



Welcome to Basic Deaf Awareness Training

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Who are the main groups of deaf people?

- Hard of Hearing
- Deaf (BSL Users)
- Deafened
- Deafblind

Statistics

- 9 million (approx 1 in 7)
- 8.3 million Hard of Hearing people
- Just over 6.5 million are over 60
- Approximately 70,000 BSL Users
- 123,000 Deafened
- 11,000 of deafened are under 60
- 24,000 Deafblind people
- approx 1000 BSL users in Glasgow

Communication Support

- Sign Language Interpreters
- Lip Speakers
- Electronic Notetaker
- Speech to Text
- Deafblind Interpreters

Communication Tips

- Find out the Deaf person's preferred communication method
- Make sure you face the Deaf person – 3-6 feet apart.
- Do not move round, or turn away while talking
- Be prepared to have an interpreter/lipspeaker beside you.

Communication Tips

- Make sure you have the Deaf person's attention before you start talking
- Do not stand in front of a light or window.
- Do not shout
- Speak clearly, a bit slower
- Maintain eye contact throughout

Communication Tips

- Wave, stamp or gently tap, to attract attention.
- If a word is not understood, use different words with the same meaning
- Provide visual aids where possible
- Do not speak all at once.
- Do not give up!

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Any Questions?

Thank you for your participation today

We hope that you have enjoyed the course

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