

Newsletter No. 273 – October 2024

Family Advice & Information Resource Information & Advice for People with Learning Disabilities

FAIR News!

FAIR's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

FAIR's AGM will be held on **Tuesday 5th November** at **10.30am**. It will be held at 95 Causewayside.

If you can attend, please let us know! You can email fair@fairadvice.org.uk or call 0131 662 1962.



FAIR Evaluation

FAIR want to provide a good service to everyone that uses it!

To help us, please complete our annual evaluation. You can let us know if we are doing things well or if we could do things better.

You can complete the evaluation form online: https://forms.office.com/e/4EgXcC6ig3

You can also call **0131 662 1962** and a staff member can help you complete the evaluation on the phone.



FAIR's Funding

We are very happy to have been awarded Robertson Trust funding to support the running of FAIR for the next 3 years! This will help us deliver our service and support as many people as possible.



FAIR & WELL Events - October and November

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 October and November:

Events in October:

Wednesday 2nd Coffee morning at FAIR: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9th **Edinburgh Zoo:** 10.00am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 16th Coffee morning at FAIR: 10.30am - 12.30pm Wednesday 23rd Museum of Scotland: 10.00am - 1.00pm Coffee morning at FAIR: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Events in November:

Wednesday 6th Holyrood Palace: 10.30am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 13th Coffee morning at FAIR: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 20th City Chambers: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday 27th Coffee morning at FAIR: 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Email tasneem@fairadvice.org.uk

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

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

https://www.facebook.com/FAIREdinburgh

Job Opportunity – The Scottish Assembly

The Scottish Assembly are looking for a Southeast Regional Facilitator. Their job would be to find and support more people with a learning disability and autistic people to take part in regional and national meetings, workshops and consultations. The job is 16 hours a week and the pay is £12 per hour. Applicants should live in or around the Edinburgh area.

You can find out more and apply by visiting:

https://www.s1jobs.com/job/southeast-assembly-lead-123799802

National Care Service Forum

The National Care Service (NCS) is hosting its annual Care Service Forum on Monday 7th October 10:15am – 3:15pm, at Glasgow Science Centre.

You can also attend online.

The forum is for people with an interest in social care support, social work, and community health.

This year, they will discuss the latest developments of the National Care Service programme and National Care Service (Scotland) Bill. People can join discussions, share views on the progress and look ahead/

To find out more you can access Easy Read information at www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-ncs-take-part-ncs-national-forum-2024-easy-read/documents/ or email NCSCommunications@gov.scot.

Improving Transport in Edinburgh – Have Your Say

Transport for All are running workshops to find out how disabled people can be included in improving transport.

There will be 2 in-person workshops on **Wednesday 2nd October 2024** and **Wednesday 19th February 2025.** Workshops will be from **10.00am – 4.00pm**. People will be paid £150 for each day. They must take part in both days.

There will be 2 online workshops on **Wednesday 16th October 2024** and **Wednesday 5th March 2025.** Workshops are a half-day. People will be paid £90 for each day. They must take part in both days.

If you would like to take part, or if you have any questions, you can email Alisha.Pathania@transportforall.org.uk

Pension Credit and Winter Fuel Payment

The UK government is now making the Winter Fuel Payment means-tested.

It will mainly be available to those on Pension Credit. Pensioners should check if they can claim for Pension Credit to get this year's Winter Fuel Payment.

You must have reached State Pension age to qualify for Pension Credit.

You have until **21**st **December** to apply. To find out if you qualify and how to apply, contact FAIR on **0131 662 1962**.



Euan's Guide Access Survey

Euan's Guide is asking anyone who has ever had to consider disabled access to share their opinions on accessibility by taking the latest Euan's Guide Access Survey.



The survey covers topics such as accessible toilets and parking, the new government, technology and transport as well as general disabled access.

You can access the Easy Read survey at www.euansguide.com/media/su2djsl0/24-accesssurvey-easyread.pdf or call 0131 510 5106 for more information.



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