**For Immediate Release:**

***HOS on wheels tour 2017***

**Housing information events for disabled people, older people, disabled veterans and those who support them**

Following the success of Housing Options Scotland summer tour last year, the organisation will be hitting the road again to provide housing information and advice events for disabled people, older people, disabled veterans and those who support them.

Just like last year, the organisation will be focusing on more rural areas of Scotland, where these groups find it much harder to access the information and support they need. But this year is going to be bigger and better!

At these free drop in events, people will get the opportunity to speak to Housing Options Scotland staff about their housing issues and get advice, listen to talks about housing that will be repeated throughout the day, while enjoying a nice cup of tea or coffee.

There will also be information stalls from local and national organisation who work with disabled people and older people, who will be on hand to give information about who they are and how they can help.

Housing Options Scotland will be by the sea, in the hills and on the islands at the following locations:

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| **Housing Options Scotland by the Sea**  |
| 4th July  | Ayr, Town Hall, New Bridge Street, Ayr, KA7 1LU | 10am – 3pm  |
| 11th July  | Arbroath, Community Centre, Marketgate, Arbroath, DD11 1AT | 10am – 3pm  |
| 18th July  | North Berwick, St Andrews Blackadder Church, St Andrew Street, North Berwick EH39 4NU | 10am – 3pm  |
| 25th July  | Oban, Corran Halls, The Esplanade, Oban PA34 5AB | 10am – 3pm  |
| **Housing Options Scotland in the hills**  |
| 28th July  | Crieff, TBC  | 10am – 3pm  |
| 3rd August  | Fort William, TBC  | 10am – 3pm  |
| 10th August  | Dumfries, The Usual Place, Academy Street, Dumfries DG1 1BZ | 10am – 3pm  |
| 16th August  | Ballater, TBC  | 10am – 3pm  |

More dates and locations will be announced in the near future, so keep an eye on Housing Options Scotland website: [www.housingoptionsscotland.org.uk](http://www.housingoptionsscotland.org.uk)

Housing Options Scotland’s CEO Moira Bayne noted “We are delighted to be able to provide these events across Scotland to help disabled people, older people and disabled veterans find the right home in the right place for their needs. We know that finding suitable housing can be a very difficult journey, so our expert staff and volunteers will be on hand to help every step of the way.”

If you would like to book a stall at any of these events, if you would like to attend, or if you would like further information, please contact Fraser Gilmore on 07740265181 or email fraser@housingoptionsscotland.org.uk.

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***Information attached:***

* Photo to go with press release of a staff member speaking to a disabled client.
* The tour logo
* The organisations logo

***Contact for more information:***

If you would like to discuss the press release or receive more information about the study, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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***About Housing Options Scotland***

Helping Disabled People, Veterans & Older People To Find the Right House, in the Right Place.

Housing Options Scotland was established in 1997 to provide a unique public access service to all disabled people throughout Scotland. Their main aim is to ensure that disabled people, veterans and older people can access the right home for them. They advise on social renting, private renting, and home ownership.

Housing Options Scotland has three main areas of activity:

• They assist disabled people, veterans and older people by advising them on, and supporting them through, the complex design, financial and legal processes involved in buying or renting a property;

• They provide information, advice and training on housing and disability issues to the public, private and voluntary sectors;

• They raise awareness of the problems their clients face in relation to their housing, and highlight the solutions and opportunities that exist.

Their dedicated team of volunteers are ex clients who have wanted to give something back to the organisation. They also use the knowledge they gain by helping their clients to effect changes in policies and practice.