



# deafscotland Bulletin March 2020



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## Monthly Newsletter for deafscotland Members

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### 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. We have three keynote speakers Kathy Li from Glasgow School of Art, Brian McArthur from AMP Architects and Lorna Stephenson from BT. More information can be found on our website - <https://deafscotland.org/deafscotland-connect-and-capitalise-2020/>

We will be looking at the “Right Design for Communication” throughout the conference with workshops focused 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->

## **BSL Project is no more...**

Our role in the BSL Partnership has ceased from 31st of January 2020. Our services continue under the campaign headings Communication For All, BSL For All and Connect Us Too, looking at mental health and wellbeing. We are looking at funding alternatives and will keep you informed of any progress. In the meantime, Derek has been issued with a redundancy notice.

## **Save the Date! National Council**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June 2020 at Deafblind Scotland in Lenzie. Members have been sent a draft agenda. We will provide an update to the See Hear Strategy and BSL National/ Authority (Local) Plans.

## **Strategic Review**

The strategy review work is just about completed and the Board hopes to bring clear options forward at the next member meeting scheduled for June 2020 or earlier if possible.

## **Virtual Museum**

We had our Culture and Leisure Showcase event on Thursday 20 February 2020 which was a great success. 51 attendees enjoyed presentations from Cycling Scotland and ITV Signpost about our Cycling Safety project.

deafscotland staff gave a demonstration of the Virtual Museum and explained that this is an ongoing living archive and encouraged people to get involved.

## **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/>

## **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/>

## **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:

Best wishes, Janis & deafscotland Team

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## **From Abbey Consort and The Yetholm Sinfonia**

With 2020 marking the 250th anniversary of **Beethoven's birth, Abbey Consort and The Yetholm Sinfonia** are mounting a celebratory concert focusing on attractive, but lesser-known works. From the incidental music to King Stephan, two choruses will be preceded by the very tuneful overture. The rarely heard cantata Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage will make a powerful impact, and some short songs will present a very different side to the Beethoven we've come to know through the symphonies. And an interesting version of the Moonlight Sonata makes a very strong case for itself before the exciting Hallelujah chorus (not by Handel!) concludes the first half.

The second half of the programme features music by three of Beethoven's very good friends – Ferdinand Ries (who studied with Beethoven), Ignaz Moscheles (who supported Beethoven financially) and Joseph Haydn (who taught the young Beethoven).

The venue is the **Tait Hall, Kelso** on **Sunday, 26th April** at **7.30pm**.

**Entry – payable at the door – costs £10 for adults, children free. A reminder that all profits will go to the charity, deafscotland.**

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## **NEWS / INFORMATION**

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## **From Campaign For Freedom of Information Scotland (CFOIS)**

The next **Scottish Public Information Forum (SPIF) Meeting** will take place on **Monday 23 March 2020** from **9:30 am** to **1.00 pm** at **Unite The Union, 22 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EP**.

The Scottish Public Information Forum (SPIF) is an opportunity for rights holders and duty bearers to meet and discuss 'access to information' in Scotland and consider how laws which force disclosure of information are operating. Learning from each other helps improve understanding and practice. The first meeting of 2020, hosted by Unite the Union at their offices in Edinburgh, is an opportunity to reflect on 15 years since the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FoISA) came into force and what we can learn from staff, from requestors and from organisations that deliver rights and meet duties. It is also a timely opportunity to plan ahead and integrate our learning as reform of FoISA is rolled out and the range of organisations covered by it increases due to Scottish Government action.

Attendees can also enjoy the regular opportunity to be updated directly by government representatives, the Scottish Information Commissioner, as well as by campaigners.

Registration is from 9.30-10am. A light lunch will be served at the end of the meeting to enable networking.

This meeting will cover:

- Celebrating 15 years of Scotland's First Freedom of Information Act: Report of a survey of UNISON members working in FOI, and about responses to FOI requests to a number of public bodies about how they deliver on FOI in Scotland - Fiona Montgomery, UNISON; 'Report Card on FoISA' an overview of the CFoIS project. Carole Ewart, CFoIS
- Human rights and access to information rights – update from European Court of Human Rights and relevance to Scotland. Dr David Goldberg, CFoIS
- Post Legislative Scrutiny of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FoISA) Update and next steps. More information at <https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/111249.aspx>

- Section 5 consultation on extending designations under FoISA - update
- Update from Scottish Information Commissioner
- Update from the Scottish Government – Gerry Hendricks

To let us know you want to come along, please register your interest on Eventbrite - [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-scottish-public-information-forum-march-2020-tickets-93088358787?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTkxNTA1NDkvYnNsQGRIYWZzY290bGFuZC5vcmcvMA%3D%3D%0A&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm\\_term=eventpage](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-scottish-public-information-forum-march-2020-tickets-93088358787?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTkxNTA1NDkvYnNsQGRIYWZzY290bGFuZC5vcmcvMA%3D%3D%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=eventpage)

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## From Transport Scotland

National Transport Strategy has been published. It sets out their vision for a sustainable, inclusive, safe and accessible transport system helping deliver a healthier, fairer and more prosperous Scotland for communities, businesses and visitors.

For more information, go to <https://www.transport.gov.scot/our-approach/national-transport-strategy/>

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## From NHS 24

### Can you help us promote BSL translations of health information on NHS inform?

We've been engaging with the Deaf community to find out about people's needs when it comes to BSL translations of health information. Based on this feedback, and on our requirements under the British Sign Language (BSL): National Plan, we have translated information about health rights, illnesses and conditions, immunisations, mental health and wellbeing, and screening.

If you're not sure how to access NHS inform we have two BSL video clips that can help:

- What is NHS inform  
[www.nhsinform.scot/translations/languages/british-sign-language-bsl/what-is-nhs-inform](http://www.nhsinform.scot/translations/languages/british-sign-language-bsl/what-is-nhs-inform)

- Make the most of webchat  
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/translations/languages/british-sign-language-bsl/make-the-most-of-webchat>

You can find the BSL translations:

- on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/user/nhsinform](http://www.youtube.com/user/nhsinform)
- on [www.nhsinform.scot/BSL](http://www.nhsinform.scot/BSL)

We are continually adding translations, so it's always worth checking back.

Sometimes remembering where to find information online is quite tricky. That's why we're giving away pens with the web address for the BSL translations [www.nhsinform.scot/BSL](http://www.nhsinform.scot/BSL)

If you are a member of a Deaf group, and would like to distribute the pens, please get in touch.

Email me at [brigitte.cosford@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:brigitte.cosford@nhs24.scot.nhs.uk) (or text/phone 07917 084 090), let me know how many pens you would like, and where they should be sent to.

Thank you

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## From the EHRC

### **Court of Appeal ruling protects severely disabled people from benefit cuts**

The Court of Appeal has upheld judgments in two linked High Court cases which challenged the way in which Universal Credit was being implemented for people in receipt of certain disability benefits. This ruling will protect thousands of severely disabled people against a sudden and severe drop in their income.

The High Court had previously found that the Universal Credit transitional scheme being implemented by the Department for Work and Pensions was discriminatory against severely disabled people.

TP and AR previously received Severe Disability Premium and Enhanced Disability Premium benefits but had been forced to move onto Universal Credit when they moved across local authority area

boundaries. Under Universal Credit they lost out on Severe Disability Premium and Enhanced Disability Premium, leaving them suddenly around £180 a month worse off. The judge found that this was unlawful because those that moved to a different local authority area were being treated differently to those who moved within their local authority area.

After the initial High Court judgment ([TP & AR v SSWP](#)) which found that the scheme discriminated against severely disabled people who moved onto Universal Credit, the Department for Work and Pensions introduced new regulations which proposed to pay that cohort £80 in transitional payments (rather than the £180 they had lost). A further challenge was then brought against this discrepancy. In this case ([TP, AR & SXC v SSWP](#)) the High Court again found that the Department for Work and Pensions' regulations were discriminatory contrary to Article 14 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

By upholding the previous judgments of the High Court, this ruling has helped to protect thousands of severely disabled people against a sudden and substantial benefit cut. Severe Disability Premium and Enhanced Disability Premium were awarded in order to allow disabled people to pay for the support they need to lead independent lives.

TP and AR were represented by Leigh Day and SXC by Central England Law Centre. We intervened in both of these cases when they were heard before the High Court and in the joined appeal in order to challenge a policy which was discriminatory against people with severe disabilities.

To find out more, go to [https://www.leighday.co.uk/News/Press-releases-2020/January-2020/Government-loses-Universal-Credit-appeals-against?utm\\_campaign=Legal%20Action%20Alert%20-%20Universal%20Credit%20and%20disabled%20people&utm\\_source=emailCampaign&utm\\_content=&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.leighday.co.uk/News/Press-releases-2020/January-2020/Government-loses-Universal-Credit-appeals-against?utm_campaign=Legal%20Action%20Alert%20-%20Universal%20Credit%20and%20disabled%20people&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_content=&utm_medium=email)

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## **From Scottish Government**

**Advanced Notification of Upratings for 2020/21 for - Free Personal and Nursing Care Payments; Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA); Capital Limits; and Savings Disregards**

This correspondence gives advance notice of the uprating of the Free Personal and Nursing Care rates from **1 April 2020** and the Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA), and Capital Limits and Savings Disregard for residential care charging from **6 April 2020**. This correspondence is provided to assist your preparations in advance of the formal changes to the regulations made under the National Assistance Act 1948.

Please Note all of the changes in the table below are subject to Parliamentary approval of the Regulations

Year	Lower Capital Limits	Higher Capital Limits	Personal Care	Nursing Care	PEA	Single Savings Disregard	Couple Savings Disregard
2019/20	£17,500	£28,000	£177.00	£80.00	£27.75	£6.50	£9.70
2020/21	£18,000	£28,500	£180.00	£81.00	£28.75	£6.75	£10.05

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## From Ideas for Ears

### Awards recognise best & worst examples of hearing access

Ideas for Ears joined forces with the community group Forth Valley Hearing Access Forum to run the UK's first-ever Hearing Access Awards. 12 worthy winners and six worst offenders were identified, each one representing great or terrible experiences that people with hearing loss have had. Read more about the [Awards here](#). See why these [6 individuals](#) and these [6 organisations](#) won. Decide if you agree with these [6 biggest fails](#).

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## From Forth Valley Sensory Centre

### Building a Breastfeeding Friendly Forth Valley

Forth Valley Sensory Centre has become the first organisation in the Forth Valley area to sign up to the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Scheme. This means the charity, located in Camelon, has agreed to protect the legal rights of women who want to breastfeed on their premises as well as supporting mothers to do so.

Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland (BFS) is a free national scheme where businesses can sign up to actively support and protect the rights of mothers who breastfeed in public places. All staff within the premises of organisations are aware of their responsibilities, in particular if someone complains or tries to stop a mother breastfeeding, staff will enforce the laws which allow a mother to continue to feed her child.

Businesses and organisations who join the BFS scheme will display a certificate and stickers with the BFS logo so that mothers know that breastfeeding is welcome but also the business understands the law. Forth Valley Sensory Centre is a registered charity, which supports people with sight and hearing loss across Forth Valley. It is a unique purpose built facility, which opened in 2006. The Charity provides a variety of groups and classes for people of all ages and includes a Café and Sensory Garden, which are both open to the public.

Centre Manager Jacquie Winning said:

“One of our key principles here is to be open and accessible so we were delighted to be invited to sign up to the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Scheme. As well as the Café we also have a Sensory Room and our outdoor Sensory Garden, both of which are popular with young families and we want breastfeeding mums to feel welcome and comfortable”

“As part of the Breastfeeding Scotland Friendly initiative, we will never ask a breastfeeding mum to stop or move seats. We will confidently explain to anyone who may complain that it is a person’s right to feed their child without fear or prejudice. This is a really good idea and we hope that more organisations and public spaces will follow our lead and sign up.”

Lesley Hetherington Infant Feeding Coordinator for NHS Forth Valley said:

“Congratulations to Forth Valley Sensory Centre on becoming the first organisation in our area to become a Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland member. As a charity that welcomes and supports people of all ages and has a public café at its heart, as well as other super facilities it is great to have the centre on-board.

“We hope this will be the first of many new signatories in the area and we can make Falkirk, and Forth Valley a truly Breastfeeding Friendly place to be.”

For more information on how you can become a Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland organisation, see <https://www.mygov.scot/breastfeeding-and-your-business/>

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**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](mailto:mail@sasli.co.uk) by Friday 13 March 2020 at 12 noon.

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## **From Scottish Government: Children's Rights and Participation**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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## **EVENTS**

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### **From Hearing Link**

#### **LinkUp Groups – dates announced for 2020**

Hearing Link is planning to host three LinkUp groups in Scotland this year for people living with hearing loss and their partners or family members.

Our groups will take place on the following dates:

Fife – 20th-22nd March

Edinburgh – 12th-14th June

Location TBC – 23rd-25th October

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 is 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.

To find out more about LinkUps and to register your interest in attending, visit [www.hearinglink.org/services/linkups](http://www.hearinglink.org/services/linkups)

Alternatively email [helpdesk@hearinglink.org](mailto:helpdesk@hearinglink.org)

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

1917, Parasite, Birds Of Prey, Underwater, Dolittle, A Beautiful Day In The Neighbourhood, Sonic The Hedgehog, Bombshell, Bad Boys for Life, Emma, Queen & Slim, The Rhythm Section, Little Women, Richard Jewell, Just Mercy, Jojo Rabbit, A Hidden Life, Jumanji 2 and more!

Visit the [YourLocalCinema](http://YourLocalCinema) website for listings and subtitled trailers

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## **From SUSE**

Job Start Payment (previously Job Grant) is a new payment to help young people with the costs associated with the transition into employment, after a period of time out of paid work - [Job Start Payment](#)

Please find below all the information for the upcoming Job Start Payment roadshows that Social Security Scotland will be holding around Scotland prior to this benefit going live –

10/03/20- **Kilmarnock**- Ayrshire College- If you are interested in attending this event please click [here](#)

11/03/20- **Dumfries**- Dumfries and Galloway College- If you are interested in attending this event please click [here](#)

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## **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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/91301608569)

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## **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](mailto:jacquiwinning@forthvalleysensorycentre.org) as she is putting together the list of interested people for Falkirk Community Trust.

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## **From SUSE**

**Duoday 2020** is set to take place across Europe on **14th May 2020** and we are excited to be taking part again. This year we are looking to create 24 opportunities for people with disabilities in an occupational sector of their choice.

In previous years we have focused on the voluntary and public sectors, so for Duoday 2020 we are hoping to partner with employers in the private sector.

In the 12 weeks leading up to Duoday we will be promoting it on social media and inviting SUSE members to partner with us to deliver this high profile initiative.

We will have more information for you in the next couple of weeks but in the meantime if you are interested in getting involved in Duoday 2020 please contact [Michelle@susescotland.scot](mailto:Michelle@susescotland.scot)

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## **CONSULTATIONS**

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### **From SUSE**

**The Employment Data Lab** will be a new service provided by the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**.

The service is designed to evaluate the employment related impact of interventions carried out by external organisations.

The Data Lab is currently being developed and a survey has been commissioned to help ensure the service meets the needs of its users; organisations like yours.

The survey asks a series of questions about your organisation, the interventions you carry out and the types of people you work with. This information will be used to inform the design of the service. All responses will be stored securely and will be anonymised before analysis.

**[Take part in the Survey here](#)**

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## **From The Scottish Mental Health Law Review**

We have now launched a consultation seeking people's views and experiences of current mental health laws in this country and I hope as many as people as possible are able to respond to this consultation in a way which suits them. This can be accessed online via: <https://consult.gov.scot/mental-health-law-secretariat/review-of-mental-health-law-in-scotland>

I am also happy to announce that you can access the consultation via our new website which can be viewed by following this link: <https://www.mentalhealthlawreview.scot/>

This website has been designed so that people can see what stage the review is in (currently phase 1) as well as hosting relevant documentation about the review.

All future announcements relating to the review will also be posted on this website. Over the next few weeks we will be adding to the site and for example will include information about the Advisory Groups.

As the review moves forward the website will be updated and will include details about the work of the advisory groups which are already up and running, as well as those which will come on-line shortly. It will also be able to incorporate blogs, videos etc. as well as publicising upcoming events including those which will be delivered by our various partners. There is also a facility for people to contact the review team.

The review will also be on twitter and you can follow us at [@MHLRScot](#)

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# 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.

## 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.

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## TRAINING

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**AWARENESSbites**



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

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

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## **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>



## 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:  
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We are happy to publish details about your news, information, events, training courses and conferences. Please send us the **English text** you want to be included in the bulletin.

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

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We appreciate the time that you take to send us your 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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