

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

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Hi all

The [new Sheffield City Council website](#) has been launched. Please bear with us whilst we work through some teething problems, including getting the [Equality Hub Network Newsletter](#) submission form up and running.

Keep reading for more news from around the Equality Hub Network.

Kind regards

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If you have news or information to share, we'd love to hear from you! Check out the submission deadlines and fill in a submission form. If you are organising an event please check that the venue and facilities are accessible so that all communities of interest can attend.

The submission deadline for the May edition is Friday 28 April.

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Equality Hub Network meetings

Upcoming Hub meetings

[BAMER Hub](#): Thursday 25 May 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall

Please email equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk if you would like to attend any meetings.

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Consultations

Sheffield City Council's Citizen Space

[Citizen Space](#) is Sheffield City Council's consultation hub. You can take part in consultations that interest you, and [sign up for alerts](#) on a wide range of topics, including ones for the Equality Hub Network.

There are lots of other [ways to have your say](#) on proposals and influence decisions, including [attending Council meetings](#).

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Ward Priorities – Sheffield City Council

Closes Wednesday 14 February 2018

We would like to know what people living in Sheffield feel should be the priorities for their ward councillors. Each ward in the city has 3 councillors who work to improve things for local people and represent them when decisions are made in the Town Hall.

If your councillors are better informed about the things that are important to you then they can focus their attention on specific issues in your neighbourhood. The information you provide in this short questionnaire will help them identify the service providers, community organisations and local residents they need to work with. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/communities-business-strategy/wardpriorities> for more info and to give your views by Wednesday 14 February 2018, or contact Matthew Rush on matthew.rush@sheffield.gov.uk, 0114 2735708.

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Housing Benefit and Council Tax Services Customer Satisfaction Consultation 2016/17 – Sheffield City Council

Closes Saturday 31 March 2018

Sheffield City Council collect Council Tax from over 240,000 households. We also provide Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support to over 60,000 households in the City. We are committed to providing the best possible service to all customers who pay Council Tax and through the work we do in assessing claims for Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. To support this we need to know what you think of the services we provide and find out how you think we might be able to improve what we do. We value your comments and we will use the responses you give us to help us to continuously improve the service we give to you. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/resources/housing-council-tax-customer-satisfaction-16-17> for more info and to give your views by Saturday 31 March 2018, or contact Revenues and Benefits Client Team on DHP-CTS@Sheffield.gov.uk, 0114 2736983.

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Other events

Women in Politics: Becoming an MP – Parliament Project

Thursday 6 April 2017, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Town Hall, Council Chamber, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

The Parliament Project in association with Sheffield Central Labour Party invite you to this workshop with Louise Haigh MP. Come along to explore what it takes to become an MP. This is an event for self-identifying women and is **open to all political persuasions**. Places are limited so book your ticket now at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheffield-women-in-politics-becoming-an-mp-tickets-32226358907. For more info, please email the Women's Officer for Sheffield Central Labour Party on nikkiabond@gmail.com.

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Let's Talk About... Avoiding scams – Sheffield Carers Centre

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 10.30am to 12pm

The Terminus Café, 240 Low Edges Road, S8 7JB

Find out how to avoid doorstep, online or telephone scams and frauds. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

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Let's Talk About... Avoiding scams – Sheffield Carers Centre

Wednesday 12 April 2017, 10.30am to 12pm

Woodhouse Salvation Army Hall, Tannery Street, S13 7JW

Find out how to avoid doorstep, online or telephone scams and frauds. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

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Gypsy Queen (theatre performance) – Enable Us Project, University of Sheffield

Thursday 13 April 2017, 8pm to 10pm
Drama Studio, Shearwood Rd, S10 2TD

'Gypsy Queen', a new play by Rob Ward, is an unconventional love story between two fighters who discover the greatest challenge lies outside the ring. The story of 'Gorgeous' George O'Connell: traveler, bare-knuckle fighter, hero to his people and Gypsy King. George leaves this life behind and enters the world of professional boxing, which puts him on a collision course with his roots, his identity and his greatest fear. In the opposite corner, gay boxer Dane 'The Pain' Samson, the young pretender and son of a boxing legend. But Dane is fighting his own battles and they will ultimately lead to a tragedy that neither man could predict. For more info and tickets, visit www.enableus.group.shef.ac.uk/programme/gypsy-queen, or contact robtaylor1889@gmail.com, 07875 631839.

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FA England Disability Talent Programme – Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA

Saturday 15 April 2017, 10am to 1pm
St Georges Park Thorncliffe, Pack Horse Lane, S35 3HY

The England Talent Day will identify potentially talented players (aged 11-16) with the following impairments:

- Visually impaired
- Hearing impaired
- Cerebral Palsy
- Amputee
- Learning disability

For more info, visit www.sheffieldfa.com or contact Samuel Firth on samuel.firth@sheffieldfa.com, 0114 2615500.

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AAA health bus returns to Meadowhall – South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Screening Programmes

Thursday 20 April 2017, 9am to 4pm
Meadowhall Shopping Centre, Orange Zone car park

Meadowhall Shopping Centre is showing continued support for the NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening Programme – being managed across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw by Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals – by hosting another screening clinic at the shopping centre on Thursday 20 April. Throughout the day, the special AAA Health Bus will be parked in the Orange Zone car park, near Argos, where members of the screening team will be talking to people about the condition as well as scanning males over the age of 65 who have completed a self-referral pack beforehand. Men over 65 who have not previously been screened can make an appointment by contacting 01709 649100 or dbh-tr.dbhaaa@nhs.net. For more info on AAAs, visit the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw AAA Screening Programme website at aaa.dbh.nhs.uk.

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Let's Talk About... Help from your pharmacist – Sheffield Carers Centre

Tuesday 25 April 2017, 10.30am to 12pm
Church of Christ, Darnall, Station Road, S9 4JT

Come along and see what help is available from your pharmacist – including advice about medication and general health advice. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

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Let's Talk About... Fire safety – Sheffield Carers Centre

Tuesday 9 May 2017, 10.30am to 12pm
The Terminus Café, 240 Low Edges Road, S8 7JB

The fire brigade talk about how to keep your home safe from fire. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

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Let's Talk About... Fire safety – Sheffield Carers Centre

Wednesday 10 May 2017, 10.30am to 12pm
Woodhouse Salvation Army Hall, Tannery Street, S13 7JW

The fire brigade talk about how to keep your home safe from fire. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

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SAYiT Open Day

Saturday 13 May 2017, 11am to 2.30pm
Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, S1 4SE

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet some of the people involved with SAYiT (Sheena Amos Youth Trust), and to find out about our diverse projects and work. You can come along and find out more about what we do, register to volunteer with us, or sign up to be a Friend/Ally of SAYiT. Please bring your friends and family. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. For more info, visit <http://sayouthtrust.org.uk/news/get-involved> or contact info@sayouthtrust.org.uk, 0114 2412728.

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Trans Awareness and Inclusion Training workshop – SAYiT (Sheena Amos Youth Trust)

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 9.30am to 4.30pm
Venue to be confirmed when booking is received

This course is aimed at helping to understand the key terms, language, laws, identities and experiences of trans young people, as well as the interaction between trans identities and mental health. It will give you an opportunity to learn how to support trans young people effectively, improving their mental health as well as thinking about how your organisation, and/or your own

practice, could be inclusive and supportive. Don't miss out on gaining expert knowledge regarding this pertinent issue. There are limited places so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once the places are full a waiting list will be collated. For more info, visit www.sayouthtrust.org.uk or contact info@sayouthtrust.org.uk, 0114 2412728.

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Out Aloud 10th Anniversary Concert – Out Aloud Choir

Saturday 20 May 2017, 7.30pm

University of Sheffield, The Octagon, Western Bank, S10 2TN

Out Aloud, Sheffield's LGBT Choir, is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a gala concert in the Octagon on 20 May 2017 where we will be joined by the London Big Gay Band. There will be a blend of singing and swinging, featuring classic songs and new work in a glorious snapshot of LGBT lives, influences and inspiration. We will party afterwards in the Interval Bar! Tickets through www.sivtickets.com. For more info, visit www.outaloud.org.uk or contact info@outaloud.org.uk.

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Job vacancy at Stop Hate UK: Helpline Operator

Application deadline Monday 17 April 2017, 10am

We are seeking to appoint a Helpline Operator to join our dedicated team. Are you the experienced, flexible worker we need? You will be responsible for providing support and advice to anyone affected by hate crime by telephone and electronic communication. Excellent communication skills are essential along with good IT skills. This is a home-based job, but the post holder must be prepared to travel to Leeds on a regular basis for training and support. The following shifts are available:

- Tuesdays 6pm to 10pm
- Saturday 6pm to 10pm
- Sunday 2pm to 6pm

You can apply for one or all shifts. Salary: £7.50/hr. For full details and to apply, please download the Application Pack at www.stophateuk.org/jobs-volunteering and complete and return the Application Form to amanda@stophateuk.org by 10am on Monday 17 April 2017.

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Work Experience 2017 – South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

Application deadline Friday 28 April 2017, 4pm

South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue (SYFR) has just launched our Work Experience Scheme for Summer 2017. Work experience placements (1 week and 2 week) are available in the following departments:

- Community Fire Safety
- Human Resources
- Health and Safety
- Governance, Information and Projects
- Civil Protection and Business Continuity
- Property

SYFR is an equal opportunities organisation and we seek to offer opportunities to all. We particularly welcome applications from individuals from Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds, women, or those who are registered as disabled as these groups are usually under-represented within our work experience applicants. For more info, contact Liz Hazlehurst on ehazlehurst@syfire.gov.uk, 0114 2532856, or visit www.syfire.gov.uk/find-a-job/work-experience.

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Age Hub priorities survey

At the last Age Hub meeting, we discussed potential issues we feel are important for the Hub to look at moving forward. Based on these discussions, we have compiled a short survey (which will take approx. 2-3 minutes to complete). The findings will be used to help us decide the areas we look at over the coming year. Please complete the survey and encourage others you know do so too: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/AgeHub.

In this survey, you will be asked to rate a set of issues based on what you feel affects you the most. This survey is confidential and at no point will the answers you give be traced back to you. If you have not heard about the Equality Hub Network and the Age Hub before and decide to leave your details to find out more, these details will be used solely for this purpose. If you require paper versions of this survey, then please get in touch with Emma Hinchliffe on emma.hinchliffe@sheffieldfutures.org.uk, 0114 2016659 or 07772 887629.

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Sexual Health Sheffield - meeting your sexual health needs

Free and confidential sexual health services for people of all ages in Sheffield with clinics at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and at Firth Park, Sexual Health Sheffield offers:

- STI testing and treatment
- Condoms and lube
- Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEPSE)
- Pregnancy testing
- Contraception choices including emergency contraception
- Vasectomies
- Dedicated youth clinics for 19s and under
- Dedicated clinic for gay and bisexual men
- Outreach activities
- Training
- Resources for health professionals

For more info, including our locations and opening times, visit www.sexualhealthsheffield.nhs.uk or ring 0114 2268888. Follow us on twitter: [@SHSheffield](https://twitter.com/SHSheffield) | Follow us on Facebook: [@SHSheff](https://www.facebook.com/SHSheff)

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SLATE: Black artists development opportunity – Eclipse Theatre

SLATE is a development programme aimed at Black artists in Sheffield. The programme is striving to make a difference by supporting artists of colour in bespoke and relevant ways to support their sustainable career progression. This includes training, development, commissions, residencies, retreats and production space. SLATE is also developing a regional, national and international Black arts network. Our definition of Black is in the broadest socio-political context so includes African, Caribbean, South Asian, East Asian and Middle Eastern communities. The project is run by Eclipse Theatre and a consortium of national partners. Bobby Tiwana, is the Enabler working in Sheffield with a remit for South Yorkshire. If you are an artist and would like to talk about your needs and ambitions please contact him on bobby@eclipsetheatre.org.uk. For more info, visit www.eclipsetheatre.org.uk/projects.

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Appeal for interviewees and materials for the Sheffield Feminist Archive

The Sheffield Feminist Archive project is working with Sheffield Archives and Oral History to ensure that documents and testimonies relating to Sheffield's feminist past and present are collected and preserved for future generations. Have you got any material relating to feminist activism in Sheffield? Are you involved in activism today and producing materials that record women's liberation? Would you like to be interviewed for our collection of oral histories? If you have documents or testimony you would like to share, please email the SFA project on sheffieldfeministarchive@gmail.com or tweet us [@ShefFemArchive](https://twitter.com/ShefFemArchive). For more info, visit www.sheffieldfeministarchive.wordpress.com.

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Hate Hurts Campaign – South Yorkshire Police

'Hate' can be any incident or crime, motivated by prejudice or hostility (or perceived to be so) against a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability. It includes:

- A criminal offence where the law is broken. This is a hate crime.
- An incident that is not a criminal offence. This is a hate incident.

No one should have to live with fear, anxiety and consequences of hate. Report it and put a stop to it. Call 101 (non-emergencies) or 999 (emergencies). Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can textphone 18001 101 or SMS 07786 220022.

For more info and other ways to report a hate crime or incident, visit www.southyorkshire.police.uk/hatehurts.

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Government commits to helping survivors of domestic abuse

Survivors of domestic abuse will soon find it easier to register to vote anonymously under new plans announced on Friday 3 March 2017. More info at www.gov.uk/government/news/government-commits-to-helping-survivors-of-domestic-abuse.

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Diversity Jobs – Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Council now advertises their external jobs with Diversity Jobs which is part of The Big I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, Accessibility). This aims to support their Workforce Diversity Strategy ensuring Sheffield City Council's workforce is representative of the local population. Visit www.diversityjobs.co.uk for more information.

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