

## Who is this course aimed at?

This course is suitable for anyone who would like to be able to communicate using BSL.

## What will I need?

No formal qualifications or previous experience required to join.

## Programme Aims

This course is designed to enable learners to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of topics that involve simple, everyday language use. The course is split into two parts - an introduction to BSL designed to help you build basic skills and try the language out, followed by two further terms which will build on these skills and offer the option of taking exams for credits towards a level one qualification.

## What will I do?

By the end of the course, you will be able to do the following:

- Understand and use a limited range of simple words and sentences in BSL
- Take part in simple, predictable conversations in BSL
- Give and follow simple directions or instructions in BSL
- Give and follow simple familiar statements or descriptions in BSL

The following topics will be included in course content:

- Meeting people
- Using numbers
- Weather
- Transport
- Directions
- Interests and activities

## How will I be taught?

Group lessons consisting of practical activities, individual and group discussions and assignments. Some 1-2-1 support will also be available. BSL will be the primary teaching language and study will use immersion techniques (ie. language development through use of the language).

## How will I be assessed?

All learners will be assessed informally by the tutor on an ongoing basis. For those wishing to gain accreditation, there will also be tutor-set and externally prescribed practical assessment tasks.

## What could I progress on to?

A level 2 qualification in BSL.

## Will I gain a qualification?

This is a Signature-certified course and on successful completion of the course you will receive a Level 1 certificate covering units BSL 101 & BSL 102 or BSL 103. Depending on the group's speed of progress, all three units may be completed between September 2011 and July 2012.