

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

February 2018



Hi all

Thank to everyone who took part or attended this year's Holocaust Memorial Day. Sheffield's commemoration included artwork from students at Bankwood Community Primary School, a screening of short films (including 'My Escape from the Holocaust' available to watch on YouTube – www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0Jba7z_8QQ) and a candlelit vigil with contributions from a range of communities (see the programme at www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd for full details).

[February is LGBT+ History Month](#). Sheffield is celebrating with over 100 events taking place.

Looking to next month, SheFest – Sheffield's fringe festival celebrating International Women's Day – will be on 5-11 March, with the main event on Saturday 10 March. www.shefest.org.uk

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. 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 February edition is Friday 23 February.

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Equality Hub Network meetings and events

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- Age Hub: Tuesday 20 February 2018, 1pm to 3pm, Town Hall
- Equality Hub Network Board: Wednesday 28 February 2018, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, The Circle
- Women's Hub: Tuesday 13 March 2018, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, The Circle
- Disability Hub: Tuesday 27 March 2018, 1.30pm to 4pm, The Circle
- LGBT+ Hub: Monday 23 April 2018, 2pm to 4pm, 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. 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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Sheffield Transport Vision Questionnaire – Sheffield City Council

Closes Tuesday 6 February 2018

The Transport Vision sets out what Sheffield City Council wants travel to be like in the future as the city changes and some broad principles for how we might achieve this. Give us your views on the Transport Vision via the questionnaire at www.sheffield.gov.uk/transportvision which takes about 10 minutes to complete. You may also email us if you have further comments – please use transport@sheffield.gov.uk and mark the subject field “Sheffield Transport Vision”. To speak to someone to record your answers for you, ring 0114 2052 888.

The Sheffield Transport Strategy will follow later in 2018 – a fuller version that will say more about what we will do in different parts of the city through to 2034. We are liaising with Sheffield City Region who are also consulting on their long term Transport Strategy for the wider region beyond Sheffield – see below. [Back to Contents](#)

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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Draft Equality Hub Network Memorandum of Understanding/Terms of Reference

Closes Sunday 25 February 2018

Sheffield City Council established the Equality Hub Network (EHN) in 2014 to support the engagement and influence of under-represented groups of people – people who have felt excluded and/or discriminated against and who share protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. The EHN Board Chair has proposed some changes to the EHN Terms of Reference. These changes are included in the Draft EHN Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/performance-research/draft-equality-hub-network-memorandum-of-understan/> for more info and to give your views by Sunday 25 February, or contact the Equalities and Involvement Team on equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk, 0114 2735681.

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Short Break Services for Disabled Children and Young People in Sheffield – Sheffield City Council/Sheffield NHS

Closes Friday 9 March 2018

We are running an online and postal survey about how we deliver short breaks to disabled children and young people and their families in Sheffield. This consultation is about the potential impact of the different proposals, how they will affect families. We'd like to hear from parent carers of children/young people who currently use, have used, or plan to use short break and/or respite services in Sheffield. For more information or help taking part, please contact us on

shortbreaksconsultation@sheffield.gov.uk or 0114 2735611. The link to the survey is at <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/cypfs-business-strategy/short-break-and-respite-services-consultation>. [Back to Contents](#)

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 or SCR Transport Strategy, 11 Broad Street West, Sheffield, S1 2BQ. [Back to Contents](#)

Other events

February is LGBT+ History Month

The overall aim of LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans +) History Month is to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of the public. Activities will be taking place all over the country to celebrate and raise awareness about LGBT issues.

There are over 100 LGBT+ History Month events scheduled in Sheffield this year! A selection of these are below, but Exposed Magazine will have more details available in its February issue: <http://www.exposedmagazine.co.uk/read-online/exposed-magazine-february-2018/>.

‘Queercore: How to Punk a Revolution’ (18) film screening and after party – Showroom Cinema

Friday 9 February 2018, 8pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

A documentary on Queercore, the cultural and social movement that began as an offshoot of punk and was distinguished by its discontent with society's disapproval of the gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender communities. Followed by Friday Night After Party: Non-Conformist Thrust with DJ Anna Kissed. For more info and to book, visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/queercore.

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A Part of Sheffield History: Friends of Edward Carpenter (talk) – Signal

Tuesday 13 February 2018, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Sheffield Hallam University, Hallam Hall, Owen Building, Level 6, Howard Street, S1 1WB

Edward Carpenter (1844-1929) formed a strong bond with the people of Sheffield, living openly as a gay man in Millthorpe. He laid the foundation for the gay liberation movement of the 20th century. Attend this talk by Steve Slack, CEO of SAYiT and Chair of the Friends of Edward Carpenter group to understand more about this incredible man and the proposals of a permanent memorial to Edward Carpenter. Organised by Signal, Sheffield Hallam University Staff LGBT+ Network. For more information and tickets, visit <http://bit.do/FoEC> or email lgbt@shu.ac.uk. [Back to Contents](#)

'Body Electric' (15) film screening – Showroom Cinema

Tuesday 13 February 2018, 6.30pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

This film takes an intimate look at a racially and sexually diverse LGBT group living in São Paulo, revealing their high spirits, joy and exuberant sexuality, and how they find comedy in every day ennui. For more info and to book, visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/body-electric.

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Exploring LGBT spaces and communities (talk) – Signal

Wednesday 14 February 2018, 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Sheffield Hallam University, Peak Lecture Theatre, Owen Building, Level 5, S1 1WB

This talk will draw on UK-wide research which explored understandings and experiences of LGBT 'communities', and implications for wellbeing. It will focus particularly on experiences of 'LGBT spaces' and feelings of nostalgia in relation to 'losses' as a result of improved equalities legislation and social attitudes. Organised by Signal, Sheffield Hallam University Staff LGBT+ Network. For more information and tickets, visit <http://bit.do/LGBTspaces> or email lgbt@shu.ac.uk.

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'Tom of Finland' (18) film screening and after party – Showroom Cinema

Friday 16 February 2018, 8.15pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

Dome Karukoski's stirring biopic follows the life of artist, Touko Laaksonen from the trenches of WWII and repressive 1950s' society, through the struggle to finally get his work published amid the sexual revolution of the 1970s. Followed by Friday Night After Party: Drawing Attention featuring queen of swords. For more info and to book, visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/body-electric.

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'The Watermelon Woman' (15) film screening – Showroom Cinema

Monday 19 February 2018, 6.30pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

A funny, fruity and refreshing story that combines fiction and real life as Cheryl's search uncovers a host of African American Hollywood actors previously ignored by history where personal and political, real and imagined love stories abound. For more info and to book, visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/body-electric.

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Developing Future LGBT+ Leaders – SAYIT

Monday 26 February 2018, 9.30am to 5pm

Sheffield city centre venue

This conference has a range of keynote speakers and workshops to enable workers and parents/carers to reflect on ways to support young people to become leaders in their own lives and be role models for others. Free for Sheffield services – £25 for external services. For more info and to download an application, visit <http://sayouthtrust.org.uk/news/developing-future-lgbt-leaders/>. Please email application to info@sayit.org.uk by Monday 5 February. Places will be allocated after this date.

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Fear, Outrage, Love and Hope: Protecting LGBT+ rights in Africa and the Middle East – Signal

Wednesday 28 February 2018, 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Sheffield Hallam University, Hallam Hall, Owen Building, Level 6, Howard Street, S1 1WB

Want to know more about the reality of protecting LGBT+ rights across Africa and the Middle East? Dr Rebecca Wright, an international human rights lawyer, will provide first-hand accounts of the discrimination faced by LGBT+ people, including the people she's met and the legal battles fought. Organised by Signal, Sheffield Hallam University Staff LGBT+ Network. For more information and tickets, visit <http://bit.do/LGBTrights> or email lgbt@shu.ac.uk.

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Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 14 February 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.

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Half term VIBE girls event –Together Women Vibe Project

Monday 19 February 2018, 12pm to 4pm

Together Women Centre, 106 Arundel Lane, S1 4RF

VIBE's half term girls/young women only event. A opportunity to come and get pampered, play music, take part in our video booth and selfie room with fun props. Have your say on how you want our girls and young women groups and services to run. Free snacks included. Find out more at www.togetherwomen.org/vibe or contact Shelly McDonald on 0114 2758282 or shellym@togetherwomen.org.

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Volunteer Fair – Sheffield Volunteer Centre

Thursday 1 March, 10am to 4pm

Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Make 2018 the year that you make your mark, and make a difference, through volunteering! The Volunteering Fair is free to attend and will be a great way for you to find volunteering opportunities. A full list of charities attending the Volunteer Fair will be on www.sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk and we'll be posting updates on Facebook and Twitter. For more info, contact Amala Anyika, Volunteering Coordinator at Sheffield Volunteer Centre – 0114 253 6649 or A.Anyika@vas.org.uk.

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Fun Palaces Workshop – Fun Palaces at Sheffield Theatres

Thursday 1 March 2018, 1.30 to 4.30pm
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street, S1 1DA

Fun Palaces is an international campaign for cultural democracy, believing in 'everyone an artist, everyone a scientist'. Sheffield Theatres currently hosts a Fun Palaces Ambassador and we will be holding a free, interactive workshop aimed at anyone with an interest in the campaign to find out more! We'll be hearing from some of the teams behind the events – Pitsmoor Adventure Playground, Manor & Castle Development Trust and British Science Association Sheffield – sharing ideas, inspiring everyone to join in and get creative! Places are limited – to book or for more info, contact Beverley Nunn on 0114 2013835 or b.nunn@sheffieldtheatres.co.uk.
www.funpalaces.co.uk

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SheFest: Celebrating International Women's Day – SheFest

Monday 5 March to Sunday 11 March 2018
Various venues

SheFest fringe festival is back to celebrate International Women's Day 2018 with another fun-filled fringe festival! Join us across Sheffield as we #pressforprogress from 5th-11th March through a whole host of inclusive events – theatre, music, film, sport, workshops, art and much more. Stay updated by visiting us at www.shefest.org.uk or follow us at @shefestsheff on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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State of Sheffield 2018 Report Launch – Sheffield City Partnership

Friday 9 March 2018, 10am to 12pm
Sheffield Hallam University, Hallam Hall, Howard Street, S1 2LX

The State of Sheffield report provides an overview of the city, describing how things are, how things are changing and how Sheffield compares to other similar places. It is not based on one single organisational perspective, but instead uses a wide range of existing data sources and reports. It is the only report that brings together information on developments in Sheffield to reflect on city-wide issues and trends. For more info and to book your place, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/state-of-sheffield-2018-report-launch-tickets-42497377801.

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Cohesion Sheffield Annual Conference

Wednesday 21 March, 10am to 4pm
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Hear about the achievements of various organisations on making cohesion work in our communities in Sheffield. We will be celebrating the achievements of the city bringing together the Voluntary, Community, Faith, Statutory and Business sectors with updates and a vibrant panel of experts. Most importantly, the day will include workshops for you to share your views and help shape a more cohesive Sheffield and explore what really matters to our Sheffield communities, with lunch provided. Come and join us! For more information and to book your ticket, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cohesion-sheffield-annual-conference-tickets-41418580088 or contact 01142 536636, l.carter@vas.org.uk.

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Doncaster Sheffield Airport Accessibility Forum Open Day

Monday 26 March 2018
Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, S1 1DA

Doncaster Sheffield Airport is keen to encourage passengers with a range of needs requiring assistance whilst travelling through the airport. We are hosting an Accessibility Forum Open Day for groups and individuals who are interested in finding out more about accessibility at the airport. Places are limited, but if you are a local charity and would like to join us, please contact Verity Alty on valty@flydsa.co.uk with your email address, name, organisation and any topics or areas you would like to hear more about. Visit <http://flydsa.co.uk/before-you-travel/passenger-information/> for more information.

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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>.

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Other news

‘I vote’ celebrating the centenary of women’s suffrage – Electoral Commission

This year marks 100 years since the Representation of the People Act was passed, giving some women the right to vote for the first time. We’re encouraging women across the UK to celebrate using their right by posting pictures of them saying ‘I vote’. Simply download a sign at <https://www.yourvotematters.co.uk/get-involved/centenary-of-womens-suffrage>, print it off, capture your picture and then share your photos on social media with the hashtag [#Vote100](#).

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Support for community groups – South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau / Voluntary Action Sheffield

We are offering free workshops to communities or communities of interest, to give advice for people involved in community groups. We will talk about finding funding, running your group, and using volunteers, and are particularly keen to talk to people who may not know what support is currently available. If you are interested, please contact SYFAB on enquiries@syfab.org.uk or 0114 2615141.

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VIBE Magazine – Together Women VIBE Project

Our weekly women and girls (12-19) drop-in 'Create' takes place Mondays 4pm to 7pm at the Together Women Project, 106 Arundel Lane, S1 4RF. A chance for girls to get creative, voice their opinions and get involved with the design of our new magazine and blog. Sexual health advice is also available at this time. For more info, contact 0114 2758282 or gaynorb@togetherwomen.org.

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Hate crime reporting line in Sheffield – Stop Hate UK

Sheffield is now providing the Stop Hate UK Reporting Line for people to report hate crimes and incidents, if they don't wish to contact South Yorkshire Police directly. Ring 0800 138 1625 – it is confidential. You can also report online, via interactive BSL, live chat or text – visit www.stophateuk.org/talk for more information.

Download poster at https://drive.google.com/open?id=1NRaQzXHEzolBvN5EaujTWS5_to0gnJM4.

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#RealMeSheffield, an arts competition – Young Healthwatch Sheffield

As part of Young Healthwatch's (YHW) new project on Self worth and Wellbeing, our YHW volunteers have created an arts competition for Under 25s called #RealMeSheffield. We're really excited about it! To accompany the competition, we're planning on delivering some workshops and have designed a new survey to circulate to schools and youth groups. Take part in our survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/37MBJSN. Find out more about the competition and watch our video at www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/young-healthwatch/arts-competition.

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Women survivors and the post 2012 welfare regime: Call for research participants – Sheffield Hallam University

As part of her PhD at Sheffield Hallam University's Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research (CRESR), Beth Speake is doing a PhD research project. The aim of the research project is to look at how problems with benefit claims since 2012 (ESA, JSA, Universal Credit or PIP/DLA) have impacted on women who have experienced sexual abuse. If you want any more information, a poster, or the full participant information sheet, please contact Beth Speake on 07525 130431 or beth.speake@student.shu.ac.uk.

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Modern slavery training resources – Home Office

Modern slavery is a heinous and often hidden crime. It includes slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. The impact can be devastating for the victims. The Home Office has published a training resources webpage on modern slavery. Visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-training-resource-page to see examples of training products available to public sector professionals and other individuals that might come across victims to help raise awareness, better spot the signs and increase confidence in reporting modern slavery when potential cases are encountered.

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Creative Sheffield free business workshops – Sheffield City Council

Creative Sheffield, part of the City Growth Service, is running an ongoing programme of business workshops. This free of charge service is open to anyone starting up or running their own business in Sheffield. To reserve a place or for more information ring the Gateway on 0800 043 55 22 or 0114 224 5000, or visit www.welcometosheffield.co.uk/business. These sessions are very popular so places are limited to one person per company/organisation.

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‘The experiences of Deaf people accessing health and social care in Sheffield’ report available to download – Healthwatch Sheffield

Healthwatch Sheffield, in partnership with Citizens Advice Sheffield and Disability Sheffield has carried out an investigation into the experiences of Deaf people accessing health and social care services in the city. Approximately 75 Deaf, Deafblind and hard of hearing people shared their views during 3 workshops. Common themes emerged, including:

- The communication needs of Deaf people are not routinely recorded and flagged by providers of NHS or Adult Social Care.
- The communication needs of Deaf people are not routinely shared between GPs and hospitals.
- Provision of British Sign Language interpreters is inconsistent and unreliable, causing people to disengage from services and to suffer unnecessary distress.

Download the report at www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/reports. As well as this report, a British Sign Language video summarising the recommendations and the responses from providers will be uploaded to the Healthwatch Sheffield website to help Deaf people understand what they can expect from services.

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Looking for a new committee member – Sheffield Social Enterprise Network

Sheffield Social Enterprise Network is a membership organisation – helping to pull our members together for mutual benefit and support. We are now looking for an additional director to be a member of our management team to steer the network in a bigger way as we transition to an incorporated social enterprise ourselves. Please email hello@ssen.org.uk to express an interest or ask any questions about this great opportunity.

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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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If you wish to be added to the Equality Hub Network Newsletter list, please sign up at www.sheffield.gov.uk/equalityhub.

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