

Why Choose NDS?

We deliver quality training through our excellent tutoring team. Our qualified and experienced Tutors are Deaf, and use British Sign Language as their first language. Each of them has a deep understanding of the language and culture, and delivers the training with a great deal of skill, knowledge and humour.

We can tailor our Deaf Awareness and BSL Taster courses to suit the needs of your organisation.

Here is what some of our clients have to say:

This has to be the most valuable and eye-opening training I've had in a long time. Very well presented.

Nottinghamshire Probation Trust
Staff Member

The course helped me to understand more fully the difficulties for deaf people and how they can be overcome.

NHCT Staff Member

By choosing NDS as your course provider you will not only receive the highest standard of training, but will be supporting us in the work we do to provide services and a community space for local deaf people



About Us

Nottinghamshire Deaf Society (NDS) is a registered charity, formed in 1890 by a group of philanthropic church and community leaders who had a vision for a society in which all deaf people can fully participate.

The success of the charity today is built on the wonderful history and rich culture of the deaf community. We have an enviable reputation for providing community outreach for 400 deaf service users from our centre on Forest Road West.

We give deaf people access to a range of tailored information and support services such as welfare benefits advice, training, luncheon clubs and befriending schemes.

With a team of British Sign Language Interpreters on hand to provide vital support in times of crisis and need, NDS really is a bridge between the hearing world and the deaf world.



training courses



British sign language
awareness & understanding

Deaf Awareness & British Sign Language

Nottinghamshire Deaf Society

TRAINING

CHARITY NO. 1040801

The Many Benefits of Being Deaf Aware

Once your staff members have attended our **Deaf Awareness Training** course, you will be able to:

- demonstrate an increased knowledge and understanding of effective communication with deaf and hard of hearing people
- provide a more accessible service to the deaf community
- provide a better working environment for deaf employees
- improve customer service, leading to increased loyalty and retention
- show an increase in staff confidence, and therefore a reduction in frustration and embarrassment
- meet UK Equality and Diversity obligations, and reduce the potential for litigation
- follow the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



British Sign Language Taster Course

Deafness can be very isolating and Deaf people come up against barriers to communication every time they leave home, which can be extremely frustrating. Deaf people deserve equal access to services and to not worry about difficult interactions wherever they go.

We can adapt our BSL Taster courses to suit the particular needs of your organisation, and include vocabulary and scenarios specific to your organisation's requirements.

Signature Level 1 Award in British Sign Language

BSL Level 1 is aimed at those who would like to begin learning how to communicate with Deaf people. By the end of the course, learners will be able to demonstrate basic competence in both productive and receptive skills. They will have enough knowledge and understanding to engage in simple conversations, and will be able to use simple everyday language and finger spelling.



Signature Level 2 Certificate in British Sign Language

BSL Level 2 is aimed at those who would like to build on the basic skills they have already acquired. On completion of the course, learners will be able to take part in longer, more complex conversations than at Level 1, and will be able to use a wider range of vocabulary.

Signature Level 3 Certificate in British Sign Language

BSL Level 3 is aimed at those who already have an advanced knowledge of BSL at Level 2. The course is useful for those who work, or aspire to work, on a regular basis with Deaf people, and those who wish to expand their knowledge and skills in British Sign Language and gain a deeper understanding of BSL structure and function.



*There is a payment by instalments option for all our Signature courses.