

***FAIR's AGM***

FAIR'S Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2017 will be held at **95 Causewayside** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** from **11am – 1pm**.

All Full Members and Associate Members are invited to attend the AGM, but only Full Members will be able to vote.

If you have not yet returned the membership option form sent out with our last newsletter, and you would like to become a Full Member, please bring the completed form along to the AGM and you will be able to vote. Further copies of the form will be available at the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to tell us you will be attending or find out more, please email [fair@fairadvice.org.uk](mailto:fair@fairadvice.org.uk) or call us on **0131 662 1962**.



***Play is for Everyone - New Softplay Sessions at Tumbles in Portobello***

Come along and try the new weekly softplay sessions for children with additional support needs at **Tumbles Softplay Centre in Portobello**.

The sessions are every **Saturday afternoon**, from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Sessions are free for children aged 0-6 months, £1.50 for children aged 6-12 months, £3.50 for children aged 1-2 years old, £5.50 for children aged 3-10 years old.

To find out more, call Tommy George at Edinburgh Leisure, on **0131 458 2187**.

## ***People First Self Advocacy Groups***

People First are looking for new members to join their advocacy groups in Edinburgh.

In the groups, they

- speak up for themselves
- talk about things that are important to them
- have a say in consultations
- support each other
- campaign for better lives for people with learning disabilities



They have local groups in many parts of Edinburgh.

There is going to be a new group for people with learning disabilities in North West Edinburgh. It will meet on Wednesday evenings once a month, from 6pm-7.30pm at Stockbridge Library, 11 Hamilton Place.

All adults with learning disabilities are welcome!

For more information, contact Jo or Caroline at People First, on **0131 478 7707**.

## ***Senior Selections***

Cinema brings people together to share great entertainment. Edinburgh Filmhouse's Senior Selections invites older audiences to enjoy classic films and discuss them over a cuppa afterwards.

These fortnightly Tuesday screenings are for audiences who are over 60. English language films screen with on-screen captions for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Tickets £3, including tea, coffee and biscuits after the film.

The screenings are at the Filmhouse, 88 Lothian Road, Edinburgh EH3 9BZ. To find out more, call the box office on **0131 228 2688**.

### ***EDG Homeshare***

Edinburgh Development Group (EDG) homeshare scheme matches householders with learning disabilities who need a little extra help and company, with homesharers looking for affordable living.

The scheme is based on mutual exchange, companionship and being connected to the community.

Find out more at **[www.edghomeshare.co.uk](http://www.edghomeshare.co.uk)**, find them on Facebook, or call **0131 476 0522**.

### ***Preparing for winter- free training and events for Carers***

VOCAL in Edinburgh is working with Carers Scotland to provide a half day course for older carers or carers who support an older person, with information, hints and tips on staying warm and well this winter, including the use of SMART meters to monitor energy use in the home.

To find out more, go to **[www.vocal.org.uk](http://www.vocal.org.uk)** or call **0131 622 6666**.

### ***Warm Home Discount Scheme goes live for winter 2017/18***

The Warm Home Discount Scheme (WHDS) is a government scheme that provides households at risk of fuel poverty with a one-off £140 discount on their electricity bills.

Pension Credit Guarantee Credit customers will receive a letter by late November saying if they will get the discount automatically from their energy supplier, or if they need to contact the WHDS helpline by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. The WHDS helpline is **0345 603 9439**, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.



A limited number of discounts are available to other low income households.

Non Pension Credit customers should contact their energy supplier for further information and to make a claim.

You can find out more online:

**[www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme)**

## ***Learning Disability Awards 2018***

Nominations for Scotland's Learning Disability Awards are now open! The Awards are a way to celebrate the stories and achievements of people with learning disabilities and the people who support them.

To find out more about the awards and how to nominate someone, go to [www.sclid.org.uk/learning-disability-week-2018-generation/learning-disability-awards-2018/](http://www.sclid.org.uk/learning-disability-week-2018-generation/learning-disability-awards-2018/)

The deadline for nominations is **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 5pm.**

You can also call **0141 248 3733** or email [awards@sclid.co.uk](mailto:awards@sclid.co.uk) to find out more.

## ***FAIR Christmas Cards***

FAIR have our own Christmas cards, with a festive illustration by Paul Mudie. You can buy a pack of 10 for £3 if you collect them from the office at 95 Causewayside, or we can post them to you for £4.50.

To order your cards by phone, call **0131 662 1962.**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from FAIR!**

**FAIR will be closed for appointments from  
25<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

**We will have a telephone answering service and if you leave a  
message during this time, someone will get back to you  
as soon as possible.**

**See you next year!**



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