

Since 2004 the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) has focused on removing barriers to communication and we want to work with you to continue to break down barriers, particularly around communication.

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TRAINING SERVICES

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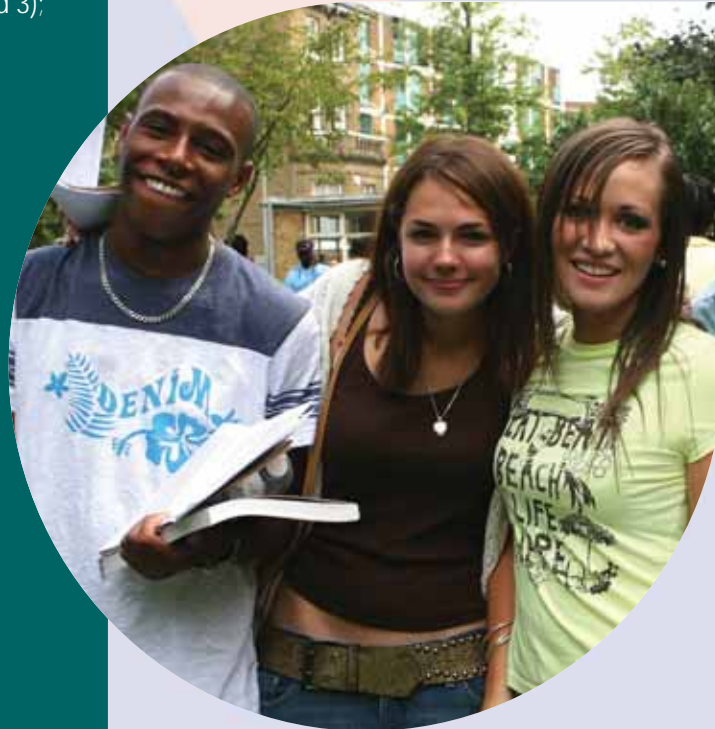
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Deafness Support Network's (DSN)'s Training team offers courses, which are interactive, informative, enjoyable and designed to improve communication between D/deaf people and hearing people. We offer a wide range of training suitable for people from all walks of life, which include:

- Deaf Awareness (DAT);
- Deafblind Awareness (DBAT);
- British Sign Language course (BSL Levels 1, 2 and 3);
- Basic Lip Reading;
- Hearing Aid Awareness;
- Communication Tactics; and
- Taster courses in a range of topics.

Courses are certified by, and offer a recognised qualification from, the Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People (CACDP). We can also tailor, or personalise courses to the needs of organisations or groups of individuals.

All our training staff are expert in their subject but crucially, also have personal experiences of deafness in all of its forms. The D/deaf community has a rich culture and history and our trainer team reflects this. DSN courses help to share this knowledge and experience and promote greater understanding and integration between hearing and D/deaf communities.



Many people find DAT to be an ideal introduction to D/deafness and to a range of new communication skills. Hundreds of people attend our DAT courses each year and many then go on to learn BSL. Students' experiences reflect a growing confidence linked to their use of different methods of communication. Once people begin to explore communication techniques, they will often expand their interest to include more specialist forms, such as DBAT, or even become volunteers for the Network.

BSL is recognised by the Government as a language in its own right; it is a rich and diverse language with its own grammar, structure and syntax. Learning any language is both fun and useful and either our BSL or Communication Tactics courses will allow you to regularly use and develop those skills.

