

## **The Coalition of Carers in Scotland Annual General Meeting**

**DATE:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**VENUE:** Apex Waterloo Hotel, 23 Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3BH

The theme of our meeting is **'The Power to Change'** - How additional devolved powers can work for carers

We will be looking at what options there are for further devolved powers in Scotland and how we can ensure carers are able to contribute to making any new powers work for them. We will also have an update on the next stage of the Carers Bill

### **Agenda**

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| 10.30am        | <b>Registration and refreshments</b>  |
| 11.00 to 11.20 | <b>Annual General Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chairperson's statement</li><li>• Network Coordinators Report</li><li>• Treasurer's report</li><li>• Election of Executive Committee members</li><li>• Any Other Competent Business</li><li>• Questions and Answers</li></ul> |
| 11.20 to 11.45 | <b>Willie Sullivan, the Electoral Reform Society</b> <p>Willie will explain what options are on the table and what the likely outcomes will be from more devolved powers for Scotland</p>   |
| 11.45 to 12.05 | <b>Lucy McTernan, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations</b>  |

Lucy will talk about what impact there is likely to be for the third sector and carers

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| 12.05 to 12.20 | <b>Questions and Discussion</b>  |
| 12.20 to 1.15  | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 1.15 to 1.30   | <b>Seb Fischer, VOCAL Carers Centre</b><br>Seb Fischer will put forward proposals on what we can hope to gain for carers through further devolved powers and the Carers Bill                             |
| 1.30 to 2.10   | <b>Discussion Groups</b><br>Members will have the opportunity to discuss what our campaign aims are over the next few years in relation to devolved powers and the Carers Bill                           |
| 2.10 to 2.20   | <b>Feedback and Comments from Discussion Groups</b>  |
| 2.20 to 2.40pm | <b>Carers Policy Unit</b><br>A member of the Carers Policy Branch will provide information on the consultation on the Carers Bill and outline the government's intentions for the next stage of the Bill |
| 2.40 to 2.55   | <b>Questions and Discussion</b>  |
| 2.55 to 3.00   | <b>Closing remarks and close of meeting</b>  |