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# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Shaping and Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

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## SDEF Voice 14

Dear Member

Welcome to Issue 14 of SDEF Voice.

In this issue we are sharing with you the latest news from SDEF, as well as some other news we think you will find of interest.

Alternative formats of this email newsletter can now be downloaded from our website, [click here to view](#).

If you have a story or news item you would like to share with members, then please get in touch with us by email at [morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk](mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk) or call 01259 272063.



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## Have Your Say on Disability - National Survey



Our national survey has been running for a few weeks now and we are keen to reach as many disabled people in Scotland as possible. We feel it is important that disabled people have a voice and our survey gives the opportunity to do this.

As a member with SDEF, please help us share this survey with your friends, colleagues and members.

We have published a range of resources to help you do this, [please go to our website for further information](#).

If you haven't already done so, please complete the survey by clicking on the link below:

[Have Your Say on Disability Survey](#)

## New disabled access law would benefit 120,000 Scots wheelchair users

### The Equality Act 2010



Government Equalities Office

A proposed change in law to make public buildings more accessible is a great step forward. The change is included within the Equality Act 2010 (Amendment) Bill which had its first hearing in the House of Lords on 9 June 2014.

[Read our full article on our website](#)

## Public Information Sessions



We are holding 3 public information sessions in the following areas:

- 21 July 2014 - Dalmuir Community Centre, Duntocher Road, Clydebank
- 23 July 2014 - Westburn Gate 55, 55 Sighthill Road, Edinburgh
- 24 July 2014 - Community Fire Station, 19 North Anderson Drive, Aberdeen

This is an opportunity for disabled people in these areas to come along and find out more about Scottish Disability Equality Forum.

If you live in any of the areas above, please come along and find out how we can help you get your voice heard in your local community.

To book your place contact Vicky Innes [vicky.innes@sdef.org.uk](mailto:vicky.innes@sdef.org.uk) Tel: 01259 272064

## Rise in reporting of disability hate crime

Equalities Secretary Shona Robison and Community Safety Minister Roseanna Cunningham met with LGBT and disability organisations in Glasgow on Friday 13 June in Glasgow to hear what members reactions were to the release of this year's hate crime figures. These figures showed a 12% increase in the reporting of disabled hate crime.

[Read more of this article from our website](#)

## Current Consultations

Below is the current consultation we would like to invite you to comment on:

- [The Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#) - Closing date:
  - Consultation part 1 Sunday 27 June 2014
  - Consultation part 2 Sunday 10 August 2014There are many ways in which you can have your say:
- [Email us with your comments](#)
- Complete the questionnaire in the link above
- Call us - Tel: 01259 272063
- Send a video blog

## Loo Tour de Britain



Grant Speed has set up the Loo Tour de Britain to help his sister Lois and his niece and nephew in their constant battle to access a suitable changing facility when they are out and about for the day.

He wants to raise money to equip a Changing Places Toilet in Arbroath their hometown that is accessible 24/7 and to raise awareness of the

need for these facilities.

To donate please click on the following link - [Changing Places toilet in Arbroath](#)

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## Equality Internship Programme to promote a Changing Places toilet in your town!



SDEF and Inclusion Scotland have received funding to create employment opportunities for disabled graduates in Scotland. If you think that your community would benefit from a Changing Places toilet (and of course it would!) get in touch with us Tel: 01259 272063 or email: [info@sdef.org.uk](mailto:info@sdef.org.uk) we can help you with your

application to fund an intern to work on installing a Changing Places toilet in your area.

For more information about Changing Places Toilets go to [Pamis website](#).

## Open Door - Issue 41

We are currently pulling together news and story articles for our next edition of Open Door, due to be published at the end of July.

This is your opportunity to share with fellow members what you do. If you have a disability related story, please contact us and we can get this published in the next edition of Open Door.

Contact Morven Brooks, Tel: 01259 272063 [morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk](mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk)

[Previous issues of Open Door can be downloaded from our website](#)





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## Benefits of SDEF Membership

As a member of SDEF you have access to:

- Quarterly issues of our newsletter [Open Door](#)
- Monthly email newsletter updates from SDEF Voice
- Opportunity to have your say with the latest Scottish Government Consultations, about issues affecting you
- Latest news and events

We would like to hear from you and what you would like from your FREE membership with SDEF. Drop [Morven Brooks](#) an email today with your suggestions and comments and we will work hard in improving our membership service.

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