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SGDEN NEWS

We want to hear from you...

We want to hear from you about your experiences of inequality in South Gloucestershire.

- How can we work with the council to address these inequalities?
- Do you have experiences that highlight issues in the area?

Please email your thoughts and comments to info@sgden.org.uk and we will include your feedback in our discussions with the Council and other groups.



Can't Wait Scheme

Do you know of any businesses/venues that would be interested in joining the [Can't Wait](#) scheme? Please do let them know about it and they can get in touch for more information by visiting our [website](#) or emailing info@sgden.org.uk.

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Consultation

Review of the Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Licensing Policy

The Regulatory Committee of South Gloucestershire Council is undertaking a review of its Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Statement of Licensing Policy. The revised policy, once adopted, is proposed to run from November 2024. To find out

please send your views to Consultation@southglos.gov.uk



Research Project Call for Participants

‘Exploring the Lives of Disability Benefit Claimants in the UK’

Lilly, a PhD researcher at the University of Bristol, is exploring the experiences of individuals with disabilities in claiming disability benefits in the UK.

As of 2023, over 6.3 million people in the UK are claiming disability benefits, according to the House of Commons. Lilly, drawing from personal and shared experiences, recognises that applying for benefits can be a stressful, intricate, and lengthy process.

Lilly is seeking to understand the perspectives of individuals in Bristol and South Gloucestershire regarding their experiences with disability benefits, including the application process, tribunals, or awards, and the overall impact on their lives.

Lilly invites individuals to share their stories with disability benefits. If you belong to any of the categories below and are interested in participating in the research project, please contact Lilly:

- a) You are currently applying for or receiving disability benefits.
- b) You have previously applied for or received disability benefits.
- c) You have assisted someone in applying for disability benefits (e.g., as a carer).

Contact Lilly to take part on:

Phone, text, or WhatsApp: **07497237176** or email: **lilly.buonasorte@bristol.ac.uk**

Your experiences are invaluable, and your contribution could make a significant difference.



VOLUNTEER WITH US FOR

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

01- 31 OCTOBER

The South Gloucestershire Race and Equality Network (SGREN) are currently preparing a programme of events in various locations across South Gloucestershire for Black History Month. For more information on how to get involved, please contact us at sgren-committee@outlook.com

They are also hosting safe space online drop-in events every other Wednesday, from 7pm to 9pm, for people of ethnically diverse backgrounds and allies. Everyone who lives, works or is educated in South Gloucestershire is welcome to meet in a safe environment and share their experiences, check in on others and reflect following recent events. The drop-in sessions are advertised on their [Facebook page](#).



support all minoritised and marginalised communities. The Trust is offering a number of free 'Lunch & Learn' sessions, open to all.

The Lunch & Learn sessions include:

- Menopause Awareness - Thursday 24/10/2024 1:00 pm
- Transgender Awareness - Wednesday 13/11/2024 1:00 pm
- Disability Awareness - Monday 09/12/2024 12:00 pm

To book your place for any of these free online webinars, please email info@diversitytrust.org.uk or to find out more, visit diversitytrust.org.uk/events/

Also, as part of this year's **Bisexual Awareness Week**, the Diversity Trust will be running a survey to capture the voices of people who identify as Bisexual. They want to hear about what some of the barriers for Bisexual people are, what brings people Bi-joy and what can be done to break down stigmas around Bisexuality.

The information will be fed back into services, support groups, local authorities and more in a bid to provide a better voice for Bisexual people. This will also form the basis of a report they will be producing around the Bisexual voice.

If you identify as Bisexual and would like to take part, please fill out the survey [here](#).

VOLUNTEERING AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES



VOLUNTEER FOR US!

We are seeking a volunteer to create this monthly newsletter and assist



You will have the personal satisfaction of supporting a good cause and being part of a network supporting those with disability or experiencing inequality.

Skills you could develop

Confidence, communication and planning skills, grow your marketing knowledge and social media planning awareness. Skills that could lead to a different career path.

What difference will you make?

Your support will help us reach a wider audience and allow us to share vital information with our members.

chat, please email
info@sgden.org.uk

Below are some links which may be useful for volunteering or job searches:

[Paul's Place](#)

[Cerebral Palsy Plus](#)

[Thornbury Volunteer Centre](#)

[Southern Brooks](#)

[Voscur](#)

[CVS South Gloucestershire](#)

[South Gloucestershire Council](#)

[The Care Forum](#)

[NHS](#)

SGDEN NEWSLETTER - Share your news and events

At SGDEN, we are always keen to provide a platform for local disability groups to share what they have been doing and events that they are running.

If you would like us to share your story or event in the newsletter, please send details to news@sgden.org.uk



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