

# Equality Hub Network Newsletter

## April 2018

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Hi all

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming local elections is Tuesday 17 April. The elections are taking place Thursday 3 May. For more information, visit [www.sheffield.gov.uk/elections](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/elections).

Festival of Debate is taking place in April, May and June this year. Check out the programme at [www.festivalofdebate.com](http://www.festivalofdebate.com). Making Sheffield Fairer is sponsoring the 'Fairness & Equality' strand giving you absolutely loads of ways to engage with fairness and the issues surrounding it.

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

If you have news or information to share, we'd love to hear from you! Submission form and deadlines are at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/equalityhub](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/equalityhub). 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 27 April.**

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### **Equality Hub Network meetings and events**

- BAMER Hub: Wednesday 18 April 2018, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- LGBT+ Hub: Monday 23 April 2018, 2pm to 4pm, Town Hall
- Equality Hub Network Board: Wednesday 23 May 2018, 1pm to 3pm, The Circle
- Disability Hub: Wednesday 27 June 2018, 1.30pm to 4pm, The Circle

Please email [equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto: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. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com>.

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

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## Help set our priorities (Healthwatch Sheffield)

Closes Friday 27 April 2018

Healthwatch Sheffield believes health and social care works best when people are involved in decisions about their treatment. They help to make sure that those designing, running, and regulating services listen to people's views and act on them. They have designed a survey to help paint a picture of where they should focus their efforts over the next 2 years. They would also love to visit community groups to talk about their work and gather views in person. To take the survey, visit [www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/about-us/our-priorities](http://www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/about-us/our-priorities). For more info, hard copies of the survey or to arrange a visit, contact 0114 253 6688, [info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk). Healthwatch Sheffield's new 2018-20 strategy, informed by all this feedback, will be published with their Annual Report in June 2018.

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## Initial view on Census 2021 output content design (Office of National Statistics)

Closes Wednesday 23 May 2018

This consultation gives you the opportunity to respond to our initial proposed design of Census 2021 outputs and the dissemination channels for England and Wales. We'd like to gather your views on our initial design of Census 2021 outputs to ensure our proposal will meet your needs. This feedback will help us to prioritise our future research and development of Census 2021 outputs. It will also inform the order in which we release our products. For more information and to take part in the consultation, visit <https://consultations.ons.gov.uk/census/initial-view-on-the-2021-census-output-design> or contact Amy Fowler, Census Outputs and Dissemination Team, on 01329 444972 or [census.outputs@ons.gov.uk](mailto:census.outputs@ons.gov.uk).

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## Transport Strategy consultation (Sheffield City Region)

Closes Sunday 1 April 2018

The Sheffield City Region (SCR) Transport Strategy sets out the transport priorities for our City Region up to 2040. It forms part of our Local Transport Plan and is adopted by the SCR Combined Authority as the Local Transport Body for South Yorkshire. The draft Transport Strategy will update and supersede the policies and measures of our previous Transport Strategy, published in 2011, and aims to boost economic growth by ensuring everyone can get to work easily, that streets are safe and healthy, the quality of the outdoors is improved, and that innovations in transport technologies are adopted throughout the lifetime of the Strategy. Visit <https://sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/explore/transport-strategy-consultation/> for more info and to fill in the survey. To request a paper copy of the survey form, contact the SCR team on [TransportStrategy@sheffieldcityregion.org.uk](mailto:TransportStrategy@sheffieldcityregion.org.uk) or SCR Transport Strategy, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield, S1 2BQ.

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## **Transforming the response to domestic abuse (Home Office/Ministry of Justice)**

Closes Thursday 31 May 2018

In February 2017, the Prime Minister announced a new programme of work leading towards a draft Domestic Abuse Bill to change how the Government thinks about and tackles domestic abuse. They also committed an additional £20 million of funding for domestic abuse services. The Government wants to hear from as wide a range of people as possible, including domestic abuse victims and survivors, the professionals and organisations supporting them, research and sector experts and those working in statutory agencies. Views are sought about changes to the justice system as well as how awareness of domestic abuse can be increased amongst housing providers, teachers, health professionals and employers.

The full consultation and a shorter version (which is quicker to complete) are available at <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/homeoffice-moj/domestic-abuse-consultation> and <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/homeoffice-moj/domestic-abuse-consultation-short-version>.

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### **Other events**

#### **Heeley City Farm Spring Fair 2018**

Saturday 7 April 2018, 12pm to 4pm  
Heeley City Farm, Richards Road, S2 3DT

Come along and see Together Women/VIBE girls at their GEMS Cafe Stall at the annual Spring Fair at Heeley City Farm. Come down and enjoy the fun and festivities, there will be something for everyone including art, craft, food stalls, kids' activities, animals and more. For more info visit [www.heeleyfarm.org.uk/event/spring-fair-2018](http://www.heeleyfarm.org.uk/event/spring-fair-2018) or [www.togetherwomen.org](http://www.togetherwomen.org), or call 0114 2580482.

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#### **Lives In Sign Language (Showroom Cinema)**

Monday 9 April 2018, 6.30pm start  
Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

Curated by London Short Film Festival's young Deaf programmer Zoë McWhinney, we present a fresh selection of contemporary short films foregrounding the richness of D/deaf culture and experience, including this year's Academy Award winner for Best Short Film, The Silent Child. These shorts span genres – from comedy, romance, horror – to bring the stories of D/deaf characters to the screen in a space inclusive for all, but tailored specifically to the needs of D/deaf cinema-goers. All films will include BSL dialogue and/or subtitles, and additional BSL support where necessary, and the programme will be introduced on screen by programmer Zoë McWhinney. For more info and tickets, visit [www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/lives-in-sign-language](http://www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/lives-in-sign-language).

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## **‘Black Men Walking’ (play) (Eclipse Theatre Company)**

Monday 9 April 2018 to Thursday 12 April 2018  
Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, S1 1DA

Inspired by Sheffield’s real-life Black men’s walking group, ‘Black Men Walking’ follows the dangerous journey of Thomas, Matthew and Richard out in the Peaks, as they are forced to walk backwards through two thousand years of Black history. Eclipse has collaborated with Leeds-based writer and musician Testament to blend dramatic story-telling with original music in this unique new show. ‘Black Men Walking’ national tour starts on 18 Jan playing at the Royal Exchange in Manchester – it will be at Sheffield’s Crucible Theatre 9-12 April. For more info and tickets visit <https://eclipsetheatre.org.uk/whats-on/1364-black-men-walking>. [Back to Contents](#)

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## **You've Got the Power: Energy Advice Session+ (Heeley City Farm South Yorkshire Energy Centre)**

Tuesday 10 April 2018, 1pm start  
Together Women Project, 106 Arundel Lane, S1 4RF

Save money on your energy bills. Come to our free, drop-in session and find out how to:

- Find cheaper tariffs and switch supplier
- Access grants and discounts to make homes warmer
- Take control of heating systems and save money
- Make homes warmer through low and no cost useful tips.

Bring along your annual statement or latest bills to find out how much you could save! To find out more, contact the South Yorkshire Energy Centre on 0114 3039981 ext 2 or 3. [Back to Contents](#)

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## **Mothers Who Make (Sheffield Theatres)**

Wednesday 11 April 2018, 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, S1 1DA

Mothers Who Make is a growing national network of peer support groups aimed at mothers who are artists – professional and/or passionate – writers, painters, actors, dancers, musicians, filmmakers... every kind of maker is welcomed, and every kind of mother. Please feel free to bring along your children, of any age, whether they are inside you, beside you or running round the room. Mothers of older children are also extremely welcome. Bring toys or any creative materials that will make you or your child feel most welcome. Places are £5 full price or £3 concessions are requested to cover their costs. For more info and to book a place visit

[www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/news/mothers-who-make-returns-to-sheffield-theatres-on-wed-11-april](http://www.sheffieldtheatres.co.uk/news/mothers-who-make-returns-to-sheffield-theatres-on-wed-11-april) or contact Stephanie on [stephanie@both-feet.co.uk](mailto:stephanie@both-feet.co.uk). [Back to Contents](#)

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## **Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel**

Wednesday 11 April 2018, 5.45pm  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

The Sheffield Hate Crime Panel scrutinises reported incidents of hate crime within the city and offer advice to the Police and other public bodies on how best to deal with certain incidents. If you are interested in joining the panel, please contact [ian@stophateuk.org](mailto:ian@stophateuk.org). [Back to Contents](#)

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## **Migrapreneurs Training Programme (Inova Consultancy Ltd)**

Tuesday 17 April 2018, 9.30am to 11.30am  
Couch, Campo Lane, S1 2EG

Migrapreneurs programme offers you to find out if entrepreneurship is the right path for you. We would like invite you to breakfast so you can find more about this training opportunity for highly skilled migrants. Registration is limited to only 10 places, so sign up now through <https://be-a-migrapreneur.eventbrite.co.uk>. Find out more about Migrapreneurs at <https://migrapreneurs.eu> or contact Erika at [econchis@inovaconsult.com](mailto:econchis@inovaconsult.com) or 0114 2799091.

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## **Should we give money to people who beg? (Festival of Debate/Roundabout)**

Thursday 26 April 2018, 6pm to 8pm  
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

We can all agree that in an ideal world begging should not exist, but we can't agree on whether we should give money to people who ask for it on our streets. Come and have your say and hear opinions for and against giving money to beggars. Hear from people who have begged and people who work with beggars. For more info/tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/638-begging-should-we-be-giving-to-people-who-beg>.

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## **An economic system for the future (Festival of Debate/Positive Money)**

Friday 27 April 2018, 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Union St, 18-20 Union Street, S1 2JR

Advances in AI and robotics will destroy many paid jobs in the coming decades with potentially catastrophic effects on society. Various ideas for reforming the economic system could help us survive this forthcoming revolution; these include a Universal Basic Income and IOUnet – an exchange system where citizens create their own credit. The speaker for the evening will be Simon Thorpe, who is Research Director at CNRS in Toulouse. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/640-an-economic-system-for-the-future>.

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## **Our Mel presents: Celebrating Women of Colour (Festival of Debate/Our Mel)**

Sunday 29 April 2018, 4pm to 7pm  
Showroom Workstation Creative Lounge, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

Our Mel in collaboration with Nadia Jama (BAME Officer Central CLP) presents Celebrating Women of Colour. This event is an opportunity to celebrate women of colour within the community, hearing about their personal journeys, challenges and achievements. It will include a short film screening, stalls, nibbles and drinks. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/643-our-mel-presents-celebrating-women-of-colour>.

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## **Baby Safe Champions: preventing infant mortality risk factors (Festival of Debate/Making Sheffield Fairer Campaign)**

Monday 30 April 2018, 1pm to 2.30pm  
DINA, 32A-34 Cambridge St, S1 4HP

Workshop open to all parents, particularly younger parents, to discuss risk factors associated with infant mortality and raise awareness about how they can be prevented. There will also be the opportunity to learn about Sheffield's Baby Safe Champions, who are helping to support this work within communities. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/645-baby-safe-champions-preventing-infant-mortality-risk-factors>.

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## **Money for nothing: should we all get a basic income? (Festival of Debate)**

Wednesday 2 May 2018, 6.30pm to 8pm  
Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James' Street, S1 2EW

A light-hearted exploration of basic income, with short videos and discussion. Learn how it might work, from 'helicopter money' to citizen's dividends. Learn why everyone from free-market evangelists to socialist fanatics think it might be a good idea. Learn what happened when people tried it out for real - and how Sheffield might be next in line. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/646-money-for-nothing-should-we-all-get-a-basic-income>.

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## **Dodge & Co: tax dodgers' masterclass (Festival of Debate)**

Saturday 5 May 2018, 2pm to 3.30pm  
Theatre Deli, 202 Eyre Street, S1 4QZ

Paradise Papers? Pesky legislation? Socialists? There's never been a harder time to have a lot of money – and keep it! Join Dodge & Co associates Jason and Laurence for an all-new interactive (and entirely legal) afternoon of offshore finance tips and tricks. Learn how to hide your assets, set up a shell company and buy the global citizenship that works for you! Don't delay. Go offshore and save money today. @DodgeAndCo. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/647-dodge-co-tax-dodgers-masterclass>.

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## **Our Mel x gal-dem: Whose streets? Racialised sexual harassment in public spaces (Festival of Debate)**

Sunday 6 May 2018, 4pm to 6pm  
Showroom Workstation Creative Lounge, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

gal-dem's panel will explore women of colour and BME women's experiences of street harassment: the ways in which this harassment is frequently laced or combined with racism and Islamophobia, and how a culture of harassment fits into the wider spectrum of violence perpetrated against women because of their gender or perceived gender. For more info and tickets, visit <https://events.ticketforgood.co.uk/events/648-our-mel-x-gal-dem-whose-streets-racialised-sexual-harassment-in-public-spaces>.

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## **Think tank: how to engage with BAMER LGBT+ young people (SAYiT)**

Thursday 10 May 2018, 10am to 1pm  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

A meeting for workers, allies or community members who work and support all BAMER young people. This is an opportunity for us to get together to identify and discuss the barriers that are preventing BAMER LGBT+ young people from accessing support and services and how to make services more accessible. Book your place at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bamer-lgbt-think-tank-tickets-44838159141>. For more info, contact Evelyn Joseph on [evelyn.joseph@sayit.org.uk](mailto:evelyn.joseph@sayit.org.uk) or 0114 2412728.

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## **IDAHOBIT rally**

Thursday 17 May 2018, 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
Peace Gardens, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

For the past 12 years, on 17 May Sheffield has marked IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) by holding a public rally culminating in a 1 minute noise. This idea of noise as opposed to silence has been adopted by other cities in the UK and in other countries. Join us as we stand up against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.

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## **Reni Eddo-Lodge: 'Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race' (Festival of Debate/Our Mel)**

Thursday 17 May 2018, 7.30pm to 9pm  
Sheffield Hallam University, Pennine Lecture Theatre

Join Reni Eddo-Lodge for a discussion about her critically-acclaimed book, 'Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race', an urgent and powerful analysis of race in Modern Britain from one of the country's most inspiring young journalists. Reni has written for publications including The New York Times, The Guardian, Dazed and Confused and the hit anthology, The Good Immigrant. In Association with Wordlife, Our Mel and Equality and Community Engagement, Sheffield Hallam University. For more info and tickets (£10/£8), visit <https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/662-reni-eddo-lodge-why-i-m-no-longer-talking-to-white-people-about-race>.

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## **Sheffield Esteli Bike Ride 2018 (Sheffield Esteli Society)**

Sunday 20 May 2018, 8am start  
Hallamshire Tennis and Squash Club, 716 Ecclesall Road, S11 8TA

10 mile, 20 mile or 50 mile signed bike ride suitable for all ages and abilities. Register at <https://bit.ly/2lao9OL> and information at [www.sheffieldestelisociety.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldestelisociety.org.uk) or text 07941141126.

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### **Applications open for Doc/Crew 2018 (Sheffield Doc/Fest)**

Closes Friday 20 April 2018, 5pm

Submissions for Doc/Crew 2018 are now open! Be part of the Sheffield Doc/Fest team helping to deliver the UK's biggest documentary film festival. We have roles available across all departments, including Films, Alternate Realities, Marketing, Production and more. The programme offers an unprecedented opportunity to gain valuable experience in the film industry, meet like-minded people and make lasting friendships. We welcome volunteer applications from people of all backgrounds. All Doc/Fest venues have access for wheelchair users and we work to ensure the Festival is accessible to everyone. For the full list of available roles and to apply, visit <https://sheffdocfest.com/view/aboutsheffdoccrew>, or contact [volunteer@sidf.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@sidf.co.uk) for more info.

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### **Celebrate the art of protest: Festival of Debate returns to Sheffield (Opus Independents)**

Founded in 2015, Festival of Debate is a series of panel discussions, debates, Q&As, artistic responses, keynote speeches and other public events in Sheffield, exploring politics, economics and society in 2018. Festival of Debate is coordinated by not-for-profit company Opus Independents in collaboration with over 40 partner organisations across the city. This year's programme takes place in April, May and June and features over 70 events of all shapes and sizes. To see the full programme, pick up a printed brochure around town or visit [www.festivalofdebate.com](http://www.festivalofdebate.com). While some events are ticketed, many are free to attend and only require you to sign up in advance.

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### **Call for volunteers: over 50s sought for a study on reading and well-being (University of Sheffield/Ignite Imaginations)**

Sheffield Arts charity, Ignite Imaginations and the University of Sheffield's Department of Psychology are looking for volunteers (aged 50+) to take part in a research study on audiobooks and well-being. The study will involve volunteers listening to an audiobook for over a month and reporting on their wellbeing. Volunteers are asked to attend a short session in the city centre. Volunteers will be given a £10 Love2Shop voucher and an invite to a celebration event. If interested, please contact Giulia (pronounced 'Julia') on 0114 222 6544 or [g.poerio@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:g.poerio@sheffield.ac.uk) by the end of June.

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### **Updated anonymous voter registration legislation makes it easier for survivors of domestic abuse to register to vote**

Anonymous registration legislation (in England and Wales) has just been updated making it easier for survivors of domestic abuse to register to vote. (It will be in place in Scotland on 1 April 2018.) For more information, see the Electoral Commission's leaflet at [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/226429/Anonymous-registration-DV-Leaflet-FINAL.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/226429/Anonymous-registration-DV-Leaflet-FINAL.pdf).

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## **Our Mel has been nominated for one of the National Diversity Awards**

Our Mel has been nominated for the 2018 Community Organisation Award at the National Diversity Awards. Rooted in Yorkshire and based in Sheffield, Our Mel is a social enterprise dedicated to exploring cultural identity, Black history and what it means to be a person of colour in Britain today. For more information and to vote for them, visit

<https://nominate.nationaldiversityawards.co.uk/Nominate/Endorse/32243?name=Our%20Mel>.

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## **State of Sheffield 2018 report available to download (Sheffield City Partnership)**

The State of Sheffield 2018 report is commissioned by the [Sheffield City Partnership](#). It looks at how Sheffield is changing over time, and how we compare to other major cities in the UK. This year, it covers 5 key areas, which relate to the Board's work on building a sustainable and inclusive economy:

- Inclusive and Sustainable Economy
- Involvement and Participation
- Safety and Security
- Social and Community Infrastructure
- Health and Wellbeing

The production of the report is a collaborative effort with organisations across the city. Some key findings of this year's report include. Download the report at [www.sheffieldcitypartnership.org/scp-reports](http://www.sheffieldcitypartnership.org/scp-reports).

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## **UK poverty data available (Joseph Rowntree Foundation)**

The latest UK poverty data, statistics and analysis from JRF's Analysis Unit is available at [www.jrf.org.uk/data](http://www.jrf.org.uk/data). Use this tool to find information about poverty rates and related issues in the United Kingdom.

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## **Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme (Government Equalities Office)**

The Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme is a £1.5 million government fund that will support local and community groups across England in celebrating the centenary of women gaining the right to vote. The grant scheme has 2 types of funds – small grants (£300 to £2,000) and large grants (£2,000 to £125,000). Visit [www.womensvotecentenaryfund.co.uk](http://www.womensvotecentenaryfund.co.uk) for more information.

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## **'The Military Human: Understanding Military Culture' free course (Sheffield City Council)**

This extremely successful one day course is designed for anyone who wants to give their customers/clients a better service. Beneficial to managers, practitioners and front line workers who may work with people who are currently or have previously served in the military and their families, the course will help you identify who this client group is, gain an in-depth understanding of the culture of this group and how this impacts on their accessing services available to them, learn about the increasing legislation surrounding this client group, and learn about and take away a pack of resources of support services and funding available for Veterans. Courses take place at the Moorfoot Building. For more info and to book a free place, email

[HRsupportServ@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:HRsupportServ@sheffield.gov.uk).

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## Updated Sheffield Ward Profiles available to download (Sheffield City Council)

Sheffield City Council produces a series of reports about the Wards of Sheffield, looking at topics such as demographics, language, employment, education, health and housing. Download the updated Ward Profiles at [www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/your-city-council/ward-profiles.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/your-city-council/ward-profiles.html).

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## Sheffield Estelí Delegation 2018 (Sheffield Estelí Society)

Sheffield Estelí Society is organising a delegation to our Twin Town in Nicaragua in November 2018. The delegation will involve visits to social projects which the Sheffield Esteli Society supports and will include an opportunity to sight seeing and visit some eco tourism projects. For more info and to register your interest, visit <https://sheffieldestelisociety.org.uk/2016/12/14/join-next-sheffield-esteli-delegation>.

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## New charity saving lives (Baby-I)

Baby-I is a new charity that addresses all issues around baby abandonment. The charity offers non-judgemental help to mothers who find themselves in the unfortunate position where they consider abandoning their baby. Baby-I empowers mothers to make the best decision for their baby, and offers 'safe haven' for babies and save lives. In partnership with statutory authorities and other charities, the Baby-I trained volunteers can provide a safe pathway. For more info visit <http://babyi.org> or email [babyi1uk@gmail.com](mailto:babyi1uk@gmail.com).

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Twitter: [@EqualityHubNwk](https://twitter.com/EqualityHubNwk)