

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

October 2017



Hi all

[October is Black History Month](#). There are number of events and activities taking place throughout the month.

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2017 is 14-21 October. Throughout the week, Safe Places will be running market stalls near the bottom of the Moor, and Sheffield City Council will be posting social media messages on www.facebook.com/oursheff.

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.

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- Age Hub: Tuesday 31 October 2017, 10am to 12pm, Sheffield Islamic Centre Madina Masjid, Wolseley Road, S8 0ZU
- Disability Hub: Wednesday 6 December 2017, 1.30pm to 4pm, [The Circle](#), Rockingham Lane
- Women's Hub: Monday 11 December 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, [The Circle](#), Rockingham Lane

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

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Sheffield's Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy workshop – all Hubs

Wednesday 15 November 2017, 5.30pm to 7pm
Town Hall, Reception Room A, Pinstone Street

Alison Higgins, Sheffield City Council's Strategic Commissioning Manager for Domestic and Sexual Abuse, will be presenting the draft Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy. Anyone with an interest in domestic and sexual abuse and equality issues is invited and encouraged to share their views. To book your place or for further info contact Hardeep at Hardeep.Pabla@faithstar.org, 0114 3503314.

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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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National LGBT Survey – Government Equalities Office

Closes Sunday 15 October 2017, 11.45pm

The Government launched a consultation yesterday on the experiences of LGBT+ people in the UK. To take part in the consultation you must be:

- lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or intersex, or have a minority sexual orientation or gender identity
- 16 years old or over
- living in the UK

The survey asks about:

- your experiences of accessing and using public services in the UK
- any experiences of discrimination you may have faced throughout your life

After the survey closes, the results will be used to inform the Government's plans to improve LGBT equality. For more info, including the link to the survey, visit www.gov.uk/government/consultations/national-lgbt-survey.

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Building an inclusive and sustainable economy for Sheffield – Sheffield City Partnership

Closes Friday 27 October 2017

Following on our event on Thursday 28 September, and as part of our focus in 2017/18 on developing a framework for an inclusive and sustainable economy, we are interested in understanding what an inclusive economy looks like to you, what your ideas are for Sheffield, and whether (and how) you would like to be part of the ongoing work with Sheffield City Partnership Board. For more info and to give your views, visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/performance-research/inclusive-economy>, or contact 0114 273 5822, sheffieldcitypartnership@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Draft transport accessibility action plan – Department for Transport / Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee

Closes Wednesday 15 November 2017, 11.45pm

The Department for Transport is seeking feedback on a draft accessibility action plan which sets out their proposals to improve the travel experience for people with disabilities. The action plan covers a range of transport modes including:

- aviation
- rail
- buses
- taxis

For more information about the proposals and how to feed in your views, visit www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-transport-accessibility-action-plan.

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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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Other events

October is Black History Month

Events to mark Black History Month have been held in Sheffield since 1997. Black History Month provides an ideal opportunity for students, parents, teachers and the whole community to learn about Black History and to celebrate the diversity in modern day society.

Various groups have organised events throughout the month, some of which are individually listed below, but you can also check out these websites for further information:

- <https://ourmel.org.uk/page/sheffieldschedule.html>
- www.sadacca.co.uk/events/upcoming-events/october-black-history-month
- https://m.facebook.com/SheffieldBlackHistory/?locale2=en_GB

Also, Our Mel and Showroom Cinema are showing a range of films in October for Black History Month. A limited number of complimentary tickets for artists of colour are available for the following events: Britain on Film: Black Britain; Grace Jones: Bloodlight and Bami – Live with Friends; and Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise. Contact Bobby Tiwana for further information bobby@eclipse theatre.org.uk.

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Sheffield Melanin Fest 2017 – Our Mel

Sunday 1 October 2017 to Tuesday 31 October 2017

Various venues

Sheffield Melanin Fest 2017 is a city wide grassroots festival, working in partnership with various organisations and venues across the city of Sheffield throughout October in celebration of Black History Month. The festival allows space for people of colour and those inspired by people of colour from all backgrounds to come together, celebrate black history, learn about culture, explore what it means to be Black and British, be inspired by each other, share stories, celebrate talents and create a festival filled with music, art, drama, seminars, films, comedy, exhibitions and dance. The aim is to encourage community cohesion and togetherness throughout the city of Sheffield linking various organisations, businesses and people together under the banner of Sheffield Melanin Fest 2017 creating a large scale cultural event throughout this October. For more info, visit www.facebook.com/sheffieldmelaninfest2017 or www.ourmel.org.uk, or contact info@ourmel.org.uk, 07542210496.

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Road to Recovery – S.A.C.M.H.A

Tuesday 10 October 2017, 1pm to 4pm

SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

Black Mental Health Conference. Speakers include David Bussue (Chair of SACMHA), Maizie Reid (Author “Teetering on the Edge”), Kim Parker (Sheffield Care Trust), Adelaide Chibanda (Sheffield Care Trust) and Paul Watson (service user). Workshops include Black Women in Mental Health, Mental Health – The Male Perspective and Supporting Recovery, and Knowledge from the Wards. For more details contact Cecilia Jackson-Chambers on c.jackson-chambers@sacmha.org.uk or: 01142726393. www.sacmha.org.uk

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Poetry in Motion – SADACCA

Friday 20 October 2017, 7pm to 9pm

SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

Join us for an audience with my sisters, young women coming together and sharing their experiences via poetry, dancing and singing. All welcome. For more info visit www.sadacca.co.uk or contact admin@sadacca.co.uk, 0114 275347.

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SYSCO launch – South Yorkshire Sickle Cell Organisation

Saturday 21 October 2017, 11am to 4pm

SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

This is the launch of South Yorkshire Sickle Cell Organisation (SYSCO), a small charitable organisation offering support and information regarding sickle cell disorder. This disorder is one of the most common genetic conditions in the world. For more info ring 0114 2795793.

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Slavery in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean – Mauritius Society

Wednesday 25 October 2017, 6.30pm to 8pm

SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

A talk on the slavery in Mauritius and the Indian Ocean. For more info contact Ramchand Samachetty on 07970 619288.

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Jazz Night Special – SADACCA

Thursday 26 October 2017, 7.30pm to 11pm

SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

Jazz Night at SADACCA takes place on the last Thursday of every month and we hope you can join us for this special event. For more info, visit www.sadacca.co.uk or contact 0114 2753479, admin@sadacca.co.uk.

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'Women of Colour' panel and Q&A – Our Mel

Sunday 29 October 2017, 4pm

Showroom Cinema, Cafe Bar, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

An opportunity to celebrate Women of Colour within the BAME community. Panel Q&A session - come along to hear about the journey each panellist has taken within their chosen field:

- Paula Perry, co-author of Black British History – Black influence on British culture over the last 70 years
- Jodie Williams, Talent Advisor for Diversity & Inclusion at Yorkshire Water
- Dr Clare Eluk, Founder of Premae, award winning vegan and PETA certified skincare products
- Michelle Cook, Lead Councillor for Broomhill and Sharrow Vale and Labour Group Assistant Whip
- Paulette Edwards, BBC Radio Sheffield Broadcaster
- Rene Cotte, CEO of Love Storm Cakes
- Bev Thomas, Short Film producer and winner of the Sean Ferrin award, as well as the Women's Officer for Heeley CLP and Greaves Park BLP

There will also be the chance to network over drinks and nibbles after the Q&A session. See what other events Our Mel have organised during the October Melanin Festival – www.facebook.com/events/306481523125941.

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United Gospel Concert

Sunday 29 October 2017, 6pm to 9pm
SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, S3 8JB

United Gospel Concert, bringing together black churches to make one voice. For more info, visit www.sadacca.co.uk or email admin@sadacca.co.uk.

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Paul Blomfield MP's Big Conversation

Saturday 9 September to Saturday 7 October 2017
Various venues

Paul Blomfield, MP for Sheffield Central, is holding his annual community consultation the Big Conversation, to listen to constituents' concerns and set his priorities in Parliament. There are opportunities to share your views at open meetings, café and pub drop-ins, street 'surgeries' and more. For more info including a full list of events visit www.paulblomfield.co.uk/thebigconversation. Events include:

- Big Conversation on Mental Health, Friday 6 October, 4pm to 5pm, The Wellbeing Centre, 110 Sharrow Lane, S11 8AL. www.facebook.com/events/896366657178641
- Big Conversation on Health and Social Care, Saturday 7 October, 9.45am to 12.30pm, King Edward VII School, Glossop Road, S10 2PW. www.facebook.com/events/1916268935365281

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Diversity Fest 2017

Sunday 8 October 2017, 1pm to 9pm
Hagglers Corner, Queens Road, S2 4DU

A free celebration for people of every gender, sexuality, ethnicity, age and ability. A statement of unity and mutual respect between Sheffield's many communities. Free entry. More info at <https://diversityfest.wordpress.com> and <https://diversityfest.wixsite.com/diversityfest>.

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Street Harassment and Safer Cities focus group – Together Women

Wednesday 11 October 2017, 1.30pm to 6.30pm
Together Women Project, 106 Arundel Lane, S1 4RF

Working with Plan UK, Together Women Project will be hosting 2 focus groups to understand how street harassment affects girls in UK cities, and the degree to which this impacts on their autonomy, safe mobility and freedom to participate fully in society. The final report will include recommendations for service and policy improvement, and will help inform Plan's future work in this area. We are looking for young women aged 14- 25 years to take part. Please call 01142758282 to book on, or email JessicaR@togetherwomen.org.

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Deaf Advice Service workshop – Deaf Advice Service / Healthwatch Sheffield

Wednesday 11 October 2017, 6pm to 8pm and Thursday 12 October 2017, 10am to 12pm
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

Healthwatch Sheffield is working with the Deaf Advice Service to support 2 workshops bringing commissioners and providers of health and social care together with deaf service users to improve understanding around interpreting and access issues. The workshops will be held on Wednesday 11 October 6pm to 8pm and on Thursday 12 October 10am to 12pm. Both sessions will follow the same format so you only need to attend one.

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Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 18 October 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.

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One Lens: Countless Stories launch event – Snowdrop Project

Wednesday 18 October 2017, 6pm to 8pm
Bloc Project, 71 Eyre Lane, S1 4RB

Join us this Anti-Slavery Day for an exhibition of photographs taken by survivors of human trafficking, to see the world through their lens. One Lens, Countless Stories is a collection of images brought together by 9 women who are all survivors of human trafficking in various forms and are currently receiving support from the Snowdrop Project. Each participant was given a camera along with some basic teaching in photography and over the course of 8 weeks was given the chance to express themselves through the medium of photography. The images displayed in this exhibition are the stories they've chosen to tell. *Please note, some of the images in this exhibition show the trauma of being trafficked and could be triggering for some people and may not be suitable for younger children. If you cannot come to the launch evening, you can still see the exhibition between 12pm and 6pm from Wednesday 18 October to Saturday 23 October 2017. For more info visit www.snowdropproject.co.uk, or contact Lara Bundock on 07881 997983, info@snowdropproject.co.uk.

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Learning Disabilities Mortality Review Programme – Sheffield City Council / Rotherham Speak Up

Friday 20 October 2017, 11.45am to 2.30pm
St Mary's Community & Conference Centre, Bramall Lane, S2 4QZ

This training and information session is for people with learning disabilities, parents, carers and professionals. The session will tell people about the Learning Disability Mortality Review Programme and what is happening across Yorkshire and Humber around health and social care. To book your place: ian@speakup.org.uk, 01709 720462.

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Planning Your Future – Disability Sheffield

Tuesday 24 October 2017, 1.30pm to 4pm

St Mary's Conference Centre, The Garden Room, Bramall Lane S2 4QZ

Do you have an interest in or experience of personal budgets and personal health budgets? Join us for our second session to:

- Learn more about Integrated Personal Commissioning
- Discuss how you can get involved locally to help to improve our experience of health and social care
- Talk about how you would like the group to develop

The meeting is open to anyone with a disability, complex health condition or affected by mental health issues and family members caring for someone. We are planning to meet on a regular basis providing an opportunity to influence how Integrated Personal Commissioning is delivered locally. We are able to pay expenses to enable you to attend. Please let us know if you have any access requirements to enable you to participate. Refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to come along or find out more please contact Emily Morton on 0114 2536747 or emily.morton@disabilitysheffield.org.uk or visit www.disabilitysheffield.org.uk. Download the flyer at www.disabilitysheffield.org.uk/admin/resources/ipc-event-invite-flyer-oct-17.pdf.

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Volunteer recruitment event – Healthwatch Sheffield

Tuesday 24 October 2017, 2pm to 4pm (and drop ins 4pm to 6pm)

The Circle, Conference Room 1, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

We are here to help local people get the best out of health and care services by bringing their voices to those who plan and deliver care. Volunteers are at the core of our work and we are currently recruiting into a range of roles. We want your volunteering experience with us to reflect your interests and your ideas about how we can improve health and social care in Sheffield. For more info, email g.darbyshire@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk. Book on to the event at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthwatch-volunteer-recruitment-session-tickets-38537288066.

We're also welcoming volunteers into Student Healthwatch – meetings take place on Monday 30 October and Thursday 30 November, 5pm to 7pm at The Circle.

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Who Are Yer? – Cardboard Citizens / Age Better in Sheffield

Friday 27 October 2017, 7.30pm and Saturday 28 October 2017, 7.30pm

Theatre Delicatessen, 202 Eyre Street, S1 4QZ

Together, Cardboard Citizens and Age Better in Sheffield are creating a collaborative performance that has never been seen in Sheffield before! The entire performance will be created using the voices of older people who have been interviewed by a team of Age Better in Sheffield volunteers. We'll explore how Sheffield has changed, learn about different neighbourhoods and communities, and hear stories about living and growing older in our Steel City. Ticket prices will be a 'pay as you feel' approach and you can reserve a ticket in advance, or buy on the door. If you'd like to attend one of the showings but don't have transport, please get in touch with Age Better in Sheffield on 0114 2900 250. For more info and to book, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cardboard-citizens-presents-who-are-yer-tickets-37535624062.

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Student Healthwatch meeting – Healthwatch Sheffield

Monday 30 October 2017, 5pm to 7pm

The Circle, Sue James Suite, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

Are you a student studying in Sheffield? Are you studying a Health/Care related subject or are you just passionate about community engagement? Maybe you're interested in local Health and Social Care services, and giving unheard groups a voice in the provision of these services? If so, Student Healthwatch is for you. Attend our first monthly meeting, learn about the different roles we have available, and how you can get involved. Refreshments provided. For more info, email g.darbyshire@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk. The next meeting will be on Thursday 30 November, 5pm to 7pm at The Circle.

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Approaches to supporting LGBT young people – University of Sheffield

Tuesday 7 November 2017, 4pm to 7.30pm

Crucible Theatre, 55 Norfolk Street, S1 1DA

This seminar and discussion is part of the ESRC Festival of Social Science and will explore what we understand about LGBT young people and the kinds of support they might need, drawing on a number of social science research projects that have consulted both young people and practitioners. The event is free but please book via <https://younglgbtpeople.eventbrite.com>. For more info contact Eleanor Formby: e.formby@shu.ac.uk, 0114 225 6065

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Islamophobia 2017: Challenges for us all – Looking back, Looking ahead – University of Leeds

Thursday 9 November 2017, 6pm to 9pm

The Carraigeworks, 3 Millennium Square, Leeds LS2 3AD

Public lecture marking the 20th anniversary of the Runnymede Trust's influential report on Islamophobia – 'Islamophobia: A Challenge for us all' (1997). The session will be introduced and chaired by Baroness Sayeeda Warsi, followed by a lecture by Robin Richardson, editor of the 1997 report, with responses from Abdoolkarim Vakil. Find more info at <https://cik.leeds.ac.uk/events/islamophobia-2017-challenges-for-us-all-looking-back-looking-ahead>. Attendance is free of charge, but space is limited and prior booking is therefore essential. Book your place via www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/islamophobia-2017-leeds-tickets-36929221295.

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Sex Worker's Opera Workshop – Together Women Project

Friday 10 November 2017, 1pm to 3pm

Together Women Project, 106 Arundel Lane, S1 4RF

To accompany the performance of the Sex Worker's Opera at Theatre Delicatessen, the cast and crew of the show will be running a workshop. Sex Worker's Opera is a community project which aims to amplify the voices of sex workers, who are often excluded from the discourse around their work, both in the media and within the feminist movement. The company always includes at least 50% sex workers. This interactive workshop will explore attitudes to sex work, the stories sent in to us by workers from 17 countries, and different legal models relating to sex work, and how they impact workers themselves. There will be space for discussion and questions. Although we encourage people to come and see the show, it is not necessary in order to attend the workshop.

Please note the workshop is free to attend but places are limited. Book your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sex-workers-opera-workshop-tickets-38379908339.

For more details or to book tickets for the show, go to www.sexworkersopera.com.

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Parliament Week: Discover Parliament – SheFest

Thursday 16 November 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

The Printhouse, 21-23 North Church Street, S1 2DH

As part of Parliament Week, in partnership with the Houses of Parliament Outreach Team, SheFest is proud to present an opportunity to discover UK Parliament. The women only workshop will include an introduction to Parliament and its work, plus practical advice and tips on taking action, with a special focus on how women can get more involved and get their voices heard. This free event also includes pizza! So come along to meet Lynn, grab a slice (or two) of pizza and get clued up on your Parliament and how to get involved. Open to all self-identified women (18+). Book your free ticket via www.shefestsheffield.eventbrite.com. Got questions or need support to access the event, just email us at shefestsheffield@gmail.com and we'd be happy to help.

www.shefest.wordpress.com

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Introductory Northern Networking Event – Black Fundraisers UK

Thursday 23 November 2017, 6pm to 8pm

Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

This Introductory Networking session is an opportunity for the BAME fundraising community to get together, network and share best practice. Come along and meet members of the Black Fundraisers UK committee and see how you can get involved. Share with us what training and events you want to see in Sheffield whilst we provide a great forum for discussion with like-minded individuals. Nibbles and a welcome drink will be provided. For more info and to book, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introductory-northern-networking-event-with-black-fundraisers-uk-tickets-38140323735#tickets.

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Other news

Vacancy: Hate Crime Co-ordinator – South Yorkshire Police

Closes Wednesday 11 October 2017

Department: Sheffield

Location: Moorfoot Building Sheffield

Term: FTC/Secondment up to March 2018

Band: C

Salary: £20,874 - £ 23,346

Hours per week: 37 hours

A new post will be created to co-ordinate the Police, Council and other partners' work on hate crime in Sheffield. The officer, who will be a member of Police staff and will be based with the Anti-social Behaviour and Community Safety Team at Moorfoot, will follow up casework and raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it. For full details, visit <https://hpandsyp.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-5/brand-4/user-109521/xf-6efabfdb90c6/wid-1/candidate/so/pm/6/pl/15/opp/2708-SYP-Hate-Crime-Co-Ordinator/en-GB>

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National Citizens Service (NCS) programme aimed specifically at young carers aged 15-24 – Sheffield Young Carers / Element Society

In recognition of the many barriers that young carers face, [Sheffield Young Carers](#) and [Element Society](#) are offering a bespoke NCS programme specially adapted to make it accessible for young people who have caring responsibilities. The programme is taking place in late October and November, outside of school hours. It is open to any young carer aged 15-24 living in Sheffield and is completely free of charge. For further details and to sign up, visit www.sheffieldyoungcarers.org.uk/news/ncs-for-young-carers.

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SYFAB Training Programme 2017-2018

The South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) training programme for 2017-2018 is now available. The programme is designed to help you gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to fulfil your fundraising aspirations. There are various fundraising themes covering beginner to master class levels. A selection of our training sessions, which focus on different types of funding, will be subsidised by Sheffield City Council for voluntary and community groups whose work benefits Sheffield residents. Sessions that are eligible for this subsidy will be highlighted under the 'Cost' section on the booking page. Eligible groups can access two subsidised places per session however places are limited and bookings are only confirmed once payment has been received. For more information and to book a place on any of the sessions, please visit the SYFAB Training and Events page on our website www.syfab.org.uk, or contact enquiries@syfab.org.uk, 0114 2615141.

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Lesbian Asylum Support Sheffield (LASS)

LASS is a new support group for lesbian, bi, trans, non-binary, + queer asylum seekers and refugees in Sheffield. They meet on the first Thursday of every month from 6pm to 8pm at Together Women Project. For enquiries or those needing support, help or advice, contact lassheffield@outlook.com, 07522 956284. More info at www.facebook.com/LASSheffield and https://twitter.com/las_sheffield.

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Slate (artists development programme) – Eclipse Theatre

Slate is a development programme aimed at artists of colour in Sheffield. The programme is striving to make a difference by supporting artists in bespoke and relevant ways to support their future career progression. This includes training, development, commissions, residencies, retreats and production space. We are looking for artists from African, Caribbean, East Asian, South Asian, Middle Eastern and mixed communities. The project is run by Sheffield-based 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 find out more please contact him on bobby@eclipsetheatre.org.uk. <https://eclipsetheatre.org.uk/slate>

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Stop Hate Line available in Sheffield – Stop Hate UK

The Stop Hate Line is now available in the city of Sheffield. People who want to report hate crime without directly contacting the Police can ring the Stop Hate Line on 0800 138 1625. The line is open 24 hours a day, every day of the year and is also available by text message on 07717989025 and email on talk@stophateuk.org. People with hearing impairments can report via interactive BSL by accessing the website at www.stophateuk.org. It is possible to report anonymously.

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Sheffield United LGBTQ+ Fans Group – Proud Blades

I am a Sheffield United fan based in Manchester looking to set up a social group of LGBTQ+ Blades fans for events on match days, to network with other LGBTQ+ fan groups and to make the game a more LGBT-friendly environment. This idea came into being after attending Pride in Football's #callitout conference held at the National Football Museum in June. There are currently 28 such groups in UK football, and I would like the Blades to join them. If your membership, organisation or team are interested in this idea, email Jamie at proudblades@outlook.com. I will approach the club with numbers towards the middle of September.

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NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual Report available to download

NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has a statutory requirement to produce and publish an Annual Report each year. Many people don't understand what the CCG's role is so we have made the Annual Report as user friendly as possible. This year we have formatted it like a photo album so we hope you enjoy reading it. Download at www.sheffieldccg.nhs.uk/our-information/annual-report-2016-17.htm.

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'The Military Human: Understanding Military Culture' free course – Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Council has recently been successful in securing a grant from the Ministry of Defence to support our work with the Armed Forces Community across the region. We are working with our partner, York St John's University, to deliver some training to our employees and partner organisations. This extremely successful one day course – called 'The Military Human: Understanding Military Culture' – is designed for anyone who wants to access resources to give their customers/clients a better service. Beneficial to managers, practitioners and front line workers who may work with people who are currently or have previously served in the military and their families, the course will deliver these outcomes:

- Identify who this client group is
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the culture of this group and how this impacts on their accessing services available to them
- Learn about the increasing legislation surrounding this client group
- Learn about and take away a pack of resources of support services and funding available for Veterans

Courses take place at the Moorfoot Building. To book a free place, email fayzeh.mohamed@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Equality Advisory and Support Service

The Equality Advisory and Support Service advises and assists individuals on issues relating to equality and human rights, across England, Scotland and Wales. They can also accept referrals from organisations which, due to capacity or funding issues, are unable to provide face to face advice to local users of their services. For more info visit www.equalityadvisoryservice.com or contact their helpline Monday to Friday 9am to 7pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm on Freephone 0808 800 0082 or text 0808 800 0084.

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Communicating with Sheffield City Council

Since starting his post in April, Paul Taylor, Sheffield City Council's Head of Customer Services, has been trying to make sure that all citizens in Sheffield are able to submit information to and receive communication from the Council in the way that best suits them. The Customer Services team includes the Council's telephone contact centre and the operation of the First Point face to face centre at Howden House. Like many councils, we are working to make more information and transactions available online – Paul would like to hear if this raises any issues for anyone. He has been attending Equality Hub meetings to get people's thoughts on how they have found communication with the Council and any ideas they might have for how we can get better. He is particularly interested in any communication challenges which particular groups may face and working with people to find ways to meet these challenges more effectively. You can contact him on 07733 301054 and Paul.Taylor@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Stonewall's 'Come Out For LGBT' campaign

We have come a long way in the fight for LGBT rights in the last 25 years. But new research from LGBT charity Stonewall shows just how far we have to go. The number of lesbian, gay or bi people who have experienced a hate crime has gone up by nearly 80% over the last 5 years. And 2 in 5 trans people have experienced hate crime in the last 12 months. The fight for equality is far from over. There's a whole range of ways you can Come Out For LGBT to show your support and have an impact on the lives of LGBT people you know, and many more that you don't – from sharing positive messages on social media, to knowing how to intervene to stop discrimination, to making your school or workplace more inclusive. We all have a part to play in creating a world where everyone, everywhere can be themselves. Go to www.stonewall.org.uk/comeoutforLGBT now to sign the pledge and find out more. #ComeOutForLGBT

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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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