

# Equal Voices

the role of communication  
in achieving equality

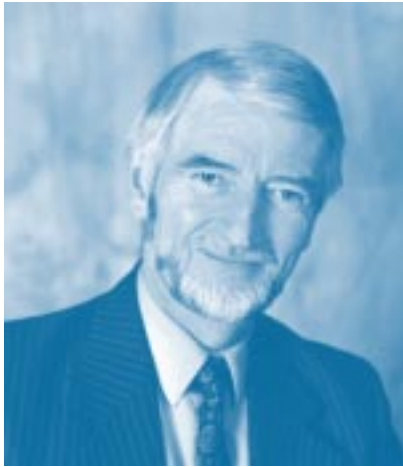
## Scope's National Conference and AGM 2000

3 – 4 November 2000

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# Letter from the Chairman



Jim Hoskisson

Since its inception in 1997, Scope's National Conference has seen the disability agenda move forward in leaps and bounds. We enter the 21st century with a Disability Rights Commission established and with Scope's new aim that disabled people achieve equality in place. We now need to take stock and translate the agenda into action.

Last year's conference was an important step forward, with disabled people leading the debate from the platform and from the conference floor. Now we need to build on this success and ensure that disabled people have an equal voice, not just within Scope, but within society at large.

How do we achieve this aim? We have set four main goals – on human rights, being valued, access and social rights – and the programme of seminars will explore these topics to help us make our vision a reality.

I wish you all a successful conference.

## Programme

### Friday 3 November

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| 9.45am  | Registration for day delegates                                       |
| 10.00am | Coffee   |
| 10.30am | Conference begins  |
|         | Plenary address: <i>Four Aspects of Equality</i>                     |
| 12 noon | Lunch (two sittings)   |
|         | Presentation: <i>'Give it a Go' Millennium Awards Scheme</i>         |
| 2.00pm  | Seminars   |
| 3.30pm  | Tea  |
| 4.00pm  | <i>Disabled People in Advertising</i> – showcase and delegates' vote |
| 5.00pm  | Concluding remarks   |
| 5.15pm  | Conference ends  |
| 5.30pm  | Pre-dinner drinks and background music                               |
| 6.30pm  | Scope members' dinner  |

### Saturday 4 November

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| 9.30am  | Scope AGM registration |
| 10.30am | Scope AGM and review   |
| 1.30pm  | Lunch and depart       |

# Seminars

## Speakers include:

Kay Allen  
*Special Adviser, Disability Rights Commission, B&Q*

Nasa Begum  
*Disability consultant*

Ben Furner  
*PR consultant*

Caroline Gooding  
*Special Adviser, Disability Rights Commission*

Rachel Hurst  
*Director, Disability Awareness in Action*

Lee Jasper  
*Senior Policy Advisor – Equalities, Greater London Authority*

Dr Amir Majid  
*Reader in Law, London Guildhall University*

Alice Maynard Lupton  
*Head of Disability Strategy, Railtrack*

Mik Scarlet  
*TV presenter/journalist/rock singer*

Scope's aim is that disabled people achieve equality: a society in which they are as valued, and have the same human and civil rights, as everyone else.

The seminar programme reflects the four main goals we have set ourselves. Questions and suggestions arising from the seminars will help us begin to achieve this aim.

### Seminar 1

*Goal: Disabled people have full human rights and the same political and legal rights as everyone else.*

**Legal services** How can disabled people claim their rights and have equal access to the legal system as jurors, witnesses, solicitors and barristers?

**'Right to life'** In the wake of the controversy over 'do not resuscitate' notices, how do disabled people ensure they have the same quality, priority and choice of health treatment and health promotion as everyone else?

### Seminar 2

*Goal: Disabled people are valued as much as everyone else by society.*

**Portrayal** How far does the media communicate the truth about disabled people's lives? Is this the key to changing public and political attitudes?

**Listening** Can disabled people get their messages across to the institutions that can make a difference?

### Seminar 3

*Goal: Disabled people have the same access to places as everyone else.*

**Buildings** How can architects and businesses work better with disabled people to achieve greater access for all?

**Transport** Why do disabled people have to wait until 2020 for accessible buses and trains?

### Seminar 4

*Goal: Disabled people can participate in society as much as everyone else.*

**Sexuality** For too long, disabled people have been seen as non-sexual beings. Have attitudes really changed or is disability and sexuality still in the closet?

**Choice/Advocacy** From what to eat for breakfast to where to live – how effective is the role of advocacy in ensuring that disabled people have control over their everyday lives?

# How to book

## Indemnity

*Should for any reason outside the control of Scope, the speakers or the venue change or the event be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, terrorist activities, industrial action, an act of God or other circumstances beyond Scope's control then Scope shall be at liberty to cancel the event but will endeavour to reschedule it.*

*The conference delegate hereby indemnifies Scope and holds it harmless from and against all costs, damages and expenses of whatever nature, which are incurred by the client on its behalf.*

*The organisers reserve the right to change any aspect of the conference and AGM at any time.*

*The views and comments expressed by the speakers and delegates at the conference are personal and do not necessarily reflect those of the organisations they represent or Scope.*

Please read the following information carefully, as this will assist you in completing the various enclosed booking forms. If you need extra forms or assistance in completing the forms contact the conference hotline on 020 7619 7373.

Complete a separate set of forms for each person attending, comprising white (booking), pink (special needs), blue (accommodation) and green (bursary) where applicable. Please note that only Scope members may apply for a bursary. Photocopied forms are acceptable.

### Conference and AGM booking form (on white paper)

Everyone should complete this form, even if only attending the formal AGM, which is free of charge. Please mark the boxes to indicate which parts of the event you wish to attend and ensure that you complete the special needs form if applicable.

### Special needs form (on pink paper)

Complete as necessary.

### Accommodation form (on blue paper)

We have reserved rooms at a number of hotels. If you need accommodation please complete the blue form. Hotel and room allocation will be according to delegates' stated needs. Please note – we may not be able to accommodate all groups of friends/colleagues in the same hotel.

### Members' bursary application form (on green paper)

Scope members who cannot afford to fund their attendance at the AGM/Conference may apply to the bursary fund. Bursary funds are limited so please apply early.

Please book early. Places for the conference are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis by the date of receipt of your booking form. Late bookings, after 1 October 2000, if places are still available, will be subject to an additional fee of £20 per delegate.

Confirmation of bookings will be acknowledged on receipt of completed forms, prior to the conference. If you have not received confirmation of your booking within two weeks, please telephone the Conference Booking Office.

Cancellations Substitutions are possible and should be discussed with the Conference Booking Office. Cancellations must be confirmed in writing. There will be a 20% charge on all cancellations (without substitution) made between 1 October and 20 October 2000. Delegates cancelling after this date will not receive refunds if no substitutions can be made.