

Course Information Sheet

Deafblind Awareness

Introduction

This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of deafblindness. Participants will learn about various types of deafblindness, different communication methods and equipment deafblind people may use on a daily basis.

What are the course entry requirements?

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

How long is the course?

2 hours

What will the course involve?

It looks at how deafblindness affects direct communication, accessing information and mobility, enabling participants to experience what it may be like to be deafblind themselves. The course looks at various deafblind groups, equipment that can be used as well as communication professionals that work with deafblind people. Participants will also learn some practical communication methods e.g. moon and deafblind manual alphabet.

How will I be learning?

You will be learning through activities set by the tutor.
The session covers both knowledge and practical elements.
Activities will be completed individually in pairs and in groups. They will include discussion, question and answer sessions and practical activities.

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 brief 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?

- Identify what it may be like for deafblind people on a daily basis and what barriers they come across
- Identify and discuss various groups of deafblind people
- Identify and discuss some communication methods and technical aids that deafblind people use
- Identify and discuss some Language Service professionals that deafblind people may use
- Experience the difficulties of doing an everyday task when you have some degree of sight and hearing loss
- Identify further training linked to this subject

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

No

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

Introduction to BSL	Level 1 Award in Deaf Awareness and Communication (20 hours)
Signature BSL Level 1	Level 2 Award in Communicating with Deafblind People (40 hours)
Signature BSL Level 2	Level 2 Award in Communicating and Guiding with Deafblind People (50 hours)
Signature BSL NVQ 3	Level 3 Certificate in Facilitating Communication with Deafblind People (Manual)
What Do Hearing Dogs For The Deaf Do?	Level 3 Certificate for LSPs Working with Deafblind People (Manual)
Career Opportunities Working With Deaf People	Level 3 Award in Insights into Communication with Congenitally Deafblind People

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