

## Course details

### Course title

Personal Development: Beginners British Sign Language

### Course code

Q00012690

### Course date

Start: 05/03/25

End: 23/04/25

### Number of classes

6 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 5th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Wed 12th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Wed 19th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Wed 26th Mar, 19:00 to 21:00

Wed 2nd Apr, 19:00 to 21:00

Wed 23rd Apr, 19:00 to 21:00

### Tutor

Janet Corbett Marston

### Fee range

Free to £50.40

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

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## Venue

Hayle Community Centre  
58 Queensway  
Hayle  
TR27 4NX

## Level of study

Beginners

## Course overview

We welcome you to join our friendly and engaging introduction to British Sign Language course at Hayle Community Centre, Hayle. British Sign Language (BSL) is a language used by D/deaf people to communicate using hand shapes, facial expressions, lip patterns, gestures, and body language. It's an entirely different language to English. BSL is the preferred language of over 87,000 Deaf people in the UK for whom English may be second or third. This course is suitable for beginners

## Course description

This course is aimed at introducing people who want to learn how to use some simple basic skills in BSL to communicate with others. This could be family members, work colleagues or to help you in your job.

The course will cover the following:

- BSL alphabet and fingerspelling.
- Useful signs such as greetings, and common phrases.
- Each week you will review and practice previous signs and learn signs for a new topic.
- Learn to recognise language conventions relating to BSL structure and culture.

There are currently 12 million adults who have hearing loss (Source: RNID 2018) and of these 151,000 of these use British Sign Language. The British Deaf Association reported that there are 1.4 hearing people using BSL at home for every Deaf BSL user in the home.

By learning BSL you will be able to effectively improve your communication and feel more confident in working with a D/deaf BSL user.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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