



Training and Learning Information Booklet

To learn a language is to have one more
window from which to look at the world

-Chinese Proverb

Signature

The purpose of this booklet

This information booklet outlines all training provided by the Deafness Resource Centre. We are able to deliver non accredited training and accredited training courses through our affiliation with the BSL awarding body Signature.

When possible, we are able to tailor courses to meet your needs and provide training remotely. Our training can be facilitated following the dates and times suitable for your organisation.

If you would like more information about any of our training courses or other services provided by the Deafness Resource Centre please see the last page of this booklet for contact information.

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Deaf Awareness

Deaf Awareness training aims to promote positive action by enabling learners to understand the barriers which exist between hearing and deaf people and to learn how positive action will help reduce those barriers and reverse the discrimination which deaf people may experience.

Topics covered

- Deaf awareness
- Deaf culture
- Working with deaf people
- Effective communication.
- Alphabet and greetings.

Upon completion of the training you will receive a Deafness Resource Centre Certificate.

Fees

Maximum of 20 participants

Option 1 2 hours - Total cost: **£200.00**

Option 2 Half day - Total cost: **£400.00**

Fees for the Charity Sector

Maximum of 20 participants

Option 1 2 hours- Total cost: **£180.00**

Option 2 Half day - Total cost: **£380.00**

ICAN Sign

(Introduction to British Sign Language & Deaf Awareness (Non-accredited))

This combined training will offer the opportunity to gain knowledge about the barriers D/deaf people face and the basic skills necessary to communicate effectively with D/deaf people.

Each week skills and knowledge will be built on. Signs will be taught, based on everyday topics such as greeting, introductions, family, food, home etc.

The students will be encouraged to communicate with each other using BSL, to help improve receptive and production skills.

An example of the topics covered over a standard six week programme:

Week 1 Deaf awareness, deaf culture, possible employment working with deaf people, and tips on effective communication.

Alphabet and greetings.

Week 2 Numbers, questions, time.

Week 3 Family, colours, animals, activities at home.

Week 4 Routine, birthdays, employment, directions.

Week 5 Food & Drink, feelings, weather, clothes.

Week 6 School, hospital, doctors, out and about, BSL sentences.

Fees

Maximum of 20 students

1 hour per week x 6 weeks

Total cost: **£450.00**

Signing Taster Sessions / ICAN Sign (Non—accredited)

We will work with your organisation to develop a session plan tailored to your needs. These fun and interactive sessions could include any of the following:

- Signed songs
- Signed stories
- Signed activities
- Signed crafts
- Interactive Fun BSL sessions

ICAN sign can be delivered in 2 age groups 2-10yrs and 11-18yrs.

Other sessions available for all age groups.

Get in touch to discuss any other options that will work for you.

Fees

Maximum of 15 participants

1 hour taster session: **£75.00**

Fees for the Charity Sector

Maximum of 15 participants

1 hour taster session: **£50.00**

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Level 1 Award in British Sign Language

This course will give students the skills to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL), about familiar, day-to-day topics and activities. By the end of the course you will be able to have a basic conversation with a BSL user.

The course consists of three units:

- *Introduction to BSL*
- *Conversational BSL.*
- *Communicate in BSL about everyday life*

By the end of a BSL level 1 students will be able to have predictable everyday conversations including; using numbers, describing the weather, discussing interests and hobbies, everyday activities at school, college or work, describing people and environments, transport and directions.

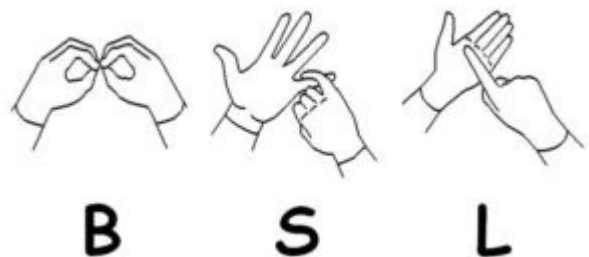
If you successfully pass the three units, you will receive a nationally recognised qualification from Signature (previously known as CACDP).

Fees

Up to 12 people in house

2 hours per week for 32 weeks

Total cost: **£5500.00**



Additional students can be added at a cost of **£452.00 per student** up to a maximum of 15 attendees.

Student Feedback

“I think the sign language lessons were really informative, not only did we learn the signs we also learned where some of them come from”

“The atmosphere was nice and friendly so I learned a lot of things”

“I can now understand signs and I really like being able to have conversations in sign language”

“The sessions were very informative and taught in an effective manner”

“I enjoyed the one to one support in class from the very friendly teacher”

“I enjoyed learning something new which can be helpful for the future”

“I enjoyed learning about the deaf community”

“It’s been fabulous, very informative and I’ve learnt a lot”

“10/10”



The charity has existed since 1928 to provide services that support and empower D/deaf adults, children and young people. We achieve this through a range of services including Advocacy, communication services, environmental aids, children and family support and youth services. We also support and help to develop a number of self-help groups including Hard of Hearing, Deaf Social group, Tinnitus support group and Happy Hands family group. We recruit and train volunteers to support the delivery of services including a local Befriending Scheme.

Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

- Challenge inequalities
- Advocate best practice
- Enable greater participation

Vision

To create an environment in which D/deaf people have access to services and opportunities that facilitate informed choices and decisions, increased independence and respect

Values

- Respect – for each other, customers and partners
- Quality – throughout our services
- Accountability – to all customers
- Dedication – to making a real difference
- Commitment – to achieving our goals
- Fairness – Integral part of the organisation's ethos



Our Services

Information and Advice

Advocacy for D/deaf people

Children, Young People and Families Support Service

BSL and Deaf Awareness Training

Interpreting

Equipment

Room Hire and Meeting Facilities

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