Communicate in Basic BSL

Medway Adult Education

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This is a follow on course from 'introduction to deaf awareness and British Sign Language' and a great opportunity to develop your communication skills in BSL. You will start communicating in signed conversations with tutor and peers within an enthusiastic, fun and engaging setting.

You will be surprised that the classroom environment is fun, engaging and not taught as a traditional course, but with lots of fun, laughter and motivation developed from tutor and peers to support fun filled learning.

Start Date:	08 January 2027
Start Time:	10:00
Lessons:	10
Weeks:	10
Hours:	20.00

Venue

Medway Learning and Skills Hub
Unit 2
Britton Farm Street
ME7 1GX

What will I learn on this course?

How to introduce yourself and greet others, use British Sign Language to finger spell and improve your deaf awareness and communication skills.
You will learn how to:
• Demonstrate deaf awareness by ensuring more visible communication and surroundings including facing the person you are signing to and ensuring you are clearly visible.
• Communicate with deaf people who use BSL by greeting, asking and answering simple questions, using a range of vocabulary to describe people, animals and objects.
• Hold a short conversation by communicating in simple sentences using BSL sentence structure appropriately.
• Improve your finger spelling to support communication.

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is suitable for those who have completed the Introduction to BSL and Deaf Awareness course, and who have a basic knowledge of BSL.

Is there anything else I need to know about the course?

• A small amount of signing skills or experience is advantageous. Learners should have a basic awareness of the BSL alphabet. However, all learners will be taught the skills required and supported throughout their learning.
• Learners are fully supported to achieve their goals and we strive to be an inclusive provider
• Learners need to be aware that there will be some homework set and individual research to undertake as part of their personal development

Will there be additional costs?

This course is free if you meet the funding criteria. i.e. are unemployed and on a recognised benefit.

What could I go on to do after this course?

This is an introduction course and learners are positively encouraged to progress onto the Using British Sign Language to hold simple conversations. Learners will be given the opportunity to meet with a Programme Information Co - ordinator to discuss this further.

If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

If you need further advice please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of your course you will need to attend as many sessions as possible. We recommend at least 90%. If you do have a holiday booked during term time please let the tutor know in advance so that we can help you catch up on missed sessions and ensure that you still achieve the course outcomes. If you are unavoidably ill or unable to attend, please contact 01634 338400 so that we can let your tutor know, and so they can send you any work you may have missed

How are IT/Digital skills used and enhanced on this course?

You may have the opportunity to use computers with internet access in class time. You may need to use the internet for some or all of your course - using a mobile phone, tablet or computer. The tutor will speak to you about useful websites, apps and online resources which you may be asked to use for homework.

Health & Safety

We try to make sure your class is as safe as possible. If you are worried about anything, please talk to your tutor or our Safeguarding Officer.