



Bite Sized Introduction to BSL Communication Skills

Who is the course for?

It is for anyone who wants to sample the skills of communicating in Sign Language before progressing to a more in depth study.

What is the course about?

This 2 hour course is highly interactive and designed to develop some basic practical skills in using Sign Language. You will learn how signs are formed, both manually and through body language and facial expression. **Basic question forms and responses for use when meeting other sign language will be practiced along with the BSL alphabet and number systems.**

What topics are covered in the course?

The course provides an overview of BSL, its unique grammar and structure; the range of hand shapes used to form signs and use of body language & facial expression to give meaning. **In addition to simple Yes / No questions, the range of open questions, what, where, which, when, why and how will be practiced, together with suitable responses.**

What will I achieve and how will I benefit?

By the end of the course learners will have a good understanding of the visual nature of signing and knowledge of both pictorial and arbitrary signs. You will have acquired some basic skills in communicating in BSL from meeting and greeting other signers to **swap names; areas where you live, forms of transport, time, days, months and dates of birth!** Through personal evaluation and continuous tutor feedback you will be able to assess your potential to develop your signing skills through more in depth study.

How will I be assessed?

There is continuous, practical assessment of your skills in using and following BSL in an everyday context followed by advice on progression routes.

What materials do I need?

Bring a folder, notepad and pen. All other materials will be provided.

What can I do next?

Learners can progress through other short in house courses with us or access other, locally run open courses in BSL to complete a full level 1 Certificate.