



# Self Directed Support Forum East Renfrewshire

Newsletter  
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Your local resource for information and advice on all aspects of Self-Directed Support (SDS)

## Maximise your income



Join our  
Information Session  
online on  
**Wednesday 23rd April**  
**@ 6:30pm**

You will have the opportunity to find out up-to-date information regarding benefit entitlements and how to maximise your income.

If you would like to take part please email [admin@sdsforumer.org](mailto:admin@sdsforumer.org) or call **0141 638 2525** and links will be sent out the day before the session.



## Check out our new website

We have been busy updating our website. We are hoping to make it a bit more user friendly and informative.

In addition to information about SDS you can now find out more about the Team and the Board. We will be posting details of upcoming events and other information you may find interesting.

We would love you take a look and tell us what you think . Please let us know if there is anything you think we should be adding.

[Website:www.sdsforumer.org](http://www.sdsforumer.org)

## Helping You With Your Funds

Did you know we can act on your behalf and hold your Option 1 Direct Payment funds? This is called our Brokerage Service.

We can make any payments on your behalf in line with the outcomes agreed on your assessment plan. We will have full responsibility for the funds in the account, but any payments will be pre-approved by you before being made.

You will continue to direct how you spend your budget as normal. If you would like to find out more about this service please get in touch with us.



**Our next Coffee Morning is at the Redhurst Hotel Giffnock on Tuesday May 6th@10.30am till 12.30pm**  
**There is no need to book. Just pop in for a coffee and a chat**

We are always looking to grow the Forum. We welcome anyone who lives or work in East Renfrewshire and who may be interested to get in touch and find out more about what we do

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