

## **Scottish Government Consultations**

### **Job Grant**

The Scottish Government wants to get people's views on the Job Grant, a new benefit which will be delivered by Social Security Scotland to support young people moving back into employment.



The grant will be paid to 16-24 year olds (up to 26 years old for those leaving care) who have been out of paid employment and who have been getting a qualifying benefit. The Scottish Government wants your views on questions like, who should get the Job Grant and how it should be paid. The closing date for this Consultation is **9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

You can see the Consultation online at:

**[consult.gov.scot/social-security/job-grant-eligibility-criteria-consultation/](https://consult.gov.scot/social-security/job-grant-eligibility-criteria-consultation/)**

To find out more or get a paper copy of the Consultation, call **0131 244 0174** or email **JGEligibilityConsultation@gov.scot**

### **Good Food Nation**

A lot of work is being done to help people in Scotland to access and understand the benefits of healthy local foods, and to support our wonderful food industry. The Scottish Government wants to change the law so that they can help Scotland become a Good Food Nation. They want to hear your views on these plans. The closing date for this Consultation is **29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

You can see the Consultation online at:

**[consult.gov.scot/food-and-drink/good-food-nation/](https://consult.gov.scot/food-and-drink/good-food-nation/)**

To find out more or get a paper copy of the Consultation, call **0131 244 0522** or email **goodfoodnation@gov.scot**

## ***ELDAG Events - Strategic Learning Disability Plan***

The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has to make a plan for services for people with learning disabilities in Edinburgh. This is called the Strategic Learning Disability Plan.

ELDAG (the Edinburgh Learning Disability Advisory Group) is working with the HSCP to make sure the plan is working towards improving services and support.

ELDAG is holding two events about the new Strategic Learning Disability Plan.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am** - There will be a meeting to go over the new Strategic Learning Disability Plan.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am** - There will be a World Café Event to give feedback and advise on the Plan.

Both meetings will be co-chaired by Jayne Kemp of City of Edinburgh Council and Kimberley Swan of FAIR. The meetings will be held in the **ENABLE café, 95 Causewayside, Edinburgh, EH9 1QG.**

Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to find out more or come to the meetings then please email **Jayne.Kemp@edinburgh.gov.uk** or **Kimberley@fairadvice.org.uk** or call **0131 662 1962.**

## ***Danceability at Leith Victoria Swim Centre***

Danceability is an inclusive dance class for adults (16+) with additional support needs and their friends, family or carers. Explore movement and dance in your own way!

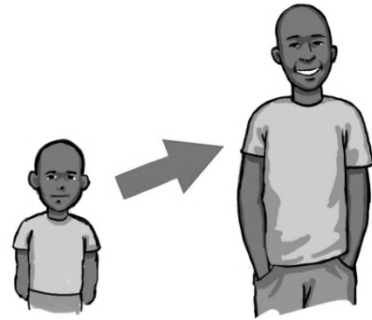
Classes started on **8<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and will be every Tuesday at **11.30am**, at **Leith Victoria Swim Centre, Junction Place, Edinburgh, EH6 5JA.**



The cost is £3.75 per person. To book a place, contact **0131 555 4728.**

## ***Scotland's First National Conference on Transitions for Parents and Carers of Young Disabled Adults***

Contact, Lead Scotland, Gillespie Macandrew and ARC Scotland are working in partnership to create an event that will be relevant to every parent of a young disabled adult – from preparation and planning for the future, through options and funding, to safeguarding your own health and that of the young person you care for.



The event will be held on **Wednesday 13th March, 9.30am- 4.30pm**, at **Scottish Youth Theatre, 105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow, G1 1TF**

The event is free to parents, with help available for travel costs.

For more details email **[tracey.francis@contact.org.uk](mailto:tracey.francis@contact.org.uk)**

## ***New Transition Website – Talking About Tomorrow***

Transition simply means change – and for young people with disabilities, growing up is one of the biggest changes they face. Families and close friends are on the journey too.

There is a new website that has been put together with parents, for parents, to answer your questions and help you make the right decisions for your family.

You can find the site at **[www.talkingabouttomorrow.org.uk](http://www.talkingabouttomorrow.org.uk)**

## ***Apologies for Late December Newsletter***

We would like to apologise to anyone who was late in getting their FAIR Newsletter for December in the post. Our photocopier broke down and we had to wait for it to be fixed.

If you get your newsletter by post and would prefer to get it by email, please let us know. The email newsletters are sent out straight away and are not delayed when the photocopier breaks down. This also saves FAIR money!

If you would like to change how you get the newsletter, please email **[Fair@fairadvice.org.uk](mailto:Fair@fairadvice.org.uk)**

## **LCiL - Assertive Communication Workshops**

The LCiL (Lothian Centre for Inclusive Living) is running two workshops in February for disabled people in Edinburgh and the Lothians with long-term conditions.

The workshops are designed to help people speak up for themselves, get ready for meetings and assessments, meet new people and be more confident.

If you would like to do this in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, you can go along to the workshops:

### **Assertiveness Workshop Session 1 10.30am - 2.30pm, Tuesday 12th February 2019**

At this workshop we'll cover different ways of communicating and their effects, and you'll have a chance to think about and plan how to make a case for something you need.

### **Assertiveness Workshop Session 2 10.30 - 2.30pm, Wednesday 27th February 2019**

This workshop will give you the chance to discuss how you used what you learned in Assertiveness 1 and to take your skills further.

**Please note:** you **must** do the first workshop before you do the 2nd one. It's great if you can come to both, but you're welcome just to do the first one on its own.

Both workshops will be at **Norton Park Conference Centre, Albion Road, Edinburgh EH7 5QY**

To find out more and to book, contact **Lisa Milburn** at LCiL on **0131 475 2554** or email **[lisa.milburn@lothiancil.org.uk](mailto:lisa.milburn@lothiancil.org.uk)**



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