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## MARGARET TERVITT & FIONA HALL - ADULT LITERACY

“ We both work together in the role of Literacy Officer at Deafblind Scotland. We offer a vital literacy support service targeted at meeting the everyday literacy needs of deafblind people. Members have the flexibility of a drop-in service offering support and advice for such things as letter reading and writing, form filling, accessing information by phone and the internet, organising personal finances and budgeting. Our aim is to support deafblind people to take control of their personal correspondence and affairs as part of living a more independent and less isolated life. The service has also acted as a springboard for many deafblind people, who have benefited from it, to participate in literacy and numeracy learning programmes at Deafblind Scotland, tailored to their individual requirement. ”



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## EVENTS

### Big Fun Runs



**August and October**  
Take part in any of the various 5k Big Fun Runs in Stirling, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

### Titan Crane



**5th Sep. & 4th Oct.**  
Get into a harness and abseil 150 feet off of the historic Titan Crane in Clydebank, Glasgow.

### Climb Kilimanjaro



**2009 & 2010**  
Are you up to the challenge? Take on the adventure of a lifetime and help deafblind people across Scotland.

For more information, contact [events@deafblindscotland.org.uk](mailto:events@deafblindscotland.org.uk).

## DEAFBLIND SCOTLAND'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

This year Deafblind Scotland will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its establishment in Scotland in 1989. On the 31st August, we will organise an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia covering two decades of service. The exhibition will be held from 2pm-10pm in Lenzie Union Church Hall. For more info, visit [www.deafblindscotland.org.uk](http://www.deafblindscotland.org.uk)



## INDEPENDANT LIVING SCOTLAND

The Independent Living Scotland exhibition will be in the SECC in Glasgow from the 9th to the 10th of September. This exhibition showcases the latest in mobility aids and disability services as well as offering a wealth of information from various professionals.

<http://www.bjhcim.co.uk/news/2009/n906004.htm>

## DEAFBLIND GUIDANCE REISSUED IN ENGLAND

Guidance on the treatment and level of service provision for deafblind people south of the border has been reissued. The Guidance places a number of legal duties on Local Authorities including identifying deafblind people and providing appropriate services.

[http://www.sense.org.uk/media\\_centre/latest\\_news/july\\_2009/db\\_guidance\\_parliamentary\\_reception.htm](http://www.sense.org.uk/media_centre/latest_news/july_2009/db_guidance_parliamentary_reception.htm)

## CONTACT LENSES TO CURE CORNEAL DISEASE

A breakthrough procedure has been carried out in Australia that involves repairing damaged corneas with contact lenses. The treatment involves stem-cell-treated contact lenses that are worn for two weeks. The healthy cells stick to the surface of the cornea and replenish the diseased cells. The reported results are dramatic and could provide a new way to tackle the disease.

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25550134-2702,00.html>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYDSPFuWFDM>

## CURE FOR AGE RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION?

A brand new treatment could potentially cure Age Related Macular Degeneration. Developed in King's College, London, the treatment involves utilising a laser to clean waste enzymes from the back of the eye.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/8135627.stm>

## TRAINING

During the Autumn we will be offering various courses, ranging from "An Awareness of Deafblindness", intended for people who may need to interact with dual-sensory impaired people to the "CACDP Level 2 Communication with Deafblind People" course. If you would like to be included in the mailing list for our training e-flyer, please contact Ellen on [trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk](mailto:trainingadmin@deafblindscotland.org.uk).

## MAILING LIST

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the Deafblind Scotland Newsletter mailing list to receive this email, or if this mail was forwarded to you and you would like to receive it directly, please contact [information@deafblindscotland.org.uk](mailto:information@deafblindscotland.org.uk).

A DEAFBLIND WOMAN FROM CUMBRIA HAS HAD HER FIRST BOOK OF AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL POETRY PUBLISHED. HER WORK COVERS A FASCINATING LIFE IN BRITAIN AND SOUTH AFRICA.

<http://tinyurl.com/la88pd>



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