



SITE eNewsletter April 2018 Issue No. 101

Welcome to your April newsletter which includes info on the new registration procedures, some helpful tips and the latest in tech talk! Have a good month and cheer up the snow has goneor has it.

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Section 1: News Update

new Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) Scotland Form

From the beginning of April, there is a new form for registering people with vision impairments aged 16 and over.

This new Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI) form, uses the terminology of 'sight impaired' or 'severely sight impaired' and replaces the old BP1 form.

[Read more.](#)

Changes At Glasgow Queen Street

The current entrance to the high-level from Dundas Street will be moved further up the street closer to the Glasgow Subway and low-level entrance until mid May. This is to allow for the latest phase of work on the demolition of Consort House. The new temporary entrance will take

customers to the high-level via a walk-way running through the old WH Smith unit. This will take passengers out onto the main high-level concourse. The station are advising customers to consider using the North Hanover Street entrance to access high-level services, and are encouraging people to leave extra time for travelling to and from the station as there may be some congestion. The passenger assist counter will also move to the main concourse on the station high-level. Customers requiring assistance should report to that counter.

Artlink Information April - May 2018

Please click the link below for gallery and library events designed for individuals

with sight loss. Please make bookings directly with the venue. If you have

any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kirsty at Artlink 0131 229 3555 option 1 kirstypaterson@artlinkedinburgh.co.uk

Read more.

Travel and Transport Tips

Here are some travel and transport tips, passed to us by a member, from the Macular Society.

- Although I no longer go birdwatching, I use my binoculars to read signs and look at flowers, paintings, exhibitions, or just the scenery.

- When travelling on public transport, I carry my “monocular” unobtrusively in my fist. It magnifies ten times so I can bring it up to my eye to read the boards on the station platform, or spot the route number on a bus from up to 100 metres away.

If you have any tips, covering any area of life, you think others may benefit from send them to info@sitescotland.org

Read more.

Research recruitment

The Vision and Eye Research Unit at Anglia Ruskin University is looking to recruit volunteers for a study on the use of glaucoma eye drops.

Participants need to be over the age of 40 and using drops. The study will involve examination of the eyes before and after watching a movie, in order to assess how certain common environmental conditions can affect the eyes. The participants will be also asked to fill out questionnaires regarding their ocular symptoms.

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Section 2: Tech Talk

Buzzclip

Members of the SITE Apps Club tried a new wearable mobility tool for blind and partially sighted people at their recent meeting.

The BuzzClip is a small and discreet wearable device for people living with blindness or partial sight. The device uses ultrasound to detect obstacles that may lie directly in one's path. It then notifies the user of these obstacles through intuitive vibrations, allowing the user to safely navigate around any objects that they may encounter. The BuzzClip offers essential head level obstacle detection and can be easily held or attached to many forms of clothing, making it a highly versatile and useful device.

[Read more.](#)

Apple Proposes New Accessibility Emojis

The proposed emojis broadly cover four main categories – Blind and Low Vision, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Physical Motor, and Hidden Disabilities – and have been Developed in collaboration with organizations such as American Council of the Blind, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and the National Association of the Deaf.

[Read more.](#)

In Your Pocket

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New Smart Glasses

At the world's largest assistive technology fair, CSUN in San Diego, recently

there were many high tech items on display.

Among such technologies were some Smart glasses which help the visually impaired to see.
Read more.

SITE Apps Club!

The next meeting of the SITE Apps Club will take place on Wednesday 25th April in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow.
Commencing 10:30 until 12noon (Enter from Granville Street where you will be met upon arrival). All welcome.
Contact Fraser to find out more fraserfleming@sitescotland.org

Remember you can also join the SITE Apps Club on Face Book by clicking the link below.
SITE Face Book Group.

Section 3: Events

April

Wednesday 25 April SITE Apps Club, Glasgow

Monday 30 April 2018 - Disability and Employment Congress, Glasgow

June

25 June - 1 July - Macular Week 2018

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