



# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

## Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

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### SDEF Voice 23

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

Our first roadshow event of 2015 will be taking place on 9 July, read on for more information and book your place today as spaces will be limited.

We are now holding drop-in sessions once a month, read on for more information. This is an ideal opportunity for you, our member, to meet the staff team and tell us what is important to you relating to disability. Alternatively our staff are always available at the end of the phone and email if you want to get in touch.

Best Wishes

SDEF Team!



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## Disability Roadshows 2015

We are running a series of information and consultation events across Scotland.

The aim of the events is to ensure disabled people in Scotland have their voice heard on policy issues which matter to them.

Our first event will be taking place:

9 July 2015

**Location:** West of Scotland

**Venue:** Renfrewshire Access Panel, Paisley

**Theme:** Train Design

**Book online:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/disability-roadshow-west-of-scotland-tickets-17424903355>

Please contact Vicky Innes, <mailto:vicky.innes@sdef.org.uk> : 01259 272064 for further information or to book onto one of the events above.

**Note\*\*** Spaces are limited at each of these events and only a maximum of two people from the same organisation/group can attend.

## Annual General Meeting 2015

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 24 September 2015 at The Beardmore Hotel in Clydebank.

Papers and registration form will be sent to all members at the end of July.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact Maeve Bain, <mailto:maeve.bain@sdef.org.uk>

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## Red Cord Cards

Euan's Guide has created a new way to let people know how important alarm cords are in accessible toilets. Some reviewers have told Euan's Guide that they often find the alarm cords tied up or shortened. So the team at Euan's Guide have designed a card that can be easily attached to the alarm cord which reminds staff that the cords need to remain usable at all times. In just under a week, over two thousand cards have been ordered from across the country.

Members of SDEF will receive a red cord card in the next few weeks in the next issue of Open Door.

Visit <http://www.euansguide.com/news/red-cord-card/>

## Policy Consultations

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

### Current consultations:

- Scottish Ambulance Service

## Consultation Responses

- General Practice Telephone Numbers

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

## Winchburgh Tunnel engineering works

The Winchburgh Tunnel engineering works will affect the following routes:

- Glasgow to Edinburgh via Falkirk High
- Alloa/Dunblane/Stirling to Edinburgh
- Glenrothes (Fife Circle) to Edinburgh

The following routes will be busier than normal.

- Glasgow - Edinburgh via Bathgate
- Glasgow - Edinburgh via Shotts
- Glasgow - Edinburgh via Motherwell

Please go to Scotrail website for more information and advice

<http://www.scotrail.co.uk/winchburgh>

## 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

As many of you will already know we have now recruited a new Disability Access Officer. Bill joined us in early May and has spent his first weeks getting to know all about the Panels he will be working with.

As part of the Access team Bill promotes and assists in the development of an effective Access Panel Network to improved equality, access and inclusion across Scotland. As part of a vibrant, active partnership we all benefit from others experience, the sharing of skills and information and the undoubted wealth of knowledge that exists on the panels.

Bill will be writing regular blogs on the work he doing, read his first 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  
<http://accesspanelnetwork.org.uk/>
- 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 session

[www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/ngtr-train-the-trainer-training](http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/ngtr-train-the-trainer-training)

Please see below current opportunities

### **Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health**

Title: E-Commerce Development Intern

Location: Motherwell

Closing date: 26 June 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23660?Keyword=e-commerce>

### **Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway**

Title: Marketing Intern

Location: Dumfries

Closing date: 26 June 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23241?Keyword=third%20sector%20dumfries%20and%20galloway>





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### **YMCA Glenrothes**

Title: Digital Consultant

Location: Glenrothes

Closing date: 24 June 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23570?Keyword=glenrothes&StatusID=4>

### **Inclusion Scotland**

Title: Employability and Participation Project Assistant

Location: Edinburgh

Closing date: 15 July 2015

<http://goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23866?StatusID=4>

### **Motherwell and Wishaw CAB**

Title: Project Co-ordinator - Legal Advice Award Accreditation

Location: Motherwell

Closing date: 26 June 2015

<http://www.goodmoves.org.uk/Search/Home/Vacancy/23207?Keyword=Motherwell%20and%20Wishaw%20CAB>



## 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.





## 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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