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GROUP



# Deaf Awareness & Introduction to BSL

**TRAINING OVERVIEW**



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**HALF DAY COURSE**



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#### Course content:

- Different types of Deafness
- How to get a Deaf person's attention
- Communication do's and don'ts
- Everyday barriers
- Lip reading activities
- Gesture activities
- Finger spelling
- Introduction to the BSL way
- Basic conversation using BSL

## Why is Deaf Awareness Training Important?

There are 1 in 6 people in the UK having some level of hearing loss. Often an unseen disability, hearing loss impacts on communication and access to life, having an awareness of these impacts benefits the whole community, especially within education and work.

By being deaf aware you will be able to understand and recognise the challenge of deafness and know the right skills to be able to communicate better with someone who has a hearing loss.

## Deaf Awareness Training – Half Day Course

The course is delivered by a profoundly Deaf tutor supported by a BSL interpreter. This training provides an insight into real life situations faced by deaf people and looks at solutions to improve access and communication. The day is fun, informative and interactive and provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn together, develop new life skills and gain an insight into the use of British Sign Language (BSL). People will be issued with a certificate of attendance.



## ► Course Aims:

- Gain a wider understanding for yourself and others of issues surrounding Deaf people
- Gain a greater understanding of how to communicate with Deaf people

## ► Course Objectives:

- Identify problems that Deaf people face in everyday life
- To be able to hold a basic conversation using the correct signs and BSL order
- Identify where you can find out about future courses
- Introduce yourself using fingerspelling in the correct BSL order

## ► Benefits of Learning Sign Language

Learning sign language at an early age has been shown to help with communication and social skills and helps to improve confidence in day-to-day situations.

It has been shown that using both sign language and English has numerous benefits and it has been shown to improve vocabulary, spelling and overall literacy skills in children. When learning words, if the child is presented with the word for an object, an image and also the sign, a physical movement, this learning is reinforced over and over.

Some learners who may struggle with reading and written work often excel when using sign language. By combining sign language with spoken language, it covers all learning types - kinaesthetic, auditory, and visual, accessing and exercising different parts of the brain.



## IT'S FUN

SIGN LANGUAGE IS A VISUAL LANGUAGE, IT'S ENGAGING AND EXPRESSIVE, USING NOT ONLY HAND MOVEMENTS BUT FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND BODY LANGUAGE TOO.

### Future Opportunities for Employee's

This training will enhance an employee's Deaf Awareness and BSL skills for people working in frontline services and who may come into contact with Deaf people. These may be used with Deaf colleagues, customers, clients, service users, or any member of the general public.

This training course allows employees to gain basic skills and understanding of Deaf Culture and community. Deaf people's experience of communication when they interface with service providers is often not accessible, and by staff being made aware of the isolation and frustration many Deaf people experience in their dealings when accessing services, will lead to a more inclusive approach to service delivery.

### Future Opportunities for Pupils

There is a large shortage of British Sign Language interpreters in the UK, introducing children to sign language at an early age may spark an interest in the language that could lead to future careers, job and volunteer opportunities.

# Incorporating Sign into the Curriculum



Including Sign Language with the current teaching schedule is not as difficult as you may think. It can be treated as a separate subject, with time set aside for lessons, or it can be taught outside lesson time, as after school/lunch time clubs or can be learnt alongside current topics - signing words and phrases as you speak.

## BSL Level 1 (Award)

The BSL Level 1 Award is approximately 20 GLH with 10 hours independent study. It comprises of completing one of the three units required for a full BSL Level 1 Certificate. It can be all conducted and assessed in-house and house or virtually and is moderated by 'Signature' the awarding body.

It is recommended for your staff doing one of the two units that are variations of the standard units, which are BSL Level 1 - 101 Award in [\(Healthcare\)](#) or [\(Front Line Staff\)](#). Please click on the links to see the qualification specification.

Classes can run for up 20 delegates, for 10 weeks, consisting of 1 session per week of two hours in duration.



## Introduction to Deaf Awareness & BSL: Half Day Course Costings

**Deaf Awareness Training course will be 3 hours.**

**Minimum 15 attendees and maximum 30 attendees per course.**

**Cost per person: £35.00**

**Certificate upon completion and full resource pack per attendee.**

**Refreshments Included**

**Travel may be chargeable at an additional charge depending on distance from Deaf Village. Rates are £0.45ppm and £16 per hour travel.**

**If you wish to book a course or want to find out more, please contact Donna Morton on 07875 679 175 or email [donna@deafvillage.org](mailto:donna@deafvillage.org)**

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