

# Public Meeting about Welfare Reform Act

A Public Meeting is being held at Portobello Town Hall on Friday 7 September 2012 at 7.30pm to consider the effects of The Welfare Reform Act. The meeting is open to all. A group of Edinburgh residents and politicians are campaigning against the UK government cuts and benefit reassessments which could lead to 3.5 million disabled people losing over £9.2 billion in benefits.

Sasha Callaghan of Disability History, who will speak at the meeting, commented: 'The Welfare Reform Act is going to take us back to the days of the Poor Law. Once again it is a crime to be on a low income and the very poorest are being expected to pay for the mistakes of a failed banking system.'

The meeting is being organised by East Edinburgh Save Our Services, a non-affiliated local pro-democracy group, in response to public concern about the implications of the Act.