

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

May 2017



Hi all

To vote in the General Election on 8 June you must register by 22 May – www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You don't need to register again if you've already registered.

Dementia Awareness Week is 14-20 May. There are a number of events organised – see the '[Other events](#)' section.

International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) is on 17 May. To mark the day there will be a public rally in the Peace Gardens starting at 5.30pm.

The Festival of Debate, made up of a series of panel discussions, debates, Q&As, artistic responses and keynote speeches in Sheffield, runs until the end of June. More info at www.festivalofdebate.com.

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/content/sheffield/home/your-city-council/equality-hub-newsletter.html. 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 June edition is Friday 26 May.

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Equality Hub Network meetings and events

Upcoming Hub meetings

- BAMER Hub: Thursday 25 May 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- Women's Hub: Thursday 1 June 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- LGBT+ Hub: Thursday 15 June 2017, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Town Hall (**note date change**)
- Disability Hub: Wednesday 28 June 2017, 1.20pm to 4pm, The Circle

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

Health event – Cross Hub Health Working Group

Thursday 29 June 2017, 10am to 5pm
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

As health continues to be a priority for most Hubs, the cross Hub Health Working Group is organising an event to raise awareness of health issues and how they impact on communities.

Areas to be discussed include:

- Sustainable and Transformation Plan
- Public Health Strategy
- Mental Health
- Screening
- Social Care

- Sexual Health
- FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)

For more info email Hardeep Pabla, Health Working Group Lead – Hardeep.Pabla@faithstar.org.

Consultations

Sheffield City Council's Citizen Space

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

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

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.

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

Closes Saturday 31 March 2018

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

Other events

Outcome Exhibition – Sheffield Hallam University/Sheffield Institute of Arts Gallery

Wednesday 3 May to Friday 12 May 2017

Sheffield Hallam University, Cantor Building Atrium, 153 Arundel Street, S1 2NU

Sheffield Hallam University/Sheffield Institute of Arts and SIGNAL (Sheffield Hallam's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans + staff network) are delighted to be hosting Tom Dingley's OUTCOME exhibition for the first two weeks of May in the run up to IDAHOBIT. The exhibition opened on 3 May with an official launch and we finish up with a studio day on the 12 May, when Tom will take photos of people who want to join the portfolio of fabulous LGBT+ people already featured in the project, and be part of the exhibition on its next outing. If you want to book a slot for a portrait, contact Tom @OutcomeLGBT or email tom_dingley@hotmail.co.uk. More info at <https://www4.shu.ac.uk/sia/events/event-listing.html?event=233>.

Make Your Mark – Sheffield Futures/OPUS Independents

Monday 8 May 2017, 9am to 12pm
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Make your Mark is the largest national youth consultation of its kind. Young people across the country vote on one of ten issues presented by Youth Parliament. We would like to invite young people in Sheffield to have a say and debate and discuss these issues. Part of the Festival of Debate – www.festivalofdebate.com.

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

Tuesday 9 May 2017, 10.30am to 12pm midday
Terminus Café, 232 Lowedges Road, S8 7JB

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

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

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

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

SAYiT Open Day

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

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

Dementia Awareness Week events – Alzheimer's Society

For more info about these events, ring Alzheimer's Society on 0114 2768414.

Monday 15 May 2017, 10am to 4pm
Virgin Money Lounge, Orchard Square, 66 Fargate, S1 2HE

Awareness raising and information stand for the public to find out about the society and local services

Tuesday 16 May 2017, 10am to 4pm

Crystal Peaks Library, 1-3 Peak Square, Crystal Peaks, S20 7PH

Awareness raising and information stand for the public to find out about the society and local services

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 10am to 4pm

Moor Market, 77 The Moor, S1 4PF

Awareness raising and information stand for the public to find out about the society and local services but also alongside an art display with art pieces created by younger people with dementia

Thursday 18 May 2017, 10am to 1pm

Beighton Spring Café, Beighton Welfare Club, Beighton High Street

Dementia café with an added, specially invited group of other organisations with information and resources for local services

Thursday 18 May 2017, 1pm to 3pm

Woodhouse Library, Tannery St, S13 7JU

Dementia friendly event in conjunction with Sheffield Dementia Action Alliance

Friday 19 May 2017, 10am to 3pm

CATCH, Innovation Centre, 217 Portobello, S1 4DP

Collaboration with the CATCH (Centre for Assistive Technology and Connected Healthcare) team at the University of Sheffield for an interactive and informative day, awareness raising and local service information

Friday 19 May 2017, 9.30am to 1pm

Northern General Hospital

Dementia café and mobile ward café

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

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Venue to be confirmed when booking is received

This course is aimed at helping to understand the key terms, language, laws, identities and experiences of trans young people, as well as the interaction between trans identities and mental health. It will give you an opportunity to learn how to support trans young people effectively, improving their mental health as well as thinking about how your organisation, and/or your own practice, could be inclusive and supportive. Don't miss out on gaining expert knowledge regarding this pertinent issue. There are limited places so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Once the places are full a waiting list will be collated. For more info, visit www.sayouthtrust.org.uk or contact info@sayouthtrust.org.uk, 0114 2412728.

IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) rally

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Peace Gardens, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

For the past 11 years, on 17 May Sheffield has marked IDAHOBIT 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. More info at www.facebook.com/events/211752059321658.

Directly after the rally, there will be a film screening of 'Paragraph 175' in the Void Cinema at Sheffield Hallam. More info at www.facebook.com/events/134535433754721.

Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 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.

Out Aloud 10th Anniversary Concert – Out Aloud Choir

Saturday 20 May 2017, 7.30pm
University of Sheffield, The Octagon, Western Bank, S10 2TN

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

Let's Talk About... Food and Mood – Sheffield Carers Centre

Tuesday 23 May 2017, 10.30am to 12pm
Darnall Church of Christ, Station Rd, S9 4QB

Learn how what you eat can affect your wellbeing. Aimed at all carers. For more info, contact Jan on 0114 2788942 or jan@sheffieldcarers.org.uk, or visit <http://sheffieldcarers.org.uk/whats-on>.

Let's Talk About... Scams – Sheffield Carers Centre

Wednesday 7 June 2017, 10.30am to 12pm
Manor Library, Ridgeway Road, S12 2SS

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

Fairer Money: The Need For Redistribution & Financial Wellbeing – Our Fair City/Opus Independents

Tuesday 20 June 2017, 6.30pm to 8pm
Quaker Meeting House, 10 St James Street, S1 2EW

People's financial position, and their ability to respond to unexpected events in their lives, has a huge knock-on effect on physical and mental health, as well as being closely linked to unemployment and debt. What can we do to make Sheffield a fairer, more financially inclusive city? Panel discussion with Q&A. Part of the Festival of Debate – www.festivalofdebate.com. Tickets at <https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/258-festival-of-debate-fairer-money-the-need-for-redistribution-and-financial-wellbeing>.

Pinknic – LGBT Sheffield

Saturday 15 July 2017, 12pm to 6pm
Peace Gardens, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Sheffield's biggest inner city LGBT event, Pinknic is a day of entertainment, music, stalls and fun and games for the LGBT community their family, friends and supporters. Bring a picnic and sit back and enjoy. For more info, visit www.pinknic.co.uk or email chair@lgbtsheffield.co.uk.

Other news

State of Sheffield 2017 report

The [State of Sheffield 2017](#) report looks at how Sheffield is changing over time, and how we compare to other major cities in the UK. It covers 6 areas:

- Vibrant Economy
- A Youthful City
- An Ageing-Friendly City?
- A Fair and Just City
- The City Ecosystem
- Democracy and Engagement

The production of the report is a collaborative effort with organisations across the city. Some key findings of this year's report include high levels of exercise and physical activity in the city, high levels of volunteering of Sheffield residents within their communities, and the impressive progress made by Sheffield's children at secondary level when compared to other cities. Download the report at www.sheffieldfirst.com/key-documents/state-of-sheffield.html.

Sheffield Together: Annual conference report – Sheffield Cohesion Advisory Group

Over 80 people attended the conference held in Sheffield Town Hall on 2 March 2017. Speakers included Cllr Jack Scott, Chief Inspector Jayne Forrest, Mike Fitter, Mubarak Hassan, Angela Greenwood, Abtisam Mohamed (Aspiring Communities Together). Participants were asked how their work/neighbourhood/community has changed over the last year? Responses fell into the following categories.

1. Impact of the EU referendum
2. Organisations working together
3. World issues
4. National government policies
5. Young people
6. Neighbourhoods

The full conference report with information on 8 workshops can be found at www.meshccs.org.uk/cag.

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Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) provides an over-arching assessment of the current and future health and wellbeing needs of Sheffield people. It provides an evidence base for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the context for all other health needs assessments for the City. Please note that Sheffield's JSNA is still currently in development with new chapters being published each month. You can access Sheffield's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment tool at <https://data.sheffield.gov.uk/stories/s/fs4w-cygv>.

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Personal Independence Payment and the reassessment of Disability Living Allowance claimants report – Citizens Advice Sheffield

The 'Personal Independence Payment and the reassessment of Disability Living Allowance claimants' report appraises the introduction of PIP for people already receiving DLA. It draws attention to some serious concerns, including about the impact of this change on some older people, the difficulties people with mental health problems and deaf people have with this transition, the quality of DWP decision making and the overall consequences of reduced or nil awards. We make a number of recommendations for changes that would, we believe, go some way towards mitigating these consequences. Read the report at <https://citizensadvicesheffield.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/PIP-and-the-reassessment-of-DLA-claimants-April-2017.pdf>.

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Know Your Neighbour campaign – The Star/Pakistani Muslim Centre/Link FM

The Star wants to build bridges and reduce loneliness in Sheffield by encouraging everyone to get to know their neighbours better, do good deeds for them and take pride in our neighbourhoods. We have forged a unique relationship with the city's Pakistani Muslim Centre and Link FM to break down barriers with the new campaign and reach as many people as possible. Throughout May we will be encouraging you to spark a conversation, share a smile and just talk to somebody on your street. More info at www.thestar.co.uk/news/health/know-your-neighbour-let-s-create-a-city-of-caring-and-sharing-1-8522421.

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Hate Hurts video launched – South Yorkshire Police

As part of South Yorkshire Police's Hate Hurts campaign, we've launched a short video to raise awareness of hate and the effects it has on people. Hate crimes and hate incidents can take place anywhere – at home, in the streets, at work, online or at school and many people can experience a range of physical and mental effects. Hate in any form should not be tolerated by anyone. No-one should have to live with fear, anxiety and consequences of hate. We're encouraging anyone affected by hate or is witness to hate to report it and help us put a stop to it. Please watch and share our Hate Hurts video to raise awareness of hate and the effects it has on people – https://youtu.be/Yem2Q1ik_Qs. For more info and other ways to report a hate crime or incident visit www.southyorkshire.police.uk/hatehurts.

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Trans Day of Visibility posters

31 March is Trans Day of Visibility. It's a day of celebration, aimed at raising the profile of the trans community and their achievements worldwide, while also recognising the work still needed to achieve acceptance without exception for all trans people.

So you can show your support, the campaigning charity Stonewall has produced a series of posters profiling inspirational trans people and their stories. Whether it's physically or digitally, please share and display these posters to send a clear message of support to trans people across the world. The posters are available at www.stonewall.org.uk/sites/default/files/stw-trans-posters-2017-web.pdf.

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EMPOWER Others training – Inova Consultancy

Inova Consultancy (together with European partners from Greece, Iceland and Lithuania) is offering free European Commission training for volunteers and support workers who are supporting vulnerable women going through transition and change. The EMPOWER (Educational Materials for Practitioners providing Opportunities for vulnerable Women's Employability and Resilience) course aims to:

- Help you develop your own skills and confidence as a volunteer/paid support worker to support vulnerable women gain valuable soft skills.
- Help you develop the skills needed to support vulnerable women to gain employment or start their own business.
- Exchange knowledge and learn from other support workers in a supportive group environment via a strengths-based training and group coaching programme.

Training is due to start from mid-September 2017 for 8 weeks. To apply for the training, please fill in the application form at <http://bit.ly/2mJ9W1U> or email info@inovaconsult.com.

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Your photos wanted for leisure exhibition – Disability Sheffield

To coincide with the Special Olympics coming to Sheffield from 7th to 12th August 2017, Disability Sheffield want to celebrate disabled people taking part in leisure activities in the city. We are planning a photographic exhibition in the Winter Gardens during August showcasing leisure and sport activities you enjoy – it could be cycling, swimming, walking, climbing, football, table tennis, snooker, dancing, horse riding – anything which keeps you active, is fun and helps your wellbeing.

If you'd like your leisure photos to be included in the exhibition please send them to us along with a brief statement explaining why you enjoy your activity so much by emailing emily.morton@disabilitysheffield.org.uk or phone Emily on 0114 2536747 for more information. Please send us your photos by 15th June 2017.

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Trans Active swimming sessions

Trans Active aims to help the trans community in and around Sheffield socialise and improve their fitness and mental wellbeing through sport in a safe, relaxed environment. We have managed to secure further funding which means we're able to start our fortnightly trans-only swimming sessions again. These will run on a Saturday afternoon from 1.30pm to 2.30pm at Heeley Pool, Bradfield Road, S8 0XQ. There are individual changing cubicles and we have private use of the whole pool area. Exact dates are still to be confirmed, but check <https://facebook.com/transactive> for updates or email us at transactive2014@gmail.com.

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Age Hub priorities survey

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

In this survey, you will be asked to rate a set of issues based on what you feel affects you the most. This survey is confidential and at no point will the answers you give be traced back to you. If

you have not heard about the Equality Hub Network and the Age Hub before and decide to leave your details to find out more, these details will be used solely for this purpose. If you require paper versions of this survey, then please get in touch with Emma Hinchliffe on emma.hinchliffe@sheffieldfutures.org.uk, 0114 2016659 or 07772 887629.

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Sexual Health S*heffield - meeting your sexual health needs

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

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

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

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SLATE: Black artists development opportunity – Eclipse Theatre

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

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Appeal for interviewees and materials for the Sheffield Feminist Archive

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

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Government commits to helping survivors of domestic abuse

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

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Diversity Jobs – Sheffield City Council

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

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If you wish to be added to the Equality Hub Network Newsletter list, please [sign up](#) through www.sheffield.gov.uk/equalityhub.

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