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Pantomime Session for Children

As part of our services for children and in keeping with the winter season, Epilepsy Connections ran a Pantomime Workshop with the help of the Education Department of the King's Theatre.

The children explored the personalities of various pantomime characters such as the pantomime dame and the evil witch through games and activities. The day ended with a short performance by the children, when they performed the story of Cinderella, with each child being given a role to play and the opportunity to wear a genuine costume from previous pantomimes produced by the King's Theatre.

All the children who participated had lots of fun and we are very grateful to them and their parents for making the day so enjoyable.



Some of the children present at the session

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) - A guideline to completion for adults with epilepsy

Epilepsy Connections is at present compiling guidelines for people with epilepsy to enable them to complete DLA application or DLA renewal forms by themselves.

We would like to do a few trial runs to determine how effective these guidelines will be.

We are therefore looking for adults who are due to apply for or complete a renewal application for DLA within the next 2 or 3 months to use our Guidelines to fill in the form and give us feedback on how effective the Guidelines were.

If you decide to help us out, our Fieldwork teams in Glasgow and Forth Valley will still be available to support you in the process.

If you are interested in participating please phone the office on 0141.248.4125.

Concessionary Travel Passes

As you are probably aware, new Concessionary Travel Passes are now valid for travel throughout Scotland. As a result of this, there have been changes to the application process for a Concessionary Travel Pass and this has caused some confusion.

Accordingly we have produced a leaflet for people in the Greater Glasgow and Forth Valley areas which provides a step-by-step guide as to how to make an application and the information you will require to provide.

If you would like to receive a copy of the leaflet then please phone the office on 0141.248.4125.

Are your contact details correct?

Epilepsy Connections is currently updating its database information, so we would be grateful if you could let us know if any of the contact details we are holding on you are incorrect—e.g. is your name spelt correctly, is your address and postcode correct? Your contact details are held on this database, which is only used internally for administration purposes and will not be distributed.

Also, would you please let us know if you no longer wish your name to be included on our Newsletter Mailing List.

Please phone the office on 0141.248.4125 with any changes



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Holiday Opportunity

My name is Scott Kennedy and I'm considering going on holiday, probably in the U.K., sometime in the summer of 2008, maybe a coach tour. However, I lack the confidence to do this alone and was wondering if anyone else is in a similar position. If several people were interested we could organise a group holiday where we could look out for each other and ensure that should anyone in the group have a seizure they would be looked after and supported.

If you're interested and would like to meet and discuss the options call Scott direct on 07919906162 after 4pm—Monday to Friday.

This has been inserted at the request of Scott and is not being organised by Epilepsy Connections

Forthcoming Events

Living Well With Epilepsy Workshops, Callander

Tuesdays 18th March—22nd April 2008
11.00am—1.00pm

This programme of 6 free workshops is for adults with a confirmed diagnosis of epilepsy, and for a partner, carer or family member.

Topics will include: **epilepsy myths and facts, coping with stress, living with long-term medication and epilepsy and memory.**

At the end of the workshops you will understand more about epilepsy and how to manage it.

If you are interested in attending, please phone the office on 01324.692030 to reserve a place.

Glass Painting Event for Black Ethnic Minority (BME) Carers of people with epilepsy

Following on from the previous success of Glass Painting, we are hoping to hold a further session in late Spring/early Summer for BME women and carers affected by epilepsy.

The aim of this session is to let ethnic minority women affected by epilepsy to get together in a culturally sensitive environment, to share and exchange their experiences and knowledge of epilepsy, at the same time as enjoying a fun activity.

This session will be free of charge and light refreshments will be provided.

For further information or to reserve a place, please contact the office on 0141.248.4125.

Adult Art Sessions

Tuesday 15th April—Tuesday 3rd June 2008

We will be running a new series of adult art workshops on Tuesday afternoons (1.00pm—3.00pm) at The Annexe, Stewartville Street, Partick, Glasgow.

A small charge of £2.50 will be made for each session to help towards the cost of materials.

If you would like to reserve a place, please phone the office on 0141.248.4125