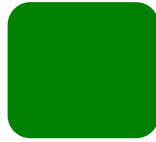




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# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

## About Us

The roots of Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF) go back to a conference held in Erskine in 1995 on 'The Empowerment of Disabled People'.



Over the next eight years, the Disability Forum which resulted from these efforts worked towards achieving a mandate to see a Scottish Forum established.

In 2003, we were founded with the aim of reducing barriers to disability equality, promoting awareness of good practice in accessibility and inclusion across Scotland.

We are the umbrella organisation for Access Panels across Scotland. We work with Panels to support and help them to provide advice and support to disabled people in the local communities.

Today, we are involved across a wide range of work, ensuring that the many voices of disabled people are heard and heeded to on a local and national level. We work to bring real change to the lives of disabled people, to inspire and to motivate others to be inclusive and informed in their attitude towards disabled people, and to bring the message of equality for all.



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## What We Do

Scottish Disability Equality Forum work with many individuals, organisations and bodies to create real change in the lives of disabled people and the community they live in.

### Inform

We keep informed of new developments in disability to pass on to our members

### Policy

We work with our members to influence Scottish Government decisions and policies

### Access Panels

We support Access Panels across Scotland to enable them to reach out to their communities

### Engagement

We speak to members so that we know what the key issues are for disabled people in Scotland

### Support

We hold events, training and give practical guidance on disability and access related issues

### Joint Work

We work with many organisations on projects and initiatives aimed at improving equality

These are just some of the many key activities in which we are involved in. You can find out more about what we do by visiting our website at [www.sdef.org.uk](http://www.sdef.org.uk) or by signing up to our newsletter.

Better still, why not become a member, it's free! That way, you will be kept informed of disability related news through our printed publication 'Open Door', our e-newsletters and consultations. More importantly you can become involved in what we do, giving us your thoughts and contributions.

We work to make a difference for disabled people, promoting equality and inclusion across Scotland. Get in touch with us if you would like to know more or get involved. We need you to help us make sure we present the views of disabled people and that we are getting it right!