



### LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK (14-20 May)

- **KEEP SAFE SPACES** Learning Disability Week sees the launch of the Fife 'Keep Safe' spaces developed by Police Scotland and charity 'I Am Me Scotland'. Watch the video with BSL info [here](#). Keep Safe offers a network of safe places where people can seek assistance if required. Dunfermline will have Fife's first Safe Spaces (details in our next newsletter) and more will be developed across the Kingdom in the coming months.



- Watch the Scottish Commission for Learning Disability clips on '[Why Does Learning Disability Week matter?](#)' and follow [#LDWeek2018](#) on Twitter.



- The Fife Adult Support and Protection Committee easy read '[Disability Hate Crime](#)' booklet gives details on hate crime, harassment and Third Party Reporting Centres.

- All Adult Support and Protection Committee easy read resources are available online at: [www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotectioneasyread](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/adultprotectioneasyread)



**ADULT SUPPORT & PROTECTION BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE CLIPS** Fife Adult Support and Protection Committee has worked with Fife [Deaf Communication Service](#) to create a series of short BSL clips introducing each Adult Support and Protection Committee easy read resource, to promote the information to Fife citizens who use British Sign Language, and get their feedback. The clips will feature on the [Deaf Communication Service Facebook page](#) during [Deaf Awareness Week](#) from 14-20 May.



**PRIVATE LANDLORD CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTION INFORMATION** The Child Protection and the Adult Support & Protection Committees in partnership with Fife Council Housing Services have created a 'Private Landlord Registration – Landlord Guide'. It encourages landlords to recognise risk to a child or adult at risk or harm and to know how to raise concerns.

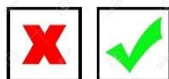


**ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION TRAINING** Individuals who are external to Fife Council can now apply for the 'Effective Working Together' training using the new [online form](#). Dates for 2018 are on the [Training Flyer External Agencies](#).

Fife Council employees should apply through the Corporate Learning Management System (CLMS). Details of all courses (Effective Working Together and Council Officer courses) are on the [Training Flyer Fife Council/NHS](#).



**MENTAL HEALTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT** Fife Health & Social Care Partnership are holding a mental health engagement event on Tuesday 15th May 2018 from 1.30 - 4.30pm at Rothes Halls, Glenrothes. The event is for practitioners from all sectors, adults with a lived experience of mental ill health and their carers, to share stories of good practice, and ask what are Fife's future priorities and are services heading in the right direction? To book email: [Amy.Stevenson@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Amy.Stevenson@fife.gov.uk) or call 03451 55 55 55 + Ext 441180





[The Equally Safe in Higher Education Toolkit](#) is a free resource for Scottish universities working to prevent gender-based violence on their campuses. It was created at the University of Strathclyde and funded by the Scottish Government. The toolkit takes forward principles set out in the #emilytest campaign set up by Fiona Drouet, in memory of her daughter Emily who was in an abusive relationship with another student at Aberdeen University, and subsequently took her own life.



**STALKING AWARENESS WEEK** If you think you are being stalked or harassed, call 999 in an emergency. Report your concerns at your local police station, by calling 101, or use the Police Scotland [online Stalking Form](#). The National Stalking Helpline 0808 802 0300 is available 9.30am-4pm on weekdays (Wednesdays 1-4pm). Find further information on their [video](#), and [leaflet](#), on the [Police Scotland website](#) and the [Action Against Stalking website](#).



**DOMESTIC ABUSE** A [report by Safe Lives](#) showed the extent to which older women experience domestic abuse, but are the age group least likely to access support. Watch the short film by Women's Aid ['Do you see her?'](#) For support call Fife Women's Aid: 0809 802 5555 or visit the [Fife Women's Aid website](#). The Adult Support and Protection Committee easy read [Domestic Abuse](#) and [Sexual Abuse](#) booklets were created with [Fife Violence Against Women Partnership](#).



**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES** The British Red Cross 'Connecting Communities' service is available to adults who feel lonely or are socially isolated and struggling to cope. For more information contact Mary Ann Barr (Community Connector) on 07922 584 614 or email: [connectfife@redcross.org.uk](mailto:connectfife@redcross.org.uk)



**CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE** 'Step by Step' has four social groups across Fife for people who have lost loved ones. The groups help people feeling isolated or lonely to meet new people and connect with community activities. Contact Jacqueline MacGregor on 07432 635 406 or email: [stepbystep@crusescotland.org.uk](mailto:stepbystep@crusescotland.org.uk) Cruse also run a helpline for bereavement support on 0845 600 2277.



**HOARDING, HEALTH AND HOUSING** Edinburgh will host the first major conference on hoarding disorder, organised by social enterprise [Life-Pod](#) at the Corn Exchange on 4 October. The conference comes in the same year that hoarding disorder will become a newly-classified mental health condition.



**APPROPRIATE ADULT CONSULTATION** The Scottish Government are holding a consultation to seek views on plans to place Appropriate Adult Services on a statutory footing. A statutory service will help to ensure vulnerable people who come into contact with the justice system receive a consistent level of high quality support across Scotland. Take part [here](#).



**ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION COORDINATOR** Would your group like more information on Adult Support and Protection? Get in touch with our Engagement & Participation Coordinator on 03451 55 55 55 ext 442134 or email: [shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk](mailto:shona.mcewan@fife.gov.uk) to arrange an informal talk to encourage people to recognise and report harm and find out about our easy read resources.

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AT RISK OF HARM OR IS BEING NEGLECTED,  
CALL THE ADULT PROTECTION PHONE LINE ON 01383 602200.**

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