

Intensive Workplace British Sign Language

Designed to develop and improve your skills and confidence in British Sign Language, this 20 hour long unique course covers everything from the basics of BSL and good communication to its history, from Deaf culture to the technology and Language Service Professionals that may be used by Deaf people.

Delegates are invited to choose what signs and phrases they need to know for their jobs; we then produce high quality handouts for each person. Thus every course we run is strongly relevant to our clients - this has the added advantage for you of being tailored exactly to your requirements.

The 20 hours can be delivered over 4 days (from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm). We are flexible! We can fit in with other schedules that may suit your requirements, for example evenings, half days etc.

The aims of the course are to

- Recognise and produce signs and phrases connected with the following topics: General conversations, getting to know you, people, names and jobs, places (in the area and offices), expressing time and routine, other miscellaneous signs and signs related to specific job roles (chosen by delegates prior to the course)
- Recognise and identify what helps and hinders communication
- Understand what BSL is, it's impact on total communication and Deaf culture, and to understand the full scope of Deafness as not just a physical condition
- To promote positive attitudes by enabling delegates to understand what they can do to improve communication and awareness

Content includes

- Looking at the way BSL is phrased by users and how to understand them
- Recognising and using appropriate signs and cultural markers in various situations
- Hands on exercises in Total Communication, lip-reading, signing and general good communication practice - includes games, practice conversations, quizzes, videos and a chance to handle real equipment and ask questions.



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What you get:

- Experienced knowledgeable deaf tutors, HearFirst folder, quality handouts, HearFirst Pen, personalised laminated certificates for each delegate and quality course materials.
- An informal tutor led assessment to ensure each delegate gains real confidence in using their signs
- 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 BSL, e.g. more about working with interpreters please let us know and we can expand this area for your course.

NEW FROM SEPTEMBER 2007

Why not use this course to help your delegates gain the first unit qualification for a Level 1 in British Sign Language? Course content fits the Unit 101 curriculum from CACDP, and after passing a 5 minute assessment (assessment is carried out by the tutors) your staff can be on their way to a nationally recognised qualification in BSL!

Don't just take our word for it! Some comments from previous delegates:

"Thank you so much Julie for the best course in years. I have really enjoyed it and learnt much more than I thought I would. Wonderful tutors"
Joyce McElwee, Stockport MBC

"This course is exceptional. I have thoroughly enjoyed every second and will take a great deal away with me. The context was excellent as was the delivery. The tutors were a joy and their teaching methods outstanding. I would recommend this course again and again"
Lisa Jackson, Stockport MBC

"Julie and Ash, thank you for a wonderful insight and learning experience."
Leanne Taylor Stockport MBC



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