

Introduction to Deafblind Awareness

- Staff within Social Services departments who wish to comply with Section 7 Department of Health guidelines.

A vibrant, thought provoking and “hands-on” 1 day workshop which aims to investigate the personal and sociological impact of dual sensory loss, legislation and best practice when working with deafblind people.

The workshop also aims to:

- Ensure participants know their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act and Department of Health (Section 7) Guidelines.
- Enable participants to recognise and identify a DeafBlind person.
- Explore diversity of communication, and the ways in which it is possible to communicate with deafblind people.
- Increase and update knowledge of technical equipment and human aids to communication.

Content includes:

- Lively user led games and quizzes.
- Simulation of deafblindness.
- Definitions and statistics.
- Practical demonstrations and explanations, with opportunities for participants to try out different means of communication.

What you get:

- Experienced knowledgeable deaf tutors, HearFirst folder, quality handouts, HearFirst Pencil, personalised laminated certificates for each delegate and quality course materials.
- Handouts are available in large print, audio tape, Braille – please contact us if you require any of these
- BSL/SSE interpretation is also available – please contact us if you require this
- If you require more information about one specific aspect of deafblindness, e.g.



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more about conditions like Usher's Syndrome please let us know and we can expand this area for your workshop.

There's more:

Don't just take our word for it – some comments from previous participants.

"I never realised how much a deafblind person can do – with the right support and equipment"

"This course should be made available for all Social Services staff"

"A professional, well delivered course which makes learning fun"

As with all HearFirst courses, participants are encouraged to contact us after workshops to find more information about deafblindness, or to ask any questions which may arise.

Although this workshop is usually presented over a full day, we are happy to provide it as a half day workshop or 2 day workshop – please contact us to discuss your requirements.



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