

Skills classes for parents

PARENTS of deaf children in Scotland are to benefit from the UK's only course designed to equip them with confidence, knowledge and skills.

The National Deaf Children's Society will offer parenting courses, sign language training and support weekends to families of around 100 deaf children, as part of the £6.8 million Early Years Early Action Fund, delivered by Inspiring Scotland in partnership with the Scottish Government.

Horror tales for film fans

TWO spooky film screenings will be held in Glasgow next month.

The organisers of the South Side Film Festival will show the 1919 silent movie *The Cabinet Of Dr Caligari*, with live Wurlitzer Cinema Organ accompaniment, on October 16 at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall.

On October 30, the 1968 indie film *Night Of The Living Dead* will be at The Shed, Shawlands.

Tickets, £5 in advance or £6, from: www.southsidefilmfest.blogspot.com

Karin says goodnight Vienna ... and hello Easterhouse



■ Austrian Flautist Karin Leitner is backing the Viennese-style masked ball

Picture: Phil Rider

Top flautist intends to have a ball raising cash for community

By JASPER HAMILL

GLASGOW will host its first Viennese-style masked ball to raise cash for an Easterhouse community group.

And celebrated Austrian flautist Karin Leitner was in Easterhouse to see how the money, which will go towards Easterhouse Phoenix Development, will be spent.

Organisers of the ball hope that some Viennese glamour will

Karin said: "I am very happy to support Phoenix in any way I can. I just find the project so inspiring.

"It is amazing to see the effect its work has on the people who take part.

"All we want to do is inspire people. If I can do something artistic to benefit the Easterhouse community, then I have achieved my aims."

A Viennese orchestra will play at the event, along with instructors to teach two-footed Glaswegians how to perform dances including the polonaise and the Viennese waltz.

Karin added: "It will be like the dancing from Jane Austen films."

There will also be a charity

auction, a meal and a midnight feast of Austrian goulash.

Richard McShane, director of Phoenix, said: "This is a fairy tale coming to Easterhouse. Who would imagine these two places – which are worlds apart – would be twinned like this? This prestigious event is unique for the city."

He will now take part in a series of sponsored runs to raise enough cash to buy a tuxedo for the ball.

Tickets for the ball, at the Thistle Hotel on June 23, 2012, are available from SL Management, which can be contacted on 01620 829 464 or 07720 416 661.

Visit www.epdl.org for more information about Phoenix's work with pensioners and young people.

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help power the transformation of Easterhouse, which has seen crime plummet in recent years.

The two places could barely be more different. The Austrian capital is regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in the world and was home to writers, musicians and philosophers.

Easterhouse had a past reputation of territorial violence and grinding poverty.

Now, new housing and investment has rendered Easterhouse unrecognisable. And superb community work has made life better for the most vulnerable people living in the area.



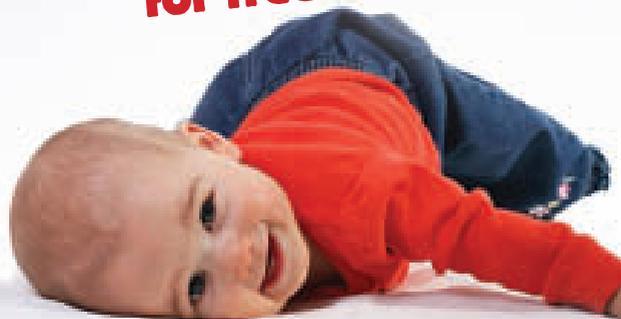
■ Easterhouse Library has been part of the area's transformation

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