

Equality Hub Network newsletter February 2016



Hi all

Check out this [new video about the Equality Hub Network](#) and share it widely! Please give us your views about the film at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M6LLRR5.

The [Equality and Fairness Grants Fund 2016-17 is now open](#). The [guidance booklet](#) and [application form](#) are available to download. Deadline for applications is Friday 4 March 2016, 12pm (midday).

8 March is [International Women's Day \(IWD\)](#). There are lots of events and activities planned on and around the day.

There are also still events and activities taking place in celebration of [LGBT \(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans\) History Month](#).

Keep reading for more details about the above and 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.

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Equality Hub Network meetings

Upcoming Hub meetings

- [Disability Hub](#): Tuesday 1 March 2016, 1.30pm to 3.45pm, The Circle – focus on Accessible Sheffield
- [BME Hub](#): Wednesday 9 March 2016, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Town Hall – focus on health
- [LGBT Hub](#): Thursday 10 March 2016, 1pm to 3pm, Town Hall – elections for Chair/Hub Rep and Secretary, as well as focus on hate crime

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

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Consultations

Healthwatch Service Survey – Sheffield City Council

[Healthwatch Sheffield](#) is the voice for children, young people and adults on health and social care in Sheffield. It:

- collects and represents the views of local children, young people and adults with health and social care decision-makers

- checks on the quality of health and social care services
- offers information and advice about health and social care to people who need it

Sheffield City Council will be recommissioning Healthwatch Sheffield for a new contract to start in April 2017. We would like your views to highlight the things that are really important to Sheffield people for future service design (not about the current Healthwatch Sheffield). Please give your views by filling in the [Healthwatch Sheffield service survey](#) by Friday 11 March 2016, or by attending the [15 March focus group](#).

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The Sheffield Parents' Survey – Sheffield City Council

The Sheffield Parents' Survey, a citywide consultation aimed at parents and carers of pre-school and primary school-aged children, has been launched. It features questions around health, childcare, services for young children, schools, education, bullying and safety. The topics focus on some of current Council and partner priorities for children and families.

The results of the survey will feed into a number of key work programmes such as the Best Start Early Years Strategy (a new partnership strategy with the aim of improving outcomes for children aged 0-5 in the city) and the work around the implementation of the reforms for children and young people with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND), amongst other things.

We want to gather the widest range of views of parents and carers, from all areas of Sheffield and from all different characteristics to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Please complete the [survey](#) by Thursday 31 March 2016. For more info visit [The Sheffield Parents' Survey on Citizens Space](#) or contact 0114 273514, parentalengagementteam@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Sheffield City Council's Citizen Space

[Citizen Space](#) is Sheffield City Council's new 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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Other events

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans) History Month events (February)

Activities will be taking place all over Sheffield to celebrate and raise awareness about LGBT issues. [LGBT History Month](#) is a time when we can explore and share some hidden aspects of our country's past, both recent and remote. The theme for 2016 is Religion, Belief and Philosophy.

In addition to the events below, you can find out about more LGBT History Month activities at <http://lgbtsheffield.blogspot.co.uk/p/calendar.html>.

'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' (film) and Start Your Engines! (after party) – Showroom Cinema

Thursday 18 February 2016, 6pm
Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

Celebrate LGBT History Month with [3 film screenings and parties](#) at the Showroom! Following 'Priscilla, Queen of the Desert' will be the after party Start Your Engines! More info at www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/priscilla-queen-of-the-desert.

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LGBT+ History Month 2016: Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future – LGBT+ Sheffield Students' Union

Various events throughout February 2016
Sheffield Students' Union, Western Bank, S10 2TG

Sheffield Student's Union are marking LGBT+ History Month 2016 this February by 'celebrating the past and looking to the future'. The month will feature a varied programme of events to help us explore and discuss LGBT+ History, LGBT+ Life in Sheffield today, and Global LGBT+ Perspectives. These events are open to people of all backgrounds and identities and are all free to attend. For more info please contact Alex Prestage, Equality and Liberation Coordinator, Sheffield SU - a.prestage@sheffield.ac.uk, 0114 2228730.

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Sheffield Together conference – Sheffield Cohesion Advisory Group

Friday 19 February 2016, 9am to 12.30pm
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Annual Cohesion Advisory Group conference. A community perspective on how Sheffield is changing and how this impacts on cohesion with speakers: South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Sheffield City Council cabinet lead for cohesion Cllr Sioned-Mair Richards, Hugh Facey from Gripple offering a business perspective. Workshops, networking, a forum to promote dialogue. Book a free place: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sheffield-together-tickets-20115303414>. For more info contact sheffieldcag@gmail.com, 07968 302353.

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International Women's Day (IWD)

International Women's Day (IWD) celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of the past, present and future. Its origins are rooted in the struggle for women's suffrage and equal rights. It has been celebrated worldwide since 1911.

Women in Sheffield have the opportunity to join in the celebrations on and around the 8 March, along with women from different parts of the country and the rest of the world. More info at www.sheffield.gov.uk/iwd.

Women Offenders Conference 2016 – Sheffield Hallam University

Tuesday 8 March 2016, 9.30am to 4pm
Hotel Novotel, 50 Arundel Gate, S1 2PR

The Hallam Centre for Community Justice at Sheffield Hallam University is marking International Women's Day on the 8th March 2016 by holding a conference in Sheffield on 'Improving the lives of women and girls in the criminal justice system – what works?'. This conference is part of our 2016 Research into Practice Conference and Seminar Series, which presents research evidence to inform better criminal justice policy and practice, bringing together policy makers, practitioners, researchers and students as both audience and speakers. Tickets £25-45. A limited number of tickets at a reduced fee will be available for students and delegates from VCS organisations. [Book through Eventbrite](#). For more info contact the event organiser, Jess Bamonte, on 0114 225 2975 or hccj@shu.ac.uk.

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Women of Palestine: living through Trauma, Building Resilience (women only) – Sheffield Palestine Women's Scholarship Fund

Tuesday 8 March 2016, 7pm to 11pm
St. Andrews Hall, Upper Hanover Street, S3 7RQ

Come and explore the realities of daily life for Palestinian women and learn more about their amazing resilience and resistance against the odds. Please note this event is for **women only**. Speakers include Arwa Haikal from Hebron and Sheffield, Kholoud al Ajarma from Aida Refugee Camp, Bethlehem, and Kholood Ersheid from Nazareth. View a new film from The Freedom Theatre of Jenin, who recently toured the UK to great acclaim. Plus a chance to dance at the end! For more info: www.sheffieldpsc.org.uk/?tribe_events=international-womens-day-2016, 0774 705 3109.

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International Women's Day film screening of 'The Color Purple' – Paul Blomfield MP

Wednesday 9 March 2016, 6.15pm to 9.15pm
University of Sheffield Student Union, Nelson Mandela Auditorium, 301 Glossop Road, S10 2HL

Celebrate International Women's Day 2016 at a fundraising screening of 'The Color Purple'. Admission is free but donations welcome. This year we will be supporting Women for Refugee Women, Sheffield Rape Crisis (SRASAC), and Ashiana Sheffield. There will be an opportunity to meet with representatives from the charities as well as other women at a reception with refreshments from 6.15 pm in the Union Foyer, and film screening at 7pm following brief contributions from Paul Blomfield MP, Sharmin Jahan, the University Women's Officer and Pat Pepper from UNITE. More info at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-womens-day-film-screening-the-color-purple-tickets-21055051225 or contact paul.blomfield.mp@parliament.uk, 0114 272 2882.

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SheFest 2016 – SheFest

Saturday 12 March 2016, 12pm to 5pm
Sheffield Hallam University Students' Union (HUBS), 6 Paternoster Row, S1 2QQ

SheFest is Sheffield's inaugural International Women's Day fringe festival happening across late February and throughout March. The programme of events features a wide range of inclusive and

celebratory events including a clothes swap, film premiere, urban bike ride & much more! The main event at the HUBS includes a traders market, live entertainment and a fashion show. It will feature 14 free workshops covering a wide range of topics.

SheFest hopes to benefit people of all genders, ages and cultures across the city to come together, learn, discuss, celebrate and have fun! For more info contact Rebecca Brackett on 0114 275 8282 or email shefestsheffield@gmail.com, or visit www.facebook.com/SheFestSheffield.

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The Art of Living Charity Fashion Show – Triple AO

Thursday 10 March 2016, 7pm to 10pm

The Moor Theatre Delicatessen, 17 The Moor, S1 4PF

In partnership and in aid of The Cathedral Archer Project, this is an evening of unique up-cycled fashion, showcasing local talents and designs, from creators such as Sew in the City, Cathies Classes, Learn to Re-Create and Helen Moyes. Tickets £10 - text 07500 220 724 to purchase. Price includes fashion show, glass of prosecco, soup kitchen, photo booth and more. Facebook: The-Art-Of-Living-Charity-Fashion-Show. Twitter: @TheArt_OfLiving

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Disabled Access Day – Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust

Saturday 12 March 2016, 10am to 4.45pm

Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, S3 8RY

This free open day will celebrate the progress that Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust, in collaboration with and with much practical advice from its Inclusive Access Forum, has made to improve access to its collections and exhibitions. There will be an exciting range of activities, workshops and talks for both children and adults. Learn about the approaches adopted to make this centre of Sheffield's industrial heritage accessible and welcoming for disabled visitors, including those with sensory, physical and learning/mental health impairments. More info at www.simt.co.uk/kelham-island-museum/whats-on/disabled-access-day.

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Healthwatch service focus group – Sheffield City Council

Tuesday 15 March 2016, 2pm to 4pm

Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

This [focus group](#) will give you an opportunity to share your views on priorities for Healthwatch Sheffield, to help with shaping future service design. It is not about what you think about the current Healthwatch service, but what you would like to see the service provide in the future. The focus group is for citizens of Sheffield only; it is not for staff and professionals in health and social care. For more info or to book a place, contact Amelia Stockdale on 0114 2057141 or email amelia.stockdale@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Job vacancy: Mentor at Key Changes – Unlocking Women's Potential

Closes Monday 22 February 2016

Main purpose of role: To support the provision of early intervention and needs-led support for women in the criminal justice system in any suitable setting that will support them to make informed choices - to manage and supervise mentees and volunteers, ensuring synergy between the organisational development plans and individual work plans. 37 hours per week (full time), Salary £19, 126. **The closing date is Monday 22 February 2016.**

If you would like further information on the role or an application form please contact Michelle Nicholson at Key Changes on 07853299814 or by email m.nicholson@keychangesuwp.org.uk.

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Sheffield City Council ranked 41 in Stonewall's Top 100 Employers

Stonewall's Workplace Equality Index (WEI) is a powerful evidence-based benchmarking tool used by employers to assess their achievements and progress on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans) equality in the workplace. More than 400 organisations took part in the 2016 WEI, the highest number in its 12-year history. Sheffield City Council climbed 47 places this year in the Index to reach 41st place and be the 6th ranked Local Authority. See [Stonewall's 2016 Top 100 Employers list](#).

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EIGE's studies on women in poverty, infrastructure and gender equality, and economic impacts of gender equality

EIGE (European Institute for Gender Equality) has announced new studies it is conducting. A report on [women in poverty](#) will be published by the end of 2016. A report on the [infrastructure and gender equality](#) will be published in mid-2016. A study looking into the [economic impacts of gender equality](#) is due to be ready by the end of 2016. [Subscribe to EIGE's newsletter](#) to stay up to date.

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Equality and Human Rights Commission's inquiry on rise in number of deaths of mental health patients

Equality and Human Rights Commission have been looking at non-natural deaths of adults with mental health conditions in detention in England and Wales. Their [inquiry](#) focused on prisons, police custody and psychiatric hospitals, as every year hundreds of deaths occur that are later deemed to have been preventable. An update will be published in February 2016. [Sign up for their monthly newsletter](#) for news relating to equality, race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, age, transgender, human rights and much more.

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Research on language after stroke – University of Sheffield

Can you spare an hour for stroke research? Are you over 50 years of age and a native speaker of British English? If so, you are invited to participate in a research project on language after stroke. Involvement takes less than an hour, and you can meet with the researcher at the Department of Human Communication Sciences at the University of Sheffield, or in your own home. This project will help us understand how language can be affected by stroke and what we can do to help people with post-stroke language difficulties. Contact Elizabeth Anderson at ecanderson1@sheffield.ac.uk or on 0114 22 22 412 for more information or to sign up.

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Updated Community Knowledge Profiles available to download

The Community Knowledge Profiles are a series of reports about different communities in Sheffield, looking topics such as demographics, language, employment, education, health and housing. Download updated profiles from www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/sheffield-profile/community-knowledge-profiles.html.

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Sheffield Women's Counselling and Therapy Service (SWCTS) Board of Trustees seeking new members

[SWCTS](#) provides confidential counselling, psychotherapy and therapeutic group activities for women who have experienced abuse and trauma, including sexual abuse and rape, childhood abuse and neglect, domestic abuse, rape and sexual exploitation.

We're looking for trustees to help us to move forward with energy and innovation. Our friendly Board of Trustees meets 6 -10 evenings a year (often fuelled by cake!). Trustees are responsible for guiding the direction of the charity and ensuring that resources are used responsibly, with day-to-day work delegated to the staff team.

For more information or a chat about what's involved, please contact Jane Leathley, Business Development Manager – jane@swcts.org.uk, 0114 275 2157.

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Council Housing Apprenticeship Scheme Recruitment – Sheffield City Council

Wednesday 27 January 2016 to Wednesday 17 February 2016

We want to recruit more enthusiastic and customer-focused young people to our Council Housing Apprenticeship Scheme. Recruitment opens on 27 January and closes on 17 February. Posts will be advertised www.sheffield.gov.uk/jobs soon, but you can find more information now via the [Council Housing website](#). If you know anyone who would be interested, please help spread the word!

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