

Course Information Sheet

Deaf Awareness & British Sign Language

Introduction

This course is designed to introduce learners to BSL: British Sign Language. It will also introduce you to some deaf awareness tips to enable you to communicate more effectively with deaf friends, colleagues or customers.

What are the course entry requirements?

There are no entry requirements and no previous experience is necessary. This course would suit you if you work with the public, deal with customers face to face, in writing, on the telephone or work with deaf staff or you simply want to understand more about deaf people.

How long is the course?

2 hours

What will the course involve?

Teaching you some basic signing skills. How to sign the alphabet, how to introduce yourself, greet and take leave appropriately. You will look at basic communication principles of what you should and shouldn't do when communicating with deaf people. Participants will acquire both knowledge and practical communication skills on how to improve communication with deaf people.

How will I be learning?

You will be learning through activities set by tutor. They will include question and answer, discussion, practical activities and quizzes. You will be working individually, in pairs and in small groups.

What equipment will I need?

Pen and paper

How will I know if I am making progress?

Learners will complete a learner progress record with set objectives where they can monitor their own progress and individual feedback will be by your tutor. At the end of the session you will complete a quiz where you and your tutor can monitor how much you have learnt.

What course work will I be expected to complete?

There is no course work. You will be able to access the course after you have attended via LAL's virtual learning environment. Here, there is additional information as well as extension activities that you may want to access.

What can I expect to learn from this course?

- experience what it is like to be in an unfamiliar situation using a different communication method
- identify and list what BSL is
- identify and sign some iconic signs
- list do's and don'ts in communicating with Deaf people
- sign the BSL alphabet introducing yourself in correct BSL order to other members of the group
- ask for repetition and clarification in sign
- greet and leave take appropriately

Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?

No

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

Deafblind Awareness; Introduction to BSL; Signature BSL Level 1; What Do Hearing Dogs For The Deaf Do?; Career Opportunities Working With Deaf People

If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the same number or check out the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning