

ASSIST Courses 2011/2012

British Sign Language

British Sign Language Level 1 (Signature)		£299.00
Summary:	Basic knowledge of BSL, awareness of the Deaf community and Deaf culture. Provides students with confidence and competence in BSL, covering both productive and receptive skills. Split into units, which enable learners to communicate with deaf people on a range of topics using simple, everyday language.	
Topics:	Meeting people, using numbers, weather, transport, directions, at home – people, animals and objects, using numbers, interests and activities, getting around, exchanging information, refreshments	

British Sign Language Level 2 (Signature)		£549.00
Summary:	Builds on skills developed on BSL Level 1. Provides a greater understanding of the different linguistic components of BSL, including: Fingerspelling, role shift, classifiers, idioms and non-manual features. Develops student's ability to communicate with deaf people about a range of real life, routine and daily experiences. On completion, students will be more aware of the appropriate range of conversational strategies and elements of accurate production and reception. A greater awareness of the Deaf community and culture will also be gained.	
Themes:	There are 4 themes in this qualification: Conversation; Eating and Drinking; Shopping and Spending; and Travel and Holidays.	

Deaf Awareness – 3 hours (runs when enough applicants)		£10 each
Awareness sessions can be tailored to suit the needs of learners and group sizes		
Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Deafness? • Levels of hearing loss and effects • Technical Aids • Communication Strategies • What is BSL? 	

VI Awareness – 3 hours (runs when enough applicants)		£10 each
Awareness sessions can be tailored to suit the needs of learners and group sizes		
Topics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Visual Impairment? • Types of vision loss and effects • Accessing written information • Enabling technologies • Support Strategies 	

Introductory Taster Session – British Sign Language		FREE
(Tuesday 23rd August 5.30pm)		
Please email ahead of date to book your place		
Summary:	A brief introduction to sign language which gives people an idea of whether they would like to enrol on the British Sign Language Level 1 course. Course starts 6 th September 2011.	

Please contact ASSIST for an application form to enrol on any of these courses or visit our website: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/ASSIST/courses/ASSISTTraining.aspx>

