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# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

**September 2014**

## **SDEF Voice 17**

We are delighted to bring to you our latest news and developments from Scottish Disability Equality Forum.

We have had a busy few weeks, especially with our Disability Roadshows. So far we have been to Glasgow, Aberdeen and Alloa. We have been receiving fantastic feedback and great discussions are being held. Our next Roadshow will be held in Stirling on 22 October focusing on disability hate crime. This is an opportunity to learn more about the support and resources available. I hope to see you then, if not watch this space for future dates to be announced soon!

Connect with us on Twitter and Facebook, you can join in on our online topical discussions.

Don't forget 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 me by email at [morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk](mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk) or call 01259 272063.

Until next time,

SDEF Team!



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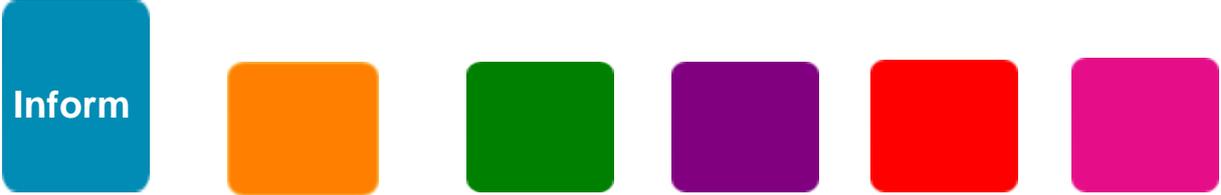
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## **Your Say on Disability Survey**

It's vital that disabled people in Scotland have a voice and the survey below gives the opportunity.

Please share this survey with your friends, colleagues and members. We have published a range of resources to tell you what the survey is about [please go to our website for further information](#).

Here is the link to the survey:

[Your Say on Disability Survey](#)

## **Disability Hate Crime Event**

We are hosting a disability hate crime event on 22 October in Alloa.

The event will discuss personal experiences of disability hate crime and what you can do about it!

To book your FREE place, please contact Morven, [morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk](mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk) Tel: 01259 272063

## **Join your local Access Panel!**

Panels are groups of volunteers who work together to improve physical access and wider social inclusion in their local communities. There are 50 Access Panels across Scotland - around 1000 volunteers, each working with local and national bodies to address access issues and to promote the principles of Independent Living

[Find out more about how you could assist your local Access Panel.](#)



## Policy Consultations

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

The following consultations are live and we would appreciate your views.

We work hard to ensure this information is accessible to you. Each document is available in Word, PDF, Text and Audio and these are uploaded to our website. If you require a hard copy of any of our consultations, please contact Morven and she will be happy to send this to you.

- [The Scottish Independence Bill](#)
  - Closing Date 28 September 2014

Our recent consultation responses including Easy Read can be downloaded from our website:

- [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Bill](#)
- [Mental Health \(Scotland\) Bill](#)
- [Welfare Funds \(Scotland\) Bill](#)
- [Public Bodies \(Joint Working\) \(Scotland\) Act 2014](#)

There 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

## Reducing Disability Hate Crime

As part of our remit, we are working with various organisations to help reduce disability hate crime. To do this, we ensure that disabled people know:

- What is disability hate crime?
- How to report hate crime?
- Who to contact?

For further information about disability hate crime, [go to our website](#).

If you are an organisation and would like to become a third party reporting centre, please contact us and we can help you through this process. Tel: 01259 272064.

## Equality Internship Programme Vacancies

### [Digital Design Project Assistant \(Internship\) Autism Ventures Scotland](#)

Organisation: SCVO Equality Internships

Location: Edinburgh

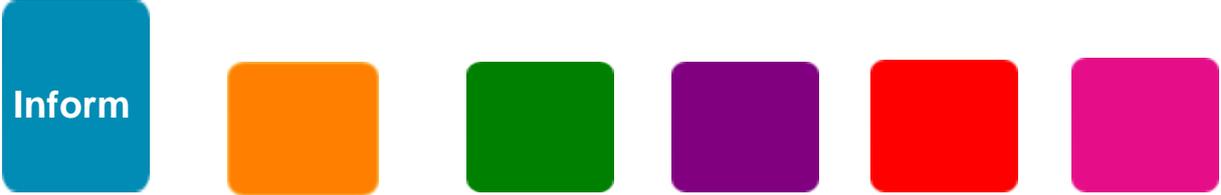
Summary: Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Autism Ventures Scotland - Digital Design Project Assistant

### [Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Clyde Shopmobility – Marketing Assistant](#)

Organisation: SCVO Equality Internships

Location: Clydebank

Summary: Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Clyde Shopmobility – Marketing Assistant



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[Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Ypeople - Communications Officer](#)

Organisation: SCVO Equality Internships

Location: Glasgow

Summary: Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Ypeople - Communications Officer

[Researcher Internship](#)

Organisation: SCVO Equality Internships

Location: Jedburgh

Summary: Equality Internship for Disabled Graduates Instinctively Wild - Researcher

## **Parliamentary Internships**

The final round for this year is now open for applications for Parliamentary internships. This time we are seeking to appoint FIVE placements to bring us up to our pilot project target of seven in total. All of the placements are based at the Parliament building in Edinburgh (although some travel may be involved depending on the focus of work) and we are aiming to have them start in early October. The internships are paid at Living Wage (£7.65/hr) and last 13 weeks full time or the equivalent hours part-time over a longer period.

For full information on the internships please see the [We Can Work website](#)

If you have any questions about the internships please contact Phyl Meyer: [interns@inclusionscotland.org](mailto:interns@inclusionscotland.org) or phone: 0131 281 0864 (Typetalk calls welcome).



## Accessibility Strategies for Schools

Do you know what your local school is doing to ensure that it has a fully inclusive approach to delivering education to its young disabled students?

We would really like to hear from you about good examples from your local schools to help build an overview of existing good practice in schools across Scotland with a view to promoting and encouraging other schools to follow suit. Feel free to call or write in to us.

[Read more...](#)

## It Goes On and On and On

It Goes On and On and On is a series of films about harassment and bullying of people with disabilities made by residents of Perth and Kinross. This project was led by the Us and the Housing group.

[Read more...](#)

## 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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