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Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

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SDEF Voice 19

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

Read about our latest Roadshow event on Disability Hate Crime, great feedback received from our members as always! 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 or call 01259 272063.

Until next time,

SDEF Team!



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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](#)

Take Action, Change Lives

People all over Scotland are taking action to end mental health stigma and discrimination as part of See Me's

(<https://www.seemescotland.org/about-see-me/>) new campaign, People like YOU will end mental health stigma and discrimination.

Watch the video here - www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHxK0cq5szY

Disability Hate Crime - what members said...

We held a Disability Hate Crime event in Alloa on 20 October 2014. This event is part of a series of events taking place throughout Scotland for SDEF members and a wider audience who want to connect with SDEF.

This was also an opportunity to discuss the process of reporting a disability hate crime and feed this valuable information back to Police Scotland.

A summary and a copy of the feedback report can be downloaded from our website - SDEF Disability Hate Crime

(<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/hate-crime#hcroadshow>)



Smith Commission Response

The Smith Commission, led by Lord Smith of Kelvin, is consulting a range of individuals and organisations, to assist with the drafting of a Bill which aims to initiate the process of handing more powers to the Scottish Parliament. Lord Smith has asked the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) to gather initial third sector views and proposals on the future powers of the Scottish Parliament.

Scottish Disability Equality Forum have responded with views from our members outlining how the proposals specifically on welfare devolution would affect them.

Please go to our website to download our response - SDEF Response Smith Commission

(<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/consultation-responses/332-smith-commission>)

Drop-in Sessions

We now have our doors open for members to come along to our office once a month. This is an opportunity for members to drop-in, discuss and share experiences on:

- Access
- Housing
- Transport
- Employment
- Hate Crime

Our next drop-in session is Wednesday 3 December 2014. For more details please go to our website - www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/drop-in

Alternatively, if you are holding a group meeting or event, Morven would be delighted to come along and meet your members and tell them more about SDEF. Contact Morven directly T: 01259 272063 to discuss further.





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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.](#)

Powers for a Purpose: Your Say on Further Devolution for Scotland

Inclusion Scotland would like to hear what disabled people in Scotland think about further devolution for Scotland.

Currently, the Scottish Government has control over certain policy areas and how they affect Scotland - these are called devolved powers. The UK Government has control over certain other policy areas which affect Scotland but are UK wide - these are called reserved powers.

Following the 'no' vote in the Scottish referendum on independence, Scotland has been promised more devolved powers. The Smith Commission - a group of politicians from 5 different political parties and chaired by Lord Smith of Kelvin - has been set up to recommend what new devolved powers Scotland should get. Their recommendations will be announced on 30th November.

Your answers in this survey will help to inform Inclusion Scotland's response to the Smith Commission's recommendations. They will help us to talk about what is important to disabled people and what would make Scotland a better place for disabled people.

Here is the link to the survey <http://goo.gl/forms/j4ST6uO4eP>



Policy Consultations

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

Current consultations:

- The EU Passengers' Rights and Obligations Regulation (PRO) (<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/333-the-eu-passengers-rights-and-obligations-regulation-pro>)
- Accessible Transport Strategy and Action Plan for Scotland 2015-2020 (<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/334-accessible-transport-strategy-and-action-plan-for-scotland-2015-2020>)

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

- Email us with your comments – morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk
- Complete the questionnaire in the link above
- Call us - Tel: 01259 272063
- Send a video blog

Equality Internship Vacancies

The following are vacancies are currently available:

- Development and Communications Intern
- Researcher
- Changing Places Assistant
- Development Intern (Self-Directed Support)

For further information please go to GoodMoves website

(<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/jobs?keyword=Equality+internship+&role=§or=®ion=&salary=0&x=0&y=0>)



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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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