



## **Newsletter No. 284 – August 2026**

**Family Advice & Information Resource**

**Advice and Information for People with Learning Disabilities**

### ***Passing of our friend Graham Bell.***

We are saddened to share that Graham passed away on June 20th 2026 after a short illness.

Graham worked for FAIR for over 20 years as our dedicated Finance Officer. He managed the finances, HR and office policies and procedures, was the eagle-eyed proofreader and DIY expert! Once he retired he continued to support FAIR's work by joining the Board of Directors and becoming our Treasurer. His knowledge, skills and patience helped FAIR to grow and develop into what we are today.



Graham was a man of many talents, a keen photographer, an actor at the Edinburgh People's Theatre and musician, to name a few.

Graham will be remembered for his quick-witted humour, attention to detail and endless kindness.

### ***Scottish Learning Disability Week 7 – 13 September 2026***

Scottish Learning Disability Week is a time to celebrate people with learning disabilities. It is a chance to break down barriers, challenge unfair attitudes and build a Scotland where everyone belongs.



To find out more information on events or how to get involved please visit: <https://scotldweek.com/> or call on 0141 248 3733.

## ***FAIR & WELL Events – August and September***

The FAIR & WELL project aims to provide activities for people with learning disabilities and their carers. Part of the project involves a coffee morning, where you can come together for chit-chat, coffee and snacks!



There are several activities planned throughout August and September:

### **Events in August:**

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| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Coffee morning with a guest from Lothian buses</b><br>10.30am – 12.30pm |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Scotland's Garden</b> 10.00am – 1.00pm                                  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee morning</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm                                    |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>Relaxed Concert</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm                                     |

### **Events in September:**

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| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | <b>Coffee morning</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm       |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>  | <b>Water of Leith Centre</b> 10.00am – 1.00pm |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee morning</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm       |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Canal Boat Outing</b> 10am – 1pm           |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Coffee morning</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm       |

If you want to come along or find out more, please contact Tasneem:

Email [tasneem@fairadvice.org.uk](mailto:tasneem@fairadvice.org.uk)

Phone **07513824259** or **0131 662 1962**.

Don't forget, you can follow FAIR on Facebook for updates:

**<https://www.facebook.com/FAIREdinburgh>**

FAIR & WELL coffee mornings are taking place in Newington Trinity Parish Church (Mayfield Church), 18 West Mayfield, Edinburgh, EH9 1TQ

## ***Make Work Pay: employment rights for unpaid carers and parents of seriously ill children***

This consultation is part of the review of employment rights for unpaid carers. The Government is seeking views on:

- The information and guidance that is available to support unpaid carers.
- The potential need for further support.
- What forms of support would be helpful for both unpaid carers and parents with a seriously ill child.

Anyone can respond to this consultation, and we particularly welcome views from those with lived experience of caring responsibilities, businesses, those with experience in supporting unpaid carers in the workplace and those with expertise in unpaid care.

This consultation closes on 1 September 2026.

More information and accessible formats including the Easy Read can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/make-work-pay-employment-rights-for-unpaid-carers-and-parents-of-seriously-ill-children>

## ***Free period products***

The Period Products Act came into force in August 2021. This means anyone who needs period products should be able to easily get them for free. You can pick them up in lots of places across the city including libraries, community centres, Edinburgh Leisure buildings, schools, colleges, museums and galleries.

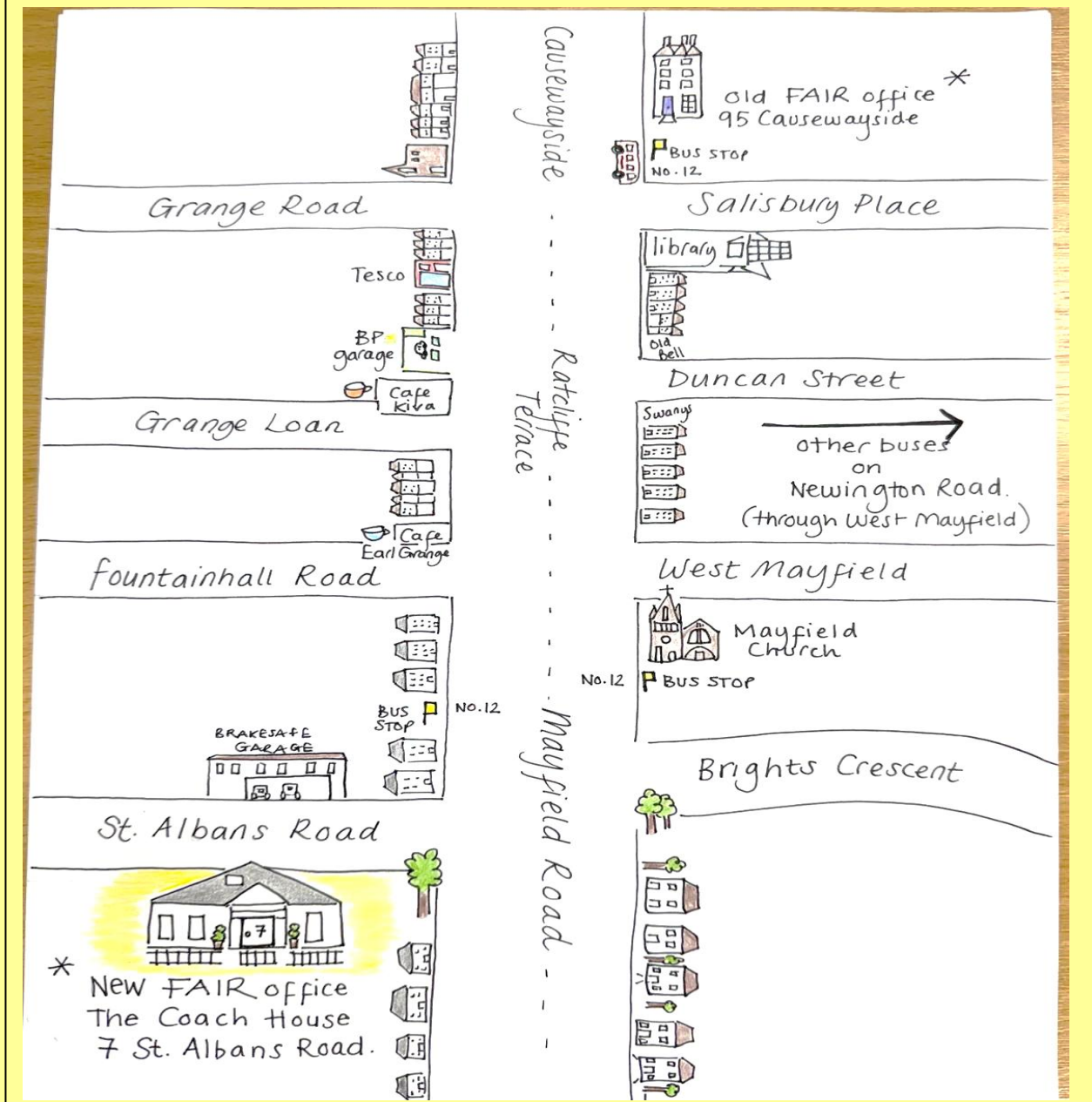


You can get a range of plastic free tampons and pads in all venues. You can also get reusable menstrual cups, pants and pads.

You should be able to see the products easily and pick them up without having to ask someone. You can also pick them up in all toilets at the venues.

For enquiries email: [cec-periodpoverty@ea.edin.sch.uk](mailto:cec-periodpoverty@ea.edin.sch.uk)

**Map of where our new FAIR office is: The Coach House, 7 St Alban's Road, EH9 2PA.**



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