

Sheffield Equality Hub Network Newsletter

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Hi all

The deadline for the [Equality Hub Network Review survey](#) has been extended until Friday 18 December. Please be sure to have your say if you haven't already!

Keep reading for 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

- [LGBT Hub](#): Wednesday 13 January 2016, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- [BME Hub](#): Monday 18 January 2016, 10.30am to 12.30pm, venue TBC
- [Women's Hub](#): Wednesday 3 February 2016, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- [Age Hub](#): Thursday 11 February 2016, 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Town Hall

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

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Consultations

Equality Hub Network Review

The Equality Hub Network was launched June 2014, with the individual Equality Hubs starting to meet a year ago. An independent review is being done to capture the achievements and challenges of the Equality Hub Network so far, in order to build on what's working well, address issues where possible, and increase its effectiveness.

As part of the Review, there is an online survey which is gathering individual perspectives and experiences with regard to the Equality Hub Network. The survey is confidential and anonymous. The deadline for the survey has been extended – it now closes Friday 18 December 2015. Please have your say by visiting https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/performance-research/equality-hub-network-review/consult_view.

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Budget Consultation 2016/17: Have Your Say – Sheffield City Council

As in previous years, we want you, and as many other people and organisations as possible, to have the opportunity to help shape how we meet this latest budget challenge.

The Council website has information about [our current budget, where funding comes from, and what we spend](#). If you want to get into more detail, our [open data](#) pages include our Budget Implementation Plans for 2013/14 to 2015/16.

You can also watch [The Budget 2016/17 video](#).

Please take a few minutes to complete our [Budget Consultation survey](#) which closes Wednesday 13 January 2016. Your views are very important to us and will feed into the discussions that will take place ahead of the budget being approved in March 2016.

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Sheffield Plan – Sheffield City Council

We are now seeking comments on The Sheffield Plan: Our City, Our Future - Citywide Options for Growth to 2034. This consultation is open to everyone who would like to comment on the future growth of Sheffield - whether you are a resident, a business, a community group, a worker or someone who invests in the city.

Please go to the [Sheffield Plan Citizen Space page](#) to find out more and to give us your views. The online survey closes Friday 15 January 2016.

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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

Warm clothes for the homeless – LGBT Sheffield

Tuesdays, 10.30am to 6.30pm

LGBT Sheffield drop in centre and coffee shop, [Union St](#) building, 18-20 Union St (opposite Howden House), S1 2SH

LGBT Sheffield drop in centre and coffee shop are opening their doors to be a collection point for donations of hats, scarves, socks, gloves, coats, etc. which will then be passed on to a homeless charity. For more info contact 07816 609 175 or chair@lgbtsheffield.co.uk.

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Start Up Creative Consultation – Ignite Imaginations

Monday 11 January 2016, 12.30pm to 2pm

Beauchief Baptist Church, Hutcliffe Wood Road, S8 0EY

A chance to meet up with people over 50 to find out what activities they would like to start up in their local area, and how [Ignite Imaginations](#) can help make this happen. Part of the Age Better programme. For more info contact Charlotte Barnes on 0114 268 6813 or charlie@igniteimagination.org.uk.

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Holocaust Memorial Day exhibition

Monday 18 January to Wednesday 27 January 2016
Winter Garden, 90 Surrey Street, S1 2LH

On [Holocaust Memorial Day](#) (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 UK today. With the 2016 HMD theme of 'Don't stand by', this exhibition will encourage people today to consider the ways in which they can choose not to be bystanders. More info, including the [HMD 2016 flyer](#), is available at www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd.

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Holocaust Memorial Day films and vigil

Wednesday 27 January 2016, 12pm to 5pm (films), 5.30pm to 7pm (vigil)
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To mark the day, there will be selection of short films to view in the Winter Garden – drop in anytime between 12pm and 5pm. Following this, we will hold a candlelit vigil with a variety of speakers and performers to highlight both past and present genocide, persecution and discrimination. More info, including the [HMD 2016 flyer](#), is available at www.sheffield.gov.uk/hmd.

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LGBT autistic network bi-monthly Sheffield meeting – A.S.P.E.C.S.

Thursday 28 January 2016, 7pm to 9pm
Eten Cafe Sheffield, 2-4 York Street, S1 2ER

Informal bimonthly get-together and discussion for LGBT people with autism as well as relatives and friends of LGBT autistic people and those in the support profession, particularly LGBT support workers. Open to people aged 16 and over. For more info contact Dan Kahn on 07896 474 243 or dan@alacroart.com.

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The Journey (fundraising event) – Journey to Justice

Friday 29 January 2016, 8.30pm to 1am

Crookes Social Club, Mulehouse Road, S10 1TD

Live music, poetry and dance fundraiser for [Journey to Justice](#) run by Alan Deadman of the JuJu Club and featuring Sheffield music prodigy Steve Edwards, Ghanaian artist KOG (fresh from success at Glastonbury and Shambala Festivals), leading reggae vocalist YT, and Angolan dancer and poet Angelina Abel, plus three great DJs. All profits to Journey to Justice. Advance tickets £8 – available at www.ticketsource.co.uk, Golden Harvest (Cambridge Street) and Airy Fairy (London Road). For more info: www.facebook.com/journeytojustice.org.uk, @freedomandjobs, 07903 949 931, mark.hutchinson52@gmail.com, or alan.deadman47@gmail.com.

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Other news

‘Who Is Your Neighbour Youth?’ Project – Chilypep, MESH and City of Sanctuary

[Chilypep](#) is working with Who Is Your Neighbour (WIYN), MESH and City of Sanctuary to develop a joint ‘Who Is Your Neighbour Youth?’ project. We aim to pilot this with schools and their wider communities, and hope the first pilot will be at Parkwood Academy and the surrounding neighbourhoods. WIYN and MESH will work with Chilypep staff to hold facilitated conversations with young people in school and within neighbourhood settings, to explore fears and worries about people who ‘aren’t like us’, aiming to reduce tensions within school and the wider community.

Chilypep will work with City of Sanctuary to develop a support group for refugee and asylum seeker children and young people to provide opportunities to recover from trauma, develop skills, confidence and self-esteem, and find ways to tell their stories to others to increase understanding about their experiences.

Please fill in on our survey to help us with our bids:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sheffieldcohesionproject>

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SUST Recovery Awards 2016 – SUST

Closing date for entries Thursday 17 December 2015

Contact email address: pwtc@btopenworld.com

SUST is a network of mental health trainers and consultants with lived experience of mental health issues. We're inviting people to enter a competition to write about how their experience of one or more of the following has supported their recovery and/or helped to improve the lives of people with mental health problems: Advocacy, Co-production, Involvement and Engagement, Mental Health Training, and Peer Support. We will award three prizes of £100, £50 and £25 to winning entries. Details of how to enter can be found at <http://wp.me/p6xXyg-U>.

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Transforming Public Health - Director of Public Health Report for Sheffield 2015

Each year the Director of Public Health (DPH) produces an annual report on the health and wellbeing of the local population. This year's report focuses on a number of priorities and actions we can take to achieve a step change in public health outcomes in Sheffield, and where we can use the range of resources and influence a local authority can bring to achieving big improvements in health and in reducing health inequalities. [Download the Report](#) or contact Louise Brewins on 0114 205 7455 or louise.brewins@sheffield.gcsx.gov.uk.

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LGBT Sheffield drop in centre at Union St – LGBT Sheffield

LGBT Sheffield has successfully negotiated a venue for a one day a week drop in centre on Tuesdays 10am to 6pm at [Union St building](#), opposite Howden House. We are hoping to get the interest of all the LGBT groups and service providers to get involved and offer information, workshops, activities, etc. If you have a craft you want to share or want to use the space for your own group meetings, please get in touch. We are arranging information sessions with different service providers, organisations and individuals. If anyone is interested in the information sessions, volunteering or delivering workshops or if you just want to bring some information to share, please contact us on 07816 609175 or chair@lgbtsheffield.co.uk.

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The European Mind the GAP Project – Inova Consultancy Ltd

[Mind the GAP](#) is a European Gender Awareness Programme led by the Sheffield College and designed for Vocational Education and Training teachers and girls in STEM subjects in Europe. In partnership with five organizations from three EU Member States which are Netherlands, Spain and the UK, the project is expected to make a contribution to filling the STEM skills shortage by inspiring more girls to stay in school and gain STEM qualifications. The project aims to combat high levels of early drop-out rates and youth unemployment by raising aspirations amongst young women and improve gender diversity by raising awareness of the current gap. For further information contact Inova Consultancy Ltd on 0114 279 9091 or admin@inovaconsult.com.

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Accessible Sheffield: Access Guide and Access Cards

DisabledGo is working in partnership with Sheffield City Council providing an access guide to 1000 venues covering Sheffield and including Meadowhall. Information is available on all sorts of venues such as shops, restaurants, leisure centres, hotels, parks, places of worship, resource centres and many more. [Check out the Access Guide](#). It is available in paper based format too. They are totally free to use and of interest to residents and visitors. For organisations please feel free to link the guide to your website.

The [Access Card](#) is a card like no other – we translate your disability / impairment into symbols which highlight the barriers you face and the reasonable adjustments you might need. This then informs providers quickly and discreetly about the support you need and may gain you access to things like concessionary ticket prices and complex reasonable adjustments without having to go into loads of personal detail. It's all based on your rights under the Equality Act and providers' responsibilities. For more information or apply for the card online via the [Disability Sheffield website](#).

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Is Britain fairer? report

The biggest review to date of Britain's progress towards equality and human rights has been published by the Equality and Human Rights Commission. It finds that while great strides have been made, inequalities have widened in a number of areas, leaving certain groups at risk of falling behind in life. [Is Britain Fairer?](#) is unique in looking across every area of our lives including education, health, security, employment, standard of living, participation, influence and voice. It is the first opportunity to measure progress since the Commission's inaugural review of equality in 2010. [Download the report](#).

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