

# Equality Hub Network Newsletter

## March 2017

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Hi all

Just a reminder that SheFest – Sheffield’s fringe festival celebrating [International Women's Day](#) – starts next week. It runs 6-12 March, with the main event on Saturday 11 March. More info below.

We are unable to update the Equality Hub Network webpages at the moment whilst the Council website moves to a different platform. We appreciate your patience.

Keep reading for more 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**

- [BAMER Hub](#): Tuesday 7 March 2017, 6pm to 8pm, Town Hall
- [LGBT+ Hub](#): Thursday 9 March 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- [Disability Hub](#): Tuesday 28 March 2017, 10am to 12:30pm, [The Circle](#)

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

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## **Consultations**

### **Sheffield City Council's Citizen Space**

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

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

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## **Older People's Independent Living (OPIL) Housing Strategy – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Friday 10 March 2017

This is an opportunity to tell us what you think about the draft Older People's Independent Living (OPIL) Housing Strategy. The strategy sets out how we plan to meet the housing needs and aspirations of Sheffield's increasingly diverse and growing older population. One of the key reasons for developing the strategy is Sheffield's current lack of age-friendly housing and the likelihood that this problem will increase in line with the city's growing older population. To make sure we identify the key issues, priorities, challenges and opportunities, and find out your ideas about how the strategy can best be delivered, please give your views by Friday 10 March 2017. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/communities-business-strategy/opil-housing-strategy>, or contact Dan Green on [HousingStrategy@Sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:HousingStrategy@Sheffield.gov.uk), 0114 2736396.

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## **Fire Service consultation on future plans – South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

Closes Monday 27 March 2017

The Fire Service is calling on people in South Yorkshire to have their say on how it plans to deliver its work to local people between now and 2020. Its [draft plans](#) include making more of its firefighters available in the day when crews are busiest, changing its prevention work to focus on those most at risk and proactively exploring collaboration opportunities with other emergency services. Members of the public can share their views on the plans between now and 27 March via an [online survey](#), in writing or at a series of community roadshow events. Visit [www.syfire.gov.uk/performance/have-your-say](http://www.syfire.gov.uk/performance/have-your-say) for more info, or contact Alexander Mills on [press@syfire.gov.uk](mailto:press@syfire.gov.uk), 0114 2532353.

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## **Sex Establishment Policy - 2nd stage consultation – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Friday 31 March 2017

Sheffield City Council is responsible for the regulation (administration and enforcement) of sex establishments within the Sheffield boundary. Sex establishments includes: sex shops, sex cinemas and sexual entertainment venues. The Licensing Service is currently reviewing its policy in relation to sex establishments. This policy has already been the subject of a 7 week consultation which ran from 19th December 2016 to 3rd February 2017. Following the consideration of all the comments received we have made some [changes](#) and therefore welcome further feedback. Visit <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/place-business-strategy/sex-establishment-policy-1> or email [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sheffield.gov.uk) for more info and to give your views by Friday 31 March 2017.

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

Closes Friday 31 March 2017

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 Friday 31 March 2017, or contact Revenues and Benefits Client Team on [DHP-CTS@Sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:DHP-CTS@Sheffield.gov.uk), 0114 2736983.

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## Other events

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of the past, present and future. Its origins are rooted in the struggle for women's suffrage and equal rights. It has been celebrated worldwide since 1911. The 2017 theme is #BeBoldForChange. There are number of events taking place in Sheffield, including those under the SheFest banner.

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### Launch of Yes We Can Too! Kids Book – WEST (Women in Engineering, Science and Technology)

Wednesday 8 March 2017, 4pm to 5.45pm (refreshments at 4pm, launch at 4.30pm)  
Virgin Money Lounge, 66 Fargate, S1 2HE

Come and celebrate International Women's day with charity WEST (Women in Engineering, Science and Technology). We are launching our brilliant new children's activity book featuring 6 real life and inspiring female engineers. Pick up free copies of this engaging book for girls and boys aged 7 - 9. Meet Terri the Civil Engineer, Aisha the Powergrid Engineer, Amanda the Aeronautical Engineer and others, and hear what inspired them. Free refreshments and nibbles, and the chance for a game of bowling and table football with female engineers! For more info visit [www.westskills.org.uk](http://www.westskills.org.uk), or contact Liz Kettle on [info@westskills.org.uk](mailto:info@westskills.org.uk), 0745 440026.

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### SheFest 2017 main event – SheFest

Saturday 11 March 2017, 11am to 4pm  
Theatre Delicatessen, The Moor, S1 4PF

Celebrating International Women's Day with a city-wide fringe festival!

SheFest 2017, 6th-12th March, brings a week full of inclusive events to celebrate International Women's Day, everything from a girls skate night and an international fashion show to lunchtime learnings, film screenings & theatre! Come along to the main event, SheFest Saturday, as we take over the Moor with music, performances & interactive activities for all the family! Inside Theatre Deli you can peruse market stalls before taking part in a host of different free workshops; everything from belly dancing to power dynamics in the workplace! Download the brochure at [https://shifest.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/sf\\_bro\\_17\\_gold\\_web.pdf](https://shifest.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/sf_bro_17_gold_web.pdf).

For more information visit <https://shifest.wordpress.com>, or contact Rebecca Brackett on [shefestsheffield@gmail.com](mailto:shefestsheffield@gmail.com), 07733936557.

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## **International Women's Fashion Show – Wadada Arts**

Saturday 11 March 2017, 6.30pm to 12.30am

Broomhall Community Centre, Broomspring Lane, S10 2FD

In collaboration with SheFest we are hosting an International Women's Fashion Show. Women will come together to showcase their traditional clothing with models representing all shapes, sizes, ages and cultures. Music on the night provided by BLACK STAR (Maddog, Ranx and Vecta), live performance by LIO (local Sheffield artist), Sarah Hobson Entertainment - Ragga Fanatics (Sheffield). After the Fashion Show there will be a Social Evening. £2 entrance. Everyone welcome. #internationalwomensfashionshow2017 | #fashionshow2017 | #shifest2017 | #beboldforchange

For more info visit [www.facebook.com/events/110980322730508](https://www.facebook.com/events/110980322730508), or contact Wadada Arts on [wadadaarts@outlook.com](mailto:wadadaarts@outlook.com), 0744 3688138.

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## **Sheffield Funding Forum: Tesco Bags of Help Scheme and Northern Impact Fund – SYFAB**

Tuesday 7 March 2017, 10am to 12pm (midday)

Sheffield Quakers Meeting House, 10 St James Street, S1 2EW

This is a free event in Sheffield for Sheffield groups and organisations. Lizzie Joyce, from Groundwork South Yorkshire, will be speaking about the Tesco Bags of Help scheme. Asha Karbhari, from Key Fund, will be speaking about the recently launched Northern Impact Fund. The 1st presentation starts promptly at 10am. Please arrive from 9.30 to sign in, and network with other organisations. Free refreshments will be served later in the session. Places are limited so booking is essential. For more info or to book a place, visit [www.syfab.org.uk/event-details.aspx?id=259](http://www.syfab.org.uk/event-details.aspx?id=259), or contact [enquiries@syfab.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@syfab.org.uk), 0114 261514.

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## **Shaping Sheffield – Sheffield CCG and Sheffield City Council**

Thursday 9 March 2017, 9.30am to 2pm

Bramall Lane, Sheffield United Football Stadium, John Street Entrance S2 4SU

Following on from #ShapingSheffield in September 2016, we invite you to the next event to provide an update on actions and progress made and to continue the conversation. At the last event in September, the themes took on more shape and we're proposing an Action Learning Approach to progressing these that allows projects to be discussed along with barriers that are preventing them having the scale of impact or benefit that they should be; we will collectively develop solutions through the session.

We are inviting all the stakeholders that attended in September together with many more senior figures and Sheffield citizens who have expressed a wish to be involved. This is a continuing opportunity to have your say in shaping the future vision and ambition for our Sheffield population in relation to health, care and wellbeing for our citizens. For more info and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shaping-sheffield-tickets-30220450180>.

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## **CAMHS awareness and consultation event – Young Healthwatch**

Wednesday 15 March 2017, 5pm to 7pm  
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

Following Theresa Mays's announcement of a national inquiry into Children and Adolescents Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Young Healthwatch are holding an awareness and consultation event. The event is aimed at past and present CAMHS users but all are welcome. To book your place or for more info visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camhs-awareness-and-consultation-event-tickets-32122110096?aff=erelexpmlt](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camhs-awareness-and-consultation-event-tickets-32122110096?aff=erelexpmlt), or contact Healthwatch Sheffield on [b.batley@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk](mailto:b.batley@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk), 0114 2536688.

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## **Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel**

Wednesday 15 March 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](mailto:ian@stophateuk.org). For more info visit the Council's [hate crime and incidents webpage](#).

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## **Healthwatch VCF Health and Social Care Forum: Mental Health – Healthwatch Sheffield**

Thursday 16 March 2017, 9.45am to 12pm (midday)  
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

Healthwatch Sheffield is hosting this Health and Social Care Forum for voluntary, community and faith (VCF) groups in the city. Entitled 'Tell Teresa', the subject of the meeting is mental health and we want to tell Teresa May about what matters to the people of Sheffield about mental health and our priority areas for her to work on. We are delighted that our panel for this meeting will include Fiona Goudie, Clinical Director of Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust, Margaret Lewis, Chief Executive of Sheffield Mind and Roz Davies, Managing Director of Recovery Enterprises. VCF representatives in Sheffield are welcome. Tickets are limited, so please book your place as soon as possible at [www.vcfmentalhealth.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.vcfmentalhealth.eventbrite.co.uk). For more info contact Hardeep Pabla on [h.pabla@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk](mailto:h.pabla@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk), 0114 2536688.

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## **Have Your Say on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan – Healthwatch Sheffield**

Monday 20 March 2017, 6pm to 8pm  
Town Hall, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

Healthwatch Sheffield invite the Equality Hubs to 'Have Your Say' on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Big changes are coming in the way local and regional health and social care services are organised, and those behind the plans want to understand people's views of the work



so far. The intentions and priorities behind these changes are written up in the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and cover our regional health area of South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

Voluntary Action Sheffield and Healthwatch Sheffield have been asked by the health and care leaders to organise a series of 'STP conversations'. We want to hear what local people think about the plan. We want to talk with people who may not normally engage or hear about the STP so that we can raise awareness of the issue and start a conversation. This is not a full consultation as the plans are at an early stage – it's more a chance to chat about what's being proposed and help guide how it develops. Please book early at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-on-the-sustainability-transformation-plan-tickets-32326643862](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-on-the-sustainability-transformation-plan-tickets-32326643862). For more info contact Hardeep Pabla on [info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk), 0114 2536688.

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### **Safer Streets Workshop – Women's Equality Party / VIDA / South Yorkshire Police / Sheffield City Council / local student bodies**

Thursday 23 March 2017, 6pm to 8pm  
Union Street, 18-22 Union Street, S1 2JP

Our 4th workshop where local organisations meet and progress the campaign to end harassment in public places. For more info contact Melissa Wright on [saferstreetssheffield@gmail.com](mailto:saferstreetssheffield@gmail.com), 075858 71544.

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### **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Learning Event: Communities Tackling FGM – Ashiana Sheffield / ROSA UK**

Monday 27 March 2017, 9.30am to 4pm  
St Mary's Church Conference Centre, Bramall Lane, S2 4QZ

This [learning event on FGM](#) (Female Genital Mutilation) is directed towards communities tackling FGM and is open to workers, volunteers and community activists engaging with communities potentially affected by FGM or would like to increase engagement with these communities. The morning session will have speakers from a range of organisations who work with those affected by FGM. The afternoon session will have a choice of 2 training workshops: Developing Knowledge, Responses and Programmes within Schools and Engaging and Developing Community Champions. Lunch will be provided for those who attend both sessions. For more info and to [download the booking form](#), visit [www.ashianasheffield.org/uncategorized/free-training-learning-events](http://www.ashianasheffield.org/uncategorized/free-training-learning-events), or contact Ashiana at [info@ashianasheffield.org](mailto:info@ashianasheffield.org), 0114 2555740.

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### **Priorities for Intersex People: Medical and Human Rights aspects – Intersex UK**

Tuesday 28 March 2017, 10.30am to 4pm  
Showroom Cinema, 15 Paternoster Row, S1 2BX

This seminar, led by Joe Holliday and Holly Greenberry from Intersex UK, will address the medical treatment of Intersex traits, the rights of the child, human rights issues and best practices for professionals. It will also highlight the lived experiences of people with Intersex traits. The

workshop component will address both best practices and lived experience, providing the opportunity for participants to engage more deeply with the topic.

£48 for individuals with institutional funding / £24 for students / free for unfunded (on benefits or OAP) / charity or voluntary sector/Intersex activists. Places are limited so please book early: [www.store.hud.ac.uk/product-catalogue/short-courses/human-and-health/priorities-for-intersex-people-medical-and-human-rights-aspects-28th-march-2017](http://www.store.hud.ac.uk/product-catalogue/short-courses/human-and-health/priorities-for-intersex-people-medical-and-human-rights-aspects-28th-march-2017). For further information please contact Sue Hanson, Research Administrator, on [s.m.hanson@hud.ac.uk](mailto:s.m.hanson@hud.ac.uk), 01484 473213.

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### **Free advice surgery for Sheffield charities – FaithStar LLP**

Thursday 30 March 2017, 9.30am to 4pm  
FaithStar offices, 23 Clifton Street, S9 2DQ

Free one to one advice surgery for charity trustees and managers. If you would like help in preparing your accounts or have a query about how to organise your charity's finances, fundraising or governance, then this surgery could be just what you need. For fairness, appointments will only be booked on a "first come, first served" basis. So please contact us as soon as you can to reserve your place. This is not a drop-in surgery. More info at [www.faithstarllp.com/news/free-advice-surgery-charity-trustees-treasurers-and-leaders-30th-march-2017](http://www.faithstarllp.com/news/free-advice-surgery-charity-trustees-treasurers-and-leaders-30th-march-2017), or contact Dan Russell on [dan.russell@faithstar.org](mailto:dan.russell@faithstar.org), 0114 3503310.

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### **Women in Politics: Becoming an MP – Parliament Project**

Thursday 6 April 2017, 6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Town Hall, Council Chamber, Pinstone Street, S1 2HH

The Parliament Project in association with Sheffield Central Labour Party invite you to this workshop with Louise Haigh MP. Come along to explore what it takes to become an MP. This is an event for self-identifying women and is **open to all political persuasions**. Places are limited so book your ticket now at [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheffield-women-in-politics-becoming-an-mp-tickets-32226358907](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sheffield-women-in-politics-becoming-an-mp-tickets-32226358907). For more info, please email the Women's Officer for Sheffield Central Labour Party on [nikkiabond@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiabond@gmail.com).

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## **Other news**

### **BME Older People's Activity Fund 2017-20 – Sheffield City Council**

Closes Friday 10 March 2017

Sheffield City Council is pleased to announce a new grant fund to support community activities to help BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) older people to sustain and improve their wellbeing in the community, and in particular, to reduce social isolation/loneliness. £30,000 is available each year for 3 years and grants awarded will be between £2,000 and £8,000. The closing date for application is 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Visit [www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/grants/bme-older-peoples-activity-fund.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/grants/bme-older-peoples-activity-fund.html) for more information on the priorities and how to apply, or contact the Voluntary Sector Liaison Team on [vslt@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:vslt@sheffield.gov.uk), 0114 2734631.

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## Tackling Inequalities Fund 2017-20 – Sheffield City Council

Closes Tuesday 28 March 2017

The Tackling Inequalities Fund 2017-20 is an open fund for eligible voluntary sector organisations that can offer a range of outcomes that support our corporate priorities in respect of:

- Tackling Poverty and Inequality and/or
- Better Health and Wellbeing

This fund will support a small number of organisations where there is a proven track record and clear evidence that they can deliver positive outcomes for beneficiaries. This fund can support new projects from established organisations where there is evidence to support need. The deadline for applications is 28 March 2017. Visit [www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/grants/tackling-inequalities-fund.html](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/in-your-area/grants/tackling-inequalities-fund.html) for more information and how to apply, or contact the Voluntary Sector Liaison Team on [vslt@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:vslt@sheffield.gov.uk), 0114 2734631.

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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](http://www.diversityjobs.co.uk) for more information.

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## Don't Fear your Smear – South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw NHS Screening Programmes

Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women aged under 35, with 8 women a day being diagnosed with the disease in the UK. The best way for women to protect themselves against cervical cancer is by taking up their cervical screening appointments. Cervical screening is not a test for cancer; it is a screening test to detect changes to the cells of the cervix or neck of the womb. All women between the ages of 25 and 64 are eligible for a free cervical screening test every three to five years. If you are aged 25-49 you will receive an appointment every three years, aged 50-64 every five years and if you are 65+ you will only be screened if you haven't had a smear test since the age of 50 or have had recent abnormal tests. If you have missed your cervical screening appointment, you are encouraged to contact your GP to book an appointment. Don't let your fears stop you from taking the test.

Find out more at <http://fearorsmear.dbh.nhs.uk>. Like us on [Facebook 'Fear or Smear'](#) and follow us on twitter [@fearorsmear](#).

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## Review of the 17 Oct 2016 Human Library event

Just like in a real library, a visitor to the Human Library could choose a Book from a range of titles. The difference being that the Books are people, and reading is a conversation. The Equality Hub Network hosted the Human Library Event during Black History Month to promote diversity. The event aimed to give people the opportunity to meet and talk to different people that make up Sheffield. Download the review of the event at [www.faihtstarllp.com/news/human-library-event](http://www.faihtstarllp.com/news/human-library-event).

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## **T-Boys Management Committee - call for volunteers**

T-Boys are looking for more people to join our committee and help to run the group. Positions are open to anyone assigned female at birth who considers themselves to be on the trans spectrum or is questioning their gender. Elections will be held at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday 18th March. For more info about the roles available, what they involve and how to register your interest: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CFwStbhRtkpaCE\\_cTAjPHVZ7s0Twszy6FyV1J5V1vRgc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CFwStbhRtkpaCE_cTAjPHVZ7s0Twszy6FyV1J5V1vRgc/edit?usp=sharing) or <http://tboys.co.uk>, or contact [tboysyorkshire@gmail.com](mailto:tboysyorkshire@gmail.com), 07519 501844.

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## **Modelling opportunities – Zebedee Management**

Zebedee Management is a new organisation that hope to increase the representation of people with disabilities within fashion, media and the arts. Our belief is that people with many unique characteristics should have the same opportunities as 'mainstream' artists. Our aim is to find actors and models work within the industry. We are currently looking for models with disabilities (no experience necessary) for a fashion show and photo shoots taking place across Sheffield in collaboration with Sheffield retailers and designers. These will be unpaid, however will be a great experience and models will receive copies of images. If anyone is interested in being a model, please email 3 or 4 images and a little bit about themselves to [zebedeemanagement@gmail.com](mailto:zebedeemanagement@gmail.com). For more info visit [www.facebook.com/zebedeemanagement](http://www.facebook.com/zebedeemanagement) or contact Laura Johnson or Zoe Proctor on 07736 315246 / 07766 658534.

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## **Public Health England's 'Producing estimates of the size of the LGB population of England' report available to download**

This report establishes a new robust estimate of the size of the lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) population of England. This work provides a population denominator for use in estimating health outcomes by sexual orientation. Being able to compare health outcomes between different population groups is important in assessing health inequality and inequity. Download the report at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/producing-estimates-of-the-size-of-the-lgb-population-of-england](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/producing-estimates-of-the-size-of-the-lgb-population-of-england).

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