

UK Council on Deafness & Sense Conference

Ageing with Sensory Loss

- maintaining independence, maximising choice

"Action by Working Together"

Venue:

The Resource Centre, 356 Holloway Road, London, N7 6PA.

Wednesday, 9th December 2009

10.00am	Registration
10.30am	Conference commences
3.15pm	Tea/Coffee and depart

In the morning we will be concentrating on setting the scene and discussing the problems people face from hearing and sight loss as they get older. In the afternoon there will be a number of short sessions showing a range of solutions that can help people to maintain their independence.

Members of UKCoD are invited to attend the UKCoD AGM which will be held at lunch time, and there will be a number of exhibitors to visit during the coffee and lunch break.

It is an opportunity for all professionals working with deaf and deafblind people to meet and network with colleagues and to gain a greater understanding of developments taking place across the country and across the spectrum of deafness and deafblindness.

Conference Chair

John Adams, Chair of the Department of Health's Third Sector and Social Enterprise Sounding Board & UKCoD Trustee

Presentations Include:

Hidden Crisis – Emma Harrison, Director of External Affairs, RNID.
Why millions keep quiet about hearing loss.

Fill in the Gaps – Sue Brown, Head of Campaigns, Sense.
Raising awareness of the needs of older deafblind people among professionals.

Aging Problems – old solutions – Mike Brace, CBE, Chief Executive Vision 2020 UK

Communication Support – Kath Phipps, RNID.
Developing access to communication support in English for people who become deaf.

Assistive technology – Richard Lucas, Health, Care & Social Inclusion Manager, Action for Blind People

An overview of entry level equipment for older people with sensory loss, and how they can find out about / source such items

Low tech – high impact – Liz Duncan, Head of Acquired Deafblind Services, Sense
How to make a difference through low cost, high impact, support for older people who are Deafblind

'What it means for me' – Liz Duncan, Head of Acquired Deafblind Services, Sense
Deafblind People talk about what makes a difference to them, with additional information from Liz Duncan.

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PROGRAMME: SETTING THE SCENE / EXPLORING THE PROBLEM

10.00 – 10.30 **Registration**

10.30 - 11.00 ***Welcome by Conference Chair***, John Adams

Hidden Crisis - why millions keep quiet about hearing loss: Emma Harrison, Director of External Affairs, RNID

11.00 – 11.30 ***Fill in the Gaps*** - raising awareness of the needs of older deafblind people among professionals: Sue Brown Head of Campaigns Sense

11.30 – 12.00 **Refreshment Break**

12.00 – 12.30 ***Ageing problems - old solutions*** - Mike Brace, CBE, Chief Executive Vision 2020 UK

12.30 – 2.00 ***UKCoD AGM and Lunch*** - opportunity to visit exhibitors stands

SOLUTIONS

2.00 - 2.15 ***Communication Support*** - developing access to communication support in English for people who become deaf: Kath Phipps, RNID

2.15 – 2.30 ***Assistive technology*** - entry level equipment for older people with sensory loss: Richard Lucas Health, Care and Social Inclusion Manager, Action for Blind People

2.30 – 2.45 ***Low cost – high impact*** - Liz Duncan, Head of Acquired Deafblind Services Sense – How to make a difference through low cost, high impact, support for older people who are Deafblind

2.45 – 3.00 ***'What it means for me'*** – Deafblind People talk about what makes a difference to them, with additional information from Liz Duncan, Head of Acquired Deafblind Services, Sense.

3.00 – 3.15 ***Summing Up***

3.15 ***Refreshments & Depart***

Mike Brace, CBE, went blind at the age of ten following a firework accident near his home in Hackney. He went to special school, and then to Pembridge Place to study shorthand. After six years of working as a shorthand typist in the civil service (where he simultaneously studied for and gained 2 A levels) he went to North London Polytechnic to study social work.

Since 1976, Mike has had 2 careers. One in employment - as a social worker, team manager and ultimately as Assistant Director for Social Services in a London Borough, before taking up his current post as Chief Executive of VISION 2020 UK.

The other - as a sportsman, Manager and administrator in a number of sports, and at all levels. He represented Britain in 5 Winter Paralympic Games, Managed at a further 8 Paralympic Games, was Chairman of Paralympics GB from 2001 to 2008, and was a Board member of London 2012 from 2003 until February this year.

His first book "Where there's A Will" was published in 1980, he was featured as a subject on "This is Your Life" in 1981 Awarded the OBE for Services to sport in 2005 and the CBE in 2009 also for services to sport. Mike is also an active after dinner speaker, which he says is a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of issues affecting disabled people as well as raising money for his various charities.

Liz Duncan - Head of Acquired Deafblind Services, Sense.

Liz has worked for Sense for 15 years and began her career as the sole Sense worker for people with Acquired Deafblindness. She has been Head of the service for the last seven years.

Liz has extensive experience of working with Local Authorities and other service providers to develop support to Older people who become Deafblind, as well as being a trainer, professional practise supervisor and mentor.

Sue Brown has been **Head of Campaigns and Public Policy for Sense** since 2002. In that time she has worked on the three year Fill in the Gaps campaign to ensure that older deafblind people get the support they need. In her time at Sense she has also worked on a range of issues from the Mental Capacity Act to personalisation and the Individual Budget Pilots. She co-ordinates a coalition of organisations working on individual budgets and chairs the Learning Disability Coalition campaigns group.

Before working for Sense she held a similar role at Mind for 5 years, leading the sector's campaigning on the Mental Health Bill.

Richard Lucas is **Health, Care and Social Inclusion Manager at Action for Blind People** in South West England where he has built a range of services for deafblind people in partnership with Local Authorities and NHS Trusts. During the past eleven years working in the RNIB Group he has developed Guide-Communicator services using an holistic approach which provides practical and emotional support to deafblind individuals, their families and friends.

Richard also provides training in deafblind issues for Guide-Communicators, Local Authority and NHS staff and has developed a wide range of courses and varying levels of entry.

Emma Harrison is the **Director of External affairs at RNID** where she has worked since January 2007. Emma is responsible for delivering the organisations' campaigning and political agenda as well as managing the media profile and member engagement.

Prior to RNID Emma worked at Which? for seven years in various campaigns and public affairs roles. She worked on campaigns as diverse as car prices, supermarket competition, legal reform and estate agency redress.

During her time at Which? She went on secondment to Consumers International to lead its global trade programme in the run up to the WTO ministerial meeting in Hong Kong.

Her first job was in the European Parliament where Emma worked with MEPs on agriculture and consumer affairs.

Katherine Phipps has been the **Director of Communication Services and Development at RNID** since 2006. She has been working in the disability sector for over 10 years, and previously worked at RNIB as the Head of JMU Access Partnership, a pan-disability access consultancy service working to improve access to buildings and services for disabled people. As a severely deafened person herself, Katherine has a personal as well as a professional interest in communication support services for deaf and Deafblind people.

Katherine has previously been a member of the Disabled Person's Transport Advisory Committee (DPTAC) at DfT, and was the inaugural Chair of the Inclusive Environments Group at the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE). She is currently the Vice-Chair of UKCOD and also a member of the board of the NRCPPD (National Registers of Communication Professionals working with Deaf and Deafblind People).



BOOKING FORM

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Date: 09.12.09

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