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# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

## Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

July 2015

### SDEF Voice 25

We are delighted to bring you our latest email newsletter packed with updates from Scottish Disability Equality Forum.

We held our first Roadshow event of 2015 on 9 July in Paisley, which was a huge success. ScotRail presented the new design of the Hitachi AT200 trains. Please read on and find out how you can also provide feedback.

Our latest issue of Open Door is now out and as a member you should have received your copy. We provide details below on the alternative formats available.

To ensure we can improve in how we deliver our information we would appreciate your feedback. Please contact Morven (<mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk>) if you have any suggestions on how we can make improvements.

Best Wishes

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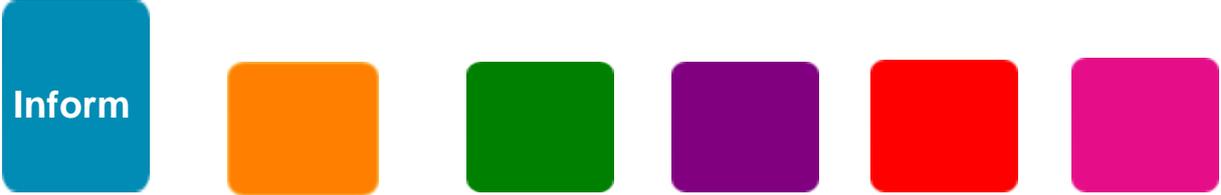
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## Independent Living Fund Scotland

Chair and Members of the Board of Directors

Do you want to make a difference to the lives of disabled people in Scotland?

Independent Living Fund Scotland (ILF Scotland) is the new organisation, established by Scottish Government, responsible for safeguarding the rights of some of the most severely disabled people to lead independent lives.

With a budget of around £50 million, ILF Scotland delivers a national scheme of regular direct payments of Independent Living Fund (ILF) to support disabled people in Scotland and Northern Ireland. These funds offer people the flexibility they may not otherwise have, to live in their own home, take up employment or education, or to socialize like other members of society.

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding role which will have a lasting impact on the lives of disabled people, we would like to hear from you.

<http://www.independentlivingfund.scot>

Application notes

An application pack and full details on these and other public appointments can be found at our dedicated public appointments website: <http://www.appointed-for-scotland.org>

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Completed applications must be received on or before 31 July 2015.

## Open Door Issue 42

The latest issue of your member's magazine 'Open Door' is now available.

You can view a digital version of the magazine here:

- Open Door Issue 42 Digital Version ([http://issuu.com/scottishdisabilityequalityforum/docs/open\\_door\\_issue\\_42\\_pdf](http://issuu.com/scottishdisabilityequalityforum/docs/open_door_issue_42_pdf))

Open Door is also available to download from our website in the following formats:

- Open Door Issue 42 PDF (<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/open-door-newsletter/issue-41/127-open-door-issue-41-pdf/file>)
- Open Door Issue 42 Word (<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/open-door-newsletter/issue-41/125-open-door-issue-41-word>)
- Open Door Issue 42 Text (<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/open-door-newsletter/issue-41/126-open-door-issue-41-text>)



- Open Door Issue 42 Audio  
(<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/open-door-newsletter/issue-41/128-open-door-issue-41-audio>)

A copy of the magazine has also been posted to you.

This special edition gives you an insight into the fantastic work carried out by our network of Access Panels throughout Scotland.

The next issue of Open Door is scheduled to be published in September 2015. If you would like to promote and share any news, ideas or articles on disability or access related activities, please get in touch with Morven Brooks, Communications Manager. <mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk>

## **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>

## ScotRail Train Design Consultation

On the 9 July 2015 we held an event in Paisley on Train Design. Scott Prentice, Head of Business Development from ScotRail delivered the presentation.

The purpose of the presentation was to outline the new design of Hitachi AT200 trains currently being developed. There was an opportunity at this event to comment and ask questions on the following design elements:

- Toilets
- Priority seat and wheelchair locations
- Flexible use area
- Door controls
- Announcements / displays
- Colour contrast and signage
- Luggage space

We would now like to expand this discussion and ask you as a member of Scottish Disability Equality Forum, what is good and bad about the Hitachi AT200 train and what has been missed.

A copy of the presentation is available to download from our website in the following formats: PDF, Word Doc, Plain Text and Audio:

- ScotRail Train Design Presentation Word  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/281-scotrail-train-design-presentation-word>
- ScotRail Train Design Presentation PDF  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/282-scotrail-train-design-presentation-pdf/file>
- ScotRail Train Design Presentation Plain Text  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/283-scotrail-train-design-presentation-plain-text>

- ScotRail Train Design Presentation Audio  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/280-scotrail-train-design-presentation-audio>

If you would like to submit your feedback, please use the document below and return to <mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk> or go to the survey link below:

- ScotRail Train Design feedback form  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/284-scotrail-train-design-feedback-form>
- Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8KJ75HG>

The closing date for comments is Sunday 26 July 2015.

All feedback is being submitted to ScotRail to consider towards the design of the train.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Morven Brooks on T: 01259 272063 or E: <mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk>

## Health Facilities Scotland Consultation

SDEF are working with Health Facilities Scotland (HFS) as part of its commitment to work towards independent living for disabled people. Recently, HFS held a Working Group event to gather disabled people's opinions on what needs to improve within our healthcare facilities to make access easier for disabled people.

This is an SDEF survey to test interest from disabled people on how and what personal care information may be shared with healthcare professionals. There is no implicit NHSScotland, NSS or HFS commitment for implementation of such a system; however, your comments are greatly valued and could potentially

influence future developments of Personal Care Information Sharing within NHSScotland.

The following questionnaire covers one of the key recommendations and we would like to know what you think about it. We would be grateful if you could complete the following questionnaire to let us know what you think

- Survey Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9ZNCPNW>

- [Health Facilities Scotland Consultation Word](#)

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/285-health-facilities-scotland-survey-word>

- [Health Facilities Scotland Consultation PDF](#)

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/286-health-facilities-scotland-survey-pdf/file>

- [Health Facilities Scotland Consultation Plain Text](#)

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/287-health-facilities-scotland-survey-plain-text>

- [Health Facilities Scotland Consultation Audio](#)

<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/sdef-resource-centre/consultations/288-health-facilities-scotland-survey-audio>

## Policy Consultations

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

Current consultations:

- Scottish Ambulance Service  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/337-scottish-ambulance-service>
- ScotRail Train Design  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/357-scotrail-train-design-consultation>
- Health Facilities Scotland  
<http://www.sdef.org.uk/index.php/consultations/358-health-facilities-scotland-consultation>

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

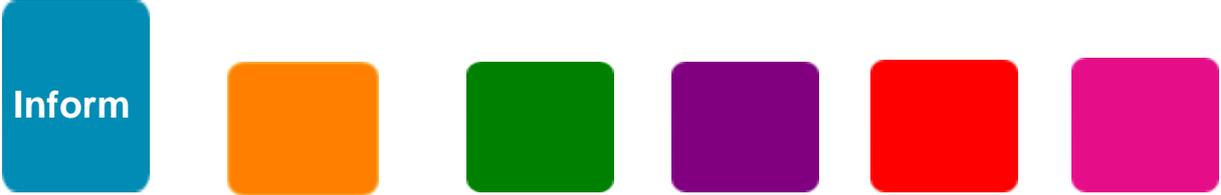
- Email us with your comments ([morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk](mailto:morven.brooks@sdef.org.uk))
- Complete the questionnaire in the link above
- Call us - Tel: 01259 272063

## Creating a Fairer Scotland. Take part in a national conversation #fairerscotland

The Scottish Government is inviting you to have your say on what a fairer Scotland should look like in 2030, and the steps that should be taken to make this vision a reality.

People across Scotland are being asked to take part in a national discussion about how the country can be a fairer and more equal place to live. People will be invited to set out their vision of a fairer Scotland and suggest practical solutions, based on local and personal experience.





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Capturing the voices of those with direct experience of poverty and exclusion will be vital. Voluntary organisations and public sectors, charities, councils, large and small businesses, trade unions will also play a pivotal role.

To join the conversation:

Check out the dedicated website: <http://www.fairer.scot>

Send an email to <mailto:fairer@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>

Twitter: @scotgovfairer

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/fairer.scot>

Responses can also be sent by post to: FREEPOST FAIRER  
SCOTLAND

See the consultation document at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/06/4845/downloads#res479666>

## 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.

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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

Bill Logan our Disability Access Officer is writing regular blogs on the work he doing, read his latest 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
- Follow the Access Panel Network on Twitter @AccessPanelNet
- Like the Access Panel Network on Facebook AccessPanelNetwork
- Join your local Access Panel

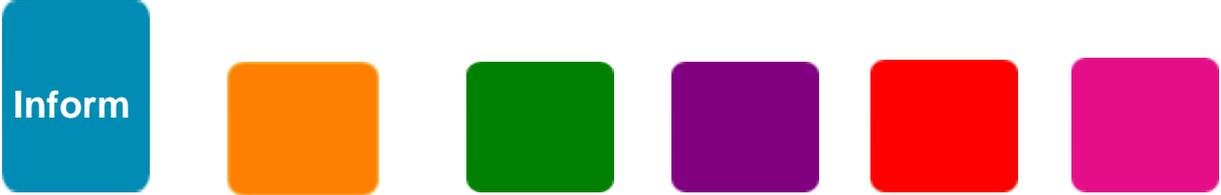
<http://accesspanelnetwork.org.uk/directory-panels/>

## 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



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Latest vacancies can be viewed from  
<http://www.scvo.net/Home/EQJOBS.aspx>

## 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.

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## 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.

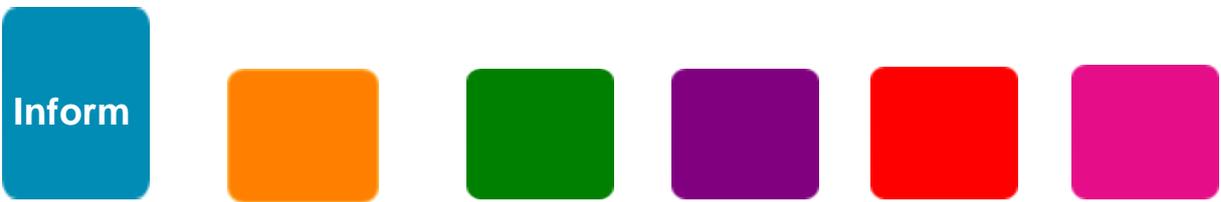
## Annual General Meeting

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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