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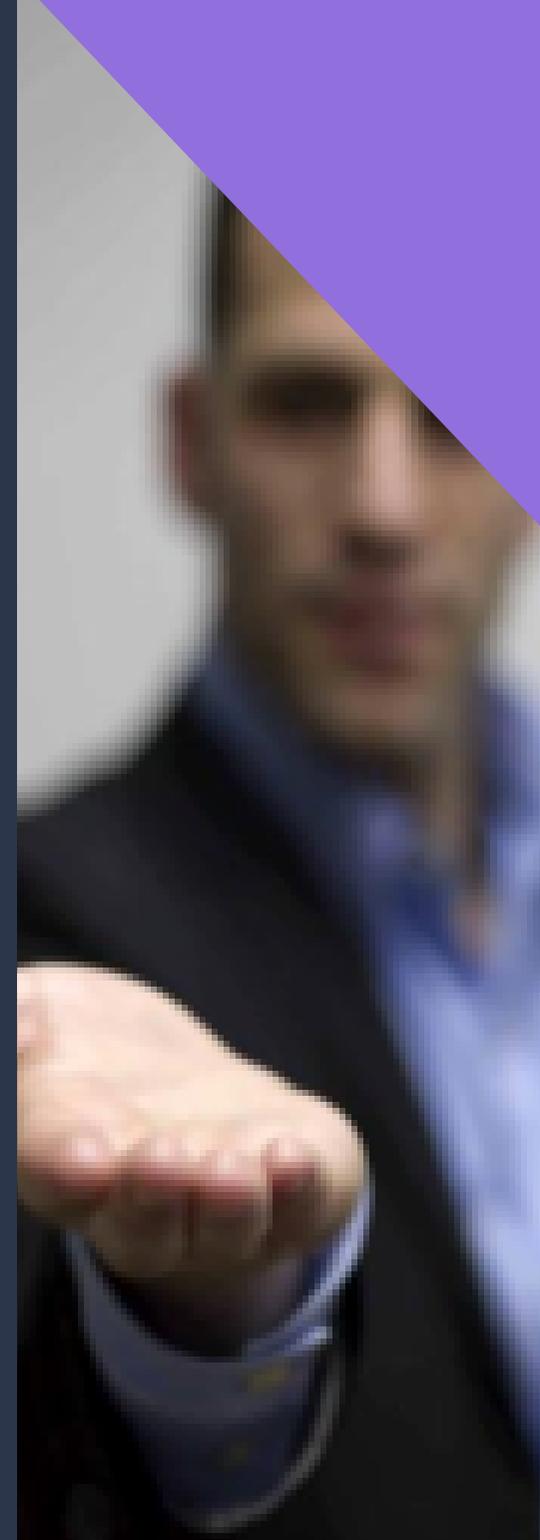
Offering courses and training in British Sign Language, interpreting and translation.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE

We will design a curriculum based on what you want, whether that be particular vocabulary relating to your sector or a range of expressions to help you improve communication across your organisation. When you contact us with an enquiry, we will design you a bespoke curriculum. If you want anything changing or adding, please just let us know.

TASTER SESSION

A taster session will give you a very brief introduction to British Sign Language. You will learn the manual alphabet and some expressions to help you interact with deaf/hard of hearing people. We can design a curriculum that contains subject-specific vocabulary and expressions relevant for your organisation so that your staff can improve access for your deaf/hard of hearing staff or customers. A taster session is usually between 2-6 hours long, but all training packages are bespoke to meet the specific needs and budget of your organisation.





INTRODUCTORY COURSE

An introductory course can be between 6-20 hours, depending on your specific requirements. It will give you a more comprehensive overview of British Sign Language and will develop your vocabulary, grammar and range of expressions so that you can maintain a basic conversation with deaf/hard of hearing people. Depending on the length of your course, we can include the Signature BSL101 unit, the first of three units that make up the full award, within the course. This module can be taken in one of three variants to suit the needs of your organisation. These are: healthcare, young people and frontline staff. All training packages are bespoke to meet the needs and budget of your organisation.

BSL FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

This accredited course gives healthcare professionals the ability to gain an official qualification in basic BSL to enable them to communicate with deaf/hard of hearing patients. The course can be further tailored to include vocabulary and expressions most commonly used within your field, whether you are a receptionist, nurse or doctor. You will do the BSL101H exam, which has been specifically designed for using BSL within a healthcare context.





BSL FOR FRONTLINE STAFF

This accredited course gives frontline staff the ability to gain an official qualification in basic BSL to enable them to communicate with deaf/hard of hearing customers. Whether you are a police officer, prison warden, train conductor or front of house staff, this course will give you the skills to use basic and conversational BSL to communicate with deaf people. You will do the BSL101F exam, which has been specifically designed for frontline staff.

BSL FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

This accredited course is designed for young people and can be delivered at your school or educational institution. It will give students basic skills in a unique and fascinating language and allow them to use BSL to communicate with deaf people in everyday society. The course can be further tailored to include vocabulary and expressions most commonly used within an educational context. You will do the BSL101Y exam, which has been specifically designed for young people.



DEAF AWARENESS

You may need deaf awareness training if you have deaf staff working at your organisation or if you deal with deaf customers on a regular basis. Our deaf awareness courses will give you the knowledge and insight into the different types of deafness, the deaf community, deaf culture and, most importantly, it will equip you with practical skills in communicating with deaf or hard of hearing people.

BASIC DEAF AWARENESS

This basic course is designed to give you a very brief overview and insight into the so-called 'deaf world'. You will learn about the deaf community, deaf culture and the BSL manual alphabet. The amount of content will depend on the length of your particular session (all of our training is tailor made to meet your organisation's specific needs and budget) but can include any of the following topics: BSL Manual alphabet, deaf community and culture, how to get the attention of a deaf/hard of hearing person, and different types of deafness.



A close-up photograph of a man's face and hand. He is wearing a green shirt and a silver watch with a white face and yellow accents. The image is partially obscured by a purple triangle in the top-left corner.

IBSL LEVEL 1 DEAF AWARENESS

This one-day course is accredited by IBSL and you will receive a nationally recognised certificate upon completion. The course will introduce you to the so-called 'deaf world' and focus on the communication tactics you need to be able to communicate and interact with deaf or deaf-blind people effectively. This includes knowing how to approach a deaf person, how to get his/her attention and then deciding on the most appropriate communication method to interact with them. The amount of content will depend on the length of your session, but we can incorporate any specific aspects that you feel your staff would benefit from.

SIGNATURE LEVEL 1 DEAF AWARENESS

This course will introduce you to the world of deafness. You will explore the different types of deafness and the different technologies and communication methods available to aid communication with both deaf and deaf-blind people. You will learn the manual alphabet, the deaf-blind alphabet and the block alphabet. There are a total of 2 assessments for this qualification: K101 is a 20-minute multiple choice written assessment paper containing 16 questions. T101 is a 3-part practical assessment of your ability to use the 3 alphabets, to ask appropriate questions and to use communication tactics appropriately.

