

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

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Hi all

[Sheffield City Council's Budget Consultation 2018-19](#) is gathering your views on where your money should be spent, about Council services and your experiences using them. Fill in the survey at www.sheffield.gov.uk/budget and/or attend a consultation event:

- 18 Jan The Circle (city centre), 6pm to 8pm
- 23 Jan Stocksbridge Library, 6pm to 8pm (**Note: this was originally scheduled for 16 Jan but has been moved to the following Tuesday due to the forecast of snow and ice.**)
- 24 Jan Woodseats Methodist Church, 6pm to 8pm

There are a number of activities in Sheffield marking [Holocaust Memorial Day](#), including a candlelit vigil on Thursday 25 January 2018, 5.30pm, Winter Garden. It's an opportunity to remember the millions who were murdered in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides and challenge hatred and persecution in the world today.

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 26 January.

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Equality Hub Network meetings and events

Upcoming Hub meetings

- Age Hub: Tuesday 20 February 2018, 1pm to 3pm, Town Hall
- Women’s Hub: Tuesday 13 March 2018, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, 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. 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 City Council's Budget Consultation 2018-19

Closes Friday 19 January 2018

Sheffield City Council wants to hear from residents and businesses to help them decide spending priorities so that they can set the Council's budget for the next year (April 2018 to March 2019). To help inform their approach to the budget, they also want to hear about your experiences of using services in Sheffield. Public meetings are being held across the city where you can learn more about the Council's budget and ask questions of senior Councillors and Council officers. For more info, visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/performance-research/budget-consultation-2018-19> or email budget2018-19@sheffield.gov.uk.

- Tuesday 16 January 2018, 6pm to 8pm, Stocksbridge Library, Manchester Road, S36 1DH
- Thursday 18 January 2018, 6pm to 8pm, The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW
- Wednesday 24 January 2018, 6pm to 8pm, Woodseats Methodist Church, Holmthirst Road, S8 0GS

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Improving assisted travel on railways – Office of Rail and Road

Closes Tuesday 30 January 2018, 11.59pm

The Office of Rail and Road is consulting on potential improvements to Assisted Travel. This consultation includes:

- asking for views on how passenger awareness of Assisted Travel might be increased
- highlighting the user experience of Assisted Travel and asking what action could be taken to improve the reliability of assistance for passengers
- seeking views on how training for company staff could be strengthened
- highlighting how monitoring of Assisted Travel is being strengthened and seeking views on how this may be improved further

Visit <http://orr.gov.uk/rail/consultations/open-consultations/improving-assisted-travel-consultation> for more information including details on how to take part in the consultation.

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Sheffield Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2018-2022 – Sheffield City Council

Closes Wednesday 31 January 2018

This consultation is gathering views on Sheffield City Council's draft Sheffield Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy. The strategy will set the work and the priorities to address domestic and sexual abuse over the next 4 years in Sheffield. The feedback received will primarily inform the strategy's action plan. For more information and to fill in the questionnaire, visit

<https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/communities-business-strategy/sheffield-domestic-and-sexual-abuse-strategy-2018>, or contact Louise Potter on 0114 273 6851 or dact@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Making Urgent Care work better in Sheffield – NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group

Closes Wednesday 31 January 2018

NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) wants to make changes that make it simpler for people to get the care they need and guarantee everyone who needs it an urgent appointment within 24 hours. There are no changes to emergency or planned care in this consultation; this consultation is about providing urgent care in different ways so that they can improve access to urgent care services for people across the entire city. They are keen to hear your views, experiences and ideas about how we can improve urgent care services in Sheffield. For more info and to have your say, visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/ccg-sheffield/making-urgent-care-work-better-in-sheffield> or contact 0114 305 4609 or sheccg.engagementactivity@nhs.net.

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Sheffield Transport Vision Questionnaire – Sheffield City Council

Closes Tuesday 6 February 2018

Sheffield City Council wants to know what you think about the [Sheffield Transport Vision](#), the future needs of the city and about your travel needs. Like the Sheffield Transport Vision, the survey doesn't focus on what could change in particular areas or on particular routes. But the views and insights they receive will help them to develop the Sheffield Transport Strategy, where they will propose these specific changes. Once they've completed this strategy, there will be an opportunity to comment on it later in the year. For more info and to take part in the survey, visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/place-business-strategy/transport-vision-questionnaire> or email transport@sheffield.gov.uk.

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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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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>.

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Other events

Holocaust Memorial Day

Every year in January, the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD). HMD has taken place in the UK since 2001. On HMD we share the memory of the millions who have been murdered in the Holocaust and subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur in order to challenge hatred and persecution in the world today.

The theme for 2018 is The power of words. HMD 2018 draws attention to how words can make a difference – both for good and evil. Visit www.hmd.org.uk or www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd for more information.

Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition – Sheffield City Council

Monday 22 January and Monday 29 January 2018, 8am to 6pm
Winter Garden, Surrey Street, S1 2HH

To mark Holocaust Memorial Day there will be a free exhibition of artwork from Sheffield schools and informative posters in the Winter Garden during its opening hours. Download the [flyer](#) from www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd.

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Holocaust Memorial Day short films screening – Sheffield City Council

Thursday 25 January 2018, 12pm to 4.30pm
Winter Garden, Surrey Street, S1 2HH

A selection of short films marking Holocaust Memorial Day will be playing on a loop in the Winter Garden from midday to 4.30pm. Free. For more info and the [flyer](#), visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd.

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Holocaust Memorial Day candlelit vigil – Sheffield City Council

Thursday 25 January 2018, 5.30pm to 7pm

Winter Garden, Surrey Street, S1 2HH

Opened by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, this civic event includes readings, reflections, and music from various community members. The vigil will remember the millions of people who were murdered during the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and in subsequent genocides. It will also honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today. A programme will be available to download at www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd.

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‘Europa Europa’ film screening and Q&A – Showroom Cinema

Thursday 25 January 2018, 8pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, Showroom is screening ‘Europa Europa’, Oscar-nominated Polish director Agnieszka Holland’s (In Darkness; The Wire; House of Cards) breakthrough film. It was the independent hit of the year in 1991, and won the Golden Globe for best foreign film. It tells the astonishing true story of a Jewish teenager, Solomon Perel (on whose memoirs the film was based) who managed to escape the Holocaust through a remarkable chain of events. Separated from his family during the early days of the Second World War, he conceals his identity and is drafted into Hitler’s army. This screening will include an introduction and discussion led by Dr Carmen Levick from The University of Sheffield. For more info and to book tickets visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/europa-europa.

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Mir Zaynen Do! - We Are Here! – Sheffield and District Reform Jewish Congregation

Sunday 28 January 2018, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Central United Reform Church, 60 Norfolk Street, S1 2JB

This programme is performed in commemoration of those who were murdered in the Holocaust, and all those who have suffered from genocide, war and persecution. Phil Tomlinson sings Jewish songs from the Holocaust, with a particular focus on songs that were composed or performed in the ghettos that preceded the Nazi death camps. These songs are intermingled with traditional tunes, together with brief readings. There will also be an appeal for the Snowdrop Project, a local charity that assists victims of human trafficking, and an exhibition on how Christians and Muslims helped save Jewish lives from the Nazis. For more information and tickets (£6 at the door or £4.50 in advance) visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mir-zaynen-do-we-are-here-tickets-34884099280.

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Commissioning and Bid Writing Workshop – Sheffield Social Enterprise Network

Wednesday 31 January 2018, 10am to 1pm

University of Sheffield, Firth Court, Main Council Room, Western Bank, S10 2TN

If you write any bids for your social enterprise to secure public or private sector contracts or you apply for funding (or intend to), then this workshop is for you. This practical and focused workshop will give you the tools you need for writing successful tender, grant and funding applications. To book your place, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commissioning-bid-writing-and-social-value-tickets-39691836351 or email hello@ssen.org.uk.

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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 speakers – including keynote speaker Ruth Hunt, Stonewall CEO – 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. Topics include young people's voice, coaching and mentoring LGBT+ young people and creative thinking, emotional regulation, and leadership through the arts and theatre. Free for Sheffield services – only £25 for external services. For more info and an application, visit <http://sayouthtrust.org.uk/event/developing-future-lgbt-leaders> or contact SAYiT on info@sayit.org.uk or 0114 2412728. Application deadline is Monday 5 February.

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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! Join us at a range of inclusive events across Sheffield from 5 March to 11 March. Visit <https://shefest.wordpress.com> or follow [@shefestsheff](https://twitter.com/shefestsheff) on Twitter 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://ecliptheatre.org.uk/whats-on/1364-black-men-walking>.

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#SpeakUp Grants – Healthwatch Sheffield

Closes Wednesday 31 January 2018, 6pm

Healthwatch Sheffield has launched #SpeakUp grants aimed at local groups. They want to enable groups to run projects that help local people share their experiences of health and social care services in Sheffield. Not for profit, third sector, voluntary or community groups can apply for up to £500 in order to run engagement activities that encourage members of the public to have conversations about their experiences of health and social care. For more information, visit www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/news/speakup-grants-press-release or contact Mark Smith on m.smith@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk or 0114 2536687.

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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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Resources for LGBTQI+ Disabled People – Social Care Institute for Excellence

LGBTQI+ disabled people say there are many benefits to using self-directed support, such as having more choice and control over their care. But there are also challenges. For example, they fear coming out to personal assistants or support workers because their care might be jeopardised. New resources from the Social Care Institute for Excellence, the University of Bristol, Regard and Stonewall, highlight, for the first time, some of the issues faced by LGBTQI+ Disabled People in England. The resources include short films and briefings providing advice and information for LGBTQI+ Disabled People, as well as PAs and support workers. Visit www.scie.org.uk/lgbtqi.

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Tackling Poverty Annual Review Report 2016-17 available to download

The Tackling Poverty Strategy Partnership uses a range of local indicators to understand the depth, persistence and impact of poverty in Sheffield and how it changes over time. We also use national research and have been assisted by the JRF. Sheffield City Council and partners have achieved some significant progress against the targets over the past year. Our Annual Review Report features the full range of impressive work that partners continue to do. Download the full report and summary report at www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/your-city-council/tackling-poverty.html.

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The South Yorkshire Armed Forces Community Consultation Survey – Sheffield Hallam University

This survey is designed to capture the size, characteristics and standards of living of the Armed Forces Community (AFC) in South Yorkshire. It is part of a larger project being conducted in partnership with Sheffield, Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham councils and York St John University. The survey is anonymous and takes between 20 and 30 minutes. If you serve or have ever served in the Armed Forces as a regular, reservist or volunteer, or if you are (or have ever been) a family member of someone who has, please fill in the survey – <https://tinyurl.com/y8yv8luc> or for paper copies, contact Kathy Albertson on k.albertson@shu.ac.uk or 0114 2252205.

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Want to be involved in Festival of Debate 2018? – Opus Independents

Festival of Debate is a series of politically and socially themed events taking place in Sheffield every year. In 2017 we ran almost 50 events with a range of partner organisations, from keynote speeches to workshops, Q&As, film screenings and more. In 2018 the Festival will happen in April, May and June (20 April to 29 June 2018). If any organisations or individuals within the Equality Hub Network or beyond are interested in being involved in the 2018 Festival – co-running an event, getting extra promotion for public events which are already happening, or offering volunteer opportunities with the Festival to their clients – we'd love to hear from you. Contact hello@festivalofdebate.com or visit www.festivalofdebate.com.

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What's on Where (WOW) Guide – Home Instead Senior Care Sheffield

In an attempt to combat social isolation across Sheffield, we have put together a WOW (What's On Where) Guide, which provides a list of easily accessible activities in Sheffield such as Choir Groups, Dance Classes, Art groups, Lunch Clubs, Coffee Mornings and many more! We hope that our guide will encourage people to get involved in the community and ultimately reduce social isolation. If you would like more information about our WOW Guide, or if you organise an activity within South or North Sheffield and would like it to feature in the next edition, contact us on 0114 2469666 or kathy.markwick@homeinstead.co.uk. Download the guide at www.homeinstead.co.uk/sheffieldsouth/Information_and_Resources.do.

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E.D.E.N Shorts films online – E.D.E.N Film Productions

In August 2016 we launched a free filmmaking course for the LGBTQ+ community funded by The Big Lottery Fund. Called E.D.E.N Shorts, the project taught members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community how to make short films that tell transgender stories. E.D.E.N Shorts provided skills in camera, sound, light, storytelling, interviewing, publishing and editing! Alongside one-to-one support that helped develop the participants skills. E.D.E.N Shorts launched on the 7 September 2016 with a masterclass from filmmaker Fox Fisher. The four films that were produced with E.D.E.N Shorts were screened at Transforming Cinema Film Festival 19-20 November 2016. Watch them online at www.edenfilm.co.uk/portfolio-item/e-d-e-n-shorts.

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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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