee witnesses being broadly representative of Scotland's society. As such we encourage members of underrepresented groups to submit written evidence. If you need advice, please contact the Clerks on the email address: HealthandSport@parliament.scot

Before making a submission, please read our [privacy notice](#) about submitting your views to a Committee. This tells you about how we process your personal data. If you are under 12 years of age, please read this [privacy notice](#).

Please use this link to submit your views through [Citizen Space](#).

You may also send a hard copy written submission. If you are sending a hard copy submission, please send them to:

Health and Sport
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament

From Voluntary Health Scotland

Evaluation of Clear Pathway guidance - Tell us what you think!

In April 2018 the Clear Pathway guidance was sent to the Chair and CEO of every NHS board in Scotland by Professor Jason Leitch, CBE (Clinical Director, Healthcare Quality and Strategy, Scottish Government). Clear Pathway provides a framework for NHS Boards on best practice working with third sector partners to engage volunteers in NHS settings.

The Scottish Government has asked Voluntary Health Scotland to carry out an <https://www.research.net/r/PKL6RP5> evaluation of the impact of Clear Pathway. We're keen to hear from organisations who engage volunteers in NHS settings. If you are involved in this type of work please take a few minutes to complete our online survey - <https://www.research.net/r/PKL6RP5> - which aims to understand awareness of the guidance and, where relevant, its impact on volunteering in NHS settings.

From The Birds of Paradise Theatre Company

Monday 24th February, 6pm - 7:30pm, (accessible central venue, tbc)

Tuesday 25th February, 5:30pm - 7pm, Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow

Birds of Paradise Theatre Company are looking for young disabled people to get involved in the development of a new piece of theatre for young audiences which has been commissioned by Imagine. BOP's Artistic Director, Robert Gale, is creating a new show that will be performed at the Edinburgh International Children's Festival in May 2021.

Who do we want to work with?

We would like to work with disabled young people who are open to talking about and able to reflect on what it is like to be a young disabled person today. It is a while since Robert was a young disabled person (!) and he would like to talk about how what he experienced compares to your experience. We think this means working with anyone 12 - 20 years old - but this is only a guideline.

What will happen?

You will come along to a small relaxed session of about one and a half hours. There will be some chatting and some creative activities. We will be looking at ways we can tell our stories.

Who will be there?

Robert and Mairi from BOP will be there and Alex Byrne who makes theatre for young people with the company New International Experiences. You are welcome to bring a parent or PA but we may ask them to observe and not take part.

When will it happen?

Monday 24th February, 6pm - 7:30pm, (accessible central venue, tbc)

Tuesday 25th February, 5:30pm - 7pm, Scottish Youth Theatre, Glasgow

What will it cost?

The session is free and we will cover any travel expenses. Some light refreshments will be served.

What will happen afterwards?

We would like to stay in touch and there may be other opportunities to work together as we develop the show.

How do I get involved?

If you would like to get involved please email all@boptheatre.co.uk or call 0141 552 1725

We will ask you to provide some contact and access requirement information.

VACANCIES

From Public Appointments Scotland

The **Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE)** is the economic and community development agency for an area covering more than half of Scotland's land mass, stretching from Shetland in the north to the southern tip of Argyll and including almost 100 inhabited islands.

Scottish Ministers are looking to appoint a new Board Chair.

For more information and to apply, please see: <http://bit.ly/36957UD>

Closing date for applications is **19 February 2020** at midnight.

As one of the leading museum groups in Europe and a key heritage and culture organisation in Scotland, **National Museums Scotland** is responsible for a remarkable collection which brings together the arts and sciences, and the cultures of Scotland and the world, alongside the diversity of the natural world.

Scottish Ministers are looking for a new Board Chair.

For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/2OqfVYX>

Closing date for applications has been extended until midday on **10 February 2020**

FUNDING

The **Inspiring Scotland Community Play Fund** is now open for applications. The fund is aimed at supporting childhood health and wellbeing through play. The funding is targeted at areas of high deprivation within local authority areas. Application for up to £35,000 can be considered. For more information [click here](#).

TRAINING



AWARENESSbites online Deaf Awareness course

<https://deafscotland.org/what-we-do/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: Green and Purple

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.

Please note the system cannot take multiple log-ins so please make sure you have enough time to complete the course before starting.

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.

From Generations Working Together

International Certificate in Intergenerational Learning (7 week online training course) (ICIL)

In partnership with the University of Granada-Enterprise General Foundation, Generations Working Together (GWT) is delighted to be able to offer another opportunity to participate on this accredited on-line course. The course starts on **Tuesday 28th April** and runs till **Monday 15th June 2020**.

The course is aimed at anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of intergenerational work, its purpose, impact and practical application to enable them to apply this within their own work.

<https://generationsworkingtogether.org/events-training/training/icil>

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT PQs, MOTIONS AND DEBATES

Motion S5M-20626: Sandra White, Glasgow Kelvin, Scottish National Party, Date Lodged: 28/01/2020

Solar Flares: Deaf Heritage Funding Success

That the Parliament congratulates Solar Bears on its Solar Flares: Deaf Heritage project being awarded £90,900 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which it will use to set up the Solar Flares: Deaf Heritage project to celebrate deaf heritage and culture in Scotland through extensive research, development and dissemination of eight digital works by deaf artists; understands that it will work collaboratively with Deaf History Scotland and the National Library of Scotland's Moving Image Archive to create a sustainable network of organisations to animate existing deaf heritage, tell new stories and create a vibrant legacy for future generations, and wishes Solar Bears every success with this and its other endeavours.

Supported by: Stuart McMillan, Fulton MacGregor, Colin Beattie, Mark McDonald, Kenneth Gibson, David Torrance, Bill Kidd, Stewart Stevenson, Gil Paterson, Jenny Gilruth, Willie Coffey, Tom Arthur, Ruth Maguire, Gillian Martin

Question S5W-27054: Miles Briggs, Lothian, Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party, Date Lodged: 21/01/2020

To ask the Scottish Government whether GPs will be provided with tinnitus awareness training to be better informed about the range of support available to people who present with tinnitus.

Answered by Jeane Freeman (03/02/2020):

While the RCGP curriculum makes reference to the treatment options available for tinnitus within the 'Ear, Nose & Throat and Speech & Hearing' section, it acknowledges that patients with ENT symptoms may prove difficult to manage e.g. tinnitus, facial pain, unsteadiness, hearing loss.

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) will signpost health professionals to a resource recently developed by Action on Hearing Loss Northern Ireland and the British Tinnitus Association, and will also actively look at whether a separate Scottish module should be developed.

All medical professionals, including GPs, have a professional obligation to undertake continuous professional development to remain up-to-date and meet GMC requirements to retain their license to practice. CPD opportunities and information are provided by the RCGP and NES.

Current Status: Answered by Jeane Freeman on 03/02/2020



Copy Deadline for the Next Issue

The NEW deadline is on the 24th of every month.

Please forward your contributions for the next bulletin to:
admin@deafscotland.org.

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

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INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION (ARTICLES) IN THE DEAFSCOTLAND MONTHLY BULLETIN

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

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

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

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Please do not include logos, graphics or photographs as we cannot include these in our bulletin. We might be able to share on social media – please email admin@deafscotland.org to ask.

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