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Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

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We are delighted to bring you our latest email newsletter packed with updates from SDEF.

We have had a few staffing changes recently and excited to share this with you, read on for more details.

Don't forget to keep in touch with us and tell us your news. We will be publishing our magazine 'Open Door' very soon and would be delighted to share the great work you are doing in improving access and equality in your community.

Best Wishes

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Staff Updates

Bill Logan - Disability Access Officer

We are delighted to welcome to our team Bill Logan, who will be taking up post of the Disability Access Officer from 11 May 2015. Bill will support, promote and assist in the development of the Access Panel Network in its aim to improve access and equality across Scotland.

Morven Brooks - Communications Manager

Morven, who many of you will know and have heard from, has recently been promoted to Communications Manager. Morven will assist in the implementation of the organisation's strategy to work towards social inclusion in Scotland. Working alongside the CEO, she is responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation from an operational perspective.

Katrina Watson - Access Coordinator

Katrina our Access Administrator has been promoted to Access Coordinator. As Access Coordinator, Katrina provides support to our Disability Access Officer and National Inclusion Officer. She also provides support with much of the IT work on our website and publications, as well as being the main point of contact for Access Panels on funding applications and Paneltown.



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Disability Roadshow 2015

Our Disability Roadshow sessions this year will be held on the dates and locations below:

2 July 2015

Location: Glasgow

Venue: Renfrewshire Access Panel

19 August 2015

Location: Inverness

Venue: Merkinch Community Centre

21 October 2015

Location: Dundee

Venue: TBC

11 November 2015

Location: Edinburgh

Venue: TBC

27 January 2016

Location: Stirling

Venue: Mayfield Centre

9 March 2016

Location: Dumfries

Venue: North West Resource Centre

Invitations and further information about the sessions will be sent to all members very shortly.



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

www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/ngtr-train-the-trainer-training

Please see below current opportunities

Befriending Networks

Title: Marketing Assistant

Location: Edinburgh

Closing date: 25 May 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23208?Keyword=befriending%20networks&StatusID=4>

ProjectScotland

Title: Fundraising Small Grants Assistant

Location: Edinburgh

Closing date: 5 June 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23358?StatusID=4>

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The Leprosy Mission Scotland

Title: Marketing and Fundraising Intern

Location: Stirling

Closing date: 22 May 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23185?Keyword=Leprosy%20mission&StatusID=4>

Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau

Title: Project Coordinator - Legal Advice Award Accreditation

Location: Motherwell

Closing date: 25 May 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23207?Keyword=Motherwell&StatusID=4>





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Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Title: Marketing Intern

Location: Dumfries

Closing date: 27 May 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23241?Keyword=dumfries&StatusID=4>

NGTR Train the Trainer Training

Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD) is supporting BT with their Next Text Generation Relay (NGTR) Train the Trainer Training in Scotland. This is the only one in Scotland where there's four other training sessions – three in England and one in Northern Ireland.

NGTR Train the Trainer Training

Thursday 25 June 2015, 1.00pm – 4.00pm Glasgow

The training will be held at Alexander Bain, 15 York Street, Atlantic Quay, Glasgow G2 8LA.

Click here for further information about this training session

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/ngtr-train-the-trainer-training>

Get Involved!

If you are interested in joining your local Access Panel, we can put you in touch with them.

Why not check out the new Access Panel Network website, where you can find out what an Access Panel does and where your nearest panel is. <http://accesspanelnetwork.org.uk/>





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Contact Police Scotland - Your Say, Your Way

SDEF have recently been working in Partnership with Police Scotland, holding events across Scotland. The aim of these events was to work with communities to ensure that everyone in Scotland has fair and equal access to contact Police Scotland through their Service Centres.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and attended the events. Each event was very well attended and participated.

We are currently evaluating the events with Police Scotland and this will be shared soon. An accessibility survey will also be distributed, so watch this space for further information.

Date for your Diary - AGM 2015

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year on 24 September 2015 at the Beardmore Hotel, Clydebank. Further information will be sent to all members in due course.

Disabled Access Day

Disabled Access Day 2016 will be taking place on Saturday 12 March 2016. We really hope that you'll take part and build on the success of last year's event. Head on over to www.DisabledAccessDay.com for more info and to sign up now!



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
- 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.

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 AGM

Our Annual 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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