

Cross-Party Group on Disability

11 February at 1pm-2.30pm on Teams only

Agenda

Agenda item 1

Welcome and Introduction by Jeremy Balfour MSP

- Apologies will be noted in the minutes.
- Approval of minutes of AGM & meeting, held on 11 June 2025
- Matters Arising.
- Items of Correspondence.

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New Member Requests:

- The Yard - Celine Sinclair / Rachel Keenan.
- PLUS Forth Valley - Karen Moffat
- Kindred - Clair Halliday

Agenda item 3

Presentation 1 :

Emma Swift – The Electoral Commission - is looking to conduct some outreach activity with groups representing people with disabilities to talk about their public awareness and communications activities ahead of the 2026 Scottish Parliament election. (10 minutes presentation with 5 minutes Q&A)

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Presentation 2 :

Mark Gaffney – Scottish Disability Sport – will present on ‘Call to Action’ a recent launch of a 4 point call to action:- The SDS 4-point Call to Action emphasizes the urgent need to remove barriers for people with disabilities in accessing sport and physical activity and calls on organisations, politicians and policymakers to take action to remove barriers and insure an inclusive sporting and physical activity system. (10 minutes presentation with 5 minutes Q&A)

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Presentation 3 :

Carol Burt – IAMME Scotland – ‘Disability Friendly’ – will present to the group on a new network that works with communities to increase awareness of the barriers that disabled and vulnerable people can face in the community. (10 minute presentation with 5 minutes Q&A)

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Any other Business:-

1. **Birds of Paradise Theatre – Michelle Rolfe**, Producer of the Birds of Paradise Theatre company will brief the group on creating a Disabled Led Steering Group for a new project called CUE Backstage which is looking for disabled people in these roles. (5 minutes).
2. **Scotland’s Disability Summit** – being held on Saturday 21 February 2026 in the Scottish Parliament. – there has been an overwhelming response to attend the Summit both in person and online and registration is now closed.