

# Sheffield Equality Hub Network Newsletter

## September 2015

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Hi all

As it's been a year since the Hubs started to meet, we thought it would be a good time to look at where we've been, what's working well, what could be done differently and where we're going. As part of this review, a celebratory event will be held in the autumn. We'll share details once they are confirmed.

Have you checked out [Citizen Space](#), 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](#).

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.

Keep reading for news from around the Equality Hub Network.

Kind regards

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- [BME Hub](#): Thursday 22 October 2015, 2pm to 4pm, Town Hall – focus on health
- [Age Hub](#): Thursday 29 October 2015, 1:30pm to 3:30pm – focus on social isolation
- [Women’s Hub](#): Wednesday 4 November 2015, 5pm to 7pm, Town Hall
- [Carers’ Hub](#): Wednesday 11 November 2015, 10am to 12pm, Town Hall

Please email [equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk) if you would like to attend any of these meetings.

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## **Consultations**

## **[Improving Health and Wellbeing of Disabled People in Sheffield consultation](#) – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Monday 28 September 2015

Inclusive Sport Sheffield (Activity Sheffield) is an investment of £258,382 of National Lottery funding, by Sport England. We want to find out the views of disabled people who are taking part in the project as well as the views of disabled people who aren't. [Complete the survey](#) to help us to understand you and provide the best service. For more info contact 0114 273 4266 or [Activity.sheffield@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Activity.sheffield@sheffield.gov.uk).

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## **[Improving Health and Wellbeing of Carers in Sheffield consultation](#) – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Monday 28 September 2015

Isolation and loneliness is something that many people face as a result of their caring responsibilities for a disabled, older or seriously ill loved one. A questionnaire has been designed to find out your view as a carer. There are no right or wrong answers; we are just interested in what life is like for you and how to improve your health and wellbeing. [Complete the questionnaire](#). For more info contact 0114 273 4266 or [Activity.sheffield@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:Activity.sheffield@sheffield.gov.uk).

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## **Have your say on tomorrow's public transport – South Yorkshire Transport Executive (SYPTe)**

Closes Sunday 4 October 2015

[Have Your Say 2015](#) is your chance to help guide the decisions we take at South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTe). The consultation is designed to understand your priorities and then look at the impact that any changes we may make in the future will have on you and your household. [Have your say on supported bus services, concessionary travel and travel information](#).

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## **[Consultation on Automated Public Toilets](#) – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Sunday 18 October 2015

Sheffield has 5 of automated public toilets located around the city linked to the Council's JC Decaux advertising contract. When this contract ends in January 2016, the cost of continuing to run these 5 facilities will become the responsibility of the Council. We estimate that each set of toilets will cost around £20,000 per year to run. The Council coordinates the [Community Toilet Scheme](#) whereby local businesses agree to allow their toilets to be used by the public free of charge. We are proposing to close the 5 automated public toilets at the end of the current advertising contract. Ahead of a final decision, we are seeking the views of the public about the impact that this will have. Give us your views – [complete the Automated Public Toilets survey](#) and/or [attend the consultation event](#). For more info contact [ian.turner@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:ian.turner@sheffield.gov.uk).

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## [Assisted Bin Collection consultation](#) – Sheffield City Council

Closes Friday 23 October 2015

Members of the public are being asked for their views on proposed changes to the assisted bin collection service in Sheffield. Assisted collections are provided to households where, due to an age related or medical reason there is no one able to put the waste and recycling bins out for collection. Under the service, the refuse teams will collect and then return the waste or recycling containers to their point of storage. Some changes to the application process have been proposed to help make the process fairer and easier to understand. To have your say [fill in the online survey](#), request a paper copy at [wastemanagement@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:wastemanagement@sheffield.gov.uk), and/or [attend the consultation event](#).

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### Other events

#### **Paul Blomfield MP's 2015 Big Conversation events**

Various locations between now and Sunday 11 October 2015

Paul Blomfield, MP for Sheffield Central, is holding his 2015 Big Conversation to listen to people's concerns and press them in Parliament. Last year almost 2000 people came to one of his 60 community events. Events include question and answer sessions, themed discussions, and café drop-ins where you can come and chat with your local MP. There are events across Sheffield Central – [see full list of events](#).

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#### **Develop Your Business coaching workshop – Women to Work**

Tuesday 29 September 2015, 10am to 1pm

The Workstation, Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

The Develop Your Business coaching workshop - an inspiring group coaching workshop that aims to help you to identify your new or growing business vision – your inspiration, motivation and the business potential; to rediscover & review your business skills, personal strengths and areas to develop to launch or grow your business; to review your business successes, challenges and achievements so far; to define a realistic work life balance that suits your lifestyle needs and develop a realistic, meaningful and achievable launch or growth action plan for your business. Contact Emma or Jenny at [info@womentowork.co.uk](mailto:info@womentowork.co.uk) for more details or visit [www.womentowork.co.uk](http://www.womentowork.co.uk).

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#### **Sheffield International Women's Day Festival 2016: call to action!**

Tuesday 29 September 2015, 5.30pm to 7pm

Showroom Café, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

Join a vibrant and eclectic group of ladies curating Sheffield's participation in International Women's Day and our exciting new fringe festival planned for March 2016. We need creative and organised 'hands-on' volunteers to ensure the inaugural event is as inclusive, exciting and engaging as possible. Art | Sport | Culture | Wellbeing | Health | Entrepreneurs | History | Film | Theatre | Music | Food | Fashion | Cycling | Yoga | Poetry | Networking | @IWD\_Sheffield

### **Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel**

Wednesday 30 September 2015, 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 [andrew@stophateuk.org](mailto:andrew@stophateuk.org). More information on the Council's [hate crime and incidents webpage](#).

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### **Black History Month events**

October is Black History Month. Various activities are happening throughout Sheffield. More info will be posted on the [Council's Black History Month webpage](#) as more events are confirmed.

### **Holy & Horny**

Friday 2 October 2015, 5.45pm  
Drama Studio, Shearwood Rd, S10 2TD

A celebratory, inspirational, powerful, deeply moving and superbly acted one-woman show that celebrates women's spirituality and sensuality, concepts of race, gender, culture and sexuality and tackles issues of sexual health and abuse. Contains strong language – 15+. This play is touring the UK one last time before touring internationally. 2 shows in Sheffield – 2 October at Drama Studio, 7 November at Library Theatre. [Watch the trailer](#). For further information and tour dates visit [www.holyandhorny.com](http://www.holyandhorny.com).

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### **'Together', supporting African & Caribbean people affected by cancer – Sheffield Action for African-Caribbean Health (SAACH)**

Tuesday 6 October 2015, 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
[SYAC](#), 120 Wicker, S3 8JD

African and African-Caribbean people affected by cancer are all welcome to join Sheffield Action for African-Caribbean Health (SAACH) at the launch of our 'Together' cancer support group. For more info ring Lerleen Willis on 07804 584 175 or email [saach4health@outlook.com](mailto:saach4health@outlook.com).

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### **Justice Talks 2 - Trevor Phillips in conversation – Sheffield Hallam University**

Wednesday 7 October 2015, 2pm to 4pm  
Sheffield Hallam University, HC0.06, Heart of the Campus, Collegiate Crescent, S10 2BQ

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our Justice Talks series, Sheffield Hallam honorary doctor Trevor Phillips OBE will be in conversation with Sital Dhillon, the director of the Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice. For more info and to [book onto Justice Talks 2](#) visit Eventbrite.

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## **History of hip hop – Sheffield Hallam University**

Friday 9 October 2015

HUBS, 6 Paternoster Row, S1 2QQ

A showcase and exhibition of the history of hip hop. Exploring its connection to both past and present black struggles of America alongside its coming to the UK.

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## **Gary Younge - In Defence of Utopians – Sheffield Students' Union**

Saturday 10 October 2015, 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Foundry, Sheffield Students Union, S10 2TG

Gary Younge is an author, broadcaster, award winning columnist for the Guardian and also writes a column, 'Beneath the radar', for the Nation Magazine in America. His talk will explore the essential role idealism plays in politics - [tickets for 'In Defence of Utopians'](#) £6/£5 concessions. This event is part of the [Off the Shelf](#) festival.

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## **Renaissance One presents Caryl Phillips and Robert Antoni – Sheffield Students' Union**

Sunday 11 October 2015, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

[The Studio](#), University of Sheffield Student's Union, Western Bank, S10 2TG

An evening with two international acclaimed contemporary writers - [tickets for this event](#) £6/£5 concessions. This event is part of the [Off the Shelf](#) festival.

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## **Black lives matter candle light vigil – University of Sheffield**

Tuesday 16 October 2015, 5pm

University of Sheffield, outside the Octagon, Western Bank, S10 2TQ

A candle light vigil to remember those lives lost in the hands of police brutality, this also aims to raise awareness of the campaign itself.

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## **Craft market weekend – SYAC**

Saturday 17 October to Sunday 18 October 2015

SYAC Training and Enterprise Centre, 120 Wicker, S3 8JD

To celebrate Black History Month SYAC is promoting BME businesses at their Training and Enterprise Centre. Businesses will be displaying and selling their products plus exhibition, craft market and stalls in front of the SYAC Building. There is also a week-long exhibition of BME businesses past and present, and professional entrepreneurial advice and guidance. For more info or to enquire about having a stall, ring 0114 223 2100 or email [enquiries@syactd.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@syactd.org.uk).

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## **'Black Herstory' exhibition – University of Sheffield**

Monday 26 October to Friday 31 October 2015

University Of Sheffield, gallery area

An exhibition on the BME women celebrating their achievements, heritage and contributions to creating the world as we know it today.

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### **Panel discussion on Black women – University of Sheffield**

Wednesday 28 October 2015, 5pm

Studio, University of Sheffield, Students Union

A panel discussion with panellists about Black women in the past, present and future, and the position they are in. This will also discuss barriers to employment and education.

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### **Foods to fight prostate cancer: healthy soups – Sheffield Action for African-Caribbean Health (SAACH)**

Thursday 29 October 2015, 7pm to 9pm

Duke Street Community Centre, 123-131 Duke Street, S2 5QL

A Black men's health event. We will prepare a number of healthy soups to encourage men to improve their intake of vegetables. For more info ring Lerleen Willis on 07804 584 175 or email [saach4health@outlook.com](mailto:saach4health@outlook.com).

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### **50&Moor – Sheffield 50+ Network**

Thursday 1 October 2015, 11am to 3pm

The Moor

50&Moor is a celebration of all that our city's 50+ population are and do. Come to the Moor on 1st October and sample some of the activities that we enjoy - painting, antiques, food, dancing, music, games, iPads. For more info contact [bridget@sheffield50plus.org.uk](mailto:bridget@sheffield50plus.org.uk) or 0114 253 6736.

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### **Joint Automated Public Toilets/Assisted Bin Collection consultation event – Sheffield City Council**

Tuesday 6 October 2015, 1pm to 2.30pm

Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Learn more about the automated public toilets consultation and the assisted bin collection consultation then have an opportunity to ask questions and have your say. Contact [equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:equalitiesandinvolvement@sheffield.gov.uk) or 0114 273 5681 if you need any reasonable adjustments/support (including travel expenses reimbursement) to attend.

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### **Work Life Discovery coaching workshop – Women to Work**

Wednesday 7 October 2015, 10am to 1pm

The Workstation, Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

The Work Life Discovery coaching workshop - an inspiring group coaching workshop that aims to help you gain a better understanding of what you most value and what motivates you. The first steps in finding a better work life balance is defining what this means for your lifestyle needs, and identifying a vision of where you want to be. By attending this workshop you will be given coaching tools and support to devise an action plan to create your ideal work life. Contact Emma or Jenny at [info@womentowork.co.uk](mailto:info@womentowork.co.uk) for more details or visit [www.womentowork.co.uk](http://www.womentowork.co.uk).

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### **Holocaust Memorial Day planning group meeting – Equality Hub Network**

Wednesday 14 October 2015, 2pm to 4pm  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Help plan next year's activities to mark [Holocaust Memorial Day](#) (HMD) on 27 January 2016. 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 UK today. We encourage people from across the Equality Hubs to get involved.

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### **'Being Me' play about hate and mate crime – Free Voice / Sooper Troopers**

Friday 16 October 2015, 7pm to 8.15pm  
Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, S1 2JB

Free Voice, supporting individuals with learning disabilities, in collaboration with Sooper Troopers present 'Being Me', a touching story about hate and mate crime. It has been written by members of Free Voice and performed by Sooper Troopers who are celebrating 25 years in performing arts. Tickets £2.50 by ringing 0795 005 8858 or email [members@free-voice.co.uk](mailto:members@free-voice.co.uk).

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### **Look at Me Now! gig and fundraiser – Chilypep**

Saturday 17 October 2015, 7.30pm  
Crookes Social Club, Mulehouse Lane, S10 1TD

Join Chilypep (and the Free Radicals playing soul, funk and pop classics) to celebrate our 10th anniversary and raise funds for our continuing work with vulnerable and marginalised young people. Advance tickets: £8 / £4 concessions at [www.chilypep.org.uk/tickets](http://www.chilypep.org.uk/tickets), email [info@chilypep.org.uk](mailto:info@chilypep.org.uk) or call 0114 234 8846. Group discount, buy 5 and get one free! Donations and raffle prizes welcome. A booklet with testimonies from young people past and present telling what they got from being part of Chilypep and what they are doing now will be on sale at the gig.

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### **'Spotlight on Adult Social Care' engagement event – Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board**

Thursday 29 October 2015, 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

This event will include an update on Social Care from the Council's new Director of Adult Services, and talking heads from Healthwatch's 'Day in the Life of an ASC service user' project. There will

also be a facilitated table activity to consider solutions or ways things can be improved in social care. Details on how to book will be advertised in the Health and Wellbeing Board e-newsletter – [sign up to this mailing list](#).

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## **Holocaust Memorial Day 2016 free regional workshop – Holocaust Memorial Day Trust**

Tuesday 10 November 2015, 10am to 1pm  
Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Each year [Holocaust Memorial Day Trust](#) holds free workshops across the UK for people interested in organising an activity to mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27 January. The theme for HMD 2016 is [Don't Stand By](#) – a call to action and a forward looking theme to build on the legacy of the 70th anniversary in 2015. Attending a workshop will help you to gain a better understanding of Holocaust Memorial Day and how to create a meaningful activity for your audience. During a session you'll learn more about the year's theme, and the free resources we provide that will help you to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in your community. [Book onto the HMD workshop](#) at Eventbrite.

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## **Other news**

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### **Request for case studies to support Sheffield's Cohesion Strategy – Sheffield Cohesion Advisory Group**

Deadline Monday 12 October 2015

Do you have a story of something that has happened that you consider an example of building cohesion in the city? We are seeking personal stories that link different communities together. For example: a Somali man helping an elderly white neighbour fix his flat tyre and challenging his friends who didn't want to help, a young white student who studied Arabic meets his old teacher in a very different context. Perhaps you have a story about how a disabled person helped someone else and how that challenged their idea of disabled people, or a story about breaking isolation of older people in your community, a lesbian woman finding acceptance in a community where she did not expect it, a community festival that brings people together who would otherwise not meet. Please send 200 words (and a photo if you have one providing everyone in it is happy to be in an exhibition/in a publication) to [sheffieldcag@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldcag@gmail.com) by 12th October.

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### **Sheffield's Cohesion Strategy – Sheffield Cohesion Advisory Group**

The Cohesion Advisory Group is working together with the City Council and various other partners to co-create a Cohesion Strategy for Sheffield. Presentations have been made at various meetings and consultations are ongoing. If you would like more information please contact [sheffieldcag@gmail.com](mailto:sheffieldcag@gmail.com). We hope that everyone in the city will support the Statement of Purpose:

We, the people of Sheffield will continue to work towards making our city a place where everyone is made to feel welcome and valued, in a community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect regardless of age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, language, belief, religion, or financial wealth, and that these values shall apply equally within the family unit, community and places of learning and work, recreation or worship.

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## **Female Support Worker (Trafficking) vacancy – Ashiana Sheffield**

Closing date for applications Wednesday 30 September 2015

Ashiana wish to recruit a full-time \*Female Support Worker (Trafficking). The successful candidate will have experience of working with vulnerable women, an awareness of the impacts of trauma, and some understanding of immigration processes. Salary £18,500 to £22,000. For an informal discussion, please contact Rachel Mullan-Feroze on 0114 2555740. For an application pack, email [j.yafai@ashianasheffield.org](mailto:j.yafai@ashianasheffield.org). Closing date for applications is 30th September.

\*This post is restricted to female applicants using the GOQ in s9 (2) (e) and s9 (2) (f) of the Employment (Sex Discrimination) Act 2000.

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## **Healthwatch Sheffield Crisis Care survey 2015**

If you, or someone you look after, has used mental health crisis care, please take our anonymous survey about your experience. Healthwatch Sheffield will be writing a report based on our findings to help influence and improve services. You can also enter our prize draw to win a shopping voucher! [Take the online survey](#), or ring 0114 253 6688 or email [info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk) for a paper copy.

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## **Fundraising training programme – South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)**

What do you want to achieve with your fundraising? The new South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) fundraising training programme is now out. Dates are available from September 2015 – July 2016. The training programme is designed to help you gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to fulfil your fundraising aspirations. There is training on a range of fundraising themes, aimed at different levels of funding experience.

For more information visit [www.syfab.org.uk](http://www.syfab.org.uk), email [enquiries@syfab.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@syfab.org.uk) or telephone 0114 261 5141.

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## **What's On Where (WOW) Guide – Home Instead Senior Care**

As we get older it is important to remain as active as possible, not only to keep in physical shape, but it has been proven that exercising and socialising with others is key to improving mental health. In an attempt to combat social isolation across Sheffield, we have put together a [What's On Where \(WOW\) 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! For more information or to enquire about having your activity featured in the Guide, ring 0114 246 9666 or email [kathy.markwick@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:kathy.markwick@homeinstead.co.uk).

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## **Governor Champions wanted**

Sheffield City Council in partnership with Public Health, Sexual Health Sheffield, Parent 2 Parent and others are putting together a Sheffield framework on sex and relationship education with view to encouraging more Sheffield schools to teach it. Volunteer Governors to help champion the cause are wanted. For more info contact Cllr Nikki Bond - [NikkiBond@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:NikkiBond@sheffield.gov.uk), 07971 961 803.

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## **Jobs and apprenticeships – Sheffield City Council**

Sheffield City Council jobs are advertised on the [Council's job vacancies webpage](#) which is updated every Wednesday.

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## **Volunteer lay members wanted – NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group**

Two opportunities to be a part of the work of NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have become available. We are looking for lay members to help with our Area Prescribing Team and Clinical Reference Group. The Area Prescribing Team makes recommendations on changes to the commissioning of prescribed medication. They meet monthly, on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The Clinical Reference Group is a virtual group that discuss and review a particular area of healthcare on a rolling programme. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact us on [sheccg.engagementactivity@nhs.net](mailto:sheccg.engagementactivity@nhs.net) or 0114 305 4609.

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## **'Promoting Change: The Voices and Needs of Sheffield Girls' – Together Women Project (TWP)**

After receiving 3 years of funding from The Lankelly Chase Foundation to explore the needs of Sheffield girls, Together Women Project (TWP) consulted 126 vulnerable girls (aged 13 to 19 years) with a view towards filling current service gaps. BME and Roma Slovak girls were particularly well represented in this research.

The eight emerging research themes will now shape TWP early intervention service delivery for girls: Abusive Relationships, Confidence & Self-Esteem, Self-Harm, Bullying, Social Media, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Health & Choices and Mental Health Issues. Read many direct quotes from the girls themselves in the [2015 Report](#) available at [www.togetherwomen.org](http://www.togetherwomen.org).

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## **Sponsors needed for free Superjam Afternoon Tea Parties in Sheffield – Barnsley Rockley Rotary Club**

Last year free monthly Superjam Afternoon Tea Parties were organised in Barnsley to bring elderly, lonely and socially isolated people together. [Read the Yorkshire Post article](#). We are looking for local businesses to pledge their support and sponsor places at Superjam Afternoon Tea Parties in Sheffield. Sponsorship packages start at £25 for 5 places and are the perfect way of bringing laughter and friendship into people's lives. For more info or to get involved, contact Kathy Markwick on 0114 283 0827, 07729 528 844, [kathymarkwick@gmail.com](mailto:kathymarkwick@gmail.com).

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## **Pop-up voter registration events – SilenceBreaker Media**

We received an Equality and Fairness Grant to run a series of pop-up voter registration events across Sheffield to engage people, especially younger people, in the voter registration process. This includes providing access to tablets and computers to register to vote there and then alongside collecting soft data about the reasons for why people might not vote and the electoral registration process. This is important given the electoral register is being updated in December. We are looking for organisations and groups (especially those that have a high number of younger people involved) who want us to pop-up and run such an event. Contact [info@silencebreakers.org](mailto:info@silencebreakers.org) or 0114 438 2016.

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## **Creative Growth Programme – Ignite Imaginations**

Are you or someone you know 18-24 years old, have been unemployed for at least 12 months, and want to develop your creative skills, ideas or enterprise? We can offer free support and advice to suit your creative interests including sessions with professional artists, volunteer placements in creative organisations, opportunities to develop your own creative project. For more info visit [www.igniteimagination.org.uk/programme/growth-project](http://www.igniteimagination.org.uk/programme/growth-project), email [panni@igniteimagination.org.uk](mailto:panni@igniteimagination.org.uk) or ring 0114 268 6813.

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## **Start Up (Ageing Better) – Ignite Imaginations**

Are you aged 50 or over? Have you experienced isolation now or in the past? Do you want to get involved in something new and help prevent isolation in your community? Start Up is an opportunity for local people aged 50 in Beauchief, Greenhill Ward and the Woodhouse Ward to start something new or develop something they are already involved in. From a gardening group, knitting club or a music night in the local library, we want to support older people to create and develop groups, events or activities. For more info visit [www.igniteimagination.org.uk/programme/startup-a-project-for-aged-50](http://www.igniteimagination.org.uk/programme/startup-a-project-for-aged-50), email [panni@igniteimagination.org.uk](mailto:panni@igniteimagination.org.uk) or ring 0114 268 6813.

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