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Hope everyone is enjoying August which is marginally better weather wise than last month, if not the newsletter may bring you a little sunshine !

In this months newsletter we have information on a new AI App, the latest on shared surfaces and a cool tip to increase the speaker volume on your iPhone.

Please email any questions, comments, articles and news leads to info@sitescotland.org

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Section 1: News Update

Councils Urged To Implement Shared SpaceReport Recommendations

A report from a seminar on Shared Space has recommendations which all Scottish Councils should implement urgently.

So says Sandy Taylor, Chairman, EDVIPF.

Sandy, who has worked tirelessly along with his members, has urged all Councils to implement the report outcomes urgently.

[Read more.](#)

Freedom Scientific Visit At The Mitchell Library

Sight and Sound Technology are delighted to be hosting Freedom Scientific, part of the VFO Group, at the Mitchell Library, Glasgow on 10th August at 2pm – 4pm.

Come along and meet Eric Damery, Vice President of Software Product Management.

Event Details

Thursday 10th August, 14:00 to 16:00

Location: The Mitchell Library (Granville St entrance), Moir Dyer Suite, Glasgow, G3 7DN.

For further information or to register your interest in attending please contact Ann Hamilton on : 0141 287 2920 (Please leave a voicemail if requested) or email

Ann.S.Hamilton@glasgow.gov.uk

[Read full story.](#)

Artlink information August - September 2017

Artlink have released details of accessible gallery tours, events and much more aimed at those with sight loss.

[Read more.](#)

In Brief.....

- Disability Information Scotland are recruiting.

[Full details.](#)

- Our Review of the Ultra cane by Ian Cooper.

[Read more.](#)

- Angus Council improves street conditions for blind residents

[Read full story.](#)

- Global blindness set to triple by 2050

[Read more.](#)

- GCIL Professional Careers Graduate Traineeship Opportunities

[Read more.](#)

- Lead Scotland - Supporting Disabled people To Learn

[Read more.](#)

Section 2: Tech Talk

Seeing AI App

A free app, by Microsoft, that narrates the world around you. Designed for the low vision community, this research project harnesses the power of AI to describe people, text and objects

[Read more.](#)

Bump Up The Volume!

Quick tip to increase the volume from your iPhone speaker:

1. Launch "Settings."
2. Navigate and double tap on "Music."
3. Double tap "EQ."
4. Double tap "Late Night" and you will notice the increase in volume.

A Really Smart Cane!

Smart Cane Uses Image Recognition And Voice Feedback To Provide A More Accurate Description.

At this year's Microsoft Imagine Cup, Team Titamas from Japan designed a smart cane that is different from the ultrasonic and laser canes that we have seen in the past. The team recognised that it is important that a blind person not only know that there is an object in their path, but also what the object is, where it is, and does it pose a danger to the user.

The Walky uses image recognition to identify the object in real time. It then uses directional voice feedback to communicate that information to the user.

SITE Apps Club

Interested in the latest accessible apps? Then why not join the Apps Club on Facebook. To join the apps club you just have to search Facebook for SiteAppsClub all one word and then you can select it from the results and send a request to join.

The next meeting of the SITE Apps Club will take place at the Glasgow Virgin Money Lounge, 145 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3BJ on Wednesday 30th August 10.30am – 12.00pm.

Section 3: Events and Training

August

10 August Freedom Scientific Event, Mitchell Library, Glasgow

30 August SITE Apps Club, The Virgin Money Lounge, Queen Street, Glasgow

October

12 October World Sight Day

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