

Equality Hub Network Newsletter

September 2017



Hi all

23 September is Bi Visibility Day – www.bivisibilityday.com. The LGBT+ Hub is organising a talk on bi asylum seekers – details are to be confirmed, but it's likely to take place in Town Hall on the evening of Friday 22 September. For more information please email chair@lgbtsheffield.co.uk.

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.

The submission deadline for the October edition is Friday 29 September.

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- BAMER Hub: Wednesday 13 September 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- Disability Hub: Wednesday 27 September 2017, 10am to 12.30pm, The Circle
- LGBT+ Hub: Thursday 5 October 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall
- Belief and or Religion Hub: Wednesday 18 October 2017, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, Town Hall

Please email 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. 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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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

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:

- Join Paul Blomfield at the Madina Masjid Open Day: Sunday 10 September, 11am to 3pm, Madina Masjid Sheffield, 24 Wolseley Road, S8 0ZU.
www.facebook.com/events/1929475510665077
- Big Conversation for Young People (for anyone aged 21 and under): Tuesday 19 September, 5pm to 6.30pm, Star House, 43 Division Street, S1 4GE.
www.facebook.com/events/838696159615155

- Big Conversation meeting for Women: Thursday 28 September, 7pm to 8.30pm, St Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, S2 4QZ. www.facebook.com/events/329553674170862
- Meet our Police and Crime Commissioner: Monday 2 October, 7pm to 8.30pm, Skye Edge Community Rooms, Skye Edge Avenue, S2 5FY. www.facebook.com/events/457416014657371
- 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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Women's Hub Coffee Afternoon – Together Women Project

Wednesday 13 September 2017, 1pm to 2.30pm
The Learning Zone, 320 Wordsworth Avenue, S5 8NL

Join us for an informal coffee afternoon, to find out about the Women's Hub and Equality Hub Network. We usually hold the Women's Hub meeting in the city centre, but we are coming to you to find out your views and more about the issues for women in your area. Come along and tell us what you think, so that we can share your views at the next meeting and make changes for women in our city. All women welcome. Free hot drinks and snacks. Any questions contact Gaynor Baker on 0114 2758282 or email Gaynorb@togetherwomen.org.

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VCF Forum: 'Accountable Care Partnership: what's it all about?' – Healthwatch Sheffield

Thursday 14 September 2017, 10am to 12pm noon
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

The Accountable Care Partnership (ACP) is the new structure for health and social care. This VCF Forum will look at:

- What is an ACP, and how will it work?
- How are citizens involved?
- How is it accountable?

The Forum is an opportunity to hear from expert speakers and debate critical issues about the ACP. Anyone from a Voluntary, Community or Faith organisation is very welcome. For more info and tickets contact 0114 253 6688, info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk.

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Supertram Citylink familiarisation session – Stagecoach Supertram

Tuesday 19 September 2017, 1pm to 2.30pm
Meadowhall tram stop

Stagecoach Supertram is preparing for the new Citylink vehicles to become operational around the Supertram network. They will be running one of the new vehicles around the system on Tuesday 19 September and would like to invite you to experience the tram whilst it is in motion. The familiarisation session will depart Meadowhall at 1pm, travel around the network for approximately 90 minutes, and then return to Meadowhall. To book your place or if you have questions, contact Treana Hudson on 0114 2792576, 07787 008047 or Treana.Hudson@supertram.com.

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Healthwatch Sheffield Advisory Board meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2017, 1.30pm to 4pm
The Circle, 33 Rockingham Lane, S1 4FW

Healthwatch Advisory Board meetings take place in public and we would love to see you there. Nearer the time meeting papers will be available to download from www.healthwatchsheffield.co.uk/event/healthwatch-advisory-board-meeting-3. If you would like to ask the board a question, please submit it to us at least 2 days before the meeting. To book a place at the meeting contact 0114 253 6688, info@healthwatchsheffield.co.uk.

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Sheffield Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 20 September 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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Mums In Need Fundraiser Sale

Saturday 23 September 2017, 10.30am to 1pm
Mums In Need, 2-10 Carbrook Hall Road, Block D, S9 2DB (opposite South Yorkshire Police HQ)

We are hosting our 3rd jumble sale to raise funds for Mums in Need, a Sheffield support service for survivors of domestic abuse. We have clothes (baby, toddler's, children's, women's and men's clothing), prams, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, games, bric a brac and much more! We also have furniture. Everything is super low prices! There'll be some refreshments available and volunteers around to help and let you know more about what we do. We'd love to for you to help us clear some of this stuff out as we're most likely moving by the end of the year. Everyone is welcome. For more info email enquiries@mumsinneed.com, ring 0800 8527414 or visit www.mumsinneed.com.

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Annual Members' Meeting – Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust

Tuesday 26 September 2017, 12.30pm to 1pm
Sheffield United Football Club Executive Suite, John St, S2 4SU

This is a great chance for you and all our members, service users, carers and the public to not only see what developments and new initiatives are taking place in the Trust by visiting the exhibition hall, but also a chance to chat with staff about and to hear about the Trust's performance in 2016/17. It's also an opportunity to speak with your Governors and see how they have represented you over the year, and to put any questions you might have about the Trust's performance and future plans to members of the Board. To register your attendance, please email foundation.trust@shsc.nhs.uk or ring 0114 2716747. <https://shsc.nhs.uk/about-us/corporate-information/annual-members-meeting>

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NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group Annual Public Meeting: The Next Generation

Thursday 28 September 2017, 2pm to 4pm (registration from 1.30pm)
Sheffield United Football Club, Ambassador Suite, John Street, S2 4SU

Hear about what we've been doing at the Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) over the past year and get an update on our future plans. This year our Annual Public Meeting will have a young person's focus with Sheffield College students coming along to quiz our Executive and GP panel, as we hear about what's important to young people and their families, as well as their experiences of healthcare. You will also be able to see our Annual Report 2016/17 and hear how money was spent during the year. If you have any questions about healthcare and the NHS in Sheffield, this will be your opportunity to speak directly with our Governing Body and GP Clinical Directors. Book your place at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nhs-sheffield-ccg-annual-public-meeting-tickets-37001877612 or ring CCG Communications Team on 0114 3051398.

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Meeting for parents and carers of young LGBT+ people – SAYiT

Thursday 5 October 2017, 6pm to 7.30pm (refreshments from 5.45pm)
Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, S1 4SE

SAYiT is a long standing Sheffield-based organisation which aims to transform the lives of young LGBT+ people through support, empowerment and training. Increasingly parents and carers are telling us that they too need space to be able to consider how best to support their young people. This meeting provides an opportunity to meet some of the staff who run SAYiT's youth groups, and some of our LGBT+ volunteers who are happy to talk about what helped/hindered them in their relationships with their parents. For more info contact Kath Broomhead or Liz Wilson on info@sayit.org.uk, 0114 2412728, or visit www.sayit.org.uk. Future dates: Thur 2 Nov (Speaker from Leeds Tavistock Clinic TBC), Thur 7 Dec (siblings and other family members session TBC).

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Vacancy: Project Administrator – Interchange Sheffield

Closes Wednesday 13 September 2017, 9am

Interchange Sheffield CiC is recruiting for an experienced, well-organised Administrator able to co-ordinate admin support to a busy third sector organisation providing counselling and therapy services to children and young people. The post will co-ordinate the work of the Admin Team to ensure an effective, flexible and responsive administration service is provided across two office sites (Star House, Division St and Alpha House, Carver St) and liaising with other offsite counsellors. The post will oversee and contribute to tasks relating to:

- Covering the phone lines and email inquiries from referrers
- Liaising with clients, referrers and counsellors re appointments
- Client database administration (currently Excel-based, moving to CRM database in 2018) including accurate inputting of data, liaising with managers and database providers to resolve issues
- Monitoring and reporting, producing stats and data reports as required for the management team
- Publicity, resources preparation and keeping website updated
- Resolving premises and IT issues

Salary £21,473 pro rata (under review), 25hrs per week. Request an application pack by emailing info@interchangesheffield.org.uk or ringing 0114 2016672. Interviews Tue 19 Sep/Wed 20 Sep.

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Hate Crime Community Projects Fund – Home Office

Closes Friday 15 September 2017

Providing funding for projects that prevent hate crime is one of the actions included in the [UK government's hate crime action plan](#). The aim of the Hate Crime Community Projects Fund is to work with affected communities to fund the development of partnership projects that:

- prevent hate crime
- respond to hate crime in our communities
- increase the reporting of hate crime
- improve support for the victims of hate crime
- build our understanding of hate crime

The Home Office is seeking to fund projects up to £50,000. Project delivery is expected in June 2018, with all invoices submitted by 31 March 2018. Application deadline is 15 September 2017. More info at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/preventing-hate-crime-funding-for-community-projects>

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Safer Stronger Community Reserve fund – South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

Closes Friday 29 September 2017, midday

Charities and community groups are invited to bid for the 3rd round of South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority's Safer Stronger Communities Reserve Fund. The fund aims to support the work of local communities to reduce fires and other emergencies. The maximum amount of money available for each project is £100,000 and the minimum amount is £5,000. Projects should run for up to 2 years. More than 40 projects were given grants as part of two previous open bidding processes. The latest funding will be allocated for projects which meet specific criteria, which include tackling water safety, arson and road traffic collisions. Other key priorities include working with those with mental health issues, people from excluded groups including BAME and faith communities and health and social care issues. For more info email tranter@syfire.gov.uk or visit www.syfire.gov.uk/south-yorkshire-community-groups-to-benefit-from-latest-round-of-fire-funding%ef%bb%bf%ef%bb%bf%ef%bb%bf.

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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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Sheffield Citz National Residency project – Age Better and Cardboard Citizens

Age Better and Cardboard Citizens are working together to create a brand new show which will be performed by a generational mix of Sheffield residents, bringing young and old together to create debate, share experiences and socialise. Through fun, creative workshops and performances, the Sheffield Citz National Residency project aims to reach vulnerable people in the city, exploring the barriers they are facing and identifying solutions. Until the end of September stories will be collected across the city, then will be edited, scripted and turned into a piece of verbatim theatre taking place on 26-28 October. If you're aged 50+ and fancy sharing a story over a cuppa, contact Hannah Thornton at Age Better – H.Thornton@syha.co.uk.

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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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Stop Hate Line available in Sheffield – Stop Hate UK

The Stop Hate Line is now available in the city of Sheffield. The line can be used by victims, witness and third parties to hate crimes and incidents to get advice and support as well as report what has happened. Where appropriate and with the callers consent the reports can then be passed to local agencies to access suitable support and or investigation. The service is open 24 hours a day and trained staff are always available. There are numerous ways to access the service including free phone (0800 1381625), email (talk@stophateuk.org), online form, web chat and SMS text service as well as a BSL facility. For full information visit www.stophateuk.org.

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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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Would you like the chance to shape the way services are delivered online? – Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Council's Digital Services Team are currently involved in an innovative EU funded project and would like to give members of the public from across Sheffield, who are both over 18 years old and non-natives speakers of English or have English as a second language, the opportunity to shape our online services by becoming testers. We would like you tell us what you like, what you don't like and what you find difficult about the way the tool works. Sessions will last approximately 40 mins and you won't need to bring anything along, other than yourself. The sessions will take place from Monday 14 August onwards 11am to 12pm midday or 2pm to 3pm at the Moorfoot Building. For more information about the project or to reserve your place as a tester, please contact Petra Devey – petra.devey@sheffield.gov.uk.

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India on Film – Showroom Cinema

India has one of the world's richest and most prolific film industries. Throughout the last half of 2017, we celebrate the diversity of Indian filmmaking and films about India, from Bollywood to Tollywood (home of Telugu and Bengali cinema). Events in August and September include:

- Hotel Salvation (starts Friday 25 August) www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/hotel-salvation
- The Music Room (starts Sunday 17 September) www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/the-music-room
- Ankhon Dekhi and Q&A (starts Tuesday 19 September) www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/ankhon-dekhi-ganda

Visit www.showroomworkstation.org.uk/india-on-film for more info, or contact Laura Hegarty on laura.h@srws.org.uk, 0114 2796511.

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Sheffield Melanin Fest 2017 – Our Mel

Sheffield Melanin Fest 2017 is a city wide grassroots festival starting 1 October 2017 and ending 31 October 2017, 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. Please do get in touch if you are interested in your business, organisation or venue taking part. Visit www.facebook.com/sheffieldmelaninfest2017 or www.ourmel.org.uk, or contact info@ourmel.org.uk, 07542210496.

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Blue Badge enforcement – Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Council has started making prosecutions for misuse of blue disabled parking badges. So far they have prosecuted 23 individuals with fines of up to £440, costs of up to £410 and surcharges of £30 being levied by magistrates. Fines of up to £1,000 can be levied for the most serious offences. The Council have adopted a zero tolerance policy on blue badge misuse and badges are now being withdrawn in the event of a successful prosecution. Further cases are expected in court in August and another 50 cases are under investigation. For further information contact Paul Fell on 0114 2057413 or paul.fell@sheffield.gov.uk.

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Shmapped: can you help? – University of Derby / University of Sheffield / Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust

Do you want to get involved in an innovative project to help improve our city's spaces? Its aim is to understand how urban living affects people's wellbeing, and what we can do to improve our environment. Just download the app at <http://iwun.uk/shmapped> and Shmapped will prompt you once a day to note the good things about your surroundings. A series of events and walks is also being arranged – visit www.wildsheffield.com/shmapped. If you would like to organise one for a group or community, or if you'd like posters/leaflets to promote the project, please email k.mcewan@derby.ac.uk.

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Launch of MS Benefits Advice Service – Disability Sheffield

We are pleased to announce that people affected by Multiple Sclerosis in Sheffield, Rotherham and Barnsley can now contact our exclusive new service for benefits advice. MS Society Local Groups have worked in partnership with Disability Sheffield to develop the service, which is also supported by Citizens Advice Sheffield and Barnsley DIAL. Our MS Benefits Advice Service provides support around benefits and appeals plus other related matters. It has a dedicated phone number, email address and web page for you to contact – 0114 2536774, msbenefits@disabilitysheffield.org.uk, www.disabilitysheffield.org.uk/ms-benefits-service.

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Autism Hour – National Autistic Society

Research shows that 64% of autistic people avoid the shops due to feeling overwhelmed by information overload on their senses such as bright lighting and noise. We're asking businesses all around the UK to take part in the National Autistic Society's Autism Hour, happening in the first week of October. Shop workers will be given information about autism and how they can support autistic people, including turning down music, reducing tannoy announcements and dimming lights to help create a calming and less daunting environment. Clarks shoe shop and Toys R Us have already signed up – do you know of a business that may be willing to take part? Let them know about the National Autistic Society's Autism Hour using the leaflets and resources at www.autism.org.uk where they can sign up to arrange their own autism hour.

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Financial Insecurity, Food Insecurity, and Disability: The Profile of People Receiving Emergency Food Assistance from the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network in Britain

This report outlines the findings of the single biggest nationwide study on foodbank use to date. Involving more than 400 households referred to foodbanks, the data collected provides information on the details and circumstances of people referred to foodbanks and the key drivers of foodbank use. One of the key findings of the report is that over 50 per cent of households included a disabled person, consistent with the definition used in national surveys. 75 per cent experienced ill health in their household and mental health conditions affected people in a third of households. Download the report at www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/research-advocacy/oxford-university-report.

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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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