

Information &
support for
families of children
with
additional support
needs



Signpost news

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Welcome.....

Hello everyone, welcome to our latest newsletter, with all the latest information about what's going on for families and professionals. Easter is fast approaching, hopefully by then the snow will have gone! Please note that Signpost's office will be closed on Easter Friday and Easter Monday. Enjoy the break!



Family Support Worker, Signpost

Salary: £16,000 pro-rata
Status: part-time, 17.5 hrs/week, fixed term contract to March 2019
Closing Date: 5pm, 6 March 2018
Location: Beatlie Campus, Craigshill, West Lothian

For a rewarding and fulfilling career, knowing that what you do makes a genuine difference, join the dedicated staff team at Signpost.

The family support worker role will entail working with parents/carers who have children with additional support needs and disabilities, providing them with support for the whole family, making plans together to suit their needs and helping them achieve this. One main aspect of the role will be to provide support at meetings – a parent support advocate – which will involve planning with the parent/carer, taking notes, feedback and being able to travel to meetings. You will need to have a car and a clean driving licence.

A full job description, person specification and application form can be found on our website:
<http://signpost-online.co.uk/about-signpost/vacancies/>

The Scottish Strategy for Autism Sixth Annual Conference, "Positive About Autism", Wed 28th March 2018, Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), Edinburgh, 9.30am - 4.30pm

We are delighted to invite you to attend this year's inclusive conference, which is a conscious departure from those of recent years in that it is not directed at professionals but at individuals with autism, families and practitioners alike. It will centre on what people can do.

The conference will be hosted by Maureen Watt, Minister for Mental Health who will launch the next and final phase of the national strategy. There will be a series of speakers, workshops and a marketplace.

The programme is getting its final tweaks and will be available shortly.

Having been based in Glasgow for a few years, the location this time is Edinburgh. Please note that due to venue capacity, **numbers will be restricted**, therefore, we would ask you to please register your Expression of Interest to attend this **free event** by [clicking here](#)
Expression of Interest Deadline: **Friday 2nd March 2018**

#BetheChange film is now live!

Enable's #BetheChange campaign film - 'Get to Know Me' - created by our incredible Change Champions is now live!

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8DhYoLBDml&feature=youtu.be>

Let's put an end to bullying of people who have a learning disability. Show your support by sharing the film with your networks.

Dates for your diary

Signpost Closes for Easter	Thursday 29th
Signpost open	Tuesday 3rd April

Did you know Signpost is a registered charity, and we have to raise all our funds ourselves each year?

All donations are gratefully received, and go towards supporting families to have the same choices and chances as any other.

NDCS Events for young people who are deaf

Do you work with or know a deaf child or young person who wants to be part of something special at youth events?

They can join us to make friends, have fun, be active and improve confidence and skills.

All youth activities will have trained leaders who will welcome and ensure children have a safe and positive experience.

Communication is important to us, sign or speech - we have it covered.

Click the links below to see events near you.

BIG SCOTTISH SLEEPOVER

19-20 May 2018, Age 8-13, Perthshire

The initial closing date for applications is 2 March 2018

SUMMER HOLIDAY SCOTLAND

16-20 July 2018, Age 8-18, Argyll and Bute

The initial closing date for applications is 30 April 2018

ADVENTURE WEEKEND

12-14 October 2018, Age 14-18, Perthshire

The initial closing date for applications is 28 July 2018

Download an application form from the [website](#) or email siobhan.murray@ndcs.org.uk to ask for one to be emailed or posted or for more information. To see details of all youth events click [here](#)

Children with additional complex needs

It is essential that we can ensure the safety of children and young people during the events. If a child requires nursing, manual handling, or presents behaviour which impacts on the safety of themselves or others then unfortunately we are currently unable to support them on our youth programme. If you are unsure if this will apply, please contact us to discuss *before* an application form is completed.

For families **where costs are a barrier** for their deaf child to attend please get in touch with us as they may be able to apply for the NDCS Inclusion Grant.

Training - the benefits of context learning for learners with autism, Tues 6 March 2018 9.30am-3.30pm in Edinburgh

Children on the autism spectrum can have difficulty transferring or generalising knowledge, which gives learning in context greater significance.

This Children in Scotland training workshop will focus on how to gain a better understanding of the different ways in which an individual can learn, and how this knowledge can be used to break down everyday tasks and situations to promote effective learning.

How to book a place

Online

By calling us on 0131 313 8828

By emailing events@childreninScotland.org.uk

Cost to attend From £79 for CiS; from £99 for non-members.



The Rudolph Project 2017

A huge thank you to The Rotary Club of Livingston for raising funds for Signpost and other local charities. At their recent fundraising dinner cheques were given to 10 local charities, including Signpost, with match funding also received from Sky. Special thanks to everyone who bought a Rudolph, snowman or owl for Xmas, and thanks once again to Paddy and Lizette for making us so welcome and supporting our work.

Signpost - Support for families of young people with additional needs in West Lothian

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