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# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

## Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

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### SDEF Voice 26

We are delighted to bring you our latest email newsletter packed with updates from Scottish Disability Equality Forum.

We have a number of live consultations at the moment, and as always appreciate our members views and experiences. Alternative formats are available to ensure everyone can have their say. If you require additional support, please call our office and a member of staff is always more than happy to assist.

There is also a number of Scottish Government conversations taking place at the moment on a Fairer Scotland and Healthier Scotland. Your voice is important, so please if you can, contribute to these conversations. Please contact SDEF if you require support and assistance to do this. Please read on for more details.

Don't forget, you can share this newsletter with friends, family and colleagues.

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## Promoting the 'human' in human rights Seminar

Are we putting too much emphasis on 'rights' when we discuss or legislate on 'human rights'? Prof Fineman believes we are; and argues that we should look more closely at the 'human' aspects of 'human rights'.

At this seminar she will explain how her 'universal vulnerability' theory could frame arguments to rebut neoliberal emphasis on "personal responsibility" and "individual liberty." There will then be three, five minute, responses, one each from:

- The Disabled People's Independent Living Movement in Scotland
- The Strathclyde Centre for Disability Research at the University of Glasgow
- The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Services

This will be followed by an open discussion.

### Venue

Room 709, Boyd Orr Building,  
University of Glasgow,  
University Avenue, Glasgow, G12 8QQ

### Date and Time

10 September, 2015  
1.30pm - 4.00 pm

To sign up for this event, visit the Eventbrite link here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/promoting-the-human-in-human-rights-a-seminar-on-developing-a-more-responsive-state-tickets-17880116911> or call Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living on 0141 375 0464.



## Easy Read Training

Disability West Lothian are running an Easy Read Training Course on Wednesday 26 August 2015 in Livingston. If you need to write and produce written information that needs to be clearly understood, especially by people with a learning disability then this is an ideal opportunity for you to learn how to convert your documents into an accessible format.

To book, please visit [www.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](http://www.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK) or call us on 01506 774030 for more information. This is an all-day event and lunch will be provided.

## Disability Roadshow Dundee

Date: 15 September 2015  
Time: 1pm-3pm  
Venue: The Steeple  
Nethergate  
Dundee, DD1 4DG

The Scottish Government will publish a draft Disability Delivery Plan on implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD ) in Scotland.

This delivery plan is a big step forward in Scottish Government's work. This plan outlines the Scottish Government's commitment to work towards a fair and equal society for disabled people in Scotland. The plan outlines Scottish Governments approach, key outcomes and commitments.

We would like your views on this plan and would like to invite you to our Disability Roadshow event on 15 September 2015, 1pm-3pm in Dundee.



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To book your place contact Vicky Innes <mailto:vicky.innes@sdef.org.uk>  
Tel: 01259 272064 or book online at Eventbrite -  
<http://tinyurl.com/qaulp9o>

## Creating a Fairer Scotland: What Matters To You?

People across Scotland are being asked to take part in a national discussion about how the country can be a fairer and more equal place to live.

Scottish Government have started a national conversation 'Creating A Fairer Scotland: What Matters To You?'.

Scottish Government would like you to share your thoughts and ideas - here are a few questions to get you thinking:

- What are the issues that matter most to you?
- What do you think needs to be done to create a fairer Scotland?
- How can you and your community play a role in helping to shape our future?

Why not share your views at home, with your friends or at work.

Or you can join in the discussions online at:

[www.fairer.scot](http://www.fairer.scot)

Twitter: @scotgovfairer #fairerscotland

Facebook: fairer.scot

Or write to Scottish Government via email at:

<mailto:Fairer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>

Or post a letter to: FREEPOST FAIRER SCOTLAND

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Scottish Government are committed to ensuring as many people as possible can take part on this conversation. If you require materials in alternative formats, please contact Scottish Government on the contact details above.

### **Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund**

The Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Engagement Fund provides grants of up to £300 (or exceptionally up to £500 for a larger event) to small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland to help them run an event or engagement activity with a group of five or more people to gather their thoughts on creating a Fairer Scotland and what matters to them.

To apply for the fund go to Voluntary Action Fund website - <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/fairer-scotland-engagement-fund/>

Applications can be submitted any time from now until Monday 12 October 2015.

Discussions and engagement ideally should take place before 16 October 2015.

### **Creating A Healthier Scotland: What Matters To You?**

The Scottish Government is inviting you to have your say on what a healthier Scotland should look like in the next 10-15 years and the steps that should be taken to make this vision a reality.

The first part of this will look at what issues really matter to you. To help get the conversation started they have developed 3 broad questions.

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- What support do we need in Scotland to live healthier lives?
- What areas of health and social care matter most to you?
- Thinking about the future of health and social care services, where should our focus be?

Why not share your views at home, with your friends or at work.

Or you can join in the discussions online at:

<http://healthier.scot/2015/07/06/hello-world/>

Twitter: @scotgovhealth

Facebook: healthier.scot

## **Free Health and Social Care Integration Event**

Date: 28 August 2015

Time: 10am - 2pm

Venue: Thistle Hotel, Glasgow

GDA are organising a free event for disabled people and partner organisations and agencies to come together to discuss Health and Social Care Integration. This free event is an excellent opportunity to contribute to key policy that affects the day to day lives of disabled people and their families. Transport, personal assistance and lunch will be provided.

There will be fun workshops in the afternoon for disabled people attending the event.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Contact GDA T: 0141 556 7103 E: <mailto:admin@gdaonline.co.uk>

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## Policy Consultations

Our members are the voice of SDEF. We regularly send out consultation documents to members.

Current consultations:

- The Future Delivery of Social Security in Scotland:  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/367-the-future-delivery-of-social-security-in-scotland>
- Welfare Reform - Your Say:  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/365-welfare-reform-your-say>
- Equality Act 2010 and Disability Call for Evidence:  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/364-equality-act-2010-and-disability-call-for-evidence>
- Health Facilities Scotland:  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/358-health-facilities-scotland-consultation>
- Scottish Ambulance Service:  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/337-scottish-ambulance-service>

There are many ways in which you can have your say:

- Email us with your comments
- Complete the questionnaire in the links above
- Call us - Tel: 01259 272063



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## **Scotland is no place for prejudice**

Scottish Disability Equality Forum are delighted that Police Scotland are raising awareness of hate crime, with the particular focus on disability hate crime this week. We are working with Reporting Centres across Scotland to encourage groups in their own communities to become Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres, and there are currently around 300 across Scotland, providing support to victims to report a hate crime.

Read full article from SDEF website -

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/scotland-is-no-place-for-prejudice>

For further information go to Police Scotland website -

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2015/august/hate-crime-campaign-launched-by-leading-sports-stars>

## **Scotland's Able Magazine**

Below is a link to the digital magazine 'Scotland's Able'.

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2015/august/hate-crime-campaign-launched-by-leading-sports-stars>

We have a featured article in this edition 'Breaking Barriers'. The article is an abstract from the document 'Breaking Barriers - Disability in Employment'. The document raises awareness which includes case studies of employees and employers, telling their story.

The full document can be downloaded from SDEF website

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/employability#breaking>





## Scottish Older People's Assembly (SOPA)

SOPA exists to give a strong voice to older people about their concerns and experience of life in Scotland, and also raises issues about inequalities of age.

SOPA identifies issues that worry the older population and conveys messages from the grassroots direct to Scottish and Westminster Governments.

If you would like to find out more about SOPA go to [www.scotopa.org.uk](http://www.scotopa.org.uk) or contact the SOPA Co-ordinator  
Glenda Watt, Email: [glenda.watt@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:glenda.watt@edinburgh.gov.uk) Tel: 0131 469 3806

## Drop-in Sessions

Come along to our monthly drop-in sessions. This is an opportunity for disabled people to pop in for a chat and find out more about:

- Access
- Housing
- Transport
- Employment
- Hate Crime
- and much more...

This is also an opportunity for you to tell us your views on any matters relating to disability.



To find out when our drop-in sessions are open, go along to our website - <http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/drop-in>

## Bill's Blog

Bill Logan our Disability Access Officer is writing regular blogs on the work he doing, read his latest blog here -

<http://accesspanelnetwork.org.uk/category/bill/>

There are a number of ways to keep connected with the Access Panel Network:

- Go to Access Panel Network website
- Follow the Access Panel Network on Twitter @AccessPanelNet
- Like the Access Panel Network on Facebook AccessPanelNetwork
- Join your local Access Panel

<http://accesspanelnetwork.org.uk/directory-panels/>

## Disability Equality Internship Opportunities

SCVO is working in partnership with Inclusion Scotland and Scottish Disability Equality Forum to create paid Internships within third sector organisations for disabled graduates.

All Disability Equality Internship opportunities are open to graduates who:-

- define as disabled under the Equality Act 2010 which defines disability as: someone who has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities
- are unemployed or under employed
- are aged 18 +
- hold an HND (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Level 8) or above





Latest

vacancies can be viewed from

<http://www.scvo.net/Home/EQJOBS.aspx>

## Benefits for SDEF Members

We are working hard to improve the membership you receive from SDEF. As a result we have secured benefits just for SDEF Members:

- 5% Discount on product sales from Albion Mobility  
[www.albionmobility.co.uk](http://www.albionmobility.co.uk)
- 10% Discount on printing from CGL Printers  
<http://www.cg-ltd.co.uk/>

As a member you also receive:

- Quarterly Magazine 'Open Door'
- Monthly e-bulletin 'SDEF Voice'
- Opportunity to have your voice heard with policy consultations
- Invitation to member events

Watch this space for future benefits to come in 2015...

## Your Membership Matters

Below is a reminder of what we offer our members.

Please contact us if you would like to find out more.

## Support and Signposting

We answer many member enquiries and signpost them to the appropriate organisation, individual or information source.

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**Networking**



**Opportunities**



We make introductions to key decision makers and contacts and make sure members have frequent opportunities to meet and network with relevant audiences. We help members make the right connections.

### **Your views, experiences and expertise**

All our policy is formulated directly from our member's views, experiences and expertise. We believe that our members are the experts.

We respond to all relevant Scottish Government, parliamentary, think tank and other consultations.

We regularly ask our members for their views on many diverse policy issues – which then directly feeds in to our policy work and government consultation responses.

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM is an opportunity for members to participate in the governance and representation of SDEF. Members will be offered the opportunity to attend members meetings, and where eligible, vote in elections and to stand as candidates themselves. Support will be offered to members to enable them to fulfill their democratic responsibilities.

Currently only Full and Associate members have voting rights.

An AGM will cover:

- A report to members on the activities of SDEF over the past year
- Provide an opportunity to discuss issues arising from the report
- Endorsement of the annual report and accounts
- Reporting to members the results of the election of the board



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- The appointment of the auditors for the following year
- Approval of the previous year's minutes of the AGM
- Suggested areas of SDEF work from members

We also use the AGM as an opportunity to inform members about the work that SDEF is doing from key staff members.

### Information Leaflets

We provide information leaflets on the projects we are working on. You will receive a copy of our leaflets in your Members Welcome Pack. If you require any additional copies, please call the office to request this or alternatively they can be downloaded from our website. See <http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/information-leaflets>

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