

Looking back, this year has been very good for our engagement work with deaf people throughout Scotland. Thanks to the Scottish Government, the Electoral Commission and the Big Lottery Fund, we were able to organise many open meetings throughout Scotland. This was a real opportunity for us to meet deaf people and listen to their views and experiences about accessing their local services. If you did not manage to attend any of the open meetings, don't despair - more are planned for 2009.

The Counselling Awareness and A2D Projects are planning a series of workshops in 2009. More information on pages three and four.

We were pleased to be invited to the launch of Lothian Deaf Community Mental Health Service at Deaf Action recently. This is an exciting development of improved access to mental health services for deaf people in Scotland. In our last newsletter we reported that our Petition PE808 was formally closed. Since then, the Scottish Government has spoken with three health boards which have expressed an interest in hosting a national deaf mental health service in Scotland. These boards have been asked to submit a Business Case to NHS National Services Scotland for consideration by the National Advisory Group in January 2009. We continue to feel positive about this.

We are delighted that our support of the Scottish Deaf History Steering Group culminated in the establishment of Deaf History Scotland at the inaugural conference in October. This is an excellent outcome of John Hay's address to the SCoD AGM in 2007.

At this year's AGM our speaker was Craig Crowley from UK Deaf Sport. His address raised a number of issues which we and our member organisations are keen to address. Our recent National Council meeting saw an informative presentation from Deaf Parenting UK's Sabina Iqbal. We are happy to support their bid to establish a Scottish branch.

Have you any issues relating to sport or deaf parenting? If so, please write and tell us.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.


Lilian Lawson OBE, SCoD Director



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Deaf History in the Making

Deaf History Scotland holds first conference

On Saturday 25th October, more than 50 deaf and hard of hearing people braved torrential rain and gales to attend the inaugural conference of Deaf History Scotland (DHS) at Deaf Connections in Glasgow.

Conference participants were welcomed by Lilian Lawson OBE, SCoD Director and then introduced to the world of Deaf History by John Hay MBE. John is Chair of the British Deaf History Society.

We enjoyed two informative presentations from Antony Boyce, President of British Deaf History Society and Peter Jackson, Corporate Secretary of British Deaf History Society. Antony spoke about Joseph Turner and his links with the Dumfries Deaf & Dumb Institution. Peter explained how to research and write books on deaf history.

John Denerley, member of DHS Steering Group explained the draft constitution and conference participants were invited to ask questions before approving the constitution.

The winning design in the logo competition was then unveiled, won by Andy Irvine. The DHS website, designed and developed by Commtacs is now live. Visit it now!

The entry fee paid by conference participants was essentially their membership for the period until 31st March 2009.



An Executive Committee was elected; from left to right: Lilian Lawson (Glasgow), Michael Sabell (Stonehaven), Pam Bruce (Dundee), Margaret Aitken (Glasgow), Enrique Canton (East Kilbride), Harold Nicolson (Edinburgh), Ronnie Scott (Glasgow)

Conference participants later joined an open discussion chaired by Michael Davis, DHS Steering Group member where ideas for DHS activities were shared. Ideas included deaf history road shows, workshops on how to catalogue and store archives, deaf history lessons for deaf children and a deaf history museum.

The conference was brought to a close after a vote of thanks from Executive Committee and Steering Group member Harold Nicolson. Members left the building feeling excited about DHS and looking forward to future events.

Participants realised they had witnessed an exciting historic event: Deaf History Scotland is now formally established.

If you are interested in joining Deaf History Scotland or would just like to learn a bit more, visit their new website: www.deafhistoryscotland.org.uk



Regular readers will remember that we re-launched our website in the summer. Since then, the site has attracted a great deal of interest, with visitor numbers often exceeding 6000 each month! This represents a massive increase in traffic when compared to the old website.

Have you visited us lately?

Obviously this makes us very happy! We just hope that this level of interest can be maintained. That's where you come in! Have you visited our website? What did you think of it? Did you find what you were looking for? Did you find it interesting? Informative? Let us know! As Information Officer, I am constantly updating the site, so if you have an event that should be on the calendar, think that something should be there and it isn't, you spot

an error or see something that definitely should **not** be there - don't keep it to yourself! Let me know about it and I will do my best to update the site as quickly as possible. Email me: nick@scod.org.uk Visit us: www.scod.org.uk

Have you used RSS feeds? You can subscribe to SCoD news feeds from our home page. That way you will be sent the SCoD headlines as soon as they appear.



BT Recognising the marketing potential that so many pairs of eyes represents, BT has sponsored a link on our site - raising much needed funding for SCoD.

Raising Awareness of Counselling

With the backing of the Big Lottery Fund, SCoD is *Improving the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Deaf and Deafblind people in Scotland*.

This is a two-year venture that we call the Counselling Awareness Project.

I joined SCoD as Project Co-ordinator in September.

What's it all about?

The aim of the project is to increase deaf and deafblind people's confidence and knowledge of the counselling process, to give deaf and deafblind people the information they need to think about training to become counsellors and to improve the access to counselling services in Scotland.

Increasing the knowledge of counselling amongst deaf and deafblind people

Workshops will encourage deaf and deafblind people to come along to and find out more about counselling. At these sessions the following will be explored:

- what is counselling;
- why someone may need counselling;
- what happens during a counselling session;
- how to access counselling.

Workshops 2009

Edinburgh: Mon 2nd February

Eltham Suite: Eric Liddell Centre
15 Morningside Road
Edinburgh EH10 4DP

Glasgow: Thurs 5th February

Adelphi Centre
12 Commercial Road
Glasgow G5 0PQ

Paisley: Tues 10th February

Town Hall
Abbey Close
Paisley PA1 1JF

Dumfries: Thurs 19th February

The Station Hotel
49 Lovers Walk
Dumfries DG1 1LT

In order to reach as many people as possible, each workshop will run twice: from 2-4pm then again from 6.30-8.30pm.

Sessions are free and there is no need to book - just come along.

BSL/English Interpreters, Electronic Notetakers and Lipspeakers will be on hand to provide communication support.

Increasing the awareness of counselling training pathways

The number of hearing counsellors who are deaf aware is small. Those with a minimum of level 2 BSL (British Sign Language) is smaller still. In the whole of Scotland there are only two Deaf counsellors who use BSL.

For more information about the project or to get involved, please contact:

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Email barbra@scod.org.uk

Or visit our website: www.scod.org.uk



Barbra Wylie
Project Co-ordinator

To increase awareness of counselling training pathways, I will be holding two workshops.

Through these sessions, deaf and deafblind people will be given information on how to train to become fully qualified counsellors.

The hope is that they will then go on to access training and in time boost the number of counsellors available to deaf and deafblind communities.

Making services more accessible through work with doctors, counsellors and other health professionals

To raise awareness of the barriers deaf and deafblind people face when trying to access their services, information will be distributed to GPs, counsellors and health professionals. They will also be offered the opportunity to attend a workshop to get some awareness training.

Every Community Health Partnership (CHP) in Scotland has received project information; I have also requested their help with contacting GPs, who will be sent a copy of our 'Advice for GPs on Counselling for Deaf and Deafblind Patients' leaflet.

This leaflet contains a list of accessible counsellors, as well as advice on diagnosis and referral to a counselling service of a deaf or deafblind patient. Along with this mailing will be a questionnaire to assess the accessibility of their service to deaf and deafblind people. At this time, awareness training needs will be established.

All of the voluntary organisations in Scotland who offer counselling for different issues will be sent a questionnaire to assess their accessibility. This questionnaire is a bit more in-depth than the one sent to GPs and goes further into the provisions that counsellors have in place for deaf and deafblind patients. It also asks about training and what they would like it to focus on, specifically relating to their role as a counsellor.

When questionnaires are returned, the level of training demand will be assessed and training sessions arranged in various areas around Scotland.



ad Access to Democracy Project update

Already six months have passed since I joined SCoD as their Access to Democracy (A2D) Project Co-ordinator. It has been a challenging time.

Work on developing and producing the DVD has progressed as planned. The DVD provides information about registering to vote, voting systems and democratic institutions. It has BSL, English and Welsh captions and an English voiceover. At the time of writing, the DVDs are being duplicated.

In order to promote the A2D Project, we had a full schedule of organising and attending a total of 15 Open Meetings during September and October. These meetings took place all over the country – from the Shetland Islands to Dumfries.

Turnout was good amongst deaf and hard of hearing communities with a total of 149 people attending. Feedback confirmed our suspicions: the majority of deaf people do not vote because of a lack of access to information and other communication issues.

Democracy Day

9th October was Democracy Day at the Scottish Parliament and two groups of pupils from Donaldson's and Dalziel High School attended along with Electoral Commission staff. Attendance was unfortunately hit by the rail strike but those who attended enjoyed the experience.

We met 8 MSPs from three different political parties. Deaf children had a great time talking to and raising questions with the MSPs who said that they would look into their issues.

Training Information Pack

The Training Information Pack is almost complete and ready to be used at our Training weekends in December and January. The pack will be integral in delivering training workshops around Scotland. Trainers will be holding workshops from mid February 2009 onwards.

More events are planned for next year, including a further Democracy Day at the Scottish Parliament, local Democracy Days, training workshops and drop-in surgeries. Details will appear on our website and in the monthly Bulletin.

If you would like to know more about the Access to Democracy project or would like to get involved, please contact Derek Todd, by email: derek@scod.org.uk, by textphone: 0141 221 2991 or in person: Central Chambers Suite 62, 93 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6LD

| BALLOT FORM | | |
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| 1 | Must elections be held on Thursdays? No - there is no legal requirement for elections to be held on Thursdays - they just are! It's a tradition dating back many years. Some suggest that in days of old when Friday was pay day, politicians wanted to ensure men voted while sober - before squandering their wages on alcohol! | X |
| 2 | What about women? The right to vote is something we all take for granted but it wasn't always like that. In the UK, women weren't allowed to vote until 1918 and that was only for those over the age of 30! Younger women had to wait until 1928 before they enjoyed equal voting rights to men. | X |
| 3 | Why should I vote? Voting is your right. Many people actually died fighting for that right. You can have a say on important issues that affect you. You can also have a say on who runs Scotland, the UK, who sits on your local council and who represents you in Europe...and in fact on 4th June next year you will have the opportunity to elect your MEP in the European parliamentary elections. | X |

It's an age thing...

Did you know that by the time you're 17 you can:

- Have sex
- Get married and raise a family
- Give blood
- Carry an organ donor card
- Be found guilty of a criminal offence
- Become a member of a community council
- Join the armed forces
- Drive a car, motorbike or even a plane
- Apply for a gun licence
- Work full time and pay tax

But you can't vote until you're 18!

A2D is funded by the Electoral Commission, an independent body set up by the UK Parliament. The Commission has an excellent website packed with information about democratic issues. A visit to their site also provides links to their other many microsites - with plenty of information for everyone! It's definitely worth a look:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk

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Joint Open Meetings

We held six joint open meetings throughout Scotland in September and October to tell people about the Access to Democracy project and to find out what issues affect deaf people in different parts of Scotland. 64 deaf people attended these meetings. The Policy and Research Officer was in attendance at these meetings.

The issues raised were:

Transport

- Access to buses in rural areas especially in the evening;
- No taxicard scheme for people with a physical disability or unable to access the taxicard scheme;
- Bus drivers asking for a destination when a deaf person shows their concessionary travel card;
- Accessing concessionary travel cards and having to prove deafness by handing in an audiology report (particularly on card renewal);
- Who qualifies for a concessionary travel card that allows a companion to travel free - the 'plus one';
- The lack of deaf awareness by bus drivers; and
- Disabled access at stations that do not have passenger lifts.

Access to communication support

- Community health and dental services having to contact local social work departments to book BSL/English interpreters and the lack of confidentiality especially in rural areas; and
- The lack of interpreters, electronic notetakers and lipspeakers outside the Central Belt;

Health services

- Lack of deaf awareness in GP surgeries;
- Lack of appropriate communication support for hospital appointments;
- Being unable to give blood as the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service will not agree to accepting consent from a "third party"; in this case from a BSL/English interpreter; and
- Lipreading classes not being part of the rehabilitation process when someone becomes deafened and therefore a free service throughout Scotland.

Other

- Differing levels of Disability Living Allowance for deaf people who have the same level of deafness;
- Employment in rural areas and a lack of understanding of the employability of deaf people;
- Lack of "status" of lipreading tutors and a lack of investment in their skills; and
- Mobile phones and the addition of tele-coils to amplify the sound and enable deaf people to use the T-setting on their hearing aids.

The UK Government Department of Work and Pensions held a consultation event in Edinburgh to look at the proposed changes to the way that benefits will be paid to people on Incapacity Benefit and Income Support – "No one written off: reforming welfare to reward responsibility".

The UK Government wants to see one million people supported to find employment and to be claiming the new Employment and Support Allowance (ESA). Only people with the most serious of disabilities will continue to receive the equivalent of Incapacity Benefit; everyone else will be "supported into work". The first of these changes started in October for the newly unemployed. The Government has said that it intends to double the Access to Work budget to make it easier for employers to make reasonable adjustments to the workplace for all disabled people, including deaf people. While this sounds like an excellent proposal, a major problem for many deaf people in Scotland who are already in employment is access to appropriate

communication support, especially if they work outside the Central Belt. Simply doubling the Access to Work budget will not help unless there is a commitment to provide resources for training people who want to become interpreters, notetakers and lipspeakers. There are other issues for deaf people who want to work and have been unable to find paid employment. The Government must take steps to address these – accessible training courses; access to specialist employment advisers; lack of deaf awareness among employers; and a lack of accessible information. In our response to the consultation, we asked that the DWP, Westminster and Holyrood set a good example to other employers by employing more deaf people. By leading the way, it would show other employers what deaf people can contribute to the world of employment and that there is a wealth of experience and knowledge under used and under valued. Alas, as we all know, this has not happened.

The Scottish Government Self-Directed Payments Unit asked if we would raise the issue of direct payments at the open meetings. Unfortunately no-one attending our meetings had accessed direct payments themselves or knew of anyone who had.

The Unit is planning a number of information meetings for deaf people around Scotland in 2009.

What was very clear from these meetings is that we still have a very long way to go to achieve equality.



Policy & Research

with Mandy Reid

As usual, life as a Policy & Research Officer is never dull. The Scottish and UK Governments do not seem to take holidays and continue to produce consultation documents that need a response. I have also attended a number of meetings and events as well as travelling around Scotland meeting deaf people and hearing about the issues they face in their day-to-day lives.

I have written responses to five Scottish Government consultations, including the Health Board Elections Bill, Taking forward the Government Economic Strategy and Better Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke Care. There have been a number of NHS Health Scotland consultations this past six months, including the Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment Report. The Scottish Parliament's Public Petitions Committee held a consultation into the way that members of the public and organisations submit petitions for consideration. As we had submitted a petition in 2005 – PE808, it was important that we sent in a written submission about the process.

In March of this year, the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB), which is responsible for making sure that the Parliament has the services it needs to run smoothly, published a consultation on its Language Policy. SCoD sent in a comprehensive response to this paper. The SPCB has now finished reviewing the policy and there have been two major changes made – *“13. When BSL, or another sign language, is used in meetings of the Parliament and committee meetings, the Official Report will include only the English interpretation. Where possible the sign language interpreter will be filmed, to enable a record of the original language used to be made.*

28. If film or video footage in BSL is received, the Parliament will respond in BSL, although it will take staff longer to respond than at other times. A BSL filmed response can take up to 20 working days.”

The final policy will be available on the Scottish Parliament website shortly.

At the DWP consultation event in Edinburgh, I met a woman who works for the DWP and she explained how people are assessed for Disability Living Allowance (DLA). Deaf people who can claim DLA and receive the higher rate either have an additional disability or have problems with their balance that affects their mobility. If a deaf person is receiving the lower rate, but their mobility has changed, then they can ask for an appeal hearing. Each Council in Scotland has a Welfare Rights Advice Service and should be able to help the person prepare for an appeal.

The other areas that I am researching at the moment are the criminal justice system – how many deaf people are in the system and how many have a mental health problem; and how much do NHS Boards and Councils spend on interpreting and translating services and how much of this is spent to support deaf people. We recently set up a Policy & Research/ Campaigning Officers sub group. As SCoD's Policy & Research Officer, I will chair the meetings and report back. The members of this group come from deaf organisations that are members of SCoD.

The purpose of this group is to increase awareness of deaf issues by joint working as the organisations involved have different areas of interest and expertise. This group will meet four or five times a year.



The Federation of Scottish Theatre Focuses on Access



As well as coordinating captioning, the Federation of Scottish Theatre (FST) is interested in helping theatres do more for their British Sign Language using audiences.

Many theatres in Scotland now regularly have BSL interpretation as part of their programming and FST would like to help you find out more about what is available and, more importantly, find out what you think about what is happening.

You may have a lot you would like to say about going to the theatre so let's start talking!

In January FST will launch a YouTube channel that will hold information in BSL about upcoming performances and opportunities – so let's get connected!

Check this url mid-January to find out more:

<http://uk.youtube.com/user/BSLscottishtheatre>

For more information or to share opinions and ideas email Mairi at FST mairi@scottishtheatre.org.

Challenged yourself recently?

No? Then why not climb the UK's highest mountain or take a trek through the splendour of the Scottish Highland countryside?

We are offering you the chance to experience some of Scotland's most spectacular scenery and improve your fitness levels while helping to raise vital funds for our work. Why not join us on our Spring Challenge and climb Ben Nevis in May, the perfect way to prepare yourself for our five day trek along the Great Glen Way. We will take care of all of the logistics for you. Experienced guides from Charitytrek will accompany you throughout.

Help us to support deaf people across Scotland by taking part in one or both of these treks. To secure your place, all you need to do is complete and return a registration form along with a deposit of £75.

Contact our Fundraiser, Linda (contact details are on the back page) for a registration form or more information. Full details can also be downloaded from our website: www.scod.org.uk - click "Support us".

The Ben Nevis Challenge takes place from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2009. Accommodation for two nights is included as is a packed lunch on the day of the climb, transport to and from your accommodation to Ben Nevis and back and transport to and from Fort William. All we ask is that you pledge to raise a minimum of £375.

The Great Glen Way, from Inverness to Fort William, is a five day trek. It starts on Saturday 15th and ends on Wednesday 19th August 2009. Accommodation for four nights is included in the trip. Buses will follow you along the route and carry your luggage so you're not weighed down on the trek. Just raise a minimum of £575 to participate.

Ben Nevis Challenge



Scottish Council on Deafness

The Ben Nevis Challenge

At 4406 feet (1343 metres) the Ben is Britain's highest peak, and rises from sea level two and a half miles south-east of Fort William. The popular method of ascent is by the so-called "Tourist's Path" which is a misnomer because it belies the extremely strenuous nature of the climb, which is technically easy but tiring.

Ben Nevis, forms a horse-shoe shape ridge with Carn Mor Dearg, the massive Nevis dwarfing the latter (9th highest). These two mountains are connected by a narrow ridge with a rocky crest, the Carn Mor Dearg arete. The path can be reached from Achintee or Glen Nevis Youth Hostel, and the ascent is likely to take at least 5 hours. The weather on the summit plateau, even in midsummer, can in exceptional cases be quite Arctic.

On good days, however, the views from the summit are awe-inspiring, the most immediate being to the east, over Aonach Mor and Aonach Beag beyond. To the south beyond Glen Nevis lies the rocky ridge of the Mamores, and still further the mystical mountains of Glencoe. The experience of standing on the roof of Britain will provide the memory of a lifetime.



The Walk (approx 5 hrs)

Friday 15th May -
Sunday 17th May 2009



Great Glen Way



Scottish Council on Deafness

The Great Glen Way

The Great Glen Way starts in Inverness, the capital of the Highlands and Scotland's newest city. It follows Britain's greatest geological fault – the glen linking the Atlantic to the North Sea – and finishes in Fort William in the shadow of Ben Nevis.

Loch Ness, which is 23 miles long and has an average depth of 430 feet, holds more water than all the lakes and reservoirs in England

and Wales put together. This mighty loch is a major feature of the first two-and-a-half days of the walk and the path, which rises in places to 1000 feet, provides enthralling views to the east and south over the loch and the hills beyond.

military importance of the region is evidenced by the names of two of the towns – Fort William and Fort Augustus. Castles, military roads and bridges along the way give a sense of timelessness in this most historic area.

The Walk (5 days)



After the southern end of Loch Ness is reached at Fort Augustus the walking becomes extremely easy and follows very closely the route of the Caledonian Canal and two further beautiful lochs – Oich and Lochy. The second half of the walk is dominated by frequent glimpses of Ben Nevis, which as it grows larger and nearer provides ample motivation for tiring legs to reach the end of the walk. A feature of the final day is the famous Neptune's Staircase, a series of eight locks lifting the level of the Caledonian Canal by 64 feet.

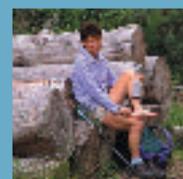
No walk in Britain can provide a greater diversity of bird and wildlife. Oyster-catchers, ospreys, guillemots, grey herons, cormorants, kittiwakes, fulmars, crested tits, siskin, buzzards, kestrel, goshawks and golden eagle; pine martens, red squirrels, roe deer, red deer and sika deer; they and numerous others are all there.

The Great Glen Way, for long closed to walkers by unco-operative land-owners, is now thankfully open to all, and to walk it is a richly rewarding experience.

Please note: this walk can be undertaken either from North to South or vice versa.

The entire walk is steeped in history dating back to the Iron Age. Craig Phadraig, one of ten hill-top forts in the area, is believed to date from 350 BC. More recent

Saturday 15th -
Wednesday 19th
August 2009



Lothian Deaf Counselling Service (LDCS) was set up in February 2008 to provide a counselling service for Deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and deafblind adults living in Lothian. It is a 14 month pilot project funded by NHS Lothian and the Scottish Government and provided by LifeSkills Health.

Counselling is a safe space for you to discuss problems and events in your life. Typical issues people talk about are stress, anxiety, depression, work difficulties, relationships, childhood or domestic abuse, bereavement, low self-esteem or confidence.

People also talk about deaf-specific issues such as losing their hearing, the impact that their deafness has on their lives and relationships, cochlear implants, communication tactics and coping strategies. You really can talk about anything; if

it's important to you then it's important enough to talk about in counselling. Counsellors won't give advice but they will help you find your own way through your problems and they will support you along the way.

Counselling is free and can be in English or BSL. If you are deafened or hard of hearing then we have various options (individual loop system, note-taker style laptops or Sign Supported English) to facilitate communication. Trudi Collier and Teresa Brasier, the two counsellors at LDCS, first met working on SCoD's successful Counselling Training Project.

There are also student counsellors on placement who are graduates of the SCoD/Strathclyde Certificate in Counselling Skills.

Teresa is the counsellor who works with deafened and hard of hearing clients, she

writes: "The SCoD Counselling Training Project really raised my awareness of the lack of accessible counselling for deaf people. It's been great to work with NHS Lothian who also recognised this gap in services and have been the first NHS Board to go ahead and pilot a deaf counselling service. We have close links with the new Lothian Deaf Community Mental Health Service based at Deaf Action and receive referrals from a wide range of professionals.

We have seen nearly 20 clients in the last 9 months and provided over 100 counselling sessions in BSL and English. Referral is quick and easy and we expect to offer you an appointment within 2 weeks of referral and use various venues across Edinburgh and the Lothians. It is amazing to be part of such a ground-breaking project and I hope that other NHS Boards will see the benefit of this service and that we can roll-out the service nationally in 2009."

Did you know...

If you own your own home and the council decides to carry out a common improvement, then you are responsible for paying the asked for amount.

At one of our recent Open Meetings, a deaf man asked if the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and 2005 applied to his situation. He bought his council flat, which is one of four in a block. The council has decided to put in a door entry system for the safety of their tenants. The entry system that the council will provide is a buzzer system that the man cannot use for obvious reasons – he and his family can't hear the buzzer! The cost of installing a CCTV system will be much more costly than the buzzer system. The man asked if he would have to pay the extra to have the CCTV system or is the council liable for the excess? The cost per flat for a simple buzzer system would work out at under

£100; a CCTV system would cost between £400 and £600 *per flat*.

The answer is that the council is not liable to pay anything in this case as the man is not a council tenant – he owns his own home. He might be entitled to a council grant depending on his situation and depending on the council, but this is not guaranteed. So if you are in a similar situation – having bought a former council house that has communal areas with houses that are still owned by the council or a housing association, the DDA does not apply to you, so you should check your title deeds to find out what you might be liable to pay for if there is a need for communal work to be carried out. It might be a costly business.

If you are struggling with things in your life and think that counselling might be helpful or if you would just like more information, please contact Teresa or Trudi on: 0800 804 7462 (voice) 0800 804 7463 (text) Email: helpline@lifeskillscentres.com



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SPIDER'S WEB

Classic quality murder mystery – can you guess who did it?

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Sign Language Interpreted performance

Thu 5 Feb, 7.30pm



CABARET

Enjoy show stopping choreography, dazzling costumes and some of the most iconic musical theatre songs of all time!

Sign Language Interpreted performance

Fri 3 Apr, 7.30pm



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A must-see musical with lots of heart, packed with the songs of The Proclaimers.

Captioned performance Wed 18 Feb, 7.30pm



PEER GYNT

National Theatre of Scotland and Dundee Rep present a guaranteed theatrical roller coaster ride through a great piece of modern literature.

Captioned performance Thu 25 Jun, 7.30pm



THE WITCHES OF EASTWICK

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Captioned performance 6 May, 7.30pm

Sign Language Interpreted performance Sat 9 May, 2.30pm

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CAPTIONED and BSL INTERPRETED EVENTS

At the Festival and King's Theatres in Edinburgh

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Captions are similar to television subtitles. They convert the spoken word into text so that audience members can follow what is being said, when it is being said and by whom.



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SUNSHINE ON LEITH

Fri 5 December 08 – Sat 3 January 09

Captioned performance Thu 18 December 08

Featuring the songs of The Proclaimers, **Sunshine on Leith** follows the highs and lows of Ally and Dave as they return home from the army. Families, relationships and life in Leith are not all plain sailing in this truly exceptional love story about everyday life in Scotland.



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BLOOD BROTHERS

Mon 2 – Sat 14 February 2009

Captioned performance Thu 12 February 7.30pm

Willy Russell's **Blood Brothers** tells the captivating tale of twin boys separated at birth only to be re-united by a twist of fate and a mother's haunting secret.



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WEST SIDE STORY

Tue 5 – Sat 16 May 2009

Captioned performance Thu 14 May 7.30pm

Fifty years after the show made its London debut, **West Side Story** returns in this brand new production featuring all those classic songs including "Maria", "Tonight", "America" and "I Feel Pretty".



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CAP

JOLSON & CO – THE MUSICAL

Fri 27 February – Sat 7 March 2009

Captioned performance Thu 5 March, 7.30pm

The unforgettable music and songs of the great entertainer Al Jolson are brought to life in this new musical featuring his legendary songs including "California Here I Come", "I'm Sitting On Top Of The World", "Sonny Boy" and "My Mammy". Starring **Allan Stewart**.



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CAP

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

Tue 31 March – Sat 4 April 2009

Captioned performance Thu 2 April, 7.30pm

An army lawyer defends a young private charged with desertion during World War One. Hearing the prisoner's devastating experience on the front line, his sense of obligation to spare the boy from the firing squad becomes a passionate compulsion that ultimately changes his own outlook on war.



BSL – BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETED SHOWS

Don't forget! We provide a BSL Interpreter for many of our shows – highlights this season include the King's 3D panto spectacular **Aladdin**; **Edward Fox** in **Lloyd George Knew My Father**; and **Ian McKellan** and **Patrick Stewart** in Samuel Beckett's **Waiting for Godot**.

Go to www.eft.co.uk to see full listings of which shows will be interpreted this coming season.



To book tickets contact the Box Office on **0131 529 6000** (Mon – Sat, 11am – 8pm/ 6pm on non-performance nights) or by **RNID typetalk on 18001 0131 529 6003** or book online at www.eft.co.uk (booking fee applies)

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Who Cares?

The Department of Work and Pensions consultation paper advised that there is a need for specialist after-school places and extended nursery places for deaf children.

In cases where a deaf person is caring for a deaf parent, specialist day care and support must be available before the system of benefit support changes. These issues were raised at the DWP consultation event and we were assured that they would be considered.

A written response has since been submitted to back up these issues.

DWP

Health Service

The Scottish Government and NHS Lothian carried out a consultation exercise – A Question of Access. NHS Lothian wants to improve the guidance on accessibility issues for disabled people that it gives to all GPs in their area. It is hoped that once this has been finalised and tested, it will be rolled out across Scotland. At our National Council meeting in March this year, the issue of consent in connection with blood donation was raised and discussions are underway with the Scottish Blood Transfusion Service. So far, no decisions have been made.



Lip Service

It is hard to believe, but at the moment many deafened people have to pay for lip reading classes.

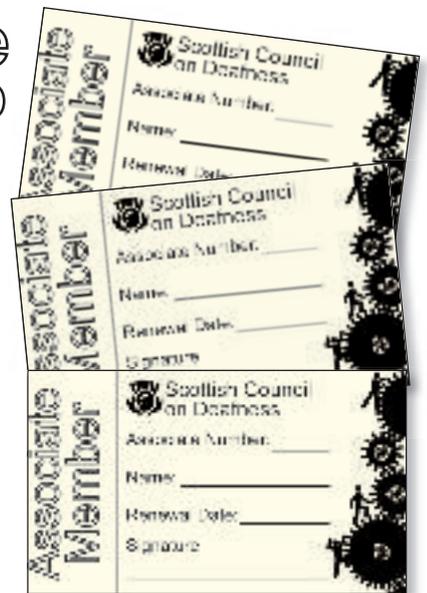
As part of the NHS Scotland Annual Review we asked: *Will NHS Health Scotland consider making lip reading classes part of the rehabilitation process/ services offered to newly deafened people soon after their diagnosis in the same way that people who need physiotherapy or*

occupational therapy have access to these services without having to pay?

The Minister for Public Health, Shona Robison, replied: There are no plans to subsidise lip reading classes for deafened people. We will keep this under review. The full response is available on our website, under our front page **Latest News** section.

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