

## Course details

### Course title

Beginners British Sign Language (BSL)

### Course code

Q00018842

### Course date

Start: 11/09/24

End: 02/10/24

### Number of classes

4 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 11th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 18th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 25th Sep, 13:00 to 15:00

Wed 2nd Oct, 13:00 to 15:00

### Tutor

Joanne Liddle

### Fee:

Free

### 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**

Action Station  
Baldon Lane  
South Shields  
NE34 0LZ

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

If you have contact with deaf people in your day-to-day life, you may want to take a British Sign Language course. Knowing how to sign can make your communication more inclusive for everyone you interact with. This BSL course is suitable for you if you need to communicate with deaf people in a voluntary or community role, or simply through social interactions. This course is aimed at complete beginners. You will start from scratch to learn foundational BSL skills.

## **Course description**

This Beginners British Sign Language course covers the essentials of fingerspelling and signing. Learn to introduce yourself. Gain foundational skills to sign about basic topics such as numbers and colours. You will also expand your awareness of different types of hearing impairment and the issues that affect deaf people.

The WEA strives to create a safe environment to learn BSL. We're sure you will feel comfortable practising your skills with the tutor and other members of the group.

When you complete this course, you can progress to higher-level BSL courses. The next course in this series is the Improver's British Sign Language (BSL) course.

You can also study for an accredited qualification if you want to learn skills for care jobs or support work. You could take a level 1 award in deaf awareness.

You'll need access to the internet to take this beginner's British Sign Language course. Your tutor will upload useful materials to Canvas, the WEA's digital learning platform.

The WEA is committed to accessible adult education for all. If you have any accessibility requirements, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Most of our courses are free for most of our learners. Please note that you need to get to the end of the enrolment process to see the discounts.

## **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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